



Outdoor Recreation Summer Internship Job Description



The Mount St. Helens Institute seeks three part time outgoing and hardworking interns for 11-14 weeks who are looking to gain experience in the fields of recreation and interpretation. Under the management of the Mount St. Helens Institute, interns will act as leaders and support staff for recreational programs at the Mount St. Helens Institute. Qualified applicants may also be considered for a part-time paid position working with the US Forest Service in the fields of interpretation and visitor services.

Major Duties Include:

- Lead well-organized, safe, guided climbs to the rim of Mount St. Helens once a week.
- Provide interpretive information on geology, biology and history on the climbs & throughout the National Monument
- Manage weekly correspondence with climbing participants and paperwork
- Document and report work performed
- Assist with “Geology on High” climbs
- Other duties to be assigned

Physical Demands:

- Must be able to climb the steep, rugged terrain of Mount St. Helens (elevation: 8,365) on weekly basis
- Must be able to hike 10 miles and lift up to 30 lbs.
- Must be prepared to handle stressful situations that can arise on mountain including medical emergencies

Needed Skills and Experience:

- Must arrive in early June and stay through early September, this is dependent on school schedule
- Ability to work independently and in groups with minimal supervision
- Experience in climbing, hiking, backpacking and other outdoor activities
- Strong leadership skills
- Pursuing degree in recreation, environmental science, geology, earth science, biology or a related field.
- Ability to pass a background check
- Valid driver’s license and clean driving record.
- Personal vehicle preferred; must provide proof of insurance
- Applicants must be able to provide proof of enrollment in college/ graduate school for Fall 2012

Optional Skills and Experience:

- Guiding and/or group management experience
- Experience providing interpretation to the public
- Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder training



- Knowledge of the geology and natural history of the local area

Position Includes

- Free Housing
- Qualified applicants may be offered a part time paid position working with the US Forest Service
- Training in interpretation, environmental education and science
- Leadership and Group management skills development
- First Aid/ CPR certification
- MSHI Uniform (t-shirt, vest, coat, hat)
- Mileage Reimbursement for approved personal vehicle use

Housing and Transportation Information

- Housing is in a beautiful but remote area
- Applicants with personal vehicle will be given priority consideration

To apply send the following information to internships@mshinstitute.org; Subject line: "2012 Recreation Internship application"

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

Deadline is February 29, 2012