



ARROWCORPS502

*A Complete Guide to
Information and Resources*

Welcome to ArrowCorps502!

Who should use this packet?

This packet should be used by Lodges, Councils, and Units to assist in providing information and promoting ArrowCorps502. Communication committees should use this information as part of their publications.

This step-by-step guide can be used to promote and plan at the Lodge, Council and Unit level.

How do I use this packet?

This packet is divided into several sections to better provide information and promotional material.

Section 1 contains an outline of the process for attending ArrowCorps502, as well as registration information, service opportunities, and a basic schedule.

Section 2 contains information for Councils, Lodges, Unit Leaders, and Individuals, as well as a guide to Frequently Asked Questions. Also included is a section on financial information and fundraising ideas.

Section 3 contains promotional and travel ideas.

Section 4 is material that can be reproduced and used in newsletters and other publications. *ArrowCorps502: What Every Participant Needs to Know* is included in the form of a simple, one page document. Also attached is a leaflet with an overview of the program.

When should this packet be used?

Units and perspective attendees are encouraged to immediately start using this information to help promote and plan a successful ArrowCorps502 experience.

Where are updates available?

Updates to this packet and all ArrowCorps502 information will be posted online at our website, www.arrowcorps502.org. Please feel free to contact us at anytime with comments, questions, or concerns at arrowcorps502@tkopekwiskwis.org

ArrowCorps502: Getting Started

General Information

The T'Kope Kwiskwis Lodge, U.S. Forest Service, and the National Parks Service are partnering to create a national program called ArrowCorps502. ArrowCorps502 is a chance for Scouts, Scouters, and Venturers to spend a week in service at Mt. Rainier National Park. Visit www.arrowcorps502.org and see the rest of this packet for more information about Mt. Rainier National Park, service projects, dates, deadlines, and general information

Below are some steps that may help you to get started. There is also program specific information and a Frequently Asked Questions sheet for additional information, as well as promotional materials.

Step 1: Register for ArrowCorps502

Register for ArrowCrops502 at www.arrowcorps502.org. A minimum deposit of \$50 is required to hold your spot, with full payment of \$295 due by May 15, 2011. This fee covers food, activities, a welcome kit, and insurance, but not transportation. Although every effort has been made to make ArrowCorps502 affordable, we realize that the cost may not be ideal for every family. **Scholarships and fundraising opportunities will be available to reduce the cost.** When you register, you will be able to indicate what project you are interested in, or if you want to serve on staff.

Step 2: Reach Out and Organize

Once you register, the ArrowCorps502 Planning Committee will provide you with contact information for the Committee Coordinator nearest you. If there is no Committee Coordinator for your Council, we will assist you in planning for ArrowCorps502. Talk to your Unit, go to your district Roundtable, and see what your Council is doing to prepare for ArrowCorps502. Help us promote, too!

Step 3: Arrange Transportation

Travel contingents and individuals are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. For those flying in, transportation from SeaTac International Airport to the ArrowCorps502 site will be organized by the Planning Committee. Specific travel information and updates can be found at www.arrowcorps502.org

Step 4: Submit Fees - May 15, 2011

May 15, 2011 is the deadline for submitting final payments. Participants may still continue to register after this date, but the cost will increase to \$345.

Step 5: Arrive at ArrowCorps502 Location

Each contingent will need to check in once it has arrived on site. After check-in is complete, participants will be divided into crews and receive work assignments. After that, the focus is on having a great week serving Mt. Rainier National Park!

ArrowCorps502: Registration

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Philmont Height and Weight Guidelines

All participants must meet the following Philmont height and weight guidelines and be in good physical condition to participate in the ArrowCorps502 program:

Recommended Height	Recommended Weight (lbs)	Maximum Acceptance
5'0"	97-138	166
5'1"	101-143	172
5'2"	104-148	178
5'3"	107-152	183
5'4"	111-157	189
5'5"	114-162	195
5'6"	118-167	201
5'7"	121-172	207
5'8"	125-178	214
5'9"	129-185	220
5'10"	132-188	226
5'11"	136-194	233
6'0"	140-199	239
6'1"	144-205	246
6'2"	148-210	252
6'3"	152-216	260
6'4"	156-222	267
6'5"	160-228	274
6'6"	164-234	281
6'7"	170-240	295

Annual BSA Health and Medical Records

ArrowCorps502 participants and staff will be required to bring a completed and signed Annual BSA Health and Medical Record form to attend. **Examination must take place no more than twelve months prior to the start of each week.**

Staff Registration

An electronic copy of the staff registration form will be released on the *ArrowCorp502* website that potential staff members can download. Scouts interested in becoming staff members will need to fill out the form available on the website and submit it by February 1, 2011. Payment information and acceptance letters will be mailed after approval by the Planning Committee. A variety of positions are available. Staff members must be at least 14 years of age by June 1, 2011 to attend.

ArrowCorps502: Registration (Continued)

At the core of ArrowCorps502 In addition, we would like to know if you have any relevant training or wilderness experience, such as CPR, First Aid, Wilderness First Aid, BSA Lifeguard, Leave No Trace Trainer, Leave No Trace Master Educator, etc. as well as your previous high adventure experience. Examples might include ArrowCorps5, OA Trail Crew, OA Wilderness Voyage, OA Ocean Adventure, Philmont, or 50-Milers.

Service Opportunities Available*

- Campsite Restoration
- Debris Removal
- Revegetation
- Rockwall
- Trail Construction/Maintenance
- Strike Team member specializing in one of the above areas.
- Crew Leader or LNT Wilderness Guide (in addition to any of the above)

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What if I can't stay the whole week?

Participants who will be unable to stay the entire week will not be able to participate in the regular program. However, you may still have the opportunity to participate in an age-appropriate activity sponsored and administered by ArrowCorps502. If you or your unit is unable to attend the entire week, please contact us at arrowcorps502@tkopekwiskwis.com and we will do our best to accomodate you.

Information on the Cub Scout Program

In addition to the main ArrowCorps502 program, there will be a special program for Cub Scouts, Cub Scout Friday Adventure. Cub Scouts and Webelos will have the opportunity to work alongside Boy Scouts and Venturers in an outdoor setting, as well as participate in other activities that complement the Cub Scout Program. The program will take place on August 5, 2011 and last the entire day. We ask that every Cub be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Cost per participant (youth or adult) is \$50. Participants are welcome to stay at Base Camp on the night August 4 or August 5 for an additional charge. This is an excellent opportunity for Cubs to experience the outdoors and learn about the Boy Scout Program. Please visit www.arrowcorps502.org for more information on the Cub Scout Friday Adventure and registration information.

ArrowCorps502: Service Opportunities*

Campsite Restoration

Help build and rebuild campgrounds damaged by floods and windstorms. The project will leave a lasting impact on the Park and create recreational opportunities for generations of future visitors.

Sites Offered: Ipsut Creek, White River

Debris Removal

Help clear ground and remove invasive species. An open forest floor is essential for the health of native ground cover. This job also involves blazing trails and clearing sites for campsites.

Sites Offered: Ipsut Creek, White River

Revegetation

Help plant trees and native species. As well preventing erosion, native plants provide a habitat for wildlife. Be a part of restoring Mt. Rainier's iconic alpine meadows.

Sites Offered: Huckleberry Creek, Indian Bar, Tahoma Creek

Rockwall

Stabilize slopes and build rockwall. Stable slopes help create permanent trails and prevent erosion of both hillsides and trails.

Sites Offered: TBD

Trail Construction/Maintenance

Build and rebuild trail throughout the Park. Use your trail skills to create a durable surface for hikers and leave a lasting legacy at Mt. Rainier National Park.

Sites Offered: Cougar Rock, Huckleberry Creek, Indian Bar, Tahoma Creek, Longmire, Mowich Lake, White River

Be sure to check out our interactive project map at <http://www.tkopekwiskwis.org/aninteractivelook>

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ArrowCorps502: Schedule of Events

Sunday, July 31

- Arrival and Check-In
- Crew Assignments
- Worksite/Safety Training
- Dinner
- Opening Show



Monday, August 1

- Breakfast
- Transportation to work sites
- Begin work

Tuesday, August 2-Thursday, August 4

- On the trail

Friday, August 5

- Pack up and return to Base Camp
- Merit Badge and Vendor Midway
- Feast
- Closing Show



Saturday, August 6

- Breakfast
- Departure

ArrowCorps502: Information for Councils and Lodges

Although the ArrowCorps502 registration process is largely individual process, Councils and OA Lodges may wish to organize a planning committee to assist perspective attendees. Currently there are no specific guidelines for how such committees should be run, as individual Councils and Lodges can best determine how to focus their resources. Councils and Lodges may choose to appoint youth and adult Contingent Coordinators to help organize transportation for a Council or Lodge travel contingent. Councils and Lodges may also wish to promote ArrowCorps502 at Council and Lodge events, as well as at Roundtables and OA Chapter Meetings. Ideas for promotion and travel arrangements can be found in the *ArrowCorps 502 Promotional Ideas* and *ArrowCorps502: Travel Ideas* sections, and at www.arrowcorps502.org. Councils and Lodges are free to contact the Planning Committee at any time for assistance in setting up and assisting Council and Lodge promotional and organizational efforts.

ArrowCorps502: Information for Unit Leaders

The involvement of Troops and Teams is crucial to the success of the ArrowCorps502. ArrowCorps502 is an amazing opportunity to help enrich the lives and Scouting experiences of Scouts, Scouters, and Venturers. The leadership experience and respect for natural resources that participants will gain from participating in the program is invaluable in itself. To ensure participation in the program, Unit leaders, both youth and adult, can actively promote ArrowCorps502 and make it a central focus of the Troop or Team program. Unit leaders will ensure that participants are aware of deadlines, fees, travel arrangements, scholarship opportunities, and other pertinent information is available to members. Ideas for promotion and travel arrangements can be found in the *ArrowCorps 502 Promotional Ideas* and *ArrowCorps502: Travel Ideas* sections, and at www.arrowcorps502.org. Unit leaders should contact the ArrowCorps502 Planning Committee for more information on the program and to get in touch with the Contingent Coordinator for their Council.

An Important Note to Unit Leaders:

Keep in mind that *ArrowCorps502* is not a replacement for resident summer camp, nor is it a unit activity. It is intended as an opportunity for Scouts and Venturers to experience camaraderie on the trail and experience the beauty of the natural world in a high-adventure setting. While units may travel together as part of a contingent, do not expect to spend the week on the trail with other members of your unit. We will make every effort to ensure that members of the same unit are stationed at the same spike camp or campground if so desired.

ArrowCorps502: Information for Individual Participants

ArrowCorps502 is an amazing opportunity for young men and young women to experience an amazing wilderness adventure. By working cooperatively in a challenging outdoor environment, this is a great opportunity to gain self-confidence and leadership skills. Experience the power and beauty of the Mountain firsthand.

The individual is the most important component of the ArrowCorps502 project. Participants will be able to serve in a variety of diverse roles, both in camp and on the Mountain. Spend a week in the wilderness in a crew on the trail, or work behind the scenes in Base Camp to ensure a great program. The choice is yours. Be sure to indicate your service preference when you register, and let us know how your skills can help contribute to a successful event. Keep checking back and make sure to submit your medical forms, payment, and other paperwork on time. Stay informed about new developments and opportunities.

Get involved in ArrowCorps502. Spread the word in your Troop or Team, in your District, and in your Council. Tell your Brothers your Lodge and Chapter. Volunteer to lead promotion efforts in your Council and Lodge, organize a fundraiser, or help organize travel arrangements for your fellow Scouts. Take the lead and rise to the challenge.

Remember, this is your event. Get the most out of it that you possibly can!



“...he who serves his fellows is, of all his fellows, greatest...”

ArrowCorps502: Financial Information

ArrowCorps502 is an amazing opportunity for young men and young women to experience an exceptional wilderness adventure, and every effort has been made to provide both a high-quality and a memorable experience. The cost for ArrowCorps502 covers all food, activities, event transportation, insurance, but not transportation. Each participant will also receive a generous welcome kit with items such as a jacket, t-shirt, patches, first-aid kit, gloves, and hard hat.

How Can I Pay For ArrowCorps502?

Although every effort has been made to make ArrowCorps502 affordable, we realize that this cost may not be ideal for every family. As such, there are several ways to offset the cost of ArrowCorps502:

- **Use your ScoutBucks account.** All those years you spent selling popcorn will finally pay off. You can use money saved in your ScoutBucks account to directly pay for ArrowCorp502.
- **Apply for a scholarship.** We will be offering scholarships up to \$100 for those who would be otherwise be unable to attend. Please contact us at arrowcorps502@tkopekwiskwis.org if you would like more information on scholarships.
- **Fundraise, Fundraise, Fundraise!** Start fundraising now. The ArrowCorps502 Committee will be releasing more information on fundraising opportunities soon. Selling patches and other memorabilia will help you pay your way, as well as spread the word about the program. Designs for a commemorative Lodge Flap and Council Patch are already under review. Make fundraising a Troop or Team effort. Solicit donations from your charter organizations. Of course, you can always contact friends, relatives, and neighbors to see if they'd be willing to donate. And always be sure to say thanks to the people that contribute.

How Can I Sponsor a Scout?

There are many Scouts who would like to attend ArrowCorps502 but are unfortunately able to do so because of the cost. If you know a Scout you can help him or her directly, but we will gladly accept donations to a scholarship fund to help Scouts pay for ArrowCorps502. All donors will be specially recognized at ArrowCorps502 and in publications. For more information on donating to the scholarship fund, donation levels, and other information, please contact us at arrowcorps502@tkopekwiskwis.org.



ArrowCorps502: Frequently Asked Questions

Where do I find updated information and deadlines?

The ArrowCorps502 website (www.arrowcorps502.org) will have all the current information. You can always contact us for updated information.

Are adults allowed to attend ArrowCorps502?

Yes, both youth and adults are strongly encouraged to attend. This is the best opportunity for adults to participate firsthand in a high adventure program experience. Adults will serve in crews alongside youth (while following BSA safety guidelines), or serve in adult-only crews.

I'm not a member of the Order of the Arrow. Can I still participate?

Certainly! ArrowCorps502 is open to all registered members of the BSA, including Boys Scouts, Venturers, Sea Scouts, and even Cub Scouts. Specific service opportunities will be available based on age and ability, and participants will be notified of these once they have registered.

Can I register with my unit?

No. *ArrowCorps502* is meant to be a high adventure opportunity for Scouts, and a chance for them to meet and work with new people. **ArrowCorps502 is not a replacement for summer camp.** While councils and units may travel as a contingent, they will not necessarily be working together on the trail.

What is the Strike Team Program?

The T'Kope Kwiskwis Lodge is trying to complete a number of large service projects all around Mt. Rainier National Park, many of which require specific interests and skillsets. Participants that are interested in specific service opportunities, such as re-vegetation, rockwall, trail building, and slope stabilization will have the opportunity to join a Strike Team of like-minded participants that will be deployed into the backcountry where they are needed most. Sign-up information for Strike Teams will be provided soon.

Can ArrowCorps502 fill up?

ArrowCorps502 has a maximum capacity of 502 participants. Registration is on a *first come, first served* basis. However, if our quota is exceeded, you will be placed on a waiting list.

Will shelter be provided? Will I need to bring my own tent?

Participants will be camping in or near Mt. Rainier National Park. You will need to bring your own tent and everything else you would need to be in the wilderness for a week. A full list of items you need to bring will be sent after you register. Items such as tools will be provided.

Will food be provided?

All meals and snacks will be provided during the project time period.

What about the cost?

Every effort has been made to keep the cost of the program as low as possible, but we realize that this may not be ideal for every family. We will be distributing information about scholarships and fundraising opportunities for participants, which will help offset the cost. Each participant will also receive a generous welcome kit with items such as a jacket, t-shirt, patches, first-aid kit, gloves, and hard hat.

ArrowCorps502: Promotional Ideas for Lodges and Councils

- Create an ArrowCorps502 promotion team to go around and speak at Unit meetings, campouts, Camporees, Roundtables, Council banquets, Lodge/Chapter events, LEC meetings, and any other Boy Scout events in your Council.
- Utilize the promotional materials available in this packet on the ArrowCorps502 website (www.arrowcorps502.org), including videos, flyers, and handouts.
- Present articles to the Council and Lodge newsletter and website.
- Encourage Scouts to visit the ArrowCorps502 website (www.arrowcorps502.org) and make sure a link is on Council and Lodge websites.
- Distribute ArrowCorps502 flyers at all Council and Lodge events.
- Make attending ArrowCorps502 be on the requirement for the Lodge participation award or the best Chapter award.
- Create an incentive for signing up for ArrowCorp502 such as a free patch or t-shirt.
- Have a member of the Planning Committee come and speak at a Council or Lodge event to promote ArrowCorps502.
- The means of promotion are endless. It is never too early to start promoting. Promote all year long and all the time. The more people who know about it, the more people will show up. Promote to Plan, Plan to Promote



ArrowCorps502: Travel Ideas

Touring?

Sure! This is one of the things you can do while on your way to or from your ArrowCorps502 site, but it doesn't have to be dull. Make it fun and take a few extra days before or after the service week and see places in the country that you've never experienced! Be sure to start planning soon; check out AAA and other sources to see some cool things along the way.

Road trip?

There's no reason why traveling cross-country with your fellow Arrowmen shouldn't be done. Whether you're 14 and in high school or 55 and need to get out of the house, road trips can be an exciting start to your ArrowCorps502 journey. It's a great bonding experience and since there is nearly a year to plan for it, you can make it happen!

Train?

Well, yeah! Trains can be one of the coolest ways to make it out to your destination this coming summer. Check out Amtrak and others to see if they offer discounts for Boy Scouts. Snack food isn't too expensive, but be sure to bring some spending cash with you. Plus, on the larger trains, there are dinner cars that usually have a wide assortment of dishes to fill you up.

Planes?

There are tons of websites available to purchase tickets to get to your destination; the trick is to look through a few of them to find the cheapest tickets. If one site says there are no more tickets available for a flight, check out the airline's own website for tickets as well to be sure. Remember, flights go up in price if purchased within a few weeks of the flight, so be sure to book them early!

Remember:

There are guidelines that need to be followed when traveling as a contingent. These range from tour permits, health forms, and following the *Guide to Safe Scouting*. You can check with your Council or Lodge leadership for further inquiries on traveling protocols. Be safe and have a great time getting to your destination!

Cities / Points of Interest:

Site

Mt. Rainier National Park

City

Seattle, WA
Pacific Science Center, Space Needle, Waterfront, Pike Place Market

Tacoma, WA
Washington State History Museum, Museum of Glass

Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest
Wenatchee National Forest

ArrowCorps502: Talking Points

When giving presentations about ArrowCorps502, some important points you may want to discuss are:

What:

- o *ArrowCorps502*, pronounced (arrow core five-oh-two), will be a weeklong service project at Mt. Rainier National Park in the summer of 2011. T’Kope Kwiskwis Lodge and the Chief Seattle Council are partnering with the National Parks Service, the National Forest Service, and other conservation groups to build and maintain trail throughout the park.

Who:

- o Any Scout, Scouter, Venturer, or Sea Scout is able to attend and participate in activities that are appropriate for their age group. There will also be a one-day Cub Scout event.
- o Scouts over age 14 can participate as staff.

Where/When:

- o Mt. Rainier National Park in Washington State, July 31-August 6, 2011.

Why:

- o A feeling of accomplishment at a job well done and a sense of camaraderie with those who shared your experience.
- o A huge service will be provided to the environment, helping to preserve these national treasures for years to come.
- o The service opportunities are in some of the most beautiful and pristine wilderness in the United States
- o Fun and unique recreational opportunities
- o Service hours count toward the Lodge, Council, and Boy Scout rank advancement service requirements
- o An experience that you will never forget!

How:

- o Register at the *ArrowCorps502* website: www.arrowcorps502.org and make a \$50 deposit to hold your spot. A full payment of \$295 is due by May 15, 2011.
- o Contact your Lodge or Council Camping Department to learn how you can become part of your council’s travel contingent.
- o All forms, registration materials, promotional materials and scholarship and fundraising opportunities will be available at www.arrowcorps502.org.

ArrowCorps502: What Every Participant Needs To Know

ArrowCorps502 is a once-in-a-lifetime event focused on brotherhood and conservation. A Scout's duty to country calls us all to help preserve the beauty of treasures like our National Parks.

ArrowCorps502 will take place at Mt. Rainier National Park from July 31-August 6, 2011. A highly trained Order of the Arrow, National Forest Service, and National Parks Service staff will provide a safe and healthy environment for a young man or woman to learn about leadership, brotherhood, and service in an exciting, cooperative atmosphere.

What Is ArrowCorps502? At the program's core is a major conservation service project centered on Mt. Rainier National Park. Participants will be able to experience the power of the Mountain firsthand and experience a unique and challenging wilderness adventure.

WHO CAN GO? Both youth and adult Arrowmen, as well as Scouts, Venturers, and Sea Scouts, are invited to attend this event. Participants must meet the Philmont Guidelines for height and weight as shown on the *ArrowCorps502* website (www.arrowcorps502.org). There will also be a special one-day program for Cub Scouts.

HOW DO I SIGN UP? Registration is now open online at the *ArrowCorps502* website (www.arrowcorps502.org). A \$50 deposit is required to reserve your spot. After registration, you will be sent information regarding the programs available for your age group. You will be able to indicate the service opportunities you would like to register for.

HOW MUCH IS IT? The cost for event is \$295. The fee covers food, activities, a welcome kit, and insurance—but not transportation. A deposit of \$50 is required upon registration. Remaining fees are due by May 15, 2011. Information regarding scholarships and fundraising opportunities will be available soon.

ATTENDANCE Any registered member of the BSA may participate in this project.

TRAVEL Lodges, Councils, Chapters, and Units may choose to organize a contingent travel plan, travel together, or arrange for individual travel plans. Of course, BSA travel policies apply. The cost of travel is not included in the site fees.

WHAT TO BRING Participants will be camping in or near Mt. Rainier National Park so you will need to bring your own tent and everything else you would need to be in the wilderness for a week. Once registered, participants will be sent a list of items to pack.

FOR MORE INFORMATION The *ArrowCorps502* website (www.arrowcorps502.org) will provide current information and should answer most questions.

DATE & LOCATION **Mt. Rainier National Park** July 31-August 6, 2011





Site Description:

Mount Rainier National Park is located in Washington State. It was established on March 2, 1899, making it the fifth National Park in the United States. The park encompasses 368 square miles of wilderness as well as 14,411-foot Mt. Rainier. ArrowCorps502 will be focused on repairing extensive flood and wind damage from winter storms in 2008.



Project Description

ArrowCorps502 will focus on trail building and trail maintenance throughout the Park, as well as re-vegetation, rockwall, and slope stabilization. Participants will also help rebuild campgrounds and remove flood debris.

Organization

502 Scouts, Scouters, and Venturers will be divided in work crews. A dozen or so volunteers, both youth and adult, will be lead by a youth Crew Leader and accompanied by a National Park Service guide. Crews will be based at spike camps and campgrounds in and around the Park. Some Scouts may have the opportunity to join a Strike Team, which is a crew that will specialize in a particular skill such as tree planting and trail grading. Strike Teams will be based in the backcountry where they are need most. Cub Scouts will have the opportunity to participate in a one-day service project in or near the park.

Recreational Opportunities

Recreation for participants and staff will include opening and closing programs, as well as the opportunity to earn nature-related merit badges. In the days leading up to ArrowCorps502, explore the wilderness in and around Mt. Rainer National Park. Hiking, fishing, river rafting, canoeing, rock climbing, and rappelling are only some of the outdoor opportunities the area has to offer. Don't forget to visit Seattle during your trip!