

Shasta-Trinity ArrowCorps5 Project Participant announcements and updates

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For you information

We have attached the March 2008 Participants Newsletter, which was provided to each Lodge's AC5 Coordinator and/or Key 3, just in case you have not seen it. We asked them to forward a copy to each Shasta –Trinity participant.

This announcement, the March 2008 newsletter, and the national web site have been the primary communications of information to you the participants. National will not be providing any additional informational packages or updates. We are presently in the process of developing the shuttle pickup times from the Sacramento Airport, and the return trip, and this update will be sent directly to each of you when completed, as well as being posted on the national web site. If there are any questions that need answering, please let us know – we will try and include in the next update.

If you are flying, please be advised that you must pack any tools, knives, stoves, and like objects that you are bringing to the project in you checked luggage/packs – if place in your carry-on baggage, it will be confiscated

Arrival at Base Camp

The Base Camp for the Shasta-Trinity ArrowCorps5 Project is located at the Mt. Shasta Ski Park, just south of the town of Mt. Shasta. The Base Camp will be where the participants and staff will report to, go through registration and stay up to Sunday (when the crews move to the field) and then back again to stay for Thursday and Friday nights. For those who need it, here is the address and **EMERGENCY CONTACT** telephone number at the Ski Park.

Mt. Shasta Ski Park
4500 Ski Park Highway
McCloud, CA 96057

Emergency contact number: 530-926-8613 (Also use this number to info us if your flight is delayed or cancelled)

Directions to Ski Park:

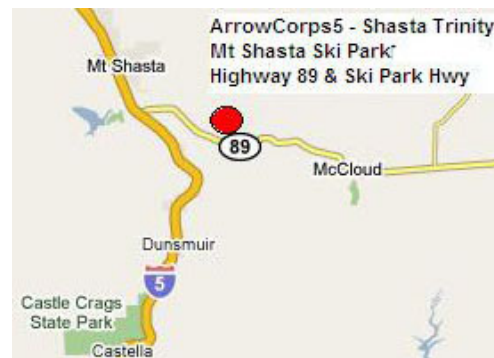
From the I-5, at the south end of the town of Mt. Shasta:

Turn east on to Highway 89 (Exit # 736)

Travel approximately 4.8 miles

Turn left onto Ski Park Highway (sign point to Ski Park at intersection - can only turn to the north)

Drive up approximately 4.5 miles - Ski Park facilities at end of road - paved all the way



Storage at Base Camp

We have asked contingents to bring an extra tent/s (appropriate number to be determined by the contingent) to leave at the Base Camp for storing extra gear/materials that will not be needed in the backcountry. This storage could also be in a vehicle, and we suggest that this would be the best location for any valuables. Our security group will patrol the camping area and parking lot as a regular routine to ensure the safety of the stored material.

What to bring

Would like to refer you to the national web site at the following address to see the list of some of the items that we recommend that you bring:

http://event.oa-bsa.org/events/arrowcorps5/index.php?p=shasta_whattobring

Additionally, we would like to emphasize that you remember to bring the following items;

AC5 Medical Form – bring it with you to registration

TP (Toilet paper – in your backpack)

GPS Unit if you have one

Hand held pruning sheers (the kind that you cut flowers with)

Backpacking stove – see article below for types.

Your required PPE (in list on web site)

Soap & towel for shower after trail work (leave in contingent storage tent/vehicle)

Check the above web site for water containers, and EpiPen (prescription medicine for allergic reactions) & more

Swim suits and beach towel (for lake activities and showers - optional)

If you are flying it would be recommended, and some airlines require, that backpacks be placed into a large duffel type bag or other type of cover for checking on the flight. Straps can get caught in the conveyor systems and loose items can fall out during transit.

If you do not have some of the suggested items/materials for a backpacking experience, we are not asking, or encouraging, you to go out and buy it. Rather, see if you can borrow the missing items from someone in your troop, chapter, or lodge. If necessary, it may be cheaper to rent the equipment from a local sporting goods store in your home town, rather than buying it.

It is highly suggested that you thoroughly check your backpack and all of your gear out at home before you come – pack it, wear it, unpack it. Check that all is in good working order, no tears or broken items, and prevent any surprise when you reach the first campsite. Be Prepared.

In addition to the above list of what to bring, don't forget the standard backpacking gear, including: notebook and pencil; medications, knife, compass, plastic bag (to store your clothes in – quart or gallon size), toiletry items, wash basin, and foil for wind break around stove. Also cooking pot/s (to heat water), pot tongs or hot pad, a condiment kit (salt, pepper, milk, sugar, coffee, tea, flavorings – if desired), ground cloth, foam insulating pad, sleeping bag (in stuff bag), pillow (if desired), and flashlight (with extra batteries and bulb). Along the clothes line a hat (for when you are not wearing a hard hat), underwear, socks, handkerchiefs, swim suit, and a bandana.

Uniforming

While at the Base Camp, full field uniforms are required for dinner meals, gatherings, and during the evening times. Activity uniforms may be worn at breakfast and times in between the meals at the base camp.

While in the back country, or working with the crews at your location, work clothes including long pants, boots, etc. (required during work hours) are appropriate. More casual clothes may be worn when not working, but remember the size and weight of your backpack.

Trading Post

There will be a very limited trading post at the base camp. It will contain some sundries (for items that may have been forgotten). Cash only - credit cards and personal checks will not be accepted.

Registration

When you arrive at the Base Camp you should proceed directly to registration. Bring your AC5 Medical Form with you to registration. It is recommended that you bring a copy of your registration material that you filled out and provided to your lodge – it is always wise to have a copy of your paperwork.

At registration your contact information and any other pertinent information will be reviewed with you, payment verification made, medical review by the medical staff, and check-in materials issued. During this process you will be assigned to a squad and crew. Be advised that your squad assignment will most probably not be with someone from your lodge contingent, although they might be in your crew. Part of the objectives of national event such as this one is that participants will meet and work with others from around the country, with long time friendships are sometime being developed.

Basic Schedule

The following is the basic schedule of event for the project.

Saturday July 12th:

Arrival of participants and check-in at registration

Assignments to squads/crews

Round robin training sessions for participants

Camp set-up (camp by crews). Set-up contingent storage tents. (This is a change from the March newsletter article.)

Religious services

Dinner

Gathering

Sunday July 13th:

Breakfast

Round robin training for late arrivals

Crew pictures

Tools, food and fuel distribution

Load vans and transport to trailhead

Sunday July 13th - Thursday July 17th:

Field schedule

Thursday July 17th:

Transport from trailhead to base camp

Set up contingent camp sites

Clean up – showers available (bring own soap & towel)

Dinner

Squad/crew meetings

R&R and lights out

Friday July 18th:

Breakfast

Load vans for recreational activities

Recreational activities

Lunch at the lake

Lake activities in afternoon

Return to Base Camp

Dinner

Final Squad/crew meeting

Gathering

Saturday July 19th:

Breakfast

Participants depart

Stoves and fuel

We asked through your council/lodge ArrowCorps5 coordinators what type of backpacking stove you might be able to bring to the project and what type of fuel it used (in Participant newsletter). This is because your evening meals in the backcountry require hot water for re-hydrating the meal (requiring water, stoves, and pots - only meal requiring this). We thank those who responded. As we explained in the newsletter, it is not economical for the project to provide 10 - 12 different types of stoves and that we would narrow the fuel supplied to the most popular stoves. That process has been completed.

The project will be providing fuel for the Jet Boil system and those stoves that burn the standard Coleman (white gas) fuel. If you do not have one of these types of stoves, you are welcome still bring your own stove but you will also have to provide your own fuel. Fuel will be distributed just prior to loading the vans for the backcountry.

If you have a MSR storage bottle and you are driving to the project, you are encouraged to bring it with you. If you are flying, TSA regulations prohibit the transport of the fuel bottles, but we are told the stoves are allowed.

If you have either a Jet Boil or Coleman burning stove, and would be willing to bring it to the project, we need you to bring it. Additionally, please contact us, **by June 23rd**, at shastaac5@earthlink.net with your name, council name and number, the type of stove you have and the type of fuel it burns. We will order the fuel based on your responses to make sure we have adequate supplies available.