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## Mount Rainier National Park News Release

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### Fall Teacher Professional Development Opportunities Offered at Mount Rainier National Park

Mount Rainier National Park Education Program Staff will be offering the following professional development and informational opportunities this fall.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, Park Education Staff will be hosting an information booth at the Annual Education Night at the Museum (formerly Teachers' Back to School Night) at the downtown Tacoma Museums Complex. This year's event will be held at the Museum of Glass from 5:30-8 p.m. Come learn what educational opportunities are available for you and your students at the Park and other education service providers in the region. For more information and to RSVP, please visit the event website at [www.museumofglass.org/education/educator-night](http://www.museumofglass.org/education/educator-night).

On October 9-10<sup>th</sup>, a Sister Mountains Project Curriculum Review Workshop *for middle 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 Mountains Curriculum Project. Participating teachers will receive copies of the draft curriculum materials to pilot test with their students. The workshop will be held at the Mount Rainier National Park Education Center. Free tent camping will be available in the meadow behind the Education Center on Friday and Saturday nights. Lodging will also be available in park housing at a cost of \$20/ person/night; teachers will need to provide their own linens and food. There are no registration fees for this workshop. 12 free Washington State Clock Hours will be available. Note that October 9<sup>th</sup> is a statewide in-service day. This workshop requires a minimum enrollment of 10 teachers in order to be held, so ***pre-registration is required***. Workshop Registration Forms are available on the park's Education Program website at <http://www.nps.gov/mora/forteachers/professionaldevelopment.htm>. **Registration deadline for this workshop is October 1<sup>st</sup>.**

On Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, Park Education Program Manager Anne Doherty-Stephan and Teacher-Ranger-Teachers Nicole Snyder and Denise Thompson will be presenting four sessions at the Geological Society of America (GSA) conference in Portland, Oregon. They will share information about the park's volcano education materials, teacher workshops, field trip opportunities, the Teacher-Ranger-Teacher Program, and the Mount Rainier-Mount Fuji Sister Mountains Project from the perspectives of Park Education Rangers and classroom teachers. For more information and to register for this conference, please visit the GSA website at <http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2009/>

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