

# ANNUAL FIELD TRIP TO MOUNT ST. HELENS

***September 17, 2010***

(Date subject to change dependent on weather conditions.)



Paul Bodin, PNSN seismologist, and Robert Winglee, Chair of the Department of Earth and Space Sciences, will lead a field trip to the crater at Mount St. Helens. We plan to leave Seattle at 6:30 a.m. on Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> (with possible postponement to Saturday or Sunday dependent on weather), drive to Mt. St. Helens Windy Ridge overlook and through the locked gate. It is then a five-hour hike via trails and cross-country into the restricted area (special permits have been obtained) and if possible up to the crater entrance. Because of the on-going eruption we will not go into the crater as has been done in the past. This hike is moderately strenuous with some hazards due to steep terrain, falling rocks. We will return to the vehicles by 5:00 p.m. and drive back to Seattle after a stop for pizza, returning to campus around 11:00 p.m.

- **COST:** The department covers transportation costs; bring money for dinner.
- **SIGN-UP:** There is a limit of 22 people for this trip so sign up to reserve your place as soon as possible. First year graduate students get priority, followed by faculty, staff and continuing graduate students who have not yet been on one of these trips, then repeat graduate students or graduate students from closely related departments. All participants must read and sign an Acknowledgement of Risk and Consent for Treatment form by Thursday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. See Nichole Fernkes in JHN-067 to sign up and to read and sign the form.
- **BRING:** Sturdy hiking shoes/boots and gaiters, rain gear, day pack with extra clothes, personal items (for example, a camera) and a sack lunch for the trail. Also, you **MUST** bring a large water bottle (*or two*) for the hike. A little extra cash will be needed for the dinner on the way back.
- **WEATHER:** If the weather looks bad a decision will be made by early afternoon of September 16<sup>th</sup> and the trip may be rescheduled or cancelled.
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