



## MOUNT ST. HELENS Education and Interpretation Internship



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<b>Position:</b>	Education and Interpretation Internship
<b>Compensation:</b>	\$ 85.00/day stipend; housing provided
<b>Term of Employment:</b>	May 29, 2017 to early-September (dates flexible)
<b>Closing Date:</b>	Open till filled

### SUMMARY:

Do you love volcanoes? Do you want to improve your public speaking and communication skills? Are you hoping to go into the field of education? Have you ever dreamed of being a park ranger?

The Mount St. Helens Institute (MSHI) and US Forest Service (USFS) is seeking **ONE** motivated Education and Interpretation Intern who will work approximately 50% of the season with the Mount St. Helens Institute's Volcano Outdoor School and Volcano Camp youth science programs and 50% of the time with USFS at the busy Johnston Ridge Observatory visitor center conducting Junior Ranger programs for youth K-8.

Interns will work approximately 40 hours/week. Interns will be provided with practical job training in informal science education and interpretation. Interns will be expected to work on weekends. It is the responsibility of the Intern to complete paperwork with his or her university necessary to receive credit for the experience; *Mount St. Helens Institute and USFS staff will work with Intern to meet his or her educational and professional goals and craft a valuable individual learning experience.*

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Information Science Education (with Mount St. Helens Institute)
  - Co-lead overnight youth education programs and camps
  - Co-lead day field trips
  - Assist with field trip planning and logistics
  - Design learning activities
  - Attend outreach events
  - Clean and maintain facilities, supplies and equipment
  - Assist with food preparation
  - Complete other tasks as directed by supervisor(s)
- Interpretation (with US Forest Service)
  - Conduct Junior Ranger Programs
  - Provide visitor service at visitor centers and on trails
  - Review and assist with program development
  - Complete other tasks as directed by supervisor(s)

### REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Enthusiasm for the mission of the Mount St. Helens Institute and the MSH National Volcanic Monument
- Sophomore, Junior or Senior status at or recent graduate of a university of college
- Coursework in education, biology, geology, environmental studies, recreation or related subject
- Comfortable working outdoors in adverse weather
- Work well in a diverse team

- Experience and comfort working with school-aged children
- Pass a pre-employment or post-hire background screening and criminal history check
- Have a valid driver's license with an acceptable driving record for the past three years

**ABILITIES:** Regular work standing and walking for 8 hours. Work will occasionally be conducted outdoors in a variety of weather conditions and terrain.

**WORKING HOURS:** This is full-time temporary seasonal position. Some days will longer than 10 hours and overnight work is required for the MSHI position.

**LOCATION:** This position will be based at the Science and Learning Center at Coldwater, 40 miles east of Castle Rock, WA on the northwest side of Mount St. Helens. Housing in comfortable government houses with a shared room are available at no cost. The Science and Learning Center at Coldwater is in a remote location with little cell service.

**ABOUT US:** MSHI is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing understanding and stewardship of the earth through science, education and exploration of volcanic landscapes. MSHI functions as a tight-knit group of individuals united in our common passion for Mount St. Helens. We value diversity, good challenges, adventure, fun, partnership and community. We work closely with the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument staff on a daily basis and operate under US Forest Service special use permit.

**TO APPLY:**

Email the following information to [apply@mshinstitute.org](mailto:apply@mshinstitute.org) with the subject line: "Internship." Please, no phone calls.

- Cover letter including the following
  - Your interest in working at Mount St. Helens
  - Experience which prepared you for this internship
  - When you are available to start and end, and any dates you will be unavailable
  - How you found out about the position
- Resume/CV
- Contact information for 3 references

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