Mt. St. Helens Field Trip

**Depart.** Saturday, October 11, 7:00 AM from the loading bay on the West Side of Ocean Teaching Building. Arrive 15 minute early so we can load vans and depart on time

**Return.** Sunday, October 12, evening

**Requirement.** You are required to participate in either this field trip of the Washington Beaches field trip. You may participate in both field trips but will not get extra credit.

**Description.** The first of the two field trips will be to Mt. St. Helens. On the first day we will drive up to the Johnson Ridge, which is north of the mountain and has spectacular views (weather permitting) into the crater. Our first stop will be the Mt. St. Helens Visitor’s Center, which is near I-5 and describes the geology of Mt St. Helens and the chronology of the 1980 eruption. We will then head east to the Johnson Ridge following the North Fork of the Toutle River making several intermediate stops at interesting geological sites. After enjoying Johnson Ridge, we will drive down to a campsite in Battle Ground State Park where we will stay in a group site with Adirondak 3-sided shelters and a covered cooking area. The next morning we will get up early and visit Ape Cave (a 1-mile-long lava tube) and visit the Lahar Viewpoint and Lava Canyon areas.

**Things to Bring**

- Warm sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Flashlight (+ spare batteries) - Essential for Ape Cave
- Spare flashlight if you have one.
- Lantern if you have one
- Sturdy boots
- Warm clothing
- Waterproof clothing
- Spare clothing
- Lunch for Saturday & Sunday (we will stop at a store on Saturday afternoon)
- Water bottle
  (Weatherproof Tent if you do not want to sleep in one of the Adirondak Shelters)

We will prepare and cook dinner on the Saturday and provide breakfast on the Sunday communally.