

2013 Seasonal Program Assistant Job Description

The Mount St. Helens Institute Seasonal Program Assistants work for 11-14 weeks supporting outdoor, place based, science, environmental education and recreation programs on Mount St Helens. Under the direction of the Mount St. Helens Institute Science and Education Programs Manager, assistants will act as leaders and as support staff for environmental education and recreation programs at the Mount St. Helens Institute. Two positions are available. While the positions start in mid-June and runs through September, the start and end dates are somewhat flexible

Major Duties Include:

- Co-lead the Youth Stream Team citizen science program.
- Assist in the collection of salmon habitat monitoring data such as pebble counts and cross-sections.
- Co-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.
- Assist with Field Seminar and Volcano Outdoor School programs.
- Work closely with program coordinators to support Mount St. Helens Institute programming.
- Other responsibilities as needed.

Required Skills and Experience:

- Must be in excellent physical condition and able to climb Mount St. Helens weekly (up to 12 miles and 5600ft elevation gain) while carrying 30lb pack in hot, cold, wet, and/or dusty conditions.
- Ability to work independently and in groups with minimal supervision.
- Experience developing curriculum, teaching, and leading outdoor environmental education programs.
- 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.
- Willingness to live and work in a remote area.
- Ability to pass a background check.
- Valid driver's license and clean driving record. Personal vehicle strongly preferred; must provide proof of insurance.

Preferred Skills and Experience:

- Knowledge of hydrology, water quality monitoring and/or salmon ecology.
- Experience working in and around river and stream systems.
- Knowledge of the biology, geology and/or natural history of the local area.
- Experience guiding or managing recreation programs.
- Current Lifeguard certification.
- Wilderness First Aid or Wilderness First Responder training.

Physical Demands:

- Must be able to hike terrain of varying difficulties while carrying 30lb pack 10 miles in hot, cold, wet, and/or dusty conditions.
- Must be comfortable in and around streams and rivers.

Time Commitment: 40 hours/week including weekends and long days, June-early September.

Compensation: \$9.25-10.00/hr, DOE, plus free housing.

To apply send the following information to ryurkewycz@mshinstitute.org by **March 8th, 2013** with Subject line: "2013 Seasonal Science, Education and Recreation Programs Assistant application"

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

