



## MOUNT ST. HELENS Educator and Interpreter



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**Position:** Educator and Interpreter  
**Compensation:** \$12 to \$13/hour (depending on experience)  
**Term of Employment:** April 16, 2018 – October 22, 2018 (not to exceed 1100 hours). This is an exempt, seasonal temporary position.  
**Closing Date:** February 21, 2018

### SUMMARY:

The Mount St. Helens Institute (MSHI) and US Forest Service (USFS) is seeking **ONE** motivated Educator and Interpreter who will work approximately 50% of the season with the Mount St. Helens Institute's Volcano Outdoor School and other 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.

With the Mount St. Helens Institute, the educator will support our hands-on science education programs including day and overnight programs for youth ages 6-18. Under the direction of the Mount St. Helens Institute's Science Education Director and with the support of the Science Education Coordinator, the Educator will work with the entire education team to develop activities, lead hikes, implement learning activities both indoors and outdoors, host groups, and maintain our vibrant and growing education programs. Most education programs occur at the Mount St. Helens Science and Learning Center but some programs will occur at other sites around the volcano.

This exciting position has the opportunity to support and develop an amazing educational resource at Mount St. Helens. Term of employment has some flexibility. This is a full-time temporary position that requires weekend and overnight work. *Two to three positions are available.*

### DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Education with the Mount St. Helens Institute (40% of time)
  - Facilitate safe and educational programs for youth ages 6 through 18
  - Lead science activities and hikes
  - Develop science and outdoor learning activities
  - Maintain and organize educational supplies
  - Communicate with teachers, group coordinators and parents
  - Evaluate programs and develop necessary reports
  - Work in team to develop program schedules
  - Manage waivers and other program documentation
  - Respond to risks, complaints, and injuries
  - Prepare and serve meals for programs
  - Conduct cleaning of the facility after programs
- Other duties with the Mount St. Helens Institute (10% of time)
  - Host groups renting the Science and Learning Center
  - Attend community outreach events
  - Support other Mount St. Helens Institute programs including guided hikes
  - Support US Forest Service programs
  - Complete other tasks as directed by supervisor
- Interpretation with US Forest Service (50% of time)
  - 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:**

- Bachelor's Degree in environmental education, ecology, geology or related degree OR 3 years of equivalent experience
- Demonstrated 1+ year experience teaching and leading outdoor, science-based education programs for youth, such as at a camp or education center.
- Knowledge of and passion for natural history
- Experience developing activities for youth
- Ability to work both independently and in groups in remote areas with minimal supervision
- Enthusiasm for the mission of the Mount St. Helens Institute
- Ability to pass a background 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 Mount St. position.

**LOCATION:** This position will be based at the Science and Learning Center at Coldwater and at the Johnston Ridge Observatory, 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 for approximately \$5.55/day. 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.

**OUR COMMITMENT:** The Mount St. Helens Institute fundamentally believes that its employees are a valuable source of ideas for improving operations and making the workplace more interesting and attractive. MSHI values and respects its employees, and ensures that all employees work in an environment free of discrimination. MSHI encourages its employees to develop to their full potential both professionally and personally by emphasizing learning, improvement, and the development of new skills. All candidates applying for this position will be reviewed without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, national origin, veteran or marital status, sexual orientation, or disability. This institution is an equal opportunity provided.

**TO APPLY:**

Complete online application at [http://www.mshinstitute.org/about\\_us/employment.html](http://www.mshinstitute.org/about_us/employment.html) by February 21, 2018. You will be able to upload a resume or CV. Email [appy@mshinstitute.org](mailto:appy@mshinstitute.org) with questions. Please no phone calls!