



Northside Environmental Educator Internship Job Description 2012

The Mount St Helens Institute Environmental Educator Internship will be located at Johnston Ridge Observatory. Environmental Educators are a group of well trained presenters who offer their expertise on Mount St. Helens and related topics to visitors of the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, school groups, families, youth and interested users.

Objective: To maintain and expand the Mount St. Helens Institute (MSHI) and Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument (MSHNVM) missions' to provide recreation and education opportunities and resource protection at some of Mount St. Helen's most appropriate and heavily visited sites.

Major Responsibilities:

- Assist with the development, implementation and evaluation of the MSHNVM Junior Ranger Program.
- Work with school aged youth and family groups to provide hands-on programming relating to geology, history and biology of Mount St. Helens. Also perform informational outreach to local organizations and interest groups, as requested.
- Prepare and co-lead formal message-driven interpretive hikes 30-150 minutes in length to a large audience that will educate the public and families about the extraordinary features of: MSHNVM, the 1980 eruption, the rapid recovery, the scientific research that is taking place, and the eruption that began in October 2004.
- Assist with school programs at Johnston Ridge Observatory.
- Assist with MSHI's "Volcano After Dark" program
- Help the staff of the MSHNVM and MSHI as needed with a variety of appropriate duties. Work with diverse groups of individuals, organizations, and partners to provide quality visitor information/orientation and customer service to the visiting public.
- Rove trails and visitor areas while talking with the public about the MSHI and MSHNVM.
- Assist with resource protection and monitoring.

Desired Qualifications:

- Experience developing and leading environmental education programs, specifically targeting youth and families
- Background or interest in science and natural processes
- Skill in providing quality customer service
- Participate in training session, continuing training and enrichment activities. Must arrive in early June 2012; departure depends on school schedule.
- Willingness to be flexible and creative while developing and perfecting programmatic best practices
- Ability to be self-motivated, independent and patient.
- Valid driver's license & clean driving record. Personal vehicle preferred; proof of insurance must be provided.

Time Commitment: 35- 40 hours/week, early May/early-June – late August/mid September (depending on school schedule)

Benefits:

- Receive a week long intensive training in interpretation, ecology, and geology
- A living reimbursement of \$30 per day
- Stay in government provided housing or enjoy a unique camping experience
- Help people from across the country and around the world to understand the dynamic nature of the earth
- Uniforms and some all weather gear provided at no cost
- Be part of a team, make new friends, and interact with lots of people

To apply send the following information to internships@mshinstitute.org; Subject line: “2012 Northside Environmental Education Internship application”

- Cover Letter
- Resume
- Contact Information for 3 references
- Preferred start and end date

Deadline is February 29th, 2012