

What is ArrowCorps?

ArrowCorps is a large scale conservation project, patterned after the ArrowCorps⁵ project conducted by the Order of the Arrow in 2008. It is a weeklong service project event where Arrowmen, Scouts, and Scouters form crews which then provide volunteer service work in conjunction with partners to provide service to the outdoor community.

What was ArrowCorps⁵?

ArrowCorps⁵ was a very large scale service project conducted by the National Order of the Arrow in 2008. The 5 in the event title was a reference to 5 sites, five weeks, and 5 thousand Arrowmen in service. The event moved through 5 states – Missouri, Utah, Virginia, California, and Wyoming, providing service in National Parks and Forests moving to a new location over 5 consecutive weeks. The event was successful and provided 280,000 hours of volunteer service worth \$5.6 million to the Forest Service.

Is this the first ArrowCorps Cascade Pacific Council has done?

No. A group of Arrowmen from our lodge, having participated in the ArrowCorps⁵ project in the Shasta Trinity National Forest, brought the idea back to the Cascade Pacific Council. Wauna La-mon'tay Lodge opted to conduct the first event in the Mount Hood National Forest in 2011. Additional events have been done in 2014, and 2016, adjusting the event years for the National schedule of OA and BSA events.

Who are the ArrowCorps partners?

Mount Hood National Forest is administered by the US Forest Service [USFS]. Our local partners are the Rangers associated with the particular district that we are working in, within the forest. Depending on the nature of the project, our crews have worked alongside, under supervision of, or as independent forest service volunteer crews. This year's event includes 2 Ranger Districts in the Mt. Hood National Forest, 1 Ranger District in the Willamette National Forest (a.k.a. Jefferson Wilderness). In addition we have added the Bureau of Land Management [BLM] as a partner for 2019, and will be providing service at an educational facility on a BLM property.

Who can participate?

ArrowCorps 2019 is open to Arrowmen, Scouts and Scouters of all genders who are at least 14 years of age, and physically should be aware of Part D of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record [AHMR]. We recommend that you are aware of these requirements in that this event is a high adventure level experience, but we do have limited ability to align work projects according to crew experience and abilities.

Do I need a current Annual Health and Medical Record [AMHR]?

Yes, you do. ArrowCorps is a weeklong resident camp outing. You will need to bring a copy of your current AMHR (parts A, B, and C) to us at the time you check in. The

information is kept confidential, and will be available by some means at the project where you are assigned.

What kind of work will we be doing?

The exact work projects that we will do in 2019 are the projects that the USFS and BLM have identified as highest priorities by the time we get to July of 2019. Their project lists are always changing and really long. Based on our conversations at this time we expect to have trail work opportunities in wilderness and recreational forest settings, trail and facility work at an outdoor educational facility, and USFS campsite restoration/remediation work. Occasionally we have a defined project by this point in time – for the 2016 event, we knew that we would be repairing and upgrading ½ mi of USFS trail to be ADA accessible for a summer camp facility serving youth with disabilities. We have a similar discussion underway, but the project is not assigned to us as yet. In the past we have constructed buck & pole fencing around archeologically sensitive sites in an OHV area, constructed/repared single track bicycle trail, restored decommissioned campsites, remediated illegal campsites, re-established trail in forest that is recovering from fires that occurred in 2003 among other projects.

Cutting trail is hard work, will there be something for my abilities?

Yes, we are confident that we can align a meaningful project with your abilities, BUT – we need to know from you, what you are interested in doing. After you register, a questionnaire will be sent out to find out all sorts of information. In that questionnaire you can tell us about any skills, experience, and what you are interested in doing.

It's just volunteer service work – right?

No, it's more than just volunteer service work. Although cheerful service is the focus of the event, participants have enjoyed fellowship, learned new skills, refined skills that they have, and even found/affirmed a career path. The crew leaders have been trained, and a program utilizing the natural setting of the outdoor classroom has been developed – for example learning about lighting safety is much more relevant when standing near an exposed area along a ridge.

Where do we stay?

ArrowCorps 2019 will utilize a variety of accommodations depending on the location and nature of projects. Cascade Pacific Council has resident camp facilities and winter lodges near many of the project areas. The BLM property will have a spike camp set in place, and will be a more primitive setting. In addition, the crews working in the wilderness will have the option to overnight for 2 non-consecutive nights on the trail, with the remaining nights being spent in a resident camp.

What is the Fun Day about?

Fun – of course! While we have fun providing service, we also can't lose sight of relaxing and enjoying the recreational opportunities on Mount Hood at the Mount Hood

Ski Bowl. We will conclude ArrowCorps 2019 and checkout/depart from the venue following a day of food and fun on the attractions. We will have a tented space to provide security for personal gear, a hearty catered meal, and Adventure Passes to the venue.

What if I am not from Oregon?

We welcome you to our event! Transportation to and from the event is your responsibility, and we will provide location information and details for travel by ground. If you are traveling by air, our commitment is to get you from Portland International Airport [PDX] to our event and returned to PDX in time for your flight. We are planning for the possibility of host families to bridge the gap for flights should your travel plans be offset by a day from the event start and conclusion dates. As part of the questionnaire, we will ask about any transportation arrangements that need to be made.

What do I need to bring?

We will provide you with a packing list ahead of the event. On that list are the typical resident camp type of items that you are accustomed to having – sleeping bag & pad, toiletries, daypack w/water bottle, personal first aid kit, sunscreen, long pants, rain shell etc. We are planning to have crews identified and aligned with projects and work areas before the event so that we can provide any unique packing information before you arrive at the event. As a participant, you will receive necessary personal protective equipment [PPE] for working in the forest as required by the USFS and BLM.

What personal protective equipment [PPE] will I receive?

At this time we have planned to provide to each participant or staff 2 long sleeve shirts, head protection in the form of a hardhat/bump cap, hearing protection and work gloves. Additional PPE may be provided depending upon the project/work site conditions. There will be no saw crews. USFS sawyers will have bucked any logs requiring cutting prior to our crew arrival.

Are there Staff opportunities for this Event?

There may be staffing positions available if you register early, have experience and are willing to commit to training. We will have all staffing positions filled by the time we reach the staff training event scheduled for March 29-31. If this is your first event, we encourage you to be a participant, and to bring your enthusiasm and look forward to getting on board with the next ArrowCorps staff.