

Music, Arts and Volunteer Events at Mount St. Helens on June 28 and 29

Arts of the Mountain – 10 am – 6 pm, June 28 & 29, the US Forest Service and Mount St Helens Institute are hosting the third annual Arts of the Mountain event at the Science and Learning Center at Coldwater. Paintings, sculptures, jewelry, wood working, stained glass from 25 local artists, music and food will be offered at each of five different venues along the Spirit Lake Hwy (SR-504): Silver Lake Grange (MP 5), Mount St. Helens RV Park (MP 8), Twosome Art Gallery (MP 15), Hoffstadt Bluffs Visitor Center (MP 27), and the Science and Learning Center at Coldwater (MP 43). At the Science and Learning Center, Bottles and Botegas of Portland will also offer painting instruction and visitors can leave with a piece of art they created at Mount St. Helens. Details at <https://www.facebook.com/artsofthemountain>

Photography Exhibition – The US Forest Service and Columbian newspaper will be presenting a new display of Reid Blackburn's photos and 1980 story. The materials will be on display on weekends at the Science and Learning Center throughout the summer season.

Music on the Mountain – 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm, June 28, 2014 at Johnston Ridge Observatory Amphitheater, the US Forest Service, Cowlitz Economic Development Council, Mount St Helens Institute and Kelso Rotary Club, will host the first of three free concerts to be offered at the volcano this summer. "Science!" <http://scienceseattle.com/> will be performing with a fantastic view of crater and valley below. Details at <https://www.facebook.com/MusicOnTheMtn>

Volunteers Needed for 8th Annual Weed Rodeo – June 28, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm – Join USFS and Mount St Helens Institute volunteers to remove invasive scotch broom near Coldwater Lake. Meet at the Coldwater Lake Boat Launch at 9:45 a.m. Sign up for the Weed Rodeo at <http://bit.ly/Weedrodeo2014>. Directions to Coldwater Lake Boat Launch <http://bit.ly/CLBoatLaunch> Hearty Weed Rodeo volunteers who are interested in joining Monument Scientist Peter Frenzen on Sunday for a guided hike and scotch broom removal are invited to attend Music on the Mountain and camp out Saturday night next to the Science and Learning Center. For additional details about the Sunday hike and Saturday night campout contact Frenzen at pfrenzen@fs.fed.us – (360) 449-7835.

"It's great to have such a wide range of events to welcome the community to the Mount St. Helens Science and Learning Center," said Tom Mulder, Monument Manager.

"We're grateful for all of the community organizations and sponsors that are helping make these events a reality," Mulder added.

The Science and Learning Center is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 am-6 pm throughout the summer. Details at <http://www.mshslc.org/>

Johnston Ridge Observatory is open daily from 10 am to 6 pm through October. Admission is \$8/adult, children 0-15 are free and Interagency and Golden Passes are honored when presented with identification. <http://www.fs.usda.gov/mountstheles>