

## 2013 Environmental Education Internship

The Mount St. Helens Institute Seasonal Environmental Education Interns work to support outdoor, place-based science environmental education programs and visitor service interpretation. Under the direction of the Mount St. Helens Institute Science and Learning Center Coordinator and USFS Visitor Center Director, volunteer interns will support programs and engage with visitors (of all ages). Two, possibly three positions are available. Start and end dates are somewhat flexible, with an optional early term.

**Agency:** Mount St. Helens Institute

**Location:** Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Science and Learning Center at Coldwater

**Website:** [www.mshinstitute.org](http://www.mshinstitute.org); [www.fs.usda.gov/mountsthelens](http://www.fs.usda.gov/mountsthelens)

**Salary:** This is a volunteer position but we offer \$30/ day stipend + free housing

**Start and End Dates:** April 21st – June 16th, 2013 (some flexibility) and June 17th – September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (some flexibility). We encourage applicants who can work both terms. Credit is optional.

**Application Deadline:** March 15, 2013

### Internship Description

The Mount St. Helens Institute is seeking motivated undergraduate students to be spring interns at the Science and Learning Center at Coldwater, located 7 miles from the crater of Mount St. Helens. Up to two interns will be selected this year. Interns will be provided with practical job training in environmental education and interpretation. Interns will be expected to work 40 hours/week and will be required to work on weekends. Interns will often work under the direct supervision of Mount St. Helens Institute and Forest Service Interpretive staff but will also be expected to work with minimal supervision. It is the responsibility of the intern to complete paperwork with his or her university necessary to receive credit for the experience, but Mount St. Helens Institute staff will be flexible to ensure that interns meet their educational and professional goals.

- Instructional duties will include: implementing overnight youth educational programs and interpretive programs for adults, reviewing new curricula, assisting with guided hikes, assisting staff and volunteers with field trip planning and logistics.
- Administrative and operational duties will include: attending weekly staff meetings, assisting with facility and equipment maintenance.
- Training and evaluations: Interns will attend a week long interpretive staff training, participate in program debrief meetings and will participate in an exit interview.

### Qualifications

Required:

- Enthusiasm for the mission of the Mount St Helens Institute
- Sophomore, Junior or Senior status at a university or college
- Some coursework in Environmental Studies, Environmental Science, Education, Biology, Geology or other related field
- Must be organized and a self-starter
- Have some experience and comfort working with school-aged children
- Must be comfortable working outdoors in adverse weather
- Be able to work well as part of a team
- A pre-employment or post-hire background screening and criminal history check
- Valid driver's license with an acceptable driving record for the past three years

Preferred:

- CPR/First Aid Certification (more advanced certifications preferred)
- Wilderness First Responder Certification. *Preference will be given to applicants with this certification.*
- Personal vehicle (optional but preferred)
- Experience working at a camp or education center

- Ability to complete the full term of the position *Preference will be given to applicants who can serve through August*

Housing is at the Science and Learning Center at Coldwater and is remote (44 miles from Castle Rock, 57 miles from Longview, WA); a personal vehicle is highly recommended.

**To Apply**

Please send letter of interest, resume, and names of three references with current contact information to [gschmidt@mshinstitute.org](mailto:gschmidt@mshinstitute.org). For more information, contact Grace Schmidt at 360-274-2114, or [gschmidt@mshinstitute.org](mailto:gschmidt@mshinstitute.org)

