



Eruption Eyewitness Stories: Remembering the May 18, 1980 Eruption

Mount St. Helens Science and Learning Center -- May 17, 2015 (11:00am – 5:00pm)

Join eyewitnesses and area residents who experienced the 1980 eruption first-hand for a special program recounting the dramatic events of 35 years ago and how people's lives were forever changed by their experiences at the volcano. A series of 30-minute presentations will feature people's first hand experiences and include photographs of the incredible events leading up to the catastrophic eruption and the massive landslide, lateral blast, mudflows and ash cloud that followed. The program will also feature readings from author and geologist Richard Waitt who recounts the story of the eruption in his recently published book, [In the Path of Destruction](#). Presentations are scheduled to allow plenty of time for follow-up questions and audience discussion of the incredible events of May 18th. Talks will begin at 11:00 a.m. and continue until 5:00 p.m. Eruption eyewitnesses and author Richard Waitt will be available to sign posters and copies of Richard's book which are available in the Science and Learning Center book store.

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Open Saturday and Sunday (10:00am - 6:00pm)

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DIRECTIONS: The Science and Learning Center is located on State Route 504, 43 miles east of Interstate 5. Take Exit 49 off Interstate 5 and head east on State Route 504 for 43 miles until you pass the turn-off for Johnston Ridge. Continue straight ahead a short distance past the turn-off and into the parking lot of the Science and Learning Center.