

# Go Ape for Trails Week at Mount St. Helens (Saturday, May 31, 2008)



**Join us as we go Ape in a Cave and clear debris from storm damaged trails and facilities.**

**What?:** Volunteers are needed to help clean up Ape Cave and prepare Trail of Two Forests and nearby trails for the upcoming summer season. Volunteers should come prepared for potentially cool and wet, high mountain weather conditions.

**When?:** Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup> - registration will begin at 9:00 a.m. at the Trail of Two Forests parking lot with work parties to begin around 9:30 a.m. and the work party will continue until 3:30 p.m. Following the work party, there will be a volunteer-appreciation potluck and barbecue at the picnic area at Trail of Two Forests. At 4:30 p.m., following the barbecue there will be an optional guided tour of Ape Cave led by an expert naturalist/interpreter and Mount St. Helens Institute volunteer.

**Where?:** Meet at the Trail of Two Forests parking lot on Forest Road 8303 south of Mount St. Helens (note Trail of Two Forests will be on your left just before Ape Cave). Road 8303 is located about 2 miles north of the junction of Forest Roads 83 and 90. See [Monument Recreation Map](#)

**Who?:** Students, community groups, businesses, and volcano enthusiasts of all ages are needed to come out and join in the fun! Please bring lunch, water bottle(s), work gloves and wear sturdy hiking or work boots. Please come dressed for mountain conditions and “rain or shine” weather.

**How?:** The **Mount St. Helens Institute** is partnering with the **USDA Forest Service, Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument** to organize this event. **Please reply using our [Online RSVP Form](#) so we know you are planning to attend or simply show up and register on the morning of the event.** Completing this brief form will help us best prepare for and coordinate each event.

**What's Next?:** The **Mount St. Helens Institute** will be hosting a variety of trail and facility repair projects, noxious weed pulls and other fun volunteer projects this spring and summer. For further information visit our website [www.mshinstitute.org](http://www.mshinstitute.org), email us at [info@mshinstitute.org](mailto:info@mshinstitute.org) or call (360) 449-7887

