Code of Conduct

The Mount St. Helens Institute wants you to have a great time at Mount St. Helens! To make sure everyone’s visit is a safe and enjoyable one, we expect all participants to honor the following:

1. Let's keep this a safe place where no one gets injured.
   - Turn in all medications to your teachers.
   - Wear proper footwear (tennis shoes or hiking boots) while outside.
   - Abide by all safety instructions given by MSHI staff.
   - Wear shoes at all times in the dining area.
   - Do not run indoors or on the Science & Learning Center deck.
   - Do not climb onto structures or lean over the railing on the Science & Learning Center deck.
   - Please wash your hands before all meals. Use hot water and soap.

2. Let’s treat this amazing place with respect and practice the principles of Leave No Trace.
   - Stay on the established trails unless your instructor indicates otherwise.
   - Pick up your trash and put it in the proper container.
   - Leave sticks, stones, and plants in nature where they belong.
   - Return all animals we are studying to their proper homes.
   - Respect all living things.

3. Let's treat one another with care and respect.
   - Encourage your peers and do not use “put downs” or inappropriate words, or tease others.
   - Respect other people’s belongings, materials, and personal space.
   - Respect each other’s privacy. Do not enter the bunkroom of the opposite gender.

4. Let's make this a fun and exciting learning experience.
   - Follow all program schedules and do your best to be on time.
   - If you brought something you should not have, give it to your teacher right away.
   - Do not use electronics at Volcano Outdoor School except to take photos.
   - Be curious! Mount St. Helens rocks!

5. Let's treat the Science & Learning Center with care and respect.
   - Food is not allowed in the SLC bunkrooms. If your group or individuals brings snacks, they may store them in the kitchen area. Ask a MSHI staff member for assistance.
   - Help us to keep the place neat and clean by picking up after yourself.
   - Treat exhibits at the Science & Learning Center gently and with respect.
   - MSHI staff will let you know which parts of the building are off-limits. Stay out of these areas to respect others that use and share space at the Science & Learning Center.