



ANNUAL NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION

One (Long) day Trip to Mount St. Helens

September 21, 2007

Steve Malone, PNSN volcano seismologist, will lead a field trip to the crater at Mount St. Helens for new students. We plan to leave Seattle at 6:30 am on Friday, September 21st, drive to Mt. St. Helens Windy Ridge over-look 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 is a moderately strenuous hike with some hazards due to steep terrain, falling rocks (and possible volcanic activity???). We should return to the vehicles by 5:00 pm and drive back to Seattle after a stop for Pizza, getting to the University about 10:00 or 11:00 pm.

- **COST:** The department covers transportation costs; bring money for dinner.
- **SIGN-UP:** All participants must read and sign an Acknowledgement of Risk and Consent for Treatment form by Wednesday, September 19th. See Charlie Wagner in JHN 065 to read and sign the form. New graduate students get first choice, 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. There is a limit of 22 people for this trip. So sign up to reserve your place as soon as possible.
- **BRING:** Sturdy hiking shoes/boots and gaiters, rain gear, day pack with extra clothes, personal items (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 Sep 20 and the trip may be cancelled.
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