



Mission

Mount Rainier Institute provides outstanding nature-based education experiences rooted in science and nurturing the next generation of environmental stewards and leaders.

Adventures in Education...

Explore old growth forests...
Develop science skills...
Snowshoe on a volcano!
Mount Rainier Institute uses Mount Rainier National Park and University of Washington's Pack Forest as

its outdoor classroom. Mount Rainier Institute inspires curiosity and helps students connect to nature through an educational adventure they will remember for a lifetime.



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Mount Rainier Institute is a joint venture between the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences at University of Washington and Mount Rainier National Park.



School Overnight Programs

Mount Rainier Institute educators will work with teachers to better integrate the Mount Rainier Institute experience into their classroom curriculum. Possible focus areas include:

Forest Ecology

Students explore the intricacies and interconnections of forest ecosystems and how humans manage forests for multiple benefits.

Watershed Ecology

Students learn about aquatic ecosystems and the importance of salmon habitat.

Earth Sciences

Students explore how fire and ice have shaped the land and with it human history.

Programs are 4 days and 3 nights (Monday-Thursday)

Fall season begins mid-September through mid-November.

Spring season begins mid-March through mid-June.

Programs can be tailored to meet the needs of upper elementary middle school and high school.

The program goals are:

- 1. To develop students' scientific and ecological literacy.**
- 2. To help students understand their role as stewards of the Mount Rainier region and their home community.**
- 3. To provide students with an understanding and appreciation of the role of Mount Rainier National Park and the National Park Service.**
- 4. To develop a student's own connection to nature and the environment.**
- 5. To foster a sense of community among students through shared experiences outdoors.**

"I won't look at the mountain the same. I used to just look at the mountain like it was just there, and it didn't like mean anything. But now that I've like actually been there and done this, I'll always remember and that I want to come back."

-7th Grade Students from Federal Way



Values

Education

We help all those involved with Mount Rainier Institute grow and develop knowledge and understanding of science and the environment.

Excellence

We strive to be organization that brings out the best in people and produces the highest quality educational experiences possible.

Community

We foster a sense of community amongst students, staff, and our partners. Meaningful collaboration with one another is the only way to create an enduring conservation ethic.

Inspiration

We believe it is essential to not only educate but also to inspire people to appreciate the joy and beauty of nature, and to become active stewards

Place

We strive to help students understand, appreciate, and connect to their place in the Mount Rainier region.