



WASHINGTON STATE PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
INTERPRETIVE PROGRAM

# Mount St. Helens Visitor Center School Group Registration Form

Thank you for your interest in visiting our facility. For school groups, we are pleased to waive the admission fee for your students and bus drivers. For grades elementary-high school, one chaperone for every five students is admitted for free and \$5 admission for any additional adult.

Fee waiver requires students to complete an assignment provided by instructor at time of visit or be prepared to take notes during the visit. Topics may include earth sciences, geology, ecology, or history of Mount St. Helens. Indoor and outdoor assignments are available on our Parks' webpage at <https://parks.wa.gov/mount-st-helens-visitor-center>.

After submission of this registration form, you will receive a confirmation email regarding your scheduled trip, including date of visit, theater times and ranger program availability.

Please email completed form to [Silver.Lake@parks.wa.gov](mailto:Silver.Lake@parks.wa.gov).

School name		Date of visit (First choice)	Alternative date (Second choice)	Time of arrival
Instructor's name		# of students	Grade	
City	State	# of chaperones/teachers ( <i>We prefer a 5:1 ratio of students to adults</i> )		
Email		Contact phone number		
Type of school <input type="checkbox"/> College <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Home School		Visit type (choose one) <input type="checkbox"/> Virtual <input type="checkbox"/> In-person	Ranger talk request <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Talk topic (choose one) <input type="checkbox"/> Mount St. Helens <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Ecology
Inquiries				

### **Additional information for your visit:**

We would like teachers to remind their students to follow proper museum etiquette. A staff-member will greet your group upon arrival to discuss these expectations.

Mount St. Helens Visitor Center is history-based. We have a functioning seismograph, interactive displays and exhibits, chronological eruption timeline, walk-through volcano model and a 13-minute film covering the eruption of Mount St. Helens. We also have a 0.6-mile boardwalk trail overlooking the Silver Lake wetland ecosystem. Our location offers a west side view of the mountain at a 30-mile distance.

No food or drinks are allowed in the building. If you are interested in having lunch during your visit, picnic tables are available in the day-use area at Seaquest State Park. For large groups, you can bus your students across the road to Seaquest State Park. Personal vehicles are required to display a Discover Pass at Seaquest, school buses are exempt. For large groups, please ask staff for a trash bag for garbage, we can collect them later.

The Johnston Ridge Observatory, operated by the U.S. Forest Service, is closed through 2027 due to a landslide that occurred in 2023. They are currently not accepting school visits.

To assist in organizing your trip and rotating students through activities, you can find an example schedule on our webpage. For additional questions, please contact Interpretive Staff at (360) 274-0962.

**Thank you - we look forward to your visit!**