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## Mount Rainier National Park News Release

### Summer Teacher Workshops and Opportunities at Mount Rainier National Park

Mount Rainier National Park is accepting applications for Teacher-Ranger-Teacher (TRT) employment opportunities this summer in two different operations, in Interpretation and with the Education Program. Interpretation TRT positions include opportunities to work in the park's interpretive operations, conducting programs such as guided walks, Junior Ranger Programs, evening programs, and others programs to facilitate opportunities for park visitors to learn about and make connections with park resources. Education TRT positions for middle and high school humanities and social sciences teachers include working with science TRTs and park Education Staff, developing and reviewing interdisciplinary curriculum materials for the Mount Rainier-Mount Fuji Sister Mountain Curriculum Project and assisting with summer teacher workshops. **Application Deadline is May 11<sup>th</sup>.**

On June 27-30, the park will be conducting a Curriculum Review Workshop *for middle and high school teachers*. The purpose of this workshop is to solicit teacher input and feedback on current and future lesson plans being developed for the interdisciplinary Mount Rainier-Mount Fuji Sister Mountain Curriculum Project. Participating teachers will receive copies of the draft curriculum materials to pilot test with their students. A minimum of 10 teachers must be registered to hold this workshop. **Registration Deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

On July 13-17, the park and partners from the U.S. Geological Survey's Cascade Volcano Observatory will be conducting their annual "Living With A Volcano in Your Backyard" workshop, designed for *middle school teachers* who teach about Cascade volcanoes and volcanic processes. **Registration Deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

On August 1-7, the park will be hosting the first International Teacher Exchange Workshop for U.S. and Japanese *middle and high school teachers* about the Mount Rainier-Mount Fuji Sister Mountain Project. During this workshop teachers will be matched with a teacher from the other country to develop collaborative teaching partnerships through which they will connect their students using these new curriculum materials. Some of the topics teachers will learn about include the national park systems in each country, the geology, ecology, environmental issues, history, native cultures, and the effects of global climate change on these two sister mountains. **Registration Deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>.**

Free Washington State Clock Hours are available for all of the above teacher workshops and TRT Program; for the workshops there is also a quarter credit option for a \$40/credit fee. There are no additional registration fees for workshops. Free tent camping is available in the meadow behind the Education Center for workshop participants.

Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Applications, Workshop Application and Registration Forms, and additional information are available on the park's Education Program website at [www.nps.gov/mora/forteachers/profdevelopment.htm](http://www.nps.gov/mora/forteachers/profdevelopment.htm). For questions, contact Education Program Manager Anne Doherty-Stephan at 360-569-6039 or via email [Anne\\_Doherty@nps.gov](mailto:Anne_Doherty@nps.gov).

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