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Eruption Anniversary Weekend at Mount St. Helens (May 16 - 18, 2015)

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest and Mount St. Helens Institute invite you to join us for three days of 1980 eruption anniversary events Saturday, May 16 through Monday, May 18, 2015.

Saturday, May 16 (10am - 6pm) – It's a Blast is the opening day of the **Johnston Ridge Observatory** overlooking the crater of Mount St. Helens. This is a family friendly science education event with **admission fees (\$8 adults, kids free)** supporting the non-profit Mount St. Helens Institute's volcano volunteer and education programs. **Details** at www.mshinstitute.org

Sunday, May 17 (11:30am – 5:00pm) – Eruption Eyewitness Stories is an event at the **Science and Learning Center** that features a series of 30-min talks by people whose lives were forever altered by their experiences at Mount St. Helens. Photos and stories describe the incredible events leading up to the catastrophic 1980 eruption and the massive landslide, lateral blast, mudflows and ash cloud that followed. Meet eruption eyewitnesses and leave with an autographed poster or book. **Admission is free.** [Event Details](#)

Monday, May 18 (10:00am - 4:00pm) – Join Forest Service officials at **10:30 am** for a **Ceremony Commemorating the 1980 Eruption** at the **Science and Learning Center**. From **noon to 4:00pm** there will be **Celebration of 35 Years of Science Discovery** featuring **20-min presentations by scientists** describing their amazing discoveries at the volcano and **posters** and **hands-on science demonstrations**. Visitors will also have the opportunity to meet a remote "spider" instrument package used to monitor eruptions at active volcanos. **Admission is free.** [Event Details](#)

DIRECTIONS: The **Mount St. Helens Science and Learning Center** is located on State Route 504, 43 miles east of Interstate 5. Take Exit 49 off Interstate 5 and head east on State Route 504. Continue past the turn-off to Johnston Ridge and continue straight ahead a short distance and into the Science and Learning Center parking lot.

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