VOLCANO SCOUTING

MOUNT ST. HELENS SUPER ADVENUTRE

INFORMATION PACKET

2021 MOUNT ST. HELENS SUPER ADVENTURE

Friday, August 13 – Sunday, August 15, 2021, at the Mount St. Helens Science and Learning Center

After more than two years, Volcano Scouting is back in-person at the Mount St. Helens Science and Learning Center! As an ode to our original Mount St. Helens Super Adventure in 2015, we are hosting yet another three-day adventure experience in the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument. Participants will engage in a number of coronavirus-safe outdoor activities including nature hikes, science inquiries, stewardship projects, campfire programs, and more with the purpose of earning four (4) environmental merit badges.

IMPORTANT COVID-19 INFORMATION IS LOCATED ON PAGE 5 OF THIS DOCUMENT. PLEASE REVIEW BEFORE REGISTERING AND AGAIN BEFORE ARRIVAL.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to email us at volcanoscouting@gmail.com

You can always find the most updated information by visiting www.volcanoscouting.org and following is on social media.

Camp Administrators:

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You can reach the Science and Learning Center in an emergency by calling **(360) 274-2131**

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Prior to registering online, all participants must meet the following requirements:

- Be a registered youth member of the Scouts, BSA or an Adult Scouter.
- Complete a MSHI Volunteer Waiver and carry valid BSA Part A and B Medical Forms
- Reside within the State of Washington or Oregon.

Program materials, lodging, food, t-shirt, mask, and a program patch are included in the $45/person registration fee; not including processing fees.

ABOUT THE VENUE

All overnight programs are hosted at the Mount St. Helens Science and Learning Center; a 12,000-square foot retired visitor center now used for educational programs and conferences.

- 19000 Spirit Lake Hwy, Milepost 43.3, State Route 504, Toutle, WA 98649
- Tent camping is provided in the nearby primitive campground.
- Food services, bathrooms, and program areas are located in the main building.
- Fireworks, open flame/fires, weapons, alcohol, drugs, and the removal of natural features is prohibited.

There are no permanent clothes washing or shower facilities available at the Science and Learning Center. We apologize for this inconvenience.

CHECK-IN

Participant check-in will begin at 6:00 PM on Friday, August 13, 2021, at the Science and Learning Center. Upon arrival, please follow signage and staff instructions to park your vehicle. A group leader should then turn-in all paperwork to the main office (located inside the lobby of the Science and Learning Center). A Volcano Scouting staff member will then escort the group to set-up their tents in the primitive campsite.

CAMP SERVICES

All lodging amenities, like food service and bathrooms, are located in the Science and Learning Center.

The Camp Office, First Aid, and Trading Post are located in the main lobby.

Bathrooms and potable water are located in the main lobby.

The Dining Hall, Kitchen, and Staff Housing are located in the east wing.

The Theater, Indoor Activity Area, and Pearly Room are located in the west wing.

There is no cell phone service or internet at the Science and Learning Center. Adult leaders may use the on-site landline phone in emergency situations only.

You can find detailed program maps at www.volcanoscouting.org/volcano

FOOD SERVICES

For this program, all meals will be prepared by Volcano Scouting staff members in the dining hall, but units must pick-up their food and consume it as a cohort in their primitive campsite.

Prior to each meal, participants should wash their hands or use hand sanitizer.

Food scraps go in the trash and dirty dishes go into tubs located near the campsite.

Participants should refrain from keeping snacks and food scraps in the primitive campsite. Food can attract unwanted animals and lead to the domestication of wild animals.

Participants with dietary needs listed in their registration will be provided labeled food upon pick-up. If you have any questions or special requests, please contact us at volcanoscouting@gmail.com

You can find an example program menu at www.volcanoscouting.org/super-adventure

PROGRAM AREAS

Most program activities will take place in walking distance of the Science and Learning Center, although some activities take place at nearby recreational sites. The Super Adventure will NOT include program activities that require personal transportation to the Coldwater Lake Recreational Area, Johnston Ridge Observatory or South Coldwater Trailhead. Adult leaders will NOT need to transport scouts to these program areas.

Lectures and demonstrations will occur outside the Science and Learning Center.

Water ecology activities will occur at Coldwater Lake.

Hiking and forest ecology activities will occur along the Elk Bench Trail.

Service projects and nature observations will occur in the Primitive Campsite.

All program activities are subject to change. In case of an emergency, participants should meet at the designated meeting place.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Volcano Scouting strives to ensure the health and safety of all participants and guests. Please follow these simple pointers to have a safe and meaningful experience at Mount St. Helens!

In case of an emergency, meet at the designated meeting spot. Call 911.

Wash hands frequently. Do not touch plants or animals without guidance.

Follow all staff instructions immediately. Ask questions if you are confused.

Be sure to abide by the rules and regulations outlined on the next page.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Scouts and adult leaders are expected to follow Volcano Scouting's "5 Rules to Success"

1. **Be Respectful** – Be kind to staff, visitors, other participants, our facilities, and the environment.
2. **Be Responsible** – Show up properly dress, on-time, and prepared for every activity.
3. **Be Active** – Participate in all organized activities and encourage scout spirit.
4. **Be Safe** – Follow all Forest Service, Mount St. Helens Institute, and BSA Rules
5. **Follow the Scout Oath, Law, & Outdoor Code** – Demonstrate scout spirit in everything you do!

Roughhousing, bullying, and the possession/use of drugs or alcohol is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate eviction from our event. Electronic devices, such as cell phones and MP3 players, are also prohibited while in organized programs. You may use electronic devices to take pictures or videos of program activities, but they must be put away when not in use.

FLAG CEREMONIES AND MEETINGS

Scouts and adult leaders are expected to be on time to all flag ceremonies and information meetings.

Flag ceremonies will take place just outside the main lobby at the flagpole.

Flag ceremonies usually occur at 7:50 AM and 5:50 PM.

Adult Leader meetings will always take place in the Pavilion.

Adult Leader meetings usually occur after evening program activities.

The primary emergency meeting place is located at the Winds of Change Trailhead.

You can find additional resources by visiting our website at www.volcanoscouting.org/

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

Scouts and adult leaders need to have the following supplies to make the weekend enjoyable and safe. Participants will be sleeping in the SLC Primitive Campsite.

Clothing

- (2) Short Sleeve T-Shirts
- Long Sleeve T-Shirt
- Pairs of Shorts
- Pair of Long Pants
- Pairs of Breathable Socks
- Pairs of Underwear
- Softshell Jacket/Sweatshirt
- Dependent Rain Jacket
- Sun Protective Hat
- Pair of Sturdy Shoes
- Full Class A Uniform

Miscellaneous

- 2 to 4-Man Tent With rain fly and stakes
- Ground Tarp
- Sleeping Pad
- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow (Optional)
- Toiletries
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Stick of Deodorant
- Package of Wet Wipes
- Cell Phone with Solar Charger/Battery Pack (Optional, See Electronic Device Policy)
- $25.00 Cash (Optional)

Modified Ten Essentials

- Water Bottle
- First Aid Kit
- Package of Matches, Flint and Steel
- Pocketknife
- Pair of Sunglasses and Sunscreen
- Can of Bug Repellant
- Flashlights
- Pad of Paper and Plenty of Pencils
- Scout Book/Field Guide
- Soap/Hand Sanitizer
- Cloth Mask

COVID-19 INFORMATION

While most public health restrictions have been lifted in the State of Washington, our program must remain compliant with remaining federal, state, local, and facility health and safety guidelines. These include a number of personal measures and program modifications. Please review our current health and safety guidelines below and stay up to date with any modifications to these guidelines listed on our website, distributed to participants via email, and through our Canvas LMS.

- Registration Modifications:
  - Per federal recommendations, we are encouraging participants with underlying health conditions or compromised immune systems to remain home and wait to participate in our in-person programs until next year.
  - Per state and federal guidelines, we are limiting the overall capacity of our event to 50 participants and 15 staff. Units (cohorts) can be no more than 16 individuals.
- Personal Measures:
  - Per state guidelines, all participants and staff must do one of the following before arrival. Anyone unable to meet one of these two conditions is not allowed to participate in this event.
    - **Be fully vaccinated.** For the purposes of this guidance, people are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 ≥2 weeks after they have received a second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or ≥2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson (J&J)/Jannsen). Verification of vaccination or test results is required. Documentation of COVID-19 vaccination must be an official record, such as COVID-19 vaccination record card, documentation from a healthcare provider electronic health record or state Immunization Information System. -OR-
    - **Quarantine for 72 hours prior to arrival at camp and receive a negative COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to arrival at camp.** You can find COVID-19 testing sites near you at https://www.hhs.gov/coronavirus/community-based-testing-sites/index.html
  - As a rule of good thumb, participants and staff who show symptoms of illness, including COVID-19, should remain home. Those in direct contact of individuals who show these symptoms should also remain home. The symptoms of COVID-19 include:
    - Fever or chills
    - Cough
    - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
    - Fatigue
    - Muscle or body aches
    - Headache
    - New loss of taste or smell
    - Sore throat
    - Congestion or runny nose
    - Nausea or vomiting
    - Diarrhea

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- Camp Operations
    - Per state and federal guidelines, facial coverings may be required depending on vaccination status and indoor versus outdoor setting.
        - **Indoors.** Masks are required for all youth (regardless of vaccination status) unless eating or drinking. Masks are required for all adult leaders and staff (regardless of vaccination status) when in the presence of youth participants unless eating or drinking. Masks are required for all unvaccinated adult leaders and staff unless eating or drinking.
            - Vaccinated adult leaders and staff do not need wear a mask indoors when in the presence of other adult leaders and staff only.
        - **Outdoors.** Masks are not required for all participants and staff (regardless of vaccination status) including during eating, drinking, and sleeping.
    - Per state and federal guidelines, no visitors are allowed at the Science and Learning Center except in the case of an emergency to pick-up a youth participant.
    - Per state and federal guidelines, all participants, if sharing a tent or sleeping facility, need to sleep head-to-toe so that at least six feet separates two participants' heads.
    - Per state guidelines, all food will continue to be prepared in our kitchen by staff, however, participants will be provided this food for consumption in their unit (cohorts) in the primitive campsite.
    - Per state and federal guidelines, all participants will be subject to a daily health screening by a camp staff member. Those with new or worsening symptoms will be asked to quarantine on-site until a parent/legal guardian can pick-up the scout showing COVID-19 symptoms.
- Additional Considerations
    - We encourage units (cohorts) to maximize car ventilation when carpooling. Guidelines do not require masks to be worn, although, some units (cohorts) may elect to utilize mask-wearing during transport.
    - Contact tracing will be utilized to the most reasonable extent possible and personal/health information will be retained for 30 days following the event in the event of an outbreak and information must be provided to local public health officials. All participants must provide a copy of their Part A and B BSA Medical Forms for our secure records. After the 30-day retention period, all personal/health information will be disposed of appropriately.
    - The Science and Learning Center will be retrofitted to increase ventilation and high volume surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized often.

These guidelines are subject to change in accordance with new and changing public health regulations. This document will be updated regularly and alterations from these guidelines will be published on our website, shared via email, and listed on our Canvas page.

For more information about state coronavirus guidelines for overnight summer camps, visit:
https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19%20Overnight%20Group%20Summer%20Camps.pdf

For more information about federal coronavirus guidelines for overnight summer camps, visit:
https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/summer-camps.html

MERIT BADGE REQUIREMENTS

For this event, we will be providing a combination of virtual and in-person instruction for the completion and partial completion of several merit badges. Below, we have listed the selected requirements for the four merit badges we are offering for completion by both virtual and in-person instruction.

Merit Badges for Completion	Virtual Requirements	In-Person Requirements
Environmental Science*	1, 2, 3a3, 3b3, 3e1, 3f3, 6	3c2, 3d1, 3h1, 4a, 5
Fish and Wildlife Management	1, 2, 3, 4, 6b, 8	5c, 7a
Mammal Study	1, 2, 3c, 4g	5
Soil and Water Conservation	1a, 1b, 1c, 2a, 2b, 2c, 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4e, 5a, 5c, 5d, 5e, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 7d	2d, 3c, 5b, 7f

Below, we have listed the selected requirements for the 2 merit badges we are offering for partial completion through in-person instruction.

Merit Badges for Partial Completion	In-Person Requirements
Forestry	1a, 1b, 1c, 2a, 5a
Nature	4b1, 4e1, 4g1, 4g2