

ArrowCorps5
Media Coverage Report
As of 09/19/2008

Total Hits: 226

Total Impressions: 6,315,628

Print Coverage

97 Hits

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- *Emery County Progress*, “Weed Tour Shows Hope for Eradication of Noxious Weeds and Trees,” 09/16/2008
- *Albuquerque Journal*, “Local Scout Receives Presidential National Service Award,” 08/20/2008
- Associated Press, “Bikers like Scouts' new Teton Pass trail,” 8/15/08
Article also ran in:
Print: *Billings Gazette* 8/15/08, *Rocky Mountain News* 08/18/2008
Online: *MontanasNewsStation.com* (Web site of KPAX TV) (Mont.) 8/15/08; *KULR8.com* (Mont.) 8/15/08, *WyomingNews.com* 8/15/08, *BillingsGazette.net* 8/15/08
- *Topanga Messenger*, “Local Scouts from Troop 400 Join National Trail Restoration Project,” 8/14/08
- *Jackson Hole News and Guide*, “New Arrow trail earns accolades,” 8/13/08
- *Eufala Tribune*, “Honans volunteer at Wyoming project,” 8/12/08
- *Trail News*, “Trail Partnership Will Add Trails to Teton Pass,” Spring 2008
- *Jackson Hole News and Guide*, “Scouts pump \$430K into valley economy,” by Cory Hatch, 8/06/08
- *Jackson Hole News and Guide*, “Order of the Arrow finishes hosts of tasks,” by Cory Hatch, 8/06/08
- *Planet Jackson Hole Weekly*, “Crews of Boy Scouts work to solve Teton Pass problems,” 8/06/08
- *Daily Freeman*, “Area Boy Scouts participate in national service project in national forest in Wyoming,” 8/05/08
- *The Hillsboro Argus*, “Scouts help Order of Arrow Project,” 8/05/08 (Article can be found online at OregonLive.com)
- *Jackson Hole Daily*, “Kimbell: Trust Analysis,” 8/01/08
- *Casper Star-Tribune*, “Scouts help in fire fight,” 7/31/08
- *Casper Star-Tribune*, “Scouts offer outdoors alternatives,” by Mead Gruver, 7/31/08
- *Jackson Hole Daily*, “Wildfires strengthen,” 7/30/08
- *Jackson Hole News and Guide*, “Scouts live up to motto,” 7/30/08
- *Jackson Hole News and Guide*, “On Scout’s Honor,” by Cory Hatch, 7/30/08
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- *Jackson Hole Daily*, “Scouts in valley to build trails,” by Cory Hatch, 7/26/08
- *Tri-City Herald*, “Richland Eagle Scout gets volunteer award from Bush,” by Sarah Schilling, 7/18/08
- *Jackson Hole News and Guide*, “Boy Scouts to help build Phillips Ridge trails,” by Michael Pearlman, 7/16/08
- *Siskiyou Daily News*, “Boy Scouts improve local trails,” 7/15/08
- *Cumberland Times News*, “Life Scout learns conservation lesson,” by Emily Newman, 7/14/08
- *Emery County Progress*, “Scout leaders honor local officials,” by Patsy Stoddard, 7/1/08
- *The Roanoke Times*, “Tour through nature,” by Jay Conley, 6/27/08
- *Staunton News Leader*, “Scouts blaze trails,” by Christina M. Mitchell, 6/27/08
- *Emery County Progress*, “Mission accomplished and more,” by Patsy Stoddard, 6/24/08
- *Hi-Desert Star*, “Local Boy Scouts lend a hand in Utah forest land,” by Stacy Moore, 6/24/08
- *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, “Focused on the future: Project called the organization’s largest since World War II,” by Rex Bowman, 6/23/08
Article also ran in:
Waynesboro News Virginian, NewsVirginian.com, *Lynchburg News and Advance* (Va.)
- *Salt Lake Tribune*, “Nationwide project sends boys to help Forest Service,” by Donald Meyers, 6/20/08
- Associated Press - Roanoke, Va., “Scouts will repair trails in Va. national forests,” by Sue Lindsey, 6/20/08
Article also ran in:
Daily Press, WAVY-TV Online (Va.), WVEC.com, AOL News, WTOPnews.com, InRich.com (Richmond Times-Dispatch Online), WRIC-TV Online (Va.), Examiner.com (St. Louis Examiner Online)
- *Douglas County Herald*, “Ava Ranger District to Host Boy Scouts,” 6/5/08
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34 Hits

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- WSIX-FM, "Gerry House Show," Interview with Bob Mazzuca, 8/04/08
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- WFMY-TV CH 2 (CBS) Greensboro/Winston-Salem, "News 2 At 11:00," 8/01/08
- Jackson Hole Radio News, "Tom Ninnemann with Jackson Hole Radio News," 7/31/08
- Jackson Hole Radio News, "Tom Ninnemann with Jackson Hole Radio News," 7/30/08
- Jackson Hole Radio News, "Tom Ninnemann with Jackson Hole Radio News," 7/28/08
- WFMY-TV (CBS 2, Greensboro/Winston-Salem), "News 2 At 11:00," 7/28/08
- KCWY-TV (NBC 13, Casper/Riverton), "News 13 At Ten," 7/27/08
- KTWO-TV (ABC 2, Casper/Riverton), "K2 News At Five," 7/27/08
- Jackson Hole Radio News, "Tom Ninnemann with Jackson Hole Radio News," 7/25/08
- Jackson Hole Radio News, "Tom Ninnemann with Jackson Hole Radio News," 7/23/08
- KNVN-TV (NBC 24, Chico/Redding), "Thursday Evening Fire Update," July 17, 2008
- C-Span, 8:00 – 10:00, 7/18/08
- KNX-AM 1070 (CBS Los Angeles), 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM, 7/17/08
- KXTV-TV (ABC 10, Sacramento/Stockton/Modesto), "News 10 at 5:00," 7/17/08
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- Staunton Radio, Interview with J. Wellman, 6/27/08
- WFMY-TV (CBS 2, Greensboro, Winston-Salem), "The Good Morning Show," 6/26/08
Story ran at: 5a.m., 6 a.m.
- WSET-TV (ABC 13, Roanoke, Lynchburg), "Good Morning Virginia," 6/25/08
- WSET-TV (ABC 13, Roanoke, Lynchburg), "13 News at 6:00 PM," 6/24/08
- WDBJ-TV (CBS 7, Roanoke), "News 7 at Noon," 6/24/08
- WDBJ-TV (CBS 7, Roanoke), "7 News At 6:00 AM," 6/24/08
- WRIC-TV (ABC 8, Richmond/Petersburg), "8 News At 4:30 PM," 6/20/08
- WDBJ-TV (CBS 7, Roanoke/Lynchburg), "News 7 at 12:00," 6/19/08
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- NPR - Springfield, Coverage of the Mark Twain project, 6/14/08
- KFVS-TV (CBS 12, Paducah/Cape Girardeau/Carterville), "The Breakfast Show," 6/10/08
- KFVS-TV (CBS 12, Paducah/Cape Girardeau/Carterville), "The Breakfast Show," 6/5/08
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- ZWire.com, “Local Scout Leader Part of National Program,” 09/10/2008
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- WFMY News 2, “Local Boy Scouts Wrap-up National Service Project,” 8/01/08
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- Casper Star-Tribune Online, “Scouts help in fire fight,” 7/31/08
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 - Jackson Hole Radio News, 7/28/08
 - WFMY News 2 Online, “Local Boy Scouts Help in Teton-Bridger Service Project,” 7/28/08
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 - KHSTV.com, “Conserving the Pacific Crest Trail,” by Britt Carlson, 7/16/08
 - Fredericksberg.com, “Scouts, leaders work for ArrowCorps 5,” by Mary Ann Strock, 7/15/08
 - KCRA.com, “Boy Scouts Clean Up Mount Shasta, Fix Trails,” 7/15/08
 - U.S. Forest Service, “Boy Scouts Service Projects Rivals CCC,” by Leah Anderson
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- Release also posted to:
Reuters, The Earth Times

Pending Coverage

1 Hit

- American Family Radio – Interviewed B. Haddock on 5/7/08

Current Pitch Activity

- *Weekly Reader/Reader's Digest* – Pending interview with Scouts, B. Mazzuca; S. Scheffler to coordinate interviews with Houston Scouts
- *Deseret Morning News* – E. Stewart working with reporter Joe Dougherty to interview J. Wellman; story to run week of 6/30
- AP Wyoming – E. Stewart pitching Matt Joyce with push from AP Dallas' Dave Koenig
- *USA Today* – E. Stewart pitching Oren Dorell; discussing with his USAT editors
- CBS The Early Show – FH pitching; interested in covering but looking for “micro-stories”
- NBC Today Show – FH pitching; still considering final stop
- CNN “Heroes” – S. Scheffler pitching; considering J. Wellman feature
- *Field and Stream* – A. Lewis pitching J. Wellman for “Conservation Hero of the Month” feature
- *Albuquerque Journal* – W. Floyd pitching; Rick Nathanson has requested photos of J. Wellman in the field and more information
- *UNM Daily Lobo* – W. Floyd pitching; News editor Rachel Hill expressed strong interest and would like to schedule an interview with J. Wellman when he returns from AC5
- UNM Communications and Marketing – W. Floyd pitching; Christopher Elliot would be "more than interested" in writing something about J. Wellman; would like to set up an interview
- *LocalIQ* – W. Floyd pitching; Kevin Hopper has requested photo of J. Wellman and official release, as well as more information

Weed Tour Shows Hope for Eradication of Noxious Weeds and Trees

September 16, 2008

[Link to article](#)

By Tina Oliver



Roger Barton explains the Russian olive removal project along the Price River.

The Skyline Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) held a public tour of successful weed treatment projects in Carbon and Emery counties on Sept. 3. The tour started directly behind Albertsons on the Price River.

A combined group from the Utah Department of Transportation, USU Extension Service, Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands, and the Price River Conservation District have undertaken a project to remove the Russian olive trees from the banks of the Price River. The group used funds from a National Fire Plan grant obtained from the Bureau of Land Management to get the project started. They cut the trees down and then treat the trunks with 2-4D herbicide at a rate of 1cc per trunk inch to help prevent re-sprouting. It appears to have been fairly successful with limited regrowth. They do however anticipate repeat treatments on a yearly basis for six to seven years to treat regrowth caused from the seed bed. There are plans to do the other side of the river in September or October. In the future they would like to treat the whole Price River from Price to

Helper.

The group then traveled to another location in Carbon County where more Russian olive trees are being treated. At this site results from a study conducted in both Carbon and Emery counties, on treatment methods and treatment seasons were discussed. Carbon County used the herbicide 2-4D and Emery County used Roundup. Both methods were equally successful. The study indicated treatments from May to October obtained the best results.

In Emery County the tour focused on the treatment of tamarisk plants. Two stops were made, one at Fullers Bottom and one at Buckhorn Draw on the San Rafael Swell. At Fullers Bottom a biological method is being used to treat the tamarisk plants.

Five to six thousand tamarisk leaf beetles were released at this site three years ago and now show visible signs of attack by the insects. The beetles are specific to the tamarisk and will not attack any other vegetation.

The final stop was Buckhorn Draw and a tour of work done over the summer through the Scout-sponsored 'Order of the Arrow'(OA) tamarisk removal and herbicide treatment project. During the project the OA members cut tamarisk plants with pruners and handsaws.

Then approximately 100 state, county and federal employees that supported the project applied Garlon 4 herbicide to the cut stumps to prevent resprouting.

The project was very successful and there are very few signs of regrowth at this time.

This Buckhorn site along with an area around Joe's Valley Reservoir and Millsite Reservoir were all part of the OA project.



Tamarisk stumps in the draw where the scouts cut them.

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LOCAL SCOUT RECEIVES PRESIDENTIAL NATIONAL SERVICE AWARD:

August 20, 2008



Jacob Wellman is serving as this year's chief of the Order of the Arrow, which is the Boy Scouts of America's national honor society.

Wellman, an 18-year-old from Albuquerque, spent five weeks this summer traveling across the nation

to work with other scouts on ArrowCorps5, the largest national service project conducted by the Boy Scouts since World War II, according to the Boy Scouts of America.

The project, a partnership between the Boy Scouts and the U.S. Forest Service, involved restoration, cleanup and construction at five national parks. Wellman was instrumental in developing, implementing and executing the project, according to the Boy Scouts.

For his leadership role in ArrowCorps, Wellman, along with two other Eagle Scouts, was awarded the **President's Volunteer Service Award** by **President Bush**. On July 17, Wellman was congratulated by Bush and **Gov. Arnold**

Schwarzenegger in California.

Wellman will attend the University of New Mexico as a Regents Scholar and plans to major in political science.

Wellman, the son of **Lynn Wellman and Renee Wellman**, is also one of the 48 Eagle Scouts nationally to earn a \$1,000 scholarship from the National Eagle Scout Association.

Wellman is a 2008 graduate of Cibola High School, where his leadership positions included class salutatorian; freshman class vice president; sophomore class president; senior class president; newspaper editor-in-chief; and founder and vice president of Young Democrats of Cibola High School.

Wellman was also on the National Honor Roll; National Society of High School Scholars — National Scholar; National Honor Society; and College Board AP Scholar with Honor. He was named a UNM Star Scholar and the Elks' Foundation Most Valuable Student Award and was a recipient of the Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Local Scouts from Troop 400 Join National Trail Restoration Project

Aug. 14, 2008

[Link to article](#)

By Willem Dannenbaum



ArrowCorps5 scouts from the Sisson-Callahan Trail (crew 30) restoration project at Shasta-Trinity National Forest. Kneeling (left to right) Eric Shea, Lititz, PA; Tim Cabal, Vista, CA; Parker Love, Brea, CA; Michael Kim, Newport Beach, CA. Middle row, (left to right) Brian Borysowski, Malvern, PA; Joshua Moscot, Pacific Palisades, CA; Will Rayfield, Hightstown, NJ; Bart [information unavailable]; Scott Kline, Studio City, CA; Andrew Curtiss, Erie, MI; Harry Young, Orange, CA. Back row (left to right) Will Dannenbaum, Topanga, CA; Noah Marach, Oshkosh, WI; Kevin Bona, Lansing, IL; Jim Castanzo, Lancaster, PA; Mark Kardos, Alverton, PA; John Schuab, New Berlin, WI [obscured]; Nathaniel Schafer, Acme, PA; Frank Sturges, Charlotte, NC [obscured]; Corey Curtiss, Ypsilanti, MI. Mount Shasta is in the background.

Two local Boy Scouts, Willem Dannenbaum from Topanga and Joshua Moscot from Pacific Palisades, both from Troop 400 joined hundreds of other Scouts from across the country at Shasta-Trinity National Forest during the week of July 12-19, for an historic, once in a lifetime service

project. The project named ArrowCorps5 was a first ever event that took place over the summer involving about 3700 scouts at five different national forests across America. The five locations were Mark Twain, Manti-La Sal, George Washington and Jefferson, Shasta-Trinity, and Bridger-Teton National Forests.

Will and Josh, both Life Scouts, are members of the Order of the Arrow. The OA is a national honor society dedicated to camping and cheerful service to others which is run by scouts under the supervision and guidance of dedicated adults. The Order of the Arrow coordinated the service project with the U.S. Forest Service over a two-year period. Sixteen scouts from local OA chapters from Southern California traveled together, leaving from Burbank Airport. The scope of their project was trail repair and renovation of Forest service buildings.

After arriving in Sacramento, the scouts took a three- hour bus ride to Mount Shasta ski resort, which served as their base camp for the Shasta-Trinity group of scouts. Josh and Will set up a tent there and, leaving all non-essential items behind, prepared their back packs for the next day's adventure. Then they received basic training in Outdoor Skills, Leave No Trace, and the care and use of tools. They had dinner, which was the last meal they didn't have to prepare on the trail for several days. For four days, July 14-17—the bulk of the trip—they camped and worked in the wilderness with only what they carried on their backs.

(Page 2 – Topanga Messenger – 8/14/08)

Willem and Josh worked in a crew servicing the historic Sisson-Callahan Trail, a trail over a hundred years old that had not received maintenance since the 1920's. They left base camp and were dropped off at the trail head, then

low-will last for decades to come and was done using only hand tools.

To resurface the trail fire rakes were used to remove surface soil and then filled with gravel of graduated sizes. Gravel was made on sight by the scouts by using local rocks, which they pounded with sledgehammers. They had several intricate systems for moving gravel. First, they started by just moving the gravel in buckets, but eventually it developed into bucket brigade style, which the group found to be a more efficient method for moving the heavy loads. While on the trail they ate Philmont Trail Meals, which they prepared communally. The style of cooking is named after the 200-square mile Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, which is a high adventure scout camp. In keeping with the OA's ideals, the food was minimalist but could be improved with available spices and Tabasco. Water was collected from the streams and purified with iodine. Needless to say, not a single person developed a goiter.

backpacked several miles to their designated spot on the trail. Their crew consisted of about 20 scouts from across the country, led by four squad leaders. The repairs they made—consisting mostly of resurfacing the trail and redirecting water

After returning to base camp Will and Josh enthusiastically enjoyed a very large meal that was not prepared in a foil bag. The next and final day was reserved for recreation. Participants were given the option of a trip to a cave, a hike up Mount Lassen, a trip to a local golf course, or a trip to Lake Siskiyou. Will and Josh chose the lake trip and spent the day relaxing in the waters.

Upon their return home Will and Josh were greeted by their parents who were delighted to hear their tales of dedication, cheerful service and fellowship.

Troop 400 meets at Palisades Presbyterian Church on Tuesday nights and is open to all boys. To join a scout troop a boy needs be at least 10 years old and have completed 5th grade or be any age between 11 and 18 years old. The program achieves the Boy Scouts of America's objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness.

New Arrow trail earns accolades

Cyclists praise latest route in Teton Pass trail network...

Aug. 13, 2008

By Michael Pearlman



Stephanie Thomas and Tim Young navigate a switchback Friday on the new Arrow Trail. The new route, which begins at the Phillips Canyon trailhead, was completed two weeks ago through a massive Boy Scout volunteer effort.

Less than two weeks after its completion, the new Arrow trail on Teton Pass is already receiving an enthusiastic thumbs up from Jackson's mountain-biking community.

On Saturday, mountain bikers Dave Byers, Jannine Witte and Tracey Petervary were among those riding the new route. The group pedaled up Old Pass Road from Wilson before crossing the highway and tackling the Arrow trail as an out-and-back ride before continuing up the pass to tackle the Black Canyon descent. All three were impressed by the layout and quality of the ride.

"I love the Boy Scouts!" Byers said midway through the return trip, while Witte simply called the route "awesome."

Petervary enjoyed the trail so much that she returned Sunday to ride it again. Wilson Backcountry Sports owner Andy Olpin says the route is his new favorite trail on the pass.

The smooth seven-mile stretch of singletrack was constructed by the Order of the Arrow, the Boy

Scouts national honor society, during a week-long stretch of work that began July 26 and concluded Aug. 2. But the design of the Arrow trail began last fall and continued early this summer, when Teton Pass trails coordinator Chris Peck and Harlan Hottenstein flagged the route with mountain bikers in mind. The multiuse route is also open to hikers and eventually connects with the Phillips Canyon trail, a popular singletrack descent to Fish Creek Road.

In the weeks before the Scouts arrived, Peck and Walt Berling prepared the trail, using chain saws to cut logs that blocked the route and building a log bridge over a creek. Berling credited Peck for refusing to compromise on the quality of the new trail and putting the trail experience first.

"Never was the question asked, 'Would it be easier to do this?' It was always what would be best to ride," Berling said. "Chris put his all into this project."

The Arrow trail begins just a few hundred feet from the Phillips Canyon trailhead on Teton Pass, winding along the east side of the Bonneville Power Authority road. Just before it crosses to the west side of the BPA road, the new Phillips Ridge trail, still under construction, branches off to the right. When completed, the Phillips Ridge trail will offer an additional singletrack option that will follow the ridge and eventually connect two segments of the BPA road with a series of massive switchbacks, while offering spectacular views looking east over the valley.

The Arrow trail fulfills designers' hopes for a singletrack route suitable for intermediate riders. It climbs gently from the trailhead and utilizes wide switchbacks reminiscent of those found on the Ferrins trail off Snow King but easier to navigate. Though the trail has seen relatively little cyclist traffic so far, the soil on the Arrow trail is

already well packed.

The route contains some of the best elements of two popular trails in the greater Snow King area: the comfortable curves of the Putt Putt trail and the shade of the Hagen trail, while lacking the blind corners of the former and the rocks on the latter. Good sight lines and a smooth surface are also features that make it attractive to trail runners.

“As a runner, I’m always looking for new trail routes, and this one is amazing,” said Stephanie Thomas, development director for Friends of Pathways.

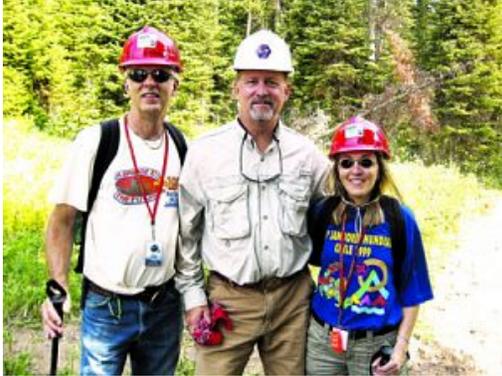
The final two miles of the Arrow trail wind through dense forest, at times running only a few hundred feet below the original trail, which is still open to hikers and equestrians. There are no sustained, grueling climbs but several sections where high-speed riding is possible.

The Arrow trail is the latest step toward the realization of a 2004 trail plan for Teton Pass, a project that was undertaken after increasing use and illegal trail construction were fueling conflicts between cyclists, hikers and equestrians in the area. Forest Service officials held a series of public meetings to develop the plan, which identified appropriate uses for specific trails in the area. During the past four years, improvements to existing trails have been undertaken each summer to prevent erosion and satisfy the needs of all users.

The trail building group Teton Freedom Riders has invested hundreds of man-hours in constructing Jimmy’s Mom, Lithium and the Parallel trails to add features that downhill mountain bikers seek, while the Order of the Arrow also helped complete the History trail, a multi-use trail that runs from the top of the pass to the bottom.

Honans volunteer at Wyoming project

Aug. 12, 2008



Terry Honan, Dr. Chip Quisenberry of Enterprise and Anmarie Honan are pictured on one of the sections of new Arrow Corps 5 trail.

The largest service project by the Boy Scouts since World War II, the largest service project ever for the U.S. Forest Service; five National Forest sites, 5,000 Scout volunteers and five weeks of service – that all adds up to Arrow Corps 5.

Eufaulians Terry and Anmarie Honan have just returned from spending a fabulous week in the Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming where they participated in the Arrow Corps 5 project. The project was a joint effort of the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scout's national honor society and the U.S. Forest Service. Terry is a member of the National Committee of the Order of the Arrow and Anmarie is a member of the local Order of the Arrow lodge, Cowikee Lodge. Approximately 1,030 Order of the Arrow volunteers, including eight from Cowikee Lodge of the Alabama-Florida Council, participated in the Bridger-Teton project.

The Arrow Corps 5 project at Bridger-Teton was the last of the five service projects conducted at five different U.S. Forest Service sites across the country over a five-week period this summer. The national forest sites were Mark Twain, Mo.;

Manti-La Sal, Utah; George Washington and Jefferson, Va.; Shasta-Trinity, Calif.; and Bridger-Teton, Wyo.. The Order of the Arrow's 5,000 youth and adult members provided more than 250,000 hours of service.

"Arrow Corps 5 is the largest, most complex, most challenging conservation project ever conceived by the Order of the Arrow and Boy Scouts of America," said Brad Haddock, chairman, National Order of the Arrow Committee. "This project provided a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each participant to set an example of leadership in service to those who treasure our national forests."

The service projects included ecosystem restoration, invasive plant and tree removal, trail construction and maintenance, bridge work, campsite improvements, erosion and weed control and fence removal. Scouts from all across the United States made significant and positive impacts on their national forests. The project also served as a precursor to the Boy Scouts' plans for its 100th anniversary celebration in 2010.

"For nearly 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America has created a strong foundation of leadership, service, and community for millions of America's youth," Haddock said. "We celebrate this legacy

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as we reaffirm our commitment to inspire and prepare future generations of leaders through historic and meaningful projects and partnerships.”

More than 180,000 youth and adults scouts and Scouters are members of the Order of the Arrow, the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. The purposes of the Order of the Arrow are to (1) recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily

lives, (2) develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit, (3) promote Scout camping, and (4) crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others. The Boy Scouts of America serves 4.7 million young people between 7 and 20 years of age with more than 300 councils throughout the United States and its territories. The Boy Scouts of America is the nation’s foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training.



Trail News

Spring 2008

Trail Partnership Will Add Trails to Teton Pass

While a few calloused hands can create a new segment of trail in a weekend, the Friends of Pathways (FOP) in the Wyoming's Teton Pass area has shown that when those hands are used to reach out into the community, the results can grow exponentially. By raising both private funds and applying for public grants, including \$5,000 in matching funds from Trek's donation to IMBA, the Friends group has garnered community support around a lofty and inspiring goal. If you've ever wondered how much trail you could build with a legion of Boy Scouts, the Friends of Pathways are planning to find out. In July, nearly 1,000 Order of the Arrow Boy Scouts will gather to build and improve more than 11 miles of trail in a single week. What makes this project so remarkable is that they aren't just using money to build trails; instead, the partnership will leverage those funds to inspire the entire community.

Scouts pump \$430K into valley economy

Businesses near high school feel demand from hungry young men.

By Cory Hatch

Boy Scouts with the Order of the Arrow not only built trails, removed fences and helped with fire suppression efforts while in Jackson Hole, but they also contributed more than \$400,000 to the local economy, according to officials.

Reid Christopherson, spokesman for the Order of the Arrow, said the Scouts divided the money among food, recreation, hotels, rental cars, Jackson Hole High School, supplies and miscellaneous expenses. The high school and Friends of Pathways each received \$2,500 donations from the Boy Scouts of America.

According to Christopherson, businesses located close to the Scout's temporary headquarters at Jackson Hole High School felt the "local population boost" as Scouts raided the grocery store, the sub shop and the laundry mat. Local businesses specializing in recreation also felt their presence as more than 1,000 Scouts participated in white-water rafting trips, mountain bike tours and trips to Yellowstone National Park.

Julio Valencia, a manager at Quiznos Sub, said he extended the store hours to accommodate the Scouts.

"We were busier during the last weekend than we usually are," he said. "We were really glad that they were here because we understood that they

Where Boy Scouts spent their money

Snow King Resort (food)	\$104,000
Recreation	\$50,000
Rental cars	\$20,000
Supplies	\$15,000
Hotels	\$8,000
Jackson Hole High School	\$3,000
Personal expenses*	\$230,000
Total:	\$430,000

*Personal expenses are based on an estimated expenditure of \$100 for each Boy Scout and \$500 for each adult adviser during the course of the stay.

were working for the community."

Cory Phillips, catering sales manager for Snow King Resorts, said he served the Scouts roughly 9,800 meals, everything from spaghetti to rib eye steaks to salmon, during their week in Jackson Hole.

"Really what they were looking for hearty, calorie-filled, nutritious meals," he said.

Phillips said when he first discussed the possibility of catering the Scouts meals, the idea was daunting.

"Within an hour, I knew it was going to be a fantastic," he said. "Everybody from our banquet staff up to the general manager worked with them and had great time."

"There was not a single issue planning those meals," Phillips continued. "Leaders and Scouts came up and said it was the best scout food they'd had at any function."

Order of the Arrow finishes host of tasks

Scouts devote 24,000 man-hours to regional projects in week stay.

By Cory Hatch

Community leaders say a group representing Boy Scouts of America proved their worth by successfully constructing recreation trails on Teton Pass, as well as a number of additional community-service projects around the region last week.

More than 1,000 Scouts with the Order of the Arrow arrived July 26 and completed 10 miles of trails on Teton Pass, removed 10 miles of fence in the Gros Ventre, cleared flammable downfall from 17 acres and assisted with a number of other Forest Service projects, including providing support for the New Fork Lake Fire. Order of the Arrow officials estimate the Scouts put in roughly 24,000 man-hours while in Teton County.

Scout spokesman Reid Christopherson said the Scouts didn't get a chance to complete the construction of several switchbacks on some of the Teton Pass trails, but the local nonprofit Friends of Pathways is expected to finish the job in the coming weeks.

According to Christopherson, the Scouts experienced few problems or injuries during the week. About 24 Scouts suffered altitude sickness as they worked on Teton Pass trails, something Christopherson said isn't surprising considering that some Scouts came from elevations as low as minus 15 feet in New Orleans.

"We assigned some participants to other projects to minimize their exposure to that altitude," he said.

Other injuries included blisters, scrapes and other minor injuries.

By the end of the week, Christopherson said the exertion from the trail work had begun to take its toll.

"Certainly they got tired," he said. "It was a wearing on them physically."

Linda Merigliano, recreation wilderness program manager for the Bridger-Teton National Forest, said the trails on Teton Pass go a long way toward the realization of a 2004 trail plan for Teton Pass.

"When we signed the Teton Pass plan in 2004, we figured we'd be working on this for the next decade," she said. "Now, here it is 2008 and the bulk of the trail system on that plan is now in place."

Merigliano said the new trails will help alleviate some user conflicts, especially in the Phillips Ridge Area.

The Scouts also helped repair erosion damage on the Black Canyon and Big Rocks trails. Now the Forest Service needs to erect signs to direct hikers, horseback riders and cyclists to their appropriate routes, Merigliano said.

She praised the Scouts for the contribution.

"For young people to take a whole week out of their lives and spend it just giving back and doing service work for other people, it was really cool to see," she said. "They were just so appreciative of being able to be in an area like this and knowing that they were going to do a project that was going to last. It was an incredible experience."

Tim Young, executive director of Friends of Pathways, said that the project was very well organized for such a large effort. Young said that, in addition to all their work, the Scouts donated \$2,500 that Friends of Pathways intends to use for trail work on Teton Pass.

Young also said the project is a fulfillment of the 2004 trail plan. "As Jackson has grown during the last 20 years, there has been a tremendous

What the Boy Scouts accomplished in Teton County

Man-hours:	24,000
Miles of trail constructed:	10
Miles of fence removed:	10
Acres of fuels reduction:	17

Other projects completed:

- Provided support for New Fork Lakes Fire
- Assisted with off-highway vehicle closures
- Provided help with maintenance at Soda Lake Campground
- Constructed water bars

increase in recreational activities on Teton Pass," he said. "[The Scouts] allowed for very substantial amount of work to be done in a small amount of time."

Young said the Forest Service needs to step forward to fulfill their obligations to the Boy Scouts now that the initial trail work is complete.

"The Boy Scout project shows the potential for partnerships, but at the same time it shows the real need the forest has for federal investment in our recreation systems," he said. "The partnerships really need the federal side to step up financially."

Last Thursday, Kimbell said the Forest Service staff has a "tremendous appreciation" for the work the Boy Scouts donated. "You can bet there are another 120 forest supervisors who are saying, 'Hmmm, I wish I submitted a project,'" she said.

Crews of Boy Scouts work to solve Teton Pass problems

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By Henry Sweets



Jackson Hole, Wyo.-Last Thursday afternoon, a crew of Boy Scouts stood on top of Teton Pass, their faces caked in dirt and sweat, hard hats on their heads and ice cream sandwiches in their hands.

“Hey, guys, just seconds, not thirds,” Stephanie Thomas from Friends of Pathways announced as some of the Scouts tried to push their luck and score another ice cream sandwich or push-up pop. After a full day of trail building in dusty Teton soil, these Scouts were waiting for a bus to take them back to a tent city shared with about 700 other Scouts at the Jackson Hole High School.

Thomas was handing out ice cream as a thank you for what would have been 10 or so years worth of volunteer labor that her group and others would have had to organize in order to complete the four trail-building projects on Teton Pass that hundreds of Boy Scouts have just finished. The now-complete improvements had been in the works for four years, after Friends of Pathways, the Forest Service, and Teton Freedom Riders teamed up to solve concerns about a need for new trails on the

pass.

“In 2004, we were seeing recreation use increasing rapidly on Teton pass ... particularly a lot of downhill biking,” Linda Merigliano from Bridger Teton National Forest said. “There was a lot of concern generally about safety issues and about collisions between people using the trails, particularly between people on mountain bikes and horses. And there was also concern about unauthorized trail construction going on.”

Those concerns, she said, led to the collaborative effort to find a trail plan that could accommodate all users.

But no one knew at the time that the problem solving process would so serendipitously coincide with a Boy Scout service organization’s desire to commence its largest service project ever.

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is a special service-oriented group of Boy Scouts. A large-scale service project conducted by a Minnesota OA group drew the attention of the national OA office, which was inspired to undertake a large-scale national project that would bring some 1,000 Boy Scouts to five different National Forests across the nation. The Scouts were assigned to large-scale work projects for those forests.

When the National Forest Service called for submissions from forests around the country to host and benefit from these projects, Bridger Teton put in an application asking for the trail work on the pass, as well as habitat and migration corridor restoration in the Gros Ventre Range. The BTNF also requested invasive species management off Fall Creek Road. The forest’s proposals were one out of 13 from across the country submitted. In the end, only five were chosen, including BTNF’s projects.

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The Boy Scouts chose the Bridger Teton's proposal because Jackson had the infrastructure priorities of invasive species management, habitat and migration restoration, fuels reductions and preventing unauthorized usage, said Dan Segersin, the vice chairman of outdoor programs for the Order of the Arrow.

The Bridger Teton was the only project to attract more than 1,000 Scouts, who were free to choose which project they participated in. Before arriving, Scouts had to go through about one full day of classes, pay \$250 and provide their own transportation to Teton County.

What would motivate kids to pay money to work? "It's an honor type thing, leaving a legacy and meeting people," said Kevin Knak, 15, of Salinas, Kansas. "And they can't make you not take a break, because it's volunteer labor."

needed to host the large number of Boy Scouts. BTNF also satisfied the National Forest Service's

Each Scout had one "rest" day, where they could take a trip into Yellowstone, go whitewater rafting or just explore the town of Jackson. But the Scouts agreed that their favorite part of the trip was meeting people from all over the country and leaving behind work that other people can enjoy.

"I want to bring my parents back to show them where I've worked," said David "Joker" Bruner, 18, from Baton Rouge, La. Joker was echoing a sentiment heard from other Scouts, that a piece of them now remains in the Tetons, and hopefully they'll be able to come back and see it sometime in the future.

*Photo by SPENCER SIMENSEN
Stephanie Thomas from Friends of Pathways
gives the gift of ice cream to the deserving
workers.*

Area Boy Scouts participate in national service project in national forest in Wyoming

Aug. 5, 2008

KINGSTON - Six Boy Scouts and their leaders from the Half Moon Lodge No. 28, Rip Van Winkle Council, headquartered in Kingston were in Jackson Hole, Wyo., for a week of service last week.

The Bridger-Teton National Forest, in partnership with the Boy Scouts of America, began working on the trails in the Teton Pass area as part of the Order of the Arrow national service project on July 28.

As part of the service project, the Scouts constructed new trails and rehabilitated existing trails for Teton Pass recreation use in the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

The Order of the Arrow, working closely together with the United States Forest Service, has chosen five project sites, spread across America, which were the focus of the combined efforts. The Bridger-Teton National Forest is the last project site for this national effort.

ArrowCorps5 (pronounced Arrow Corps Five) will provide an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each participant to set an example of leadership in service to those who treasure the national forests.

Projects on the Bridger-Teton include the trail construction and rehabilitation on Teton Pass near Wilson, Wyo.; and fence removal and habitat improvement work in two locations near the Goose Wing guard station approximately 30 miles northeast of the town of Jackson.



Scouts help Order of Arrow project

August 5, 2008

Nine members of Boy Scout Troop 855, joined more than 500 Arrowmen from 33 states, Japan, Taiwan and Europe in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest last month to begin a five-day ArrowCorps5 project.

Working with the United States Forest Service, the Order of the Arrow chose five project sites across the country.

The scouts were trained in environmental awareness; tool maintenance, safety, and handling; Leave No Trace Ethics; basic backpacking and trail information. Nineteen crews worked to rehabilitate more than 100 miles

of trails, refurbish an historic lookout, revamp comfort stations along the Pacific Crest Trail and clean up illegal dump sites.

They also took a day of recreation and learned about the Shasta-Trinity National Forest. The crews participated in activities like canoeing, kayaking, fishing, climbing and golf.

Order of the Arrow is a national honor society of the Boy Scouts. Troop 855 meets at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hillsboro.

Information provided by Andrew Cowley, Troop 855 Senior Patrol Leader.

Kimbell: Trust analysis

Aug. 1, 2008

U.S. Forest Service Chief Gail Kimbell on Thursday expressed her support for an ongoing analysis of energy development in the Wyoming Range despite claims that the process is tainted by politics and inappropriate influence from industry.

Kimbell made the remarks near the parking lot on Teton Pass while visiting Boy Scouts from the Order of the Arrow. The Scouts are scheduled to finish construction of roughly 11 miles of trails on Teton Pass and complete fence-removal projects in the Gros Ventre drainage today.

Kimbell, who assumed her current position in February 2007, also spoke about a proposed plan for a new forest supervisor's office in Jackson Hole, funding for trail maintenance in Bridger-Teton National Forest, and the effect wildfires have had on the Forest Service budget.

With regard to proposed energy development on 44,700 acres of the Wyoming Range, Kimbell said she has a "tremendous amount of faith" in the National Environmental Policy Act analysis process and said that analysis would take into consideration "all elements of the environment," as well as social and economic issues.

Further, she said she trusts Bridger-Teton Supervisor Kniffy Hamilton will make the appropriate decision on whether to allow energy development in the Wyoming Range.

Earlier this year, Wyoming Gov. Dave Freudenthal castigated Bridger-Teton officials for allowing Stanley Energy inappropriate access to Forest Service personnel and outside contractors who were working on an environmental analysis of drilling on 44,700 acres in the Wyoming Range. Hamilton subsequently made the decision to do the analysis using Forest Service personnel

but has refused to start the analysis over as requested by Freudenthal and numerous environmental groups.

When asked about plans for a new forest supervisor's office, Kimbell said it would be appropriate for the Forest Service to sell a portion of the current 15-acre administrative site in downtown Jackson to fund the new building.

"Budgets are very tight," she said, explaining that Forest Service officials have the authority to sell administrative land, not Forest Service system land, for such expenditures. She said the Forest Service would not hesitate to use that authority whenever it is appropriate for necessary infrastructure improvements.

Kimbell called the Boy Scouts' work on Bridger-Teton a "tremendous contribution" to the Forest Service and to the people who use the forest. She said Bridger-Teton would rely on volunteer help to maintain the roughly 11 new miles of trails the Boy Scouts built this week.

"We count on partners being able to help with things like trail maintenance," she said. "We count on that, and the American people count on that."

Responding to a question about the toll wildfires have taken on Forest Service budgets, Kimbell said, "With climate change, we're seeing fires that start earlier and last longer. We're seeing fire behavior that our fire managers have never seen before. Yes, I am concerned that the cost of fire suppression goes up and up and up."

Kimbell said the Forest Service is trying to cut costs of fire management across the country by using models that try to predict fire behavior.



Scouts help in fire fight

July 31, 2008

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By the Star-Tribune staff

Wyoming's two major wildfires grew substantially Wednesday, as Boy Scouts came to the aid of firefighters in the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

About 1,000 members of the Boy Scouts of America who are doing forest restoration projects nearby stepped in to help with the New Fork Lakes fire, about 19 miles north of Pinedale.

The blaze started when a campfire got out of control late Monday or early Tuesday. It grew from 40 acres Tuesday afternoon to more than 1,500 acres that evening. As of Wednesday evening the blaze had charred more than 2,000 acres of wilderness, fueled by dry, windy weather and beetle-killed trees, said Mary Cernicek, spokeswoman for the Bridger-Teton.

So far there have been no road or trail closures. Firefighters have established an incident command post at a Boy Scout camp near New Fork Lakes.

Several volunteer Boy Scouts from the Order of the Arrow are now working in the fire cache, which is the warehouse of fire supplies and materials that are circulated whenever a large forest fire breaks out.

"It is a great help to have the extra hands," said fire cache Manager Heidi Zardus. "They are helping me get the orders filled and the supplies shipped out in record time."

Firefighters are trying to keep the fire moving into the wilderness and away from private land, Cernicek said. Fire officials do not have an estimate for when the fire will be contained, she said.

The Scout are scheduled to work on the Bridger-

Teton until Friday, completing various service projects.

Meanwhile, the Gunbarrel Fire, about 40 miles west of Cody, also took off, growing from 1,200 acres to about 4,100 acres as of 5 p.m.

Wednesday, an official said.

The same conditions fueling the New Fork Lakes fire -- hot afternoon temperatures, low humidity and frequent wind gusts -- helped spread the Gunbarrel blaze through beetle-killed pine trees Wednesday afternoon, said Marty Sharp, fire information officer for the Shoshone National Forest.

"We kind of expected that today because of the weather conditions," Sharp said.

There has been concern the fire might turn downhill toward recreation areas, but the blaze hasn't threatened any of the nearby lodges yet, he said.

"It's still burning in the direction we've wanted it to go, to the northeast," Sharp said. "That whole landscape up there is filled with beetle-killed trees, so there's an awful lot of fuel up there. And we've been drying out pretty fast."

The wildfire has been steadily burning up the Gunbarrel and Goff creek drainages, according to the interagency fire management team.

The fire danger rating throughout the Shoshone National Forest is high to very high, Sharp said.

In both the Bridger-Teton National Forest and Grand Teton National Park, the fire rating has been elevated, as of this morning, to very high.

Recent weather conditions have increased the

potential for intense fire activity, forest officials said Wednesday.



Scouts offer outdoors alternatives

July 31, 2008

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By Mead Gruver

CHEYENNE -- The chief executive of the Boy Scouts said he's well aware that today's technologically immersed youngsters are less active and less interested in the outdoors.

But Scouting offers a different set of values -- one that cultivates young leaders while keeping them active and outside, Robert Mazzuca said this week in a telephone interview from Jackson.

Neither Scouts nor outdoor activity is in short supply in the Jackson area this week. More than 1,000 members of the Boy Scouts' honor society, the Order of the Arrow, have been hard at work on projects in Bridger-Teton National Forest.

"These kids, I guarantee you, know what it's like to be physically active," Mazzuca said.

Some of the Scouts are removing a 10-foot fence topped with barbed wire that has interfered with wildlife migration in the Gros Ventre area. Others are building or refurbishing 11 miles of trails near the top of Teton Pass.

Several miles of the Teton Pass trails will be reserved for mountain bikes -- keeping bikers out of the way of hikers and horse riders, and vice versa.

The Scouts -- who range in age from 14 to 20 -- have been doing similar work in national forests in California, Missouri, Utah and Virginia this

summer. The Bridger-Teton project is the last and biggest project of all.

All together, the projects are the Scouts' most ambitious endeavor since World War II.

Scouts are elected to the Order of the Arrow by their fellow Scouts. Many from back East were taken aback upon seeing the mighty Teton Range, said Sam Fife, 17, the group's deputy youth incident commander.

"It's really a neat thing for a lot of these guys. I know a lot of them have never been out here before," Fife said.

Fife, though, is from just over the hill: Idaho Falls, Idaho. He's already a student at Brigham Young University-Idaho, in Rexburg.

Membership in the Scouts has been down in recent years. Last year, including the Cub Scouts and older Venturers, it was about 2.9 million -- down 16 percent since 1999.

Mazzuca, though, said membership this year is up for the first time in five years. He said the Scouts have become more sophisticated in reaching out to youngsters. That includes being more technologically savvy.

"There are some things we're learning to do better," he said.

Wildfires strengthen

July 30, 2008

By Cory Hatch

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A fire north of Pinedale doubled Tuesday night to more than 2,000 acres and continued to burn into the Bridger Wilderness, officials said Wednesday.

Also Wednesday, Bridger-Teton National Forest and Grand Teton National Park raised the fire danger level from “high” to “very high” because of warm temperatures, low humidity and high winds.

Bridger-Teton fire personnel determined that the New Fork Lakes Fire, about 19 miles north of Pinedale, was the result of an escaped campfire. Because the fire was human-caused, Bridger-Teton spokeswoman Mary Cernicek said, fire managers cannot let it burn to benefit forest resources.

Instead, Cernicek said, the roughly 100 fire personnel on site will attempt to contain the blaze. Fire officials have ordered two fire crews and two helicopter crews into the area to help with containment efforts.

“Instead of trying to get people out in front of it, it makes sense if you can just corral it into a drainage,” she said.

The fire is burning bug-killed trees and dead and down timber.

The rugged terrain in the area could pose a danger for fire personnel with more aggressive fire-control efforts, Cernicek said. The Willow Creek Guard Station is about two miles south of the fire, though Cernicek said the blaze is mainly moving to the east.

Cernicek said Boy Scouts with the Order of the Arrow are helping distribute supplies to firefighters. The Order of the Arrow is a Boy Scout group that is working on trail-building and

fence-removal projects in Bridger-Teton until Friday.

“The Boy Scouts are filling needs and assisting us in ways that we had never envisioned,” she said.

Meanwhile, a fire broke out in Yellowstone National Park on Wednesday, forcing the closure of a section of the Grand Loop Road north of Fishing Bridge. Wind blew down a power line that sparked the LeHardy Fire.

By Wednesday afternoon it had grown to an estimated 10 acres, park officials said in a statement.

Park firefighters were on the scene with two fire engines and a water tender. Additional firefighting resources have been ordered, including smokejumpers, engines and helicopters, according to the park statement.

Officials said they don’t know when the road will open again. The LeHardy Fire does not pose a threat to visitors. All park entrances and seasonal visitor services are open. Some backcountry trails and campsites may be impacted.

On Shoshone National Forest, the Gunbarrel Fire started about 38 miles west of Cody with a lightning strike June 26 and grew from 625 acres Tuesday to more than 4,000 acres by Wednesday afternoon. The fire is about two miles north of Highway 14/16/20 in the North Absaroka Wilderness.

The blaze is burning in heavy timber and bug-killed trees along Gunbarrel Creek, a section of rough terrain that Shoshone fire officials deemed too dangerous for fire personnel to attempt containment efforts. Officials are currently monitoring the blaze by helicopter.

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The Forest Service is working with the Park
County fire warden in case nearby buildings need

to be protected. No closures are associated with
the fire.

Scouts dig into projects

July 30, 2008



Boy Scouts Derek Bendel, left, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Drew Frees of Riverside, Iowa, chop out a new trail Tuesday on Phillips Bench near Teton Pass.
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Scouts build Wyo. trails

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JACKSON -- More than 1,000 Boy Scouts from around the country are in Jackson Hole for what officials have called the largest public service project on U.S. Forest Service land in decades.

Over a week's time, Scouts from the Order of the Arrow will construct or refurbish roughly 10 miles of trails on Teton Pass, with an option for six more should time allow. A smaller group will work on wildlife improvement projects at two locations in the Gros Ventre.

The work project is drawing elected officials and federal administrators, including Wyoming Gov. Dave Freudenthal, Forest Service Chief Gail Kimbell and Mark Rey, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Under Secretary for Natural Resources and the Environment.

Boy Scout spokesman Reid Christopherson said Scouts haven't attempted a project of this size since World War II. The Jackson Hole effort took nearly three years of planning.

Christopherson said the Scouts participating are an elite group picked by Scouting groups across the country.

"We feel we attract some of the brightest boys in the Scouts to start with," he said, calling the individual Scouts selected for the project the "best of the best."

"Most of them would rival corporate executives in their leadership ability," Christopherson said.

One such scout, 17-year-old Idaho resident Sam Fife, is the youth incident commander for the project. Along with 20-year-old scout Tyler Elliott, Fife is technically in charge of coordinating the event. Elliott and Fife, both Eagle Scouts, said they also serve as liaisons between the Forest Service personnel and the Order of the Arrow.

"It's a fun opportunity," said Fife, who is a sophomore in business at Brigham Young University-Idaho. "You know everybody else is working just as hard as you are."

Bridger-Teton National Forest spokeswoman Mary Cernicek called the level of planning that has gone into aspects of the project "amazing."

"It's so efficient," she said. "It's a really nice machine."

According to Friends of Pathways executive director Tim Young, the trail work that the Scouts hope to accomplish on Teton Pass has an estimated value of more than a \$1 million.

"We've been looking at Teton Pass as a close-to-home recreation area that hasn't had the attention it needs compared to the use that it's receiving," he said. "This is a timely investment in sustainable trails."

The system on Teton Pass will include multiple-use trails as well as those designed specifically for mountain bikes.

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Scouts in valley to build trails

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By Cory Hatch

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More than 1,000 Boy Scouts and their advisors arrive in Jackson Hole today to begin what officials have called the largest public service project on U.S. Forest Service land since the Great Depression.

For the next week, Scouts from the Order of the Arrow will construct or refurbish roughly 10 miles of trails on Teton Pass, with an option for six more should time allow. A smaller group will work on wildlife improvement projects at two locations in the Gros Ventre.

The group is based out of Jackson Hole High School.

The event is also drawing elected officials and federal administrators including Wyoming Gov. Dave Freudenthal, Forest Service Chief Gail Kimbell and U.S. Department of Agriculture Under Secretary for Natural Resources and the Environment Mark Rey. Boy Scouts of America Chief Scout Executive Bob Mazzuca is also expected to arrive in the area.

Boy Scout spokesman Reid Christopherson said Scouts haven't attempted a project of this size since World War II. The effort took nearly three years of planning.

Christopherson said the Scouts who will be arriving in Jackson Hole are an elite group picked by Scouting groups across the country.

"We feel we attract some of the brightest boys in the Scouts to start with," he said, calling the individual Scouts selected for this project the "best of the best."

"Most of them would rival corporate executives in their leadership ability," Christopherson continued.

One such scout, 17-year-old Idaho resident Sam Fife, is the youth incident commander for the project. Along with 20-year-old scout Tyler Elliott, Fife is technically in charge of coordinating the event. Elliott and Fife, both Eagle Scouts, said they also serve as liaisons between the Forest Service personnel and the Order of the Arrow.

"It's a fun opportunity," said Fife, who is a sophomore in business at Brigham Young University-Idaho. "You know everybody else is working just as hard as you are."

Bridger-Teton National Forest spokeswoman Mary Cernicek called the level of planning that has gone into aspects of the project such as emergency procedures, communications, transportation and food distribution "amazing."

"It's so efficient," she said. "It's a really nice machine."

According to Friends of Pathways executive director Tim Young, the trail work that the Scouts hope to accomplish on Teton Pass has an estimated value of more than a \$1 million. "We've been looking at Teton Pass as a close-to-home recreation area that hasn't had the attention it needs compared to the use that it's receiving," he said, explaining that the local nonprofit has contributed about \$30,000 worth of trail design work to the effort. "This is a timely investment in sustainable trails."

Young compared the Teton Pass project to the work that went into the roughly mile-long Ferrins Trail near downtown Jackson. “It really took two years to get that trail done,” he said. “This is roughly 10 times that in a lot less time. It’s a great thing for the national forest and the Jackson community.”

The system on Teton Pass will include multiple-use trails as well as those designed specifically for mountain bikes. Jannine Fitzgerald, co-owner of Fitzgerald’s Bicycles called the project “awesome.”

“The Forest Service has been so responsive with the biking community as far as trail building,” she said. “It’s going to be an amazing trail that they’re putting in on the Wilson faces.”

Forest Service and Boy Scouts of America officials have asked commuters from Teton Valley, Idaho to use caution over the next week as the Boy Scouts use school buses to ferry about 700 Scouts up and down Teton Pass.

Richland Eagle Scout gets volunteer award from Bush

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A 20-year-old Eagle Scout from Richland received an award Thursday from President Bush in recognition of his volunteer service.

Mark Hendricks and two other members of the Order of the Arrow, which is the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America, were honored with the President's Volunteer Service Award during an afternoon ceremony in California.

They're in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest working on a service project in collaboration with the U.S. Forest Service. The work includes restoring 150 miles of trail and clearing 12 to 18 tons of illegally dumped garbage, a news release said.

Scouts also are working at other sites throughout the country as part of the project.

The other Eagle Scouts honored with Hendricks are from Georgia and California.

Hendricks' parents are Gerry and Linda Hendricks of Richland.

"We're always proud of (Mark). ... He does a lot of wonderful things," Gerry said.

Mark is a junior studying physics at Harvey Mudd College in California. He graduated from Richland High School and was involved with the Boy Scout troop from West Side Church in Richland.

The troop is part of the Boy Scouts' Blue Mountain Council.

Mark has held numerous leadership roles in the Boy Scouts and was honored in 2003 for helping people evacuate after a landslide struck a Boy Scout camp in Oregon.

Boy scouts to help build Phillips Ridge trails *Scouts to provide labor for two new multi-use routes on Teton Pass during weeklong visit.*

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By Michael Pearlman

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Walt Berling cuts logs during construction of a bridge on the Phillips Ridge trail, part of a Boy Scout project for new multi-use routes. PHOTO COURTESY TIM YOUNG

If all goes according to plan, backcountry users on Teton Pass will soon have a pair of new multi-use trails thanks to a massive volunteer project involving the Boy Scouts of America.

Since early June, a team of trail designers led by Greater Snow King and Teton Pass trails coordinator Chris Peck have been flagging trail, clearing brush and cutting logs to prepare for the arrival of 1,000 members of the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scouts' national honor society.

Scout leaders will arrive in Jackson on Tuesday, with the rest of the scouts arriving on July 26. At night, they will camp at the Jackson Hole Middle School athletic complex. During the day though Aug. 1, they will dig trail on Teton Pass. Most of the scouts will be focused on constructing a pair of new trails on the north side of Highway 22, while some will work on a pair of projects located on the south side of the highway, devoting an estimated 40,000 hours to the projects in seven days.

"To build 12 miles of trail in a week is a monumental task," said Linda Merigliano, wilderness trails coordinator for Bridger-Teton National Forest. "They're going to be putting singletrack in all the way along Phillips Ridge, and that's going to allow for a lot of different loop opportunities."

Both new trails are located on the north side of Highway 22 and are accessed from the Phillips Canyon trailhead. One is the Arrow trail, a new multi-use route designed for mountain bikers accessing the popular Phillips Canyon singletrack descent. It will be located below the current multi-use trail, which will be redesigned to encourage hiking and equestrian use. According to Merigliano, heavy traffic and blind corners created safety issues on the old path, especially when mountain bikers would attempt to pass other trail users. The route for the Arrow trail was flagged by Peck and Harlan Hottenstein, and the trail is located on the south side of the Bonneville Power Authority Road that snakes north from the trailhead.

The second new route is called the Phillips Ridge trail, which will connect two segments of the power-line road with singletrack, using a series of gentle switchbacks offering spectacular views of Rendezvous Peak and Phillips Canyon along the ridge above the Wilson faces. The new trail will be ideal for less-experienced mountain bikers, according to Merigliano, and will link up with the lower section of the Phillips Canyon outlet to Fish Creek Road. The Phillips Ridge trail project is a massive undertaking being led by Erik Jacobsen, a Forest Service frontcountry trail crew supervisor. For the past month, wilderness trail crew members Sarah Newcom, Elee Kallusky, Chris

Owen and Kasey Stewart have worked diligently to clear a route through a talus field.

“We’re dealing with some very steep sideslopes, and we’re trying to make a hard zone passable,” Jacobson said. “Our big challenge is getting through a whole bunch of rock, so we’ve got crew members smashing rocks and moving huge rocks. For the switchbacks, we’re using huge Douglas fir timbers that are being moved with rigging.”

When the Scouts arrive, they will be using buckets to transport dirt to the talus zone to make the area rideable. Two of the workers, Seth Halman and Mike Penterson, were brought in by Jacobson specifically for their expertise with a chainsaw, while three trail crew members from the Blackrock Ranger district – Zinnia and Eli Wilson and Eric Tietze – were brought in to assist with the complex log work.

The route will include a series of 12 switchbacks, engineered to last 50 to 75 years by constructing reinforced log walls. Jacobson expects work on the switchbacks to continue after the Scouts leave, with a goal of completing the route by the end of the summer.

To engineer the route, Galen Rockenbach, owner

of Copestone Trail Building, has been brought in to consult, with a goal of keeping trail grades below 10 percent.

“The side hill is so steep we have to build a retaining wall to hold the fill,” Jacobsen said. “Since we anticipate the primary user group will be bikers, we’re trying to make it as bike friendly as possible so you can ride up and down it.”

In addition to the two new trails, two projects focused on horse and hiking routes are taking place on the south side of Highway 22 over Teton Pass. At the bottom of the pass, two reroutes will be done to the Big Rocks trail, a popular two-mile hiking path that sits in the lower part of Black Canyon. The second project will be the completion of the old wagon road, now known as the History trail. The multi-use route will go from the top of the pass to the bottom, beginning at the Teton Pass parking area.

To help fund the projects, Friends of Pathways has launched an “Invest in Dirt” campaign with a goal of raising \$30,000 for the project and to reinvest in the current trail network. For information on making a contribution, visit www.friendsofpathways.org or call 733-4534.



Boy Scouts improve local trails

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Over 500 members of the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scouts of America's National Honor Society, arrived on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest on July 12 to begin a five-day service project rehabilitating trails, refurbishing a historic lookout and revamping comfort stations along the Pacific Crest Trail.

This will be the largest national service project since World War II for the Boy Scouts, a Shasta-Trinity National Forest press release announced on Thursday.

The Shasta-Trinity National Forest was chosen as one of five project sites on five National Forests across the country over a five-week period. These service projects include 5,000 members of the Order of the Arrow providing more than 250,000 hours of service to public lands.

"The project is an opportunity to highlight the value of community service," Brenda Tracy, acting public uses staff officer for the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, said in the release. "This will be one of the largest volunteer service projects ever performed on National Forest System lands."

Working closely together, the Order of the Arrow, the Shasta-Trinity National Forest and numerous partners including the Backcountry Horsemen of California have partnered to provide a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each youth to set an example of leadership in service.

"The Scouts have been actively planning this project

since early 2004," said Public Affairs Assistant Jodi Marron. "The Boy Scouts worked alongside Shasta-Trinity National Forest technical experts to plan the extensive project and to gain a better understanding and appreciation of their public lands."

The project will consist of three major areas, the largest of these being significant trail maintenance and reconstruction of sections of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) and sections of the Sisson-Callahan Trail to total approximately 150 miles of trail work. This service will dramatically improve the recreational experience for thousands of annual visitors, the release said. It is anticipated that the volunteers will provide over 15,000 to 17,000 person-hours of work. In addition to trail work, Arrowmen will help refurbish the Little Mount Hoffman Lookout and four comfort stations. The final portion of the project will be illegal dumpsite cleanup.

Once the work is completed, scouts will be able to enjoy a day of recreation and learn about the National Forest. The scouts will be able to choose from numerous recreational opportunities like canoeing, kayaking, fishing, climbing and going to Shasta Caverns.

The scouts will have an Incident Command Post set up at the Mount Shasta Ski Park. There will be 13 to 15 crews consisting of 21 people. The crews will stay in spike camps in the backcountry. The scouts will pack enough supplies and food to be on the trails for four days.



Life Scout learns conservation lesson

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FROSTBURG - Sean Truly, a 14-year-old Life Scout of Frostburg, has returned from participating in the Boy Scouts of America's Arrowcorps project. The Boy Scouts of America National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow, has planned conservation efforts that will take place throughout the summer.

Truly was part of a group that made new trails for George Washington and Jefferson national forests and also repaired campsites. Approximately 856 Scouts took part in the conservation efforts in the Virginia forests.

Being a Life Scout involves much more than a regular Scout. Numerous requirements include earning more merits and completing service projects. Completing the requirements for Life Scout puts the participant well on his way toward Eagle Scout, the highest rank.

Truly has been involved in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts for about 10 years and this is his first major conservation trip.

"I became interested in the Boy Scouts when they came to my elementary school and convinced me to join," said Truly.

Truly's experience is not one that he will soon forget. He hopes to continue his work with the Scouts throughout his life.

"I learned more about that area. I met a lot of new people and I learned how to make new trails," said Truly.

Two other area residents, Doug Minnich, Scoutmaster of Troop 27, sponsored by the Keyser (W.Va.) Rotary, and Jim Williams, assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 24 and Truly's uncle, of Frostburg helped the Scouts with their environmental efforts.

"Arrowcorps is the largest, most complex, most challenging conservation project ever conceived by the Order of Arrow and the Boy Scouts of America," said Jake Wellman, national chief of the Order of the Arrow, in a news release.

Arrowcorps is the largest national service project since World War II and in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service, is working to conserve national forests around the country. Mark Twain National Forest in Rolla, Mo., George Washington and Jefferson national forests in Roanoke, Va., Shasta Trinity National Forest in Redding, Calif.; and Bridger-Teton National Forest in Jackson, Wyo., are all benefiting from the Scouts' services.

Scout leaders honor local officials *July 1, 2008*

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Huntington mayor Hilary Gordon, Commissioner Jeff Horrocks, BLM assistant field office director, Wayne Laidington, BLM Karl Ivory, forest service district ranger, Mesia Nyman and forest service representative John Healy receive their awards from John Fagan, scout leader.

Five hundred and fifty scouts, their leaders and instructors lived in Huntington for one week working on the tamarisk removal project. As they worked on their project and came to know a little about Emery County and the surrounding area, they had many remarks and comments about their experiences. The following remarks are some of their observances and experiences.

Tim Riedl, "I am from Dubuque, Iowa and am part of the instructor corp. There are 40 instructors and 12 are trained as sawyers. I work with the other boy scout volunteers and forest service volunteers. We have cleared 21 miles of tamarisk, (by June 18). It is exhausting work and I was on the Mark Twain forest, too. I am 20 years old. It is beautiful here, hot and dry. It's humid back where I come from. The landscape is beautiful. I want to come back in the future and see what the tamarisk look like. For our recreation, I went to the dinosaur museum and the bone quarry it was pretty neat. We also went to the wave pool in Price. They serve us good food, hot breakfasts and suppers and Philmont meals for lunch. These meals are prepackaged and are packaged at the scout ranch in New Mexico. We go back to Philmont between projects if we have time. We are also going to Shasta-Trinity and Bridger-Teton."

Some of the participants had been through Utah before and for some it was their first visit. But all said they would like to return some day. Many of the participants were going to stay in the area and surrounding areas for an extended vacation.

Andrew Furphy said, "The work is fun. You have to enjoy it. We are paying to be here to work and some people find that hard to believe."

Morgan Clark is from Ferron and working on the fence crew for the forest service for the summer. He worked on spraying the cut tamarisk on the project. The tamarisk were sprayed with birch bark spray which is absorbed through the bark and enters the plant killing the roots.

Marc Bucchieri is from Boston, Mass. He was able to attend the Order of the Arrow service project on a scholarship program. He is enjoying his time in Utah and said it was a little hotter here.

Robbie Brennan from Boston, Mass. said he came to the project with 14 other people in their group. He said it is very nice and beautiful here.

Derek Bankes from Bloomsburg, Penn. is 16 years old. He really likes it out here and he lives in the



Order of the Arrow scouts and leaders link arms and recite their Order of the Arrow theme.

country in Pennsylvania where it is really green. "I do like the desert here. It's fun meeting new people. It's very fun here."

The scouts weren't the only ones visiting the area. The Monticello district fire engine crew was also part of the chain saw gang. Terry Garver worked to sharpen blades on the chain saws. Kevin Kennedy was their group leader and they were camping at the basecamp at Buckhorn Draw so they didn't drive back and forth every day. Sarah Markley was also with this crew.

Lee Gaston one of the instructor corp said he would attend all the projects. At Buckhorn Draw he was working with safety and observing scouts to make sure they worked safely.

Jared Ruekberg from San Diego, Calif. said there just wasn't enough shade out there as he lounged under a tamarisk bush, which after lunch was going to be cut down. He didn't mind the heat, he said he was used to that.

As part of the safety routine the scouts would work 30-45 minutes depending on weather conditions and then have a 15 minute rest period. The scouts were instructed to drink one-two liters of water per hour.

Jim Nielsen is the Emery County Weed and Mosquito leader. He helped supervise the project and would go from group to group filling their spray bottles. Nielsen had a perma-grin across his face the entire week. "It's just a miracle. I was driving out here and couldn't see any tamarisk, it was just like someone had waved a magic wand." Nielsen appreciated the work completed by the scouts. With the resources available to his weed department Nielsen knows they

could never have accomplished a project of this magnitude. He will always be grateful for the scouts contribution.

Dave Dowty from Montgomery, Ala. and Tracy Schutze from San Diego, tracked down the media as they wandered among the scouts and volunteers. They said the scouts were way ahead of their goals. They were using mop up crews to cover additional areas beyond the projected areas for completion. The crews started at the Swinging Bridge and worked their way north. They completed Calf Canyon. To this point they only had one injury when a scout injured his thumb.

Dowty said safety has been their main priority. He feels the preparation and safety briefings each morning have led to the scouts working safely. They have stressed drinking water as the primary measure to guard against dehydration. The rest breaks guard against heat exhaustion.

Schutze said they have two safety teams that roam through the scouts keeping them safe. If they see any safety measures not strictly adhered to, they notify the instructors by radio. He also said temperatures were carefully monitored and it's been from 92-95 degrees. Scouts found working safely were given safety bucks to use at the trading post.

Dennis Worwood, county extension agent worked on the project spraying the stumps. He said it was good to have the boy scouts here. He worked spraying the tamarisk around Joe's Valley and spent the remainder of the days on the Swell. He said the spray they are using is relatively safe and non-toxic for animals and humans.



John Fagan presents Mark Rey with a memento of the scout project. He is the Undersecretary of Agriculture.

Vern Miller of Sugar Grove, N.C. said it's pretty awesome out here. "It's the best office in the world. Cutting tamarisk is pretty hard. With all the gear on it gets pretty hot. I am going to all five camps."

Ian Sawyer of Shawnee, Kan. said, "I am having the time of my life."

Dr. Bill Bodestab of Lihuehawaii, Hawaii, said the San Rafael area compares very favorably to the Grand Canyon.

The scouts were split into groups of manageable numbers. There were 16 in each crew and four scouts in a squad.

Cameron Locke, 15, from Murrieta, Calif. said "It's way hotter here. I am really enjoying the project. I've never been out of the state of California before. I thought it would be fun and a new experience. I am going to be a rock star when I grow up."

Bobby Cicero from Riverside County, Southern Calif. said, "The Order of the Arrow is about community service. It's a new experience that I wanted to be a part of. It has been awesome. We went to the wave pool and that was fun. We also play frisbee after dinner at camp. There's a recreation tent and we watched the Transformer movie. On my recreation day I went white water rafting and it was awesome."

Robert Leighow is from Bloomsburg, Penn. He brought eight scouts to the project and is enjoying it. This was his first trip to Utah and he plans to stay longer and tour the national parks in southern Utah. His wife was driving out from Pennsylvania to meet him and the scouts.

Russell Bresnahan is a crew leader, he keeps track of 15 scouts. He facilitates safety and after lunch each

day they have a leadership program where the scouts think about how conservation work helps everyone and affects those who will come after the scouts. Bresnahan is from St. Louis, Mo. "I love it here at this site and I love all the youth. The youth have been very cooperative. We have done an amazing amount of work. We have by far beat all expectations. The cooperation has just been amazing. Everyone has just been so helpful they have provided everything we need."

Dowty said the Philmont camp is in Cimarron, N.M. and is like a Disneyland for boy scouts. The camp is a high adventure base which spans 137,000 acres. Several scout camps and programs are held there each year. During the winter several ladies get together and package the lunches used for the scout camps and those lunches were used on the site at the Buckhorn. Some of the programs include mining and railroad instruction. The 40 instructor corp members were trained at Philmont.

Brad Pepper is one of the staff photographers for the event. He said, "It's just been wonderful, awesome and fantastic. A lot of hard work has made a world of difference. We got more done with less people than expected. The BLM and forest service are very pleased," said Pepper.

Maybe the person most responsible for the success of the tamarisk project is Ferron district ranger, Mesia Nyman. She said, "It's just amazing how much they got done. When I moved here six years ago the tamarisk were just starting to invade the Swell. I thought wouldn't it be nice if we could get rid of the tamarisk. One day I was in the office and there was a letter asking for submittal of possible projects for the forest. I had one day to write and submit a plan. I submitted the plan for tamarisk removal and also some historical photos of the tamarisk invasion. The plan was accepted and I was amazed. It's been three

years in the planning and we sent John Healy all over the country to the planning meetings in preparation for this project. It's been a time intensive project. In all we had 24 partners. It's just thrilling to see it done.

"The tamarisk was planted as a decorative plant and at one time it was planted by the agencies because they thought it was a good stabilizing plant. They didn't know what the affects would be. It spread without control. This project sets that invasion back 30 years. It's a miracle to get rid of those plants. They have cleared 33 miles and they started at the top of the drainage in Joe's Valley. The tamarisk are spread by animals and the wind. They are invading new country all the time. There are more tamarisk on the BLM ground. At the Swinging Bridge it was wall to wall tamarisk. The scouts nicknamed some of the tamarisk stands the black forest. They cut tamarisk up all the side canyons. Tamarisk are very hardy, you can't burn them they just come back.

"They have introduced beetles in some areas to help control tamarisk. But they don't get rid of them. The bug isn't native to our area either, but they say the beetle just eats the tamarisk and when they are gone the bug dies. The bug sucks the juice out of the tamarisk and they turn yellow. After three seasons of doing this the tamarisk is supposed to die. The local scouts are going to help keep the tamarisk down and treat those that come back or new stands. It's been a wonderful week and a dream come true. We have been looking forward to this for five years and couldn't have done it without these scout volunteers. We at the local level just don't have enough funding or man power to have an affect. This experience of the agencies working close together will lead to an even better relationship. We have seen how if we all work together it has a bigger affect than if we work separately. Most of these scouts had never been to Utah before and I talked to a lot of them that want to come back to Utah and cut tamarisk again," said Nyman.

Tour through nature

Boy Scouts converge on Virginia during a five-state project

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By Jay Conley

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Boy Scouts belonging to the Order of the Arrow walk on a trail they are building Thursday near the campgrounds at Lake Moomaw.



Steve Roberson of St. Johns, Mich., debarks a tree at Lake Moomaw during a volunteer work camp Thursday.

WARM SPRINGS -- Since his school year ended in May at the University of Missouri, Jack O'Neil has cleared trails, cut down trees, trimmed branches and camped under the stars in Missouri, Utah and now Virginia.

And he still has two more states to visit as he and hundreds of other members of the Boy Scouts of America's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow, complete the largest public-service project that Scouts have done since World War II.

The organization picked sites in five different states from a list supplied by the U.S. Forest Service that were marked as top priorities for a range of maintenance work. The project began June 7 in the

Mark Twain Forest in Missouri and ends Aug. 2 in the Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming, with stops in Utah and California along the way.

"Everything I need for 11 weeks is on my back," O'Neil, 19, said Wednesday as he worked to construct new campsites at Lake Moomaw in Bath County. "That's kind of neat and kind of odd to think about."

In all, about 750 Scouts, adult leaders, U.S. Forest Service personnel and volunteers are involved in the Virginia leg of the project. Scouts ranging in age from 14 to 21 paid \$250 each for the weeklong outing that concludes today. They set up camp at the Boy Scout Reservation near Goshen and at Sugar

Ridge Campground at Lake Moomaw. From there Scouts built and repaired an estimated 63 miles of the Alleghany Highland Trail in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests, built campsites and crafted an array of trail signs.

To become a member of the Order of the Arrow, Scouts have to demonstrate a range of camping and Scouting skills and be recommended for the honor by other troop members.

O'Neil is one of several youth Scout leaders who has worked on all five projects. He'll leave Saturday for the remaining projects in California and Wyoming.

"I'm in awe by it," O'Neil said of the chance to work on the entire project. "I get excited seeing the accomplishments of the other Scouts. Not many people get an opportunity to do this type of thing."

Craig Tripp, 17, a Scout from Bonsack in Roanoke County, said he didn't realize all that Lake Moomaw - - located about a two-hour drive from Roanoke, with 43 miles of undeveloped, wooded shoreline -- had to offer.

"This is my first time here," he said. "It's really a nice place."

Tim Beaty, a U.S. Forest Service liaison to the Boy Scouts who was on hand Wednesday at the lake, said the Scouts' week's worth of work on trails in Bath and Rockbridge counties will add up to about 50,000 hours.

"We equate that to almost be worth a million dollars. So we put a lot of value on what they produce for us," he said.

With a picturesque view of the lake in the background, Jake Wellman, a Scout from Albuquerque, N.M., who is the national chief of the Order of the Arrow, said the service project is an attempt by the Scouting organization to return to the heart of what Scouts want to do: camp and be of service to others.

"When you think of Scouting you think of camping, but on the national level, we've kind of gotten away from that," he said. "We've had a lot of conferences and meetings and training, which is very important to developing leaders, but we feel that it's important to return to nature and return to service. So that's why we're out here this summer and hopefully setting a precedent for years to come."

Scouts from all over the country are also making new friends as they enjoy recreational activities such as white-water rafting, swimming, hiking and sitting around the campfire at night.

"They're meeting guys from Cleveland, Miami, Colorado, and they're all becoming best friends," O'Neil said. "By the end of the week they're all going to have each others' phone numbers. Definitely I will stay in touch with my crew."

Scouts blaze trails

Hundreds of Boy Scouts labor in area national forest

June 27, 2008

By Christina M. Mitchell

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COVINGTON — It wasn't Nicholas Franz's first hike — just the first for which he'd built his own trail.

Hot and visibly dirty after hours of cutting trails, the Fishersville teen hiked 21 1/42 miles down a new section of path in the George Washington National Forest to reach the drop off point where he'd started work on Thursday morning. Nearby, small crews of men and boys trampled the freshly-turned earth, adding the final touches to the new walkways. Once complete, their work will double the length of a section of trail known as Peters Ridge.

Franz and hundreds of other Boy Scouts descended on the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest this week, working to cut and clear paths that will connect more than 63 miles of the Alleghany Highland Trail.

Similar work will take place in four other national parks this summer — all part of a massive, multi-state effort undertaken by the Scouts' honor society, the Order of the Arrow.

The project, called ArrowCorps5, is being hailed as the organization's largest service effort since World War II.

At Peters Ridge Trail, several new sections of path snaked up the forested slopes on the side of a gravel road, making the higher trails more accessible. Scouts in red hard hats traveled up and down the slopes, all stained with dirt and sweat. Some stopped to pick up extra water bottles before heading back up to other, more remote sites.

Several who stopped to talk said the work changed the way they viewed their hometown hiking trails.

"I can see that there's a lot of work that goes into these, (and) how hard it is to make them," said Franz, who listed backpacking among his favorite hobbies.

Fellow crewman Scott Roberts, 14, of Mansfield, Mass., said he wants to put his new trailblazing skills to use back home.

"I'm hoping one day to maybe do this for my own Scout camp," he said.

Without the Scouts, it would be impossible for the Forest Service to complete a project of this magnitude, said Ted Coffman, one of the forestry staff members on-site Thursday.

"When you look at the thousands of hours that the Scouts have contributed this week, we don't have the manpower to do these projects ourselves, and we rely a lot on partners and volunteers to get a lot of our projects accomplished," he said.

The new and extended trails will be multi-use, meaning they will be accessible to travelers on foot as well as those with bikes or horses.

Seth Toalson, 15, of Winston-Salem, N.C., said that the scope of what he and his fellow Arrowmen were able to accomplish this week inspired him.

"I came here because it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and we love to serve, that's what we do," Toalson said. "It's just so much fun to be able to accomplish something like this as a group."



Mission accomplished and more *June 24, 2008*

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Robbie Brennan, 16 from Boston, Mass. works to cut down tamarisk plants in the Buckhorn Draw.

A tired but still exuberant and enthusiastic group of Order of the Arrow scouts completed their tamarisk removal project and held their closing ceremonies on Friday evening. The actual work project began on June 16 and continued through June 20.

During the week they worked around Joe's Valley Reservoir and in the Buckhorn Draw in the bottom and up the side canyons. The scouts exceeded their goal and did so with less scouts than expected. Original numbers estimated 1,000 scouts would be able to attend the project but at the beginning of the event, 550 scouts actually made the trip to the Manti-LaSal service project.

At the closing ceremonies, John Fagan said, "We have had a blast. This has been the beginning of a journey. You have become the leaders of tomorrow. This has been an awesome week and you did it. You have been a vital part of Arrowcorps 5, the largest service project ever in the United States. It works out to 50 acres per person for tamarisk removal. Thirty-three miles of tamarisk removed, you have made a significant environmental change and you have saved three important areas to Utah and to our nation. You have made history and changed the future. But the impact has just begun. Three thousand more

Arrowmen will change the future with cheerful enthusiasm. I offer my sincere congratulations on this week of service," said Fagan.

Fagan also reminded the scouts they will receive a patch for their Arrowcorps service. He said to let this patch remind them of the work represented. "It is the experience that the patch represents that makes it worth something," said Fagan.

"Live a life of service, continue your service and lead others in service. Take that home with you. Let the arrow patch remind you of your service here. We will encounter each other again along this path," said Fagan.

Mark Rey the Undersecretary of the Department of Agriculture spoke to the scouts in their closing ceremony. He remarked the US Forest Service and the Boy Scouts are a lot alike. The forest service was founded in 1905 and the scouts in 1908. "I can't think of a better partnership. This is the largest service project in the history of the forest service," said Rey.

The project on all five forests equates to 250,000 man hours of service and the equivalent of \$5 million monetary value. Rey asked the scouts to consider



Lee Gaston will work all five projects this summer.

making the forest and land management a career. "You have built friends from around the country and learned about the resources. Most importantly you have spent a week working outdoors. Chief Abigail Kimbell wants young people to connect with nature and to have a love of the land. This work you have done goes beyond the value to the ecosystem. The lessons learned will continue for a lifetime. Through the next generation and beyond. Look back on this experience with satisfaction for a job well done and you were a part of it," said Rey.

Wayne Ludington of the Price Bureau of Land Management office spoke to the scouts. He said the BLM isn't as high a profile agency as the forest service but they are the largest land management organization. "You cleared 23 miles in the Buckhorn drainage which is one of the most high recreational use areas of the Swell. The Buckhorn is also a high resource area with eagles, mule deer and falcons. The work done will be a great help in restoring the area. Your work set back the invasion of the tamarisk and we will work to keep them out," said Ludington.

Brad Haddock the National Order of the Arrow chairman spoke to the scouts saying, "Together we have accomplished great things. I recognize all of you scouts who lived the scout law this last week." Haddock said the scouts have learned servant leadership. Servant leadership is when you aren't position conscious and are willing to serve and have the confidence to serve. Servant leaders will see where they can give service. They will initiate it on their own and a servant leader loves other people. "You have demonstrated that magnificently, I ask all of you to think about what you've learned and leverage what you've learned and take it home," said Haddock. He said that in the project beginnings 13 possible sites were identified and then narrowed down to five. "This site was chosen because we could

make a difference here. We recruited people to be on the national committee and those with a temporary lack of sanity agreed to the job," said Haddock. Haddock recognized two of those people, Tish and Jack Hess and presented a painting called "October Flight" to them for their efforts.

John Healy, Mesia Nyman, Wayne Ludington, Karl Ivory, Mayor Hilary Gordon and Canyon View Junior High were honored for their parts in the overall efforts. Fagan said they collected \$4,126 in the patch auction and donated that to the school as a thank you for letting the scouts use the school for one week.

The closing video likened the scouts to trees. Trees can protect, shade and offer meeting places. Trees offer signs of hope in a sometimes otherwise desolate landscape. "The only ones in this life who will truly be happy will be those who have found a way to serve; the simplest things we do for each other will make a difference. We have made this place a little better, where are you going to leave your mark?"

Stilwill encouraged the scouts to all plant a tree back home in memory of this project. The tree will grow and as it does you will remember your service.

The ceremony ended and Huntington City treated the scouts to ice cream and cookies outside the building.

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In talking with Jack Hess, event organizer, he said, "It went fantastic. We came into this project thinking we would have 1,000 scouts but we did twice the work and covered more acres with half the people. When I drove up Buckhorn Wash the other day, I thought, what a difference this has made. We have video and still pictures of how the tamarisk looked both before and after. I am tired, but exhilarated all at the same time. We've been here for 10 days now. I think it all ran smoothly, there were bumps and glitches. I wish we would have had 100 more scouts. Running three sites back to back was hard logistically with moving all the materials. They were in Missouri, then Utah and the 40 instructors left for Virginia yesterday. The Instructors Corp is a great group of

young men. They are like the middle management. They are trained sawyers, EMTs and they work with the scouts. Larry Davis with Canyon View Junior High has just been very cooperative. It is an amazing facility and worked well for us."

JJ Arnold, public relations director said, "This is youth in action. It has been a humbling experience watching this project unfold. It's a great program to watch these boys grow through participation and leadership. I enjoy giving back to an organization that has given me so much."

The scouts have come and gone, but their service and impact will be felt for many years to come.



Local Boy Scouts lend a hand in Utah forest land *June 24, 2008*

By Stacy Moore

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MORONGO BASIN — Two Boy Scouts from Joshua Tree’s troop 36, Jonathan Cambon and Johnathan Rakeshaw, and Alan Flug of Yucca Valley’s troop 180 chopped invasive tamarisk trees in Utah’s Manti-La Sal National Forest last week.

The scouts were part of a nationwide volunteer project called Arrow Corps 5, coordinated by the Order of the Arrow, which is the Boy Scouts’ National Honor Society.

“Arrow Corps 5 was the biggest service project for the Boy Scouts since World War II,” said Cambon.

Taking place through the summer, the effort will involve 5,000 scouts at five U.S. Forest Services sites across the country.

Cambon, Rakeshaw and Flug traveled to Manti-La Sal National Forest in southwestern Utah June 14 to June 21.

Each scout was tasked with taking down the tamarisk in a 50-acre plot.

Cambon, a 15-year-old who is home-schooled, explained why the trees were targeted: “It is an

invasive species that uses up lots of water and causes the natural species to die. It excretes a salty substance on the ground that prevents other plants from growing.”

The scouts surpassed their goal to remove 25 miles of tamarisk, ultimately covering about 33 miles, said Rakeshaw, a 17-year-old Yucca Valley High School senior.

“It was quite fun, going out there and helping the people there,” Rakeshaw said.

At nights, they camped with about 500 other Order of the Arrow members — called Arrowmen — on the football field of a local junior high school. Around 200 of the scouts were from the Inland Empire council, which sent the largest contingent to Mani Sol, Rakeshaw noted.

On their time off, the scouts could go mountain biking, whitewater rafting and hiking. The local boys really enjoyed their whitewater rafting trip. “It was almost like surfing at the ocean, said Flug, an 18-year-old who has been in scouting as long as he can remember.

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Focused on the future

Project called the organization's largest since World War II

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GOSHEN — The pencil-thin Boy Scout instructor standing atop the picnic table was stern in his warning: Any errant Scout caught using the sharp-toothed bow saw as a toy would be dealt with in a manner to make a prison warden appear the model of affability.

"I see you hit anything with this, I'll take it away from you," the instructor said, holding a saw aloft and giving it a shake for the two dozen attentive Scouts gathered around him. "This isn't a party. Well, it's a party, but not that kind of party."

What manner of party it was exactly was left unsaid — all the Scouts knew they were preparing for a work party, the kind of celebration thrown by boot-camp soldiers and chain gangs.

About 750 Boy Scouts from across the nation are encamped at the Goshen Boy Scout Reservation in Rockbridge County this week. Today, they will begin what is being called the organization's largest public-service project since World War II.

The thin-limbed Scouts, who like most boys in summertime seem perpetual-motion machines built of bent copper pipes and noise, plan to rebuild, reroute and repair 65 miles of hiking trails in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests.

They've been arriving since Thursday and after a Saturday-night downpour ("No leaky tents! Everything's going well!" said Scout spokesman Tad Templeton), they spent Sunday training with the tools they'll lug into the woods — shovels, saws, fire rakes, rock bars, picks and hoes.

The Scouts are all members of the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scouts of America's version of the National Honor Society. Members have to be voted into the order by their local troops in recognition of their camping and Scouting skills. Each Scout had to pay \$250 or more for the privilege of joining the volunteer labor pool for the project, dubbed ArrowCorps5.

While many of their non-Scouting pals are relaxing by the pool or listening to their iPods while lying on the couch, the campers plan to hike into the rugged, tree-covered land of mosquitoes and black bears around Lake Moomaw to begin their trail-clearing work on behalf of the U.S. Forest Service.

It's going to be hot.

"It's not thinking about your own interest, but really putting the Forest Service above us," said Patrick Rooney, a 19-year-old Boy Scout from Springfield. It's "thinking about our nation's future and the future of our nation's forests. That's really what the Order of the Arrow is all about."

Craig Tripp, a 17-year-old from Roanoke, said the order's guiding principles can be summed up in three words: brotherhood, cheerfulness and service. None of the Scouts, he said, is daunted by the challenge ahead: manual labor from today through Friday, on occasionally steep slopes in temperatures edging toward 90 degrees.

It's not all work. Each Scout gets to pick one day "to recreate," Tripp said. Options include canoeing, whitewater rafting, rock climbing, swimming, biking or hiking. Plus, there's a solid week of living in a tent and jawing by the evening campfire — even today, in a world

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awash in air conditioning and conveniences, it's considered good fun by many boys.

Still, Templeton noted, members of the Order of the Arrow know it's not about play, it's about service.

"It's a boy-run group, and they amaze me every time I'm around them," he said. "When you see them at work, you don't worry about the future of this country."

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The Salt Lake Tribune

Nationwide project sends boys to help Forest Service

Project is part of nationwide Order of the Arrow initiative sending Scouts to five national parks

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By Donald W. Meyers

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HUNTINGTON - Most teenagers see summer as a chance to sleep in and kick back.

But 500 Boy Scouts and their leaders spent the past week getting up at 6 a.m. and chopping trees for six hours a day. And they paid \$250 each for the privilege.

The Scouts, representing all 50 states, and 160 adult leaders were part of ArrowCorps5, the national Order of the Arrow's service project. It had 5,000 Scouts working in five national forests during a five-week period.

In Huntington, the Scouts - 42 were from Utah - were working in the Manti-La Sal National Forest, clearing tamarisk from Joes Valley and Buckhorn Wash. Along with helping the U.S. Forest Service and other agencies quash a noxious plant, the Scouts had an opportunity to fulfill the order's mission of providing cheerful service.

"I will be taking away a greater knowledge of service and what it means, and leadership," said Garth Winterton, a Boy Scout from Roosevelt.

ArrowCorps5 was founded five years ago, according to Ben Stilwill, the Order of the Arrow's national vice chief and a Scout from Lansing, Mich. The Forest Service and O.A. leaders discussed having a national service project and identified 13 national forests where Scouts could work.

The list was eventually winnowed to five places, Stilwill said.

In Utah, that meant clearing tamarisk, an invasive plant that poisons soil and sucks up water. Forest Service firefighters and older Scouts tackled the

larger trees with chain saws; younger Scouts armed with loping shears and handsaws finished off the saplings.

In their wake: piles of limbs and stumps painted green with herbicide.

J.J. Arnold, the O.A.'s public-relations director, said the Scouts' efforts have pushed back the tamarisk by 30 years, clearing the plant from 31 miles of Tamarisk facts

Tamarisk, also known as salt cedar, is an evergreen shrub that grows quickly.

It was introduced to the United States in the 1800s as an ornamental plant. It was also believed to be capable of stabilizing river banks from erosion.

But the plant sucks water out of the ground, sometimes draining streams and ponds. Karl Bott, a compliance specialist with the Utah Department of Food and Agriculture, said tamarisk plants can consume up to 300 gallons of water a day.

As the plant does this, it also brings salt to the surface of the soil, poisoning the ground for other plants, according to Roseann Fillmore, Manti-La Sal National Forest spokeswoman.

The Forest Service hopes that by removing tamarisk that some springs will come back, and other native plants will be able to reclaim the ground once occupied by tamarisk stands, Fillmore said.

Karl Bott, a compliance specialist with the state Department of Agriculture and Food, said the effort made a big difference.

"For those of us who have been here many years, it is a wonderful sight to see it gone," Bott said of the invasive tamarisk.

Huntington Mayor Hilary Gordon was impressed enough with the Scouts' enthusiasm and their willingness to perform a vital service for Emery County that she and the City Council were planning to serve ice cream and cookies.

"These boys are working their buns off for the county," Gordon said.

Even with the early mornings and grueling work in the summer heat, the Scouts The Order of the Arrow

The Boy Scouts of America's national honor society.

Founded by E. Urner Goodman and Carrol A. Edson in 1915, and became an official Boy Scout organization in 1934.

The organization's purposes are to recognize Scouts who exemplify the Scout Law and Scout Oath, develop camping traditions and foster a

lifestyle of cheerful service. More than 180,000 youth and adults are members of the order.

"They are taking a lot of pride in their work," Stilwill said. "They work every day in 90-degree heat and come back excited."

Roosevelt Scout Winterton said the work was hot and tiring, "but it was fun."

And it wasn't all work and no play.

Scouts took turns taking a day off for rest and recreation, going to the wave pool in Price, rafting on the Green River and riding mountain bikes. They also put on shows each night at Canyon View Junior High, where they also lived in a tent city.

ArrowCorps5 was Arthur Burnett's first visit to Utah, but he says it won't be his last - especially after trying his hand at mountain biking and seeing the sandstone cliffs at Buckhorn Wash.

"I may want to come back," said Burnett, a Scout from Palm Springs, Calif.

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Scouts will repair trails in Va. national forests

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By Sue Lindsey

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ROANOKE, Va. - The Boy Scouts of America's largest service project in more than half a century shifts to western Virginia next week.

Some 750 Scouts staying at Goshen Scout Camp will begin work Monday on more than 63 miles of trails in the George Washington and Jefferson national forests. The project is one of five across the nation.

The Scouts are all members of the organization's Order of the Arrow--an honor society of seasoned campers.

U.S. Forest Service spokesman Mike Tripp said Friday it would take federal workers several years to accomplish what the Scouts are undertaking in Virginia because of budget and manpower constraints.

"We're thrilled," he said.

Tripp said the Scouts plan to build 12 miles of new trails and repair others north of Covington in the Allegheny Highlands Multi-User Trail System, as well as construct several campsites.

If the experience at the first two work sites is any indication, the Scouts may be looking for extra work.

Jake Wellman of Albuquerque, N.M., the order's national leader, said Scouts accomplished their goal of clearing 33 acres of invasive trees at Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri on the first day. At Manti-La National Forest in Utah, he said, the goal of clearing invasive tamarisk shrubs was exceeded on the second day.

A group of leaders moves between each site, Wellman said, but each work group is comprised of different members.

By the time the projects at Shasta-Trinity forest in California and Bridger-Teton in Wyoming are completed, he said, the Scouts estimate they will have completed 250,000 service hours worth \$5 million.

"Anytime I'm able to give service out in nature, I feel very rewarded," said Wellman, 18. "Seeing almost 5,000 of my brothers, my friends doing the same thing ... makes me feel grateful."

The national forest project is the largest since the Boy Scouts were mobilized for service work during World War II.

Douglas County Herald

Ava Ranger District to Host Boy Scouts

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Mark Twain National Forest is one of five national forests across the country hosting Boy Scouts of America's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow's national conservation service project this summer. The Mark Twain Forest part of the project will take place on the Ava-Cassville-Willow Springs Ranger District south of Ava, in the Glade Top Trail area June 7-14.

Scouts will be working with Forest Service employees to restore up to 150 acres of glade ecosystem by removing invasive Eastern red cedar. Up to 1,000 Boy Scouts are expected to arrive at the project work site beginning Saturday, June 7.

"We are pleased to partner with the Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow and expect that this service project will greatly benefit the Mark Twain National Forest and enhance the visitor experience by helping restore natural glade ecosystems", said Paul Strong, acting forest supervisor, for the Mark Twain. Strong is a former Boy Scout and Order of the Arrow member himself.

"Forests play a unique role in meeting our Nation's future challenges associated with climate change, renewable energy, and sustaining abundant flows of fresh water to the American people," Strong said. "Because issues related to climate change and looming water shortages may take many years to resolve, the Forest Service is committed to instilling stronger land ethics in future generations by reconnecting people, especially our younger ones, with nature."

"Scouts from across the U.S. will be given an opportunity to make significant and positive impacts on the Mark Twain National Forest," said Matt Walker, ArrowCorps 5 Incident Commander for the Mark Twain project. "Participating Scouts have actively planned the ArrowCorps5 projects since April of 2004, as well as raised money to support the projects and to pay for their participation. In addition, they have trained alongside USFS employees in preparation for this project and have gained a greater respect for the management of their public lands as a result."

Walker went on to say, "Our youth must understand

why forests are so valuable so they will grow up as adult citizens who support wise conservation of our nation's natural resources. Some of these Scouts may very well become future leaders for the Forest Service and other Federal and State land management agencies."

ArrowCorps5 serves as a precursor to the Boy Scouts' 100th anniversary celebration in 2010. Other national forests selected for the project include the Manti-La Sal, Utah (June 14-21); George Washington-Jefferson, Virginia (June 21-28); Shasta-Trinity, California (July 12-19); and Bridger-Teton, Wyoming (July 26-August 2). The five projects include ecosystem restoration, invasive plant and tree removal, trail construction and maintenance, bridge work, campsite improvements, erosion and weed control, and fence removal. ArrowCorps5 is the largest national conservation service project undertaken by the Boy Scouts of America since World War II, and the largest volunteer service project ever for the Forest Service. It will include an estimated 5,000 members of the Order of the Arrow performing more than 250,000 man hours of service during the summer of 2008 valued at almost \$5 million.

The Boy Scouts of America serves nearly 4.7 million young people between 7 and 20 years of age with more than 300 councils throughout the United States and its territories. It is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training. For more information on the Boy Scouts of America, visit <http://www.scouting.org/>.

Mark Twain National Forest, established by Presidential Proclamation on Sept. 11, 1939, is 1.5 million acres of public lands in 29 counties across the southern half of Missouri. These public lands comprise 11 percent of all forested land in the state. The national forest is diverse in vegetation, geological features, water resources, and wildlife. It includes seven federally designated wildernesses and numerous historical and archaeological sites.

For more information about the Mark Twain National Forest go to www.fs.fed.us/r9/marktwain.



Assault on the Tamarisk

June 2008

By Patsy Stoddard, Editor

So why the assault on the seemingly innocent looking tamarisk? Well, according to Emery County Weed and Mosquito, main man, James Nielsen, the tamarisk is far from innocent. It is guilty of sucking gallons of water from the ground and wasting it.

Nielsen said, "We are trying three herbicides today to see which works the best on the tamarisk stumps. We are experimenting to find which herbicide we will use next year when the tamarisk reduction project takes place. The tamarisk is a non-native species which uses considerable amounts of water. They cause significant damage to surrounding vegetation by using all the water and choking out the native vegetation. They are spread rapidly by their seed. The seeds disperse and move all over. Those here in the Buckhorn are believed to have come from along the Colorado River."

"The tamarisk is really strong wood and many ranchers make fence line stays out of it. Some of what's cut out here might be used for that purpose. Some will be left to burn by campers and some will be chipped and left in place.

"We will check the stumps periodically through the summer and next spring to see if they are dead. During the project my department will be here treating the stumps and Carbon County is also working with us on this project. We are flagging the area with different color flags so we know which chemical was used in which area. We have also been working with biological control of the tamarisk and we have had good luck with that. The beetles have worked at removing foilage from the branches. Once the foilage is removed that kills the tamarisk. The tamarisk isn't listed on the noxious weed list so we have had very few resources in dealing with them. This scout project will be a big help. You just can't also come back, the chemical we use on the stumps will not kill the grasses.

get the kind of manpower expected to be here next June. We are excited about this project.

"We are really having good luck with the insects eating the foilage. It usually takes years to see results,

but we are seeing results of defoliation in just two-three years. We have just worked on the tamarisk as we have had time. The tamarisk has been a weed of concern for a long time. They have been invasive and crowded out the native specie. In some places if the water is available the tamarisk can take in 200 gallons of water and release it into the air each day.

"In some places when tamarisk is removed, then springs will reappear; the tamarisk pulls the water out before it even reaches the surface. For that reason tamarisk removal has come to the forefront. Water is a precious commodity. Our problem is we just haven't had the manpower to deal with the tamarisk. We are just tickled to death to have the scouts come out and do this project. We have three full time people who will be working with the scouts the entire time they are here. This use of free manpower (scout power) will benefit the whole county.

"We are doing this experiment with the chemicals to see which works the best. If the Buckhorn Wash project is completed then the scouts can move to the area around Buckhorn Reservoir and other places with ponds that have tamarisk growing around them. But, the Buckhorn Draw area will be completed first and we'll go from there.

"After the tamarisk is removed, then the native vegetation will come back along the river. The willows, grease woods, sage brush and rabbit brush will have a chance to re-establish. The grasses will

"The roots of the tamarisk run deep and bring up the salt in the soil which surrounds the tamarisk. This changes the chemical makeup of the soil and it's hard for plants to re-establish themselves in the soil where

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tamarisk has been because of the salt content of the soil. Tamarisk changes soil conditions to favor itself. It was first brought here for ornamental purposes and some people thought it would be good to control erosion. We have found this isn't true and where tamarisk stands are found there are steep banks where sloping banks used to exist. The tamarisk doesn't hold the sand in place. The tamarisk changes the whole

habitat surrounding a stream the way it affects the water flow," said Nielsen.

Emery County will receive a boost from the Order of the Arrow scouts and their efforts will go a long way to thwart the tamarisk problem in the area. Each day the scouts work will set the tamarisk back 50 years in their threat to invade the county.



Scouts to reroute, repair national forest trails *May 24, 2008*

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GOSHEN, Va. - More than 1,000 Boy Scouts are expected to arrive in western [Virginia](#) next month to help repair and reroute more than 40 miles of national forest trails.

Members of the Boy Scouts of America's Order of the Arrow--an honor society of seasoned campers--are scheduled to begin arriving on June 20 at the Goshen Scout Camp in [Rockbridge County](#). They'll spend more than a week in the George Washington and Jefferson national forests on tasks such as fixing and rerouting the Alleghany Highlands Multi-User Trail System, building campsites and adding trails.

The trail system will connect federal and state lands, according to Linda Brett, acting supervisor for the national forests.

Boy Scout officials said the mission is the organization's largest service project since World War II.

Richmond Times-Dispatch

Boy Scouts Va.-Bound to Work on Trails

1,000-plus expected at forest, in group's biggest service project in decades
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By Rex Bowman, Staff Writer

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More than 1,000 Boy Scouts are expected to descend on western Virginia next month to take part in what the organization calls its biggest service project since World War II -- the rerouting and repair of 43 miles of trail in a national forest. Members of the Boy Scouts of America's Order of the Arrow, an honor society of seasoned campers, plan to spend more than a week to complete the project in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests.

Doug Fullman, an associate regional director of the Boy Scouts based in New Jersey, said the Scouts will repair and reroute the 42.7-mile Alleghany Highlands

Multi-User Trail System; build up to eight campsites and add trails at Sugar Ridge and Lake Moomaw; and build fire rings, tent pads, 86 information signs and picnic tables in the project area.

The Scouting organization has been planning the logistics of the project, dubbed ArrowCorps5, since April 2004.

Linda Brett, acting supervisor for the national forests, said the battalion of Scout volunteers is providing a valuable service to the forest and its visitors, creating a trail system that will connect federal lands with state lands.

The Scouts are expected to begin arriving at the Goshen Scout Camp in Rockbridge County on June 20. They raised money to support the project and pay for their participation. Fullman said each Scout paid \$250 to take part and that Boy Scouts of America is paying between \$250 and \$500 per participant to cover other costs.

The Scouts have also trained with U.S. Forest Service employees in preparation for their week of labor, Fullman said.

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Scouts Launch Largest Service Project Since WWII

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REDDING – The Boy Scouts of America's national honor society plans to conduct its largest public service project since World War II at five national forests this summer.

The agreement with the U.S. Forest Service calls for 5,000 members of the Scouts' Order of the Arrow to provide more than 250,000 hours of conservation work over five weeks.

The forests are Shasta-Trinity in California; Mark Twain in Missouri; Manti-La Sal in Utah; George Washington and Jefferson in Virginia; and Bridger-Teton in Wyoming.

The scouts and forest service said in an announcement Thursday that the scouts will remove invasive plants, build trails, bridges and campsites, and work on erosion-control, among other projects.

Shasta-Trinity Forest Supervisor Sharon Heywood says the scouts will help maintain 69 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail and 31 miles of other trails.

The project comes ahead of the scouts' 100th anniversary celebration in 2010.



Boy Scouts' forest project to be largest since World War II

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DALLAS (AP) - The Boy Scouts of America announced a summer forest conservation effort Tuesday that will mark its largest national service project since World War II.

About 5,000 Scouts will take part in projects such as ecosystem restoration and trail construction at national forest sites in Missouri, Utah, Virginia, California and Wyoming.

The Irving, Texas-based Scouts will begin the five-week project in June.



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00:12:15 More than 20 local **Boy Scouts** and leaders are wrapping up a week of service in the Tetons. The scouts from the Greensboro area helped build trails in the Teton-Bridger National Forest. Their work is part of Arrow Corp-5, service put on by the **Boy Scout's** honor campers. 00:15:15



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[CC] 00:12:34 More than a dozen local **boy scouts** and leaders are in the tetons of Wyoming. The scouts are taking part in Arrow Corp 5. It's a service project by the honor camping arm of the **Boy Scouts** of America. This is the 5th, week-long service project of the summer. A few weeks ago another set of local scouts helped out in Virginia. In the tetons our scouts will join with hundreds of others in clearing trails, improving campsites and doing erosion control. Check out the story on dig triad.com for more photos thru-out the week, and for updates from the boys. 00:15:34



News 13 at 10
July 27, 2008

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K2 News At Five

July 27, 2008

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Thursday Evening Fire Update

July 17, 2008

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"Part of what's going to be happening here, and we will be showing you this, is the president will be giving some awards to three Eagle Scouts, who have already met the president and greeted him when he arrived today. Alex Braden, Mark Hendricks and Jake Wellman. They will have the privilege of receiving these awards from President Bush." **Anchor**

"I want to thank the Boy Scouts. We've got three Scouts here who are representative of a bunch of Scouts who are working on the Healthy Forest Initiative and are helping make sure these firefighters don't have to deal with some of these hot blazes the way they have in the past." **President Bush**



“6:00 – 7:00 AM”

July 18, 2008

[CC] 00:54:44 President Bush surveyed some of the damage from the California wildfires....I want to thank them for their courage. " I want to thank everyone who has worked long hours here. I thank the **Boy Scouts**, we have three scouts here who are representative of a bunch of scouts working on the healthy forest initiative and making sure that they do not have to deal with some of these hot blazes the way they did in the past.
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(CBS, Los Angeles)
July 17, 2008

00:56:33 President Bush: Radio host discusses the California wildfires. SB; Radio host says President Bush took a tour of wildfires in California and also met with the **Boy Scouts**.
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“News 10 at 5:00”
(ABC 10, Sacramento/ Stockton/ Modesto)
July 17,2008

[CC] 00:04:35 The President's order of business when he got off Air Force One was to catch up with three eagle scouts. He presented them with a service award. We caught up with the three this morning. We asked them that they thought about getting to meet President Bush. “ He is recognizing us for our leadership for this project, which is the largest service project the **Boy Scouts** have completed since World War II.” 00:07:35



“Eyewitness News at 5:00”

(ABC 7, Los Angeles)

July 17, 2008

00:00:13 President Bush: President Bush met with firefighters who battled wildfires in California. GR: Wildfires. Bush and Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger surveyed the fire scenes. V: Live in St. Helena at the Sutter Homes Main Street Winery. V: Bush and Schwarzenegger meeting with firefighters. Diane Feinstein was also on the trip. V: Tour of fire scene. PC; Bush says the government will respond to the fires. PC; Schwarzenegger, Republican from California, talks about the fires. V: Bush with **Boy Scouts**, including Alex Raiden. Bush will be a Republican National Committee fundraiser. Nannette Miranda reporting. 00:02:37



“8:00 – 10:00”

July 17, 2008

[CC] 00:26:52 President Bush in Redding, CA: ... I want to thank the **Boy Scouts**. We have three **scouts** here who are representative of a bunch of **scouts** who are working on the healthy forest initiative and helping make sure these firefighters do not have to deal with some of these places the way they have in the past. 00:29:52



The Good Morning Show
(CBS 2, Greensboro, Winston-Salem)
July 2, 2008

[CC] 00:49:51 More than a dozen boys scouts and leaders from the triad are back after a very tiring week. The scouts took part in arrow-corp 5, it's the largest service project by the Boy Scouts of America since World War 2. They just wrapped up a week's worth of work in the western part of Virginia, you can see by these photos, that the work wore out the local scouts. Donald Myers and his son Travis from Lexington let us in on what it was like. They say it was very hard, but very rewarding. While they were there they built new trails linking the state park to trails in the national forest. Another group of local scouts will be going out west for another week of service at the end the month. 00:50:43



News 2 at 11:00
(CBS 2, Greensboro, Winston-Salem)
July 1, 2008

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The Good Morning Show – 5 and 6 a.m.
(CBS 2, Greensboro, Winston-Salem)
June 26, 2008

[CC] 00:38:36 Clearing rocks, building trails, it may not sound fun, but more than a dozen local **Boy Scouts** and their leaders volunteered to do that this week. The Scouts are part of Arrow-Corp-5, it's the largest service project ever in the national forests. This week the local scouts are helping several hundred others in the Washington-Jefferson National Forest in western Virginia. We want to thank webb a they, one of the leaders from Lexington, for getting us these photos and the information, another group of local Scouts will be going out west for another week of service in July. 00:41:36



Good Morning Virginia
(ABC 13, Roanoke, Lynchburg)
June 25, 2008

[CC] 00:08:18 Turning now to a service project of a different kind. Scouts from all 50 states are in town. They are repairing miles of trails in the Washington and Jefferson National Forests. It's the biggest service project for the **Boy Scouts** since World War II. Amber Davison talked with some of those boys who say they're excited be a part of this massive undertaking. For many teenage boys, this isn't the most glamorous way to spend a week of their summer vacation, but these **Boy Scouts** are part of the Order of the Arrow Honor Society. And they're enjoying having sore muscles. Chris Rafferty, **Boy Scout** from Orlando: Just to know that people will be using this trail that we've never met and never will meet. We probably won't even have the opportunity to hike this trail, but still, it's pretty cool. The boys are repairing miles of trails in the Alleghany Highlands. The US Forest Service says they are very grateful for the help. It would've taken them years to do what the boys are doing in just one week. 00:11:18



WSET News At 6:00 PM
(ABC 13, Roanoke, Lynchburg)
June 24, 2008

[CC] 00:08:23 It's the largest service project for the **Boy Scouts** since World War II. Nearly 800 scouts from all 50 states are repairing miles of trails in the Washington and Jefferson National Forests. The teens involved are part of the Order of the Arrow, the **Boy Scouts** Honor Society, and they hope to bring the lessons they're learning here in Virginia back home. Gil Rogers, project supervisor: Anybody can participate in a conservation project with a local community organization and come out and help build trails, cut down trees, do erosion control, but it's really the opportunity for our scouts to really get advanced leadership skills they can take back to their home councils. Chris Rafferty, **Boy Scout** from Orlando: Just to know that people will be using this trail that we've never met and never will meet. We probably won't even have the opportunity to hike this trail, but still, it's pretty cool. 00:11:23



WDBJ News At Noon
(CBS 7, Roanoke)
June 24, 2008

[CC] 00:13:02 By the end of this week there will be a lot more hiking trails to maneuver through in this area. Virginia is one of five states getting the new additions and for a special group of men making it happen, it's all a labor of love. News 7's Hollani Davis has the story. They've come from all walks of life but for the next week more than 700 **Boy Scouts** are calling Rockbridge County home. "I'm dead tired. It was a long day of work." The group is tackling its largest service project since World War II, building new trails and fixing up old ones, about 60 miles in all in the Allegheny Highlands and near Lake Moomaw. "It would have taken forest service probably several years to get the work accomplished." Once the work is done for the day everyone comes back here for dinner. As you can see there is enough food to feed an army, 400 lbs of pork, 820 lbs of chicken, 60 gallons of ice tea and 30 gallons of coffee. 00:16:02



WDBJ News At 6:00 AM
(CBS 7, Roanoke)
June 24, 2008

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8 News At 4:30 PM
(ABC 8, Richmond/Petersburg)
June 20, 2008

[CC] 00:19:55 The **Boy Scouts** of America is creating more than 63 miles of trails in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forests. Work starts next week, with 750 scouts committed to the project. Park officials say it will take several years for the scouts to complete everything. We're told they're building new trails and repairing others. 00:22:55



News 7 at 12:00 PM
(CBS 7, Roanoke/Lynchburg)
June 19, 2008

[CC] 00:30:54 It's the largest service project since World War II. Tomorrow hundreds of **Boy Scouts** from across the country will be descending on the Goshen Scout Camp in Rockbridge County. Next week, they'll begin a project to repair and reroute national forest trails. It's about 75 miles. We're doing trail work at the James River section of the Jefferson Forest. And, there's another group that's going to be over at Lake Momaw and the Warm Springs area. They will also add and build campsites. Other scouts will work on similar projects in Missouri, Utah, Wyoming and California. Scout officials and volunteers have been planning this project for four years.
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News 7 at 6:00 PM
(CBS 7, Roanoke/Lynchburg)
June 18, 2008

[CC] 00:09:16 Still to come here on News 7 at Six, you see those MP3 players almost everywhere but those tunes might be causing permanent damage. Plus Boy Scouts begin one of their largest projects in decades and they're already piling in to the Highlands. 00:12:16

[CC] 00:13:37 Hundreds of Boy Scouts from across the country are about to start working on the organization's largest service project since World War II. Friday the scouts will arrive at the Goshen Scout Camp in Rockbridge County. Next week they'll begin a project to repair and reroute national forest trails. It's about 75 miles. We're doing trail work at the James River section of the Jefferson Forest. And there's another group that's going to be over at Lake Momaw and the Warm Springs area. 00:16:37



The Breakfast Show, 6 a.m.
(CBS 12, Paducah/Cape Girardeau/Carterville)
June 10, 2008

[CC] 00:53:58 The MU Center for Agriforestry researchers look at thousands of phytochemicals embedded within the red cedar. They call it a chemical soup. There are many different chemicals that we are essentially breaking out to find out what their potential uses are, whether that's against insecticides, fungicides, anti-cancer and so forth. The research so far has pinpointed two antibacterial chemicals in the red cedar plus other phytochemicals shown to prevent melanoma. MU Forestry researcher Chung-Ho Lin says the tree chemicals are safe for the skin, making it possible to be used in skin care products. Phytochemicals from red cedar might have the potential to create a new industry in Missouri. The challenge is isolating enough of the pure chemical for cosmetic and pharmaceutical use. Maybe finally shedding its bad reputation as a weed tree. In Columbia, Kent Faddis, Heartland News. Despite the research, about a thousand Boy Scouts are scheduled to work with the forest service this summer to remove the eastern red cedar from 150 acres of the Mark Twain National Forest. 00:56:58



The Breakfast Show, 5 and 6 a.m.
(CBS 12, Paducah/Cape Girardeau/Carterville)
June 5, 2008

[CC] 00:33:18 The Mark Twain National Forest is about to be invaded by the Boy Scouts. The forest service says 1 thousand Boy Scouts will be working on a conservation project this summer. The scouts are expected to work with agents to remove the invasive eastern red cedar from 150 acres of the forest. 00:36:18



Aug. 4, 2008

As a guest on the Gerry House Radio Show, Bob Mazzuca talked about the 5,000 Boy Scout executives that are currently in Nashville, Tenn. for the National Leadership Training Conference. Mazzuca also told the hosts about his recent experience with the ArrowCorps5 service project.

When asked how he defines the current state of the organization, Mazzuca told the hosts that BSA is coming up on its 100th anniversary. The Boy Scouts dealt with two major events over the past few months, referring to the tornado that struck Little Sioux Scout Ranch in Iowa and the ArrowCorps5 service project.

Mazzuca said these events are helping the Scouts to take their destiny back in their own hands and reintroduce America to the real boy scouts.

Both radio hosts were scouts when they were kids, and said they think it's a good thing for kids to get together and learn how to do things.

Mazzuca said the organization is more than about learning to tie knots; it's about teaching boys character, leadership, integrity, responsibility.

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Freshman Honored for Scout Service

September 16, 2008

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By: Hunter Riley

UNM freshman Jake Wellman was honored last week by President Bush and California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger for his work with the Boy Scouts' ArrowCorps5 project.

In December, Wellman's peers elected him to be national chief of the Order of the Arrow, which allowed him to help oversee five nationwide service projects this summer.

He teamed up with nearly 5,000 adults and Boy Scouts his age and younger to clean up sites such as the Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri.

Brad Haddock, Wellman's adviser, said the project this summer was a huge success, in spite of the tremendous amount of work needed at each site.

"We finished more work than we had planned doing at each of the sites," he said. "We were very fortunate to have Jake as the chief."

Participants in the ArrowCorps5 project were not paid for their work. In fact, they had to pay \$250 dollars a week to work on a site, Haddock said. After the fees were collected, the Boy Scouts raised money through private grants, corporate grants and individual donations. They did not receive government funding.

In total, the ArrowCorps5 project raised nearly \$2.5 million, Haddock said.

The Boy Scouts also received nonmonetary donations, he said. The town of Redding, Calif., gave the project 1,200 gallons of gasoline to carry workers to and from work sites.

Haddock said most of the funding the scouts

received was not directed toward any one work site but went to fund the project as a whole.

Wellman said this summer's project was the largest the Boy Scouts have ever done.

"It was a week inside the National Forests, and we did pretty much whatever the (National Forests) wanted us to do," Wellman said.

The Boy Scouts helped the U.S. Forest Service by clearing pathways, getting rid of potentially dangerous trees and plants and building new places for people to put their tents, Wellman said.

Haddock said Wellman was completely in touch with what was going on at each site and knew what needed to be done most urgently.

"At one service project, we removed 22 tons of illegal garbage in the woods," Haddock said.

Haddock said Wellman is one of the youngest national chiefs the Order of the Arrow has had, but everyone was very receptive to him.

"The amazing thing about it was Jake is very good at relating to the youth and the adults," Haddock said. "He would get out there and work - a lot of the youth and adults wouldn't know he was the national chief."

Wellman, along with two other Boy Scouts, received the president's Volunteer Service Award this year, presented by Bush and Schwarzenegger.

"It was really cool to meet them, and they were really supportive of the Boy Scouts," Wellman

said.

Patrick Rooney, a friend of Wellman's, worked with him at a service project site in Virginia this summer. Rooney said Wellman's presence at the site was great motivation for everyone working there.

"Given the nature of Jake's position, a lot of people were very glad to have him there," he said. "He talked with a lot of the people there, and everyone I talked to was really glad to have him there."

Rooney said Wellman went to different crews

each day and got to know the campers. "He met most of the kids there, and most of them didn't know who he was until he gave a speech at the end of the week," Rooney said.

Throughout all five service project sites in the nation, Haddock said the Boy Scouts worked about 280,000 hours, in part because of Wellman's inspiration.

"He really has a strong purpose, and he was out there working with us every week," Haddock said. "He was very humble and very interested in making a difference."

Local Scouts Help Complete Largest National Service Project Since WWII

September 15, 2008

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Scouts from Troop 206 of Heflin were among hundreds of other volunteers for a national call to service.

The Boy Scouts of America National Honor Society, the Order of The Arrow, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service recently conducted ArrowCrops, a national conservation service project.

Three scouts and three adult leaders from Troop 206 of Heflin made up six of the 35 member Alabama delegation who participated in this historic effort.

Scouts Matthew Swafford, Jonathan Fordham and Hunter Dryden along with Scoutmaster Gary Wright and Assistant Scoutmasters Jim Edwards and Bill Cavender joined 1,000 other members of the Order of the Arrow from across the nation at the Bridger-Teton National Forest in Jackson Hole, Wyoming on July 26.

“ArrowCorps was the largest, most complex, most challenging conservation project ever conceived by the Order of the Arrow and the Boy Scouts of America,” said 18-year-old Jake Wellman, national chief of the Order of The Arrow.

“This project provided a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each participant to set an example of leadership in service to those who treasure our national forests.”

Scouts were given an opportunity to make significant and positive impacts on national forests while fulfilling a commitment to provide service and leadership to the nation.

Troop 2006 and fellow Scouts have actively

planned ArrowCrops service projects since April of 2004.

Scouts have raised money to support the projects and pay for their participation in the program, training alongside USFS employees in preparation for this project.

The ArrowCrops projects included ecosystem restoration, invasive species removal, trail construction and maintenance, bridge work, campsite improvements, erosion and weed control and fence removal.

Another historic moment for Troop 206 occurred during the project when troop Scoutmaster Gary Wright handed over the reigns of the troop to Assistant Scoutmaster Jim Edwards.

Wright has served as Scoutmaster of the troop since 1977 with Edwards having served as his assistant since 1998.

Edwards is a licensed therapist who works for the Cleburne/Calhoun Mental Health Board as a supervisor and a prior Scoutmaster of Troop 147 of Jacksonville.

Troop 206 meets every Monday night at 7 p.m. in the basement of the American Legion Hall near the intersection of highways 9 and 78 in Heflin.

“Scouting is an excellent leadership development opportunity to assist boys ages 11 to 18 in their journey towards manhood. Interested parties are always welcomed to attend meetings to find out more about the local program,” said Troop 206 Committee Chairman Steve Swafford.

Local Scout Leader Part of National Program *September 10, 2008*

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By: Paul Waldschmidt



Jim Lewis (left), a Sand Springs Boy Scout leader, visits with Chief Scout Executive Robert Mazzuca. Lewis and other Scout volunteers were part of a national service project this summer at Bridger-Teton National Forest. - Contributed by Bruce Levitt

Boy Scout leader Jim Lewis is back in Sand Springs with tales to tell about about the largest national service project undertaken by the Boy Scouts of America since World War II.

The project, at National Forest sites in Missouri, Virginia, Utah, California, and Wyoming, involved thousands of adult leaders and Scouts.

Lewis, an assistant Scoutmaster with Sand Springs Boy Scout Troop 507 and associate advisor for the BSA Order of the Arrow Section 8, was one only three volunteers from Oklahoma who were part of the 1,100-man team that traveled to the Bridger-Tetons site near Jackson Hole, Wyo.

The U.S. Forestry Service said the project, at five National Forest sites, with 5,000 Scout volunteers, over a five-week period, was the largest of its kind ever done for the Forestry

Service by a volunteer organization.

The Scouts, both adults and youths, were members of the Order of the Arrow, a national BSA service and honor society.

Nationally, the work ranged from invasive species removal to trail building. In Wyoming, Lewis was a squad leader with five adults and youth, who worked at Gros Vente, a backcountry site about 38 miles from Jackson Hole.

"Our primary task was removing barbed wire fence that had been installed in the 1950s and '60s when the area was used for ranching but now interferes with wildlife migration," Lewis said.

On the last day, his crew "did a little trail building," Lewis said.

The area was so remote, his crew used pack mules to haul the wire and fence posts out of the area, Lewis said.

All three crews in Wyoming together built more than 12 miles of trails, took down five miles of eight-foot high sheep fencing and approximately five miles of barbed wire, he said.

"This was an incredible experience," Lewis said, "because of the self discovery that took place and the bonds of friendship and the legacy we left behind in the long-term significance and impact on the environment."



This a view of the Teton Mountains in Wyoming at sunset where Jim Lewis, a Sand Springs Boy Scout leader and his crew, camped while on a national service project. At night, the temperature dropped to less than 20 degree and warmed into the 80s during the day, he said. - Photo submitted

Blue Water Arrowmen Donate to National Forest Service *August 28, 2008*

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By: Carl Rodgers



Back row left to right Alex Allen, Austin Brywig, Carl Rodgers, Dale Brywig Front row left Steven Brickel, Dave Lesinski Lodge Advisor (Wyoming Wilderness Local Volunteers)

Eight local Boy Scout Order of the Arrow members donate a week of their time to help the U. S. Forest Service in Bridger-Teton National Forest. Alex Allen, Steven Brickel, Austin Brywig, Dale Brywig, James Lavallo, David Lesinski, Carl Rodgers, and Travis Thomson of the Blue Water Council Boy Scouts Honor Society, Chicagamee Lodge traveled to Jackson Hole, Wyoming to take part in the largest service project since the Great Depression.

The Arrow Corp 5 was a cooperative effort between the U. S Forest Service and the Boy Scouts of America, Order of the Arrow to help five national parks build trails, control evasive species, and repair damage to the National Parks by unauthorized off road vehicle use. Five thousand Arrowmen donated one week of the time and labor to help the U. S. Forest Service. Starting June 7-14 at Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri, then Manti-La Sal National Forest in Utah, and G. Washington & Jefferson National Forest in Virginia rounded out the month of June. July started with Shasta-Trinity National Forest in California and The Bridger-

Teton National Park ended the five-week volunteer effort.

Our local volunteers worked in the Gros Ventre (Grow Vont), Wyoming wilderness area. They were in a remote satellite camp 35 miles up into the mountains at 8,600-ft. elevation. Each morning came early as they rose at 5:30 AM to walk a mile to a river crossing that was aided by a Unimog military vehicle. They would climb in and be transported through the river to vehicles that would take them deeper back into the mountains where they would hike some more and walk across three more streams to get to the work site. There they removed five miles of barbwire fence in the first two days to help the migration of antelope, elk and moose in their winter migration routes. The next few days they repaired trails, built a horse-riding trail up a mountain, and built wooden fence parking structures to prevent unauthorized off road use of the area.

Seven hundred other volunteers worked from the Jackson Hole, High School location to build 12 miles of mountain bike trails over the Teton Pass in the Bridger-Teton National Park. The trail will be called the "Arrow Trail" in honor of the huge volunteer effort donated by the Order of the Arrow members.

Normally a project of this size would take the Forest Service years to accomplish. Linda Merigliano, wilderness trails coordinator for the Bridger-Teton National Forest said, "To build 12 miles of trail in a week is a monumental task." The Arrowmen accomplished this and more in a week.

Lesley Williams, Bridger-Teton National Forest Service Incident Commander said, "This week has been a memorable one for all of us on the Bridger-Teton. We have all delighted in hosting

you on our forest and working with you as you completed the last of your 2008 Arrow Corps 5 projects. You did good work and you not only impressed me and the rest of the Forest Service, but the Community of Jackson Hole as well.” There were 24,000 hours of work accomplished without a single injury. The Forest Service estimates the value of hours of service at over \$1,000,000 donated by the Boy Scouts of America.

The contingent toured Yellowstone National Park, Mount Rushmore, and other interesting sites in route back to Michigan. If you want your son or daughter to have these opportunities contact your local Boy Scout Troop.



Boy Scout Travels to Wyoming

August 26, 2008

[Link to article](#)

By: Sven Rundman

Storm Rundman, a Scout from Troop 199 in South Stafford, and his father, were among the 1,000 Boy Scouts and adult leaders from across the nation to finish the largest public service project on U.S. National Forest land.

Five projects made up ArrowCorps5, conducted by the Boy Scouts of America, Order of the Arrow.

The final project site was located on the Bridger-Teton National Forest in Jackson, Wyo. The Rundmans participated in this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

During the course of the weeklong project, Storm, along with the other Scouts and leaders,

completed more than 34,000 hours of service time building or rebuilding 12 miles of hiking, biking, and horse trail; removing vegetation fencing that has hindered the annual elk migration; and helped to repair damage from off-road vehicles.

Other Scouts and leaders from the surrounding Fredericksburg community previously participated in the ArrowCorps5 site on George Washington & Jefferson National Forest in Virginia.

The other ArrowCorps5 projects included the Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri, the Manti-LaSal National Forest in Utah, and the Shasta-Trinity National Forest in California.

Scouts Participate in Conservation Project

August 24, 2008

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Scouts of the East Carolina Council Pose for a photo during a conservation project called ArrowCorps5.

Scouts of the East Carolina Council recently participated in the largest conservation project in the history of the Boy Scouts of America.

Through a partnership with the Forest Service, more than 5,000 Scouting volunteers divided into five groups and spent a week in each of the five national forest regions, providing more than 250,000 hours of service and making dramatic improvements in the health of the forests. The project, known as ArrowCorps5, is led by the Order of the Arrow, the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America.

Twenty two Scouts and leaders from the Croatan Lodge of the East Carolina Council spent the week of June 21 in the George Washington and Jefferson National Forest in Roanoke, Va. The

forest is comprised of more than 1.8 million acres and Scouts repaired trails, cleaned up trash, removed invasive plant species, built a mile long trail and repaired trail markers.

“We accomplished more projects during the week than the Forest Service thought we could”, said Steve Mercer, a Scouting adult leader from Rocky Mount. “Our crew was a mixture of Scouts from all over the country and we worked together to accomplish the task.”

Conservation and caring for the environment is an integral part of the Scouting program. Scouts learn to care for the environment in order to continue to enjoy it.

“ArrowCorps5 is the largest, most complex, most challenging conservation project ever conceived by the Order of the Arrow and Boy Scouts of America,” said Brad Haddock, chairman of the National Order of the Arrow Committee. “This project provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each participant to set an example of leadership in service to those who treasure our national forests.”

“As Council president, I am proud of the hard work and example our Scouts and leaders have given by making our national forests a better place,” said Herman Gaskins. “Scouting teaches service to others and this is a great example of Scouting’s values in action.”

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Local Scouts Participate in ArrowCorps5

Father, Son Travel to Colorado

Aug. 21, 2008

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Father and son, Michael and Matthew Jacobs of Thomasville recently participated in the largest volunteer service project the U.S. Forest Service has ever received. During this summer thousands of Scouts worked in five national forests located throughout the country in a project called ArrowCorps5.

The Times and Democrat.com

Local Boy Scouts Build Trails in Wyoming

Aug. 18, 2008

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By: Lee Tant

Working on the hillside on a scenic Wyoming mountain, six Orangeburg residents literally became trailblazers as they participated in the largest service project conducted by the Boy Scouts of America since World War II last month.

The six joined more than 1,000 Boy Scouts who helped to build 12 miles of trails along the Teton Pass area of the Bridger-Teton National Forest in Jackson Hole, Wyo.

State Sen. Brad Hutto, D-Orangeburg, took part in the project, calling it “one of the most rewarding experiences that I have had in my nearly 50 years of scouting.

“Knowing that we built trails that will be there for my great-grandchildren to use gave me a real sense of accomplishment.”

Hutto was part of the Orangeburg contingent that also included Hutto’s son Skyler, William McCormick, Bill Larson, Charles Larson and Jason MacPherson.

Kniffy Hamilton, a forest supervisor at Bridger-Teton, estimated the value of the Boy Scouts’ services to be around \$1 million.

The project was designed to improve visitors’ experiences by providing separate trails for mountain bikers, horses and hikers in the Teton Pass area.

“It’s a difficult process. You start out with a plain mountainside and when you get done, there’s a trail there,” said McCormick, who first heard of the project in 2006 while attending a national Boy Scouts leadership conference.

The week-long Bridger-Teton project was part of four other endeavors that comprised the ArrowCorps5 national service project, a

collaborative effort between the Boy Scouts and the U.S. Forest Service. Boy Scouts from across the country also participated in projects this summer to improve national forests in Utah, Virginia, California and Missouri.

Skyler Hutto said only four or five inches of grass were cut to mark off where the trails were to be built. The grass evolved into trails that were three feet wide. To make the trails, the scouts cut away at the hillside and smashed rocks into gravel.

“When I looked at it, there was a great sense of completion,” said the younger Hutto.

All of the six were divided into different groups that had their own tasks. McCormick said that was a great opportunity to meet Boy Scouts from the other 36 states represented in the project.

While there was plenty of work to accomplish for the six men that traveled 2,100 miles from the Garden City to the Equality State, there was still time for some fun.

McCormick said they had a recreation day with whitewater rafting and a tour of Yellowstone National Park on the itinerary.

Upon their arrival in Wyoming, the group became educated and trained in the various aspects of trail building before taking on the difficult challenge.

McCormick was pleased he was able to give back to the community but noted “just being out there was the best aspect. It was a great time, a good experience. I’m glad I went there.”

Skyler Hutto liked that so many people were working together for several days with a united purpose.

“It was great to look at what had been done,” he said.

MacPherson said the project seemed overly ambitious at first, but through hard work the

vision unfolded into a reality.

“Being part of something of this magnitude, so much larger than one’s self, is a once in a lifetime experience,” MacPherson said.

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By The Associated Press

JACKSON (AP) -- Mountain bikers already are giving a thumbs up to a new mountain bike trail on Teton Pass.

Hundreds of Boy Scouts built the trail a couple weeks ago. The Scouts were members of the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scouts' honor society, and the trail is named the Arrow Trail.

The Arrow Trail is seven miles long. It starts off with a gentle climb up switchbacks and finishes by winding through dense forest.

Dave Byers, Jannine Witte and Tracey Petervary tried out the route recently. All three were impressed by the layout and quality of the ride.

"I love the Boy Scouts!" Byers said.

Witte simply called the route "awesome."

Petervary enjoyed the trail so much that she returned Sunday to ride it again.

Teton Pass trails coordinator Chris Peck worked with Walt Berling to prepare the route in the weeks before the Scouts arrived by cutting logs blocking the route and building a bridge.

"Never was the question asked, 'Would it be easier to do this?' It was always what would be best to ride," Berling said. "Chris put his all into this project."

The trail is of intermediate difficulty - not too tough, not too easy.

It was among several projects the Scouts undertook in national forests in five states this summer for the Scouts' largest public service effort since World War II.

BikesBelong.org

Order of the Arrow Trail Construction Project

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Friends of Pathways received \$5,000 for their "Order of the Arrow" initiative, which is replacing 10.5 miles of eroding, illegal trails with fun, sustainable singletrack on Teton Pass. Bikes Belong's funding is bolstering grants and volunteer hours from the National Forest Foundation and the Teton Freedom Riders. More than 650 Boy Scouts from the trail's namesake service team are donating their time to trail construction this summer.

Friends of Pathways promotes active healthy lifestyles through great trail facilities. Their advocacy and fundraising work helps connect and enhance communities and recreation opportunities—from paved paths to backcountry trails—in and around Jackson Hole.

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Governor Dave Freudenthal spoke highly about the just-concluded projects on the Bridger-Teton National Forest by over 1100 boy scouts during his news conference from the capitol. Freudenthal and First Lady Nancy had visited the command center and met the young men involved one week ago. Among the work completed was 38,000 feet of trail, 15 acres of fuel reduction on Fall Creek, two acres of fuel reduction at the girl scout camp at Granite Creek, campsite maintenance at Soda Lake Campground, construction of washbars in the upper Gros Ventre area, construction of barricades on road closures in the upper Gros Ventre area and removal of allotment fences near the Goosewing Guard Station. At the same time, the experience provided some scouts from eastern states their first taste of life in the Western United States.

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Members of the honor society for the Boy Scouts of America who had to change their service project plans in Wyoming when the U.S. Forest Service instead allowed the Rainbow Family hippie group to use a location the Scouts had sought now are helping the federal agency fight a forest fire in the state.

According to a report in the Casper Star-Tribune the Scouts, some of an estimated 1,000 members of the Order of the Arrow in the state, have "stepped in" to help firefighters in the Bridger-Teton National Forest fight the New Fork Lakes fire, about 19 miles north of Pinedale.

The blaze started when a campfire got out of control and, during the course of about eight hours earlier this week, grew from 40 to 1,500 acres.

The Scouts are staffing the supply line that provides materials and services to firefighters, officials said. Firefighters also have established a command post at the Scouts' camp.

"It is a great help to have the extra hands," fire cache manager Heidi Zardus told the newspaper. "They are helping me get the orders filled and the supplies shipped out in record time."

The Scouts were in the area to work on a major forest restoration project that had been planned since 2004.

The massive project, called ArrowCorps5 and described as the largest of its kind in decades, has had Order of the Arrow members working on various locations around the nation this summer.

The plan had about 5,000 top Boy Scouts from across the country donating an estimated 250,000 hours of time to restore, repair, rebuild, reclaim and refurbish miles of trails, acres and glens at five different sites in the nation's forests. In most cases, the scouts paid their own travel and room and board expenses to participate in the biggest service project since World War II.

"ArrowCorps5 is the largest, most complex, most challenging conservation project ever conceived by the Order of the Arrow and Boy Scouts of



Participants in the ArrowCorps5 project will be awarded a badge for their work

America," said Brad Haddock, chairman of the National Order of the Arrow Committee. "This project provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each participant to set an example of leadership in service to those who treasure our national forests."

But as WND had reported, the Forest Service decided earlier this summer to move the Scouts from part of their long-planned work sites in favor of the unorganized annual gathering of hippies, anarchists and "free spirits" who commune with nature and each other.

The decision by the Forest Service to evict the Scouts from the location occupied by the Rainbows left local Wyoming leaders infuriated.

"It's a matter of intimidation," Sublette, Wyo., County commissioner Joel Bousman told WND. "It appears the Rainbow group has managed to intimidate an entire federal agency."

Federal officials, after the Rainbow gathering, said they were re-evaluating their procedures and may have to ban meetings such as the arrest-marred gathering in Wyoming over the July 4th holiday weekend.

According to a report from the Associated Press, John Twiss, chief of law enforcement and investigations for the U.S. Forest Service, said

the event's participants were "non-compromising" and "arrogant" and a review and a ban may be needed.

"I think we have to have that discussion within the agency," he told AP. "We spend an awful lot of time and effort on these people. And frankly, the taxpayers deserve better."

As WND reported at the time, officials for the Forest Service were surrounded and attacked with sticks and stones by 400 members of the Rainbow Family.

The Casper Star-Tribune also is reporting that the cleanup effort by the Rainbow Family from the assembly estimated at about 7,000 people is "cosmetic."

"It is cleanup," said District Ranger Tom Peters. "But it certainly is not rehabilitation by any stretch of the imagination. And it is not re-naturalization, which is a term they use and I'm not really sure what that means. But it is cleanup. I would describe it as cosmetic cleanup. They're taking out the trash."

He said members of the crew that remained behind are covering compost pits with soil, covering up trenches and covering fire pits with branches and tree trunks. One of the more egregious uses of public land, he noted, was a fire pit some 40 feet in diameter and four feet deep.

Before the Rainbow gathering, Mark Rey, the federal undersecretary supervising the U.S. Forest Service, met with Rainbow Family members in Pinedale, and urged them to move their gathering, the Casper Star-Tribune reported. They refused.

Rey told WND he thought the decision to move the Scouts to somewhere else and leave the Rainbow Family alone was the best under the circumstances. He said the government allows the Rainbow Family to bypass its regular permit requirements in favor of an "operating plan" but the bottom line was that the government didn't want to be arresting hundreds or thousands of people.

"They couldn't be expelled without a fairly significant amount of law enforcement activity," he told WND a week before the gathering began.

"The Boy Scouts have been planning this since 2004," Bousman objected. "They've been through the planning process and have been working very cooperatively with our Forest Service. They've spent lots of money planning the biggest venture ever for the Boy Scouts.

"They did everything legally, they had their permits. But because of the fact Undersecretary Rey, for whatever reason, took it on himself to do what he has referred to as an experimental process by which he does not require the Rainbow Group to have any permit, the conflict developed," Bousman said.



Boy Scouts Move Mountains in Bridger-Teton Forest

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It's being called the largest service project since World War II and it's happening in our own backyard.

More than 1,000 boy scouts from across the country join forces in the Bridger-Teton National Forest to blaze new trails and fix up the old ones.



It's a part of the Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts and for the past five days, they've moved mountains.

It's no easy task but for these scouts it's all about the adventure.

For five days, they dig, slice and hack away, blazing about 10 miles of new trails near the Teton Pass and making new friends along the way.



"We've shared meals together, worked together, and laughed together. It's been a lot of fun. It's been a lot of work but no one has died out here, so work won't kill ya," Scout Master Chip Quisenberry explained.

It's a love for service and the outdoors that brings these men and women to the trail.

Not only are they working for free, they actually had to pay their own way to be here.

The Chief of the National Forest Service traveled from Washington D.C. to meet these devoted scouts. She says they're making a mark in history and leaving a legacy for those to come.

"It's really important that our next generation and the generations that follow have an appreciation of those public lands and the values they give back to us," said Chief Forester of the United States Gail Kimbell.

One 16-year-old scout lives in Pennsylvania but this week he's living a true scout adventure.

"It's been pretty fun working. The day goes by fast because you're working," said Ryan Hills, working on the Arrow Trail.

But there have been obstacles along the way.

One of the scouts' biggest difficulties has been the rocks along the trail, but they're using them along to border the trail's edge.

The Forest Service estimates the five days of work would have taken them about 10 years to do and would cost more than a million dollars to make happen.

But these scouts are just taking the project one step at a time, ready to return to this national treasure.

"When I come back, I'm gonna come back and see this. I can tell all my kids that I got to work on this," Hills explained.

"If I ever do come back, I'll guarantee you I'll hike the trail. God willing, I will," Quisenberry said.

Already, some of the first mountain bikers christen the trail.

"Everybody that uses this will think of the Boy Scouts when they use the trail. It's not going to be forgotten for awhile," Hills explained.

Young and old, building trails, making memories to last a lifetime.

The Boy Scouts of America and the Order of the Arrow came up with the idea back in 2003 and it's taken the last five years to put together this massive mission.

This is their fifth and final service project of the year.

For the past five weeks, more than 5,000 scouts have worked in five forests in California, Utah, Missouri, Virginia and of course, Wyoming to keep our national forests clean and more pristine.



Local Boy Scouts Wrap-up National Service Project *Aug. 1, 2008*

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Posted by Kent Bates

Teton-Bridger National Forest, WY -- More than 20 boy scouts and leaders from the Greensboro area spent a week in the mountains of Wyoming as part of a national service project.

The scouts are part of the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scouts honor camping society.

For the past week, and during four other weeks this summer, thousands of scouts from around the country did conservation projects, built and

repaired trails, and repaired camping areas in five national forests.

During the past week the local scouts helped build trails in the Teton mountains near Jackson, Wyoming.

But the trip wasn't all work. The scouts got a chance to visit Yellowstone National Park, Teton National Park, go white-water rafting and sightseeing in Jackson.

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Forest Service Chief Gail Kimbell was in Jackson yesterday to personally thank the scouts participating in the ArrowCorps5 projects throughout the US and help them celebrate the conclusion of the largest

service project since World War Two. Prior to meeting with the scouts, Kimbell told members of the media that she was most impressed with the caliber of young people she saw participating in the program. Kimbell added that watching the scouts bond with the outdoors and commit

themselves to its care left her thinking that it is with these young people that the future of the nation's forests may lie. Kimbell says she believes the work that has been accomplished by the ArrowCorps5 participants this summer may leave supervisors on those forests not involved wishing they had proposed projects of their own. Kimbell says she believes there will be future partner projects with the scouts and the forest, if not as large, possibly on a local lodge level.

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Some of the 1100 Arrowmen from the Boy Scouts of America, currently in Jackson for the ArrowCorps5 service project on the Bridger-Teton National Forest, have stepped in to help with fire-suppression efforts. Crews are fighting a 2500-acre fire at New Forks Fire near Pinedale. Several volunteer Arrowmen are now assisting the Forest by working in the Fire



Cache, which is the warehouse of fire supplies and materials that are disseminated whenever a large fire breaks out on the Forest. Those young men are helping load trucks with firefighting equipment to aid in expediting response to the wildfire. That fire was reported at 1:00 pm Monday and by that evening had grown to over 11-hundred acres – then doubled by Wednesday afternoon. Some of the young men have done additional work to assist the Forest with fuels reduction work off of Fall Creek Road. The scouts are actually here to construct or reconstruct several miles of trail on Teton Pass and improve habitat near the Gros Ventre Wilderness area.

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While it is hard to miss the activities this week of members of the Order of the Arrow group of Boy Scouts of America, the activities of these scouts and nearly 4000 like them on four previous forests nation wide id not going unnoticed world wide.

National Chief Executive for Boy Scouts of America told Jackson Hole Radio News that he has been hearing from scouting organizations in many nations who are impressed with what they are seeing in the US. However,

more importantly than what image the project is providing to the world Mazzuca says is the impact it is having on each of the participants. Mazzuca says these are the young people who will become the next executive board members or district chairmen and this experience will help cement those leadership qualities. *(see interview below)*

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[Exclusive Jackson Hole Radio interview with Boy Scouts of America Chief Executive Robert Mazzuca.](#)



Boy Scouts Get Life Experience

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The Chief Executive of the Boy Scouts says that the best thing about a project in northwest Wyoming this week is what it does for the scouts.

Robert Mazzuca says the fact that over a thousand scouts are building trails and removing fences is certainly useful. But he says projects like this one, do much more. it's wonderful for the environment. I'm really glad that 8000 feet of fence is gone, so those

elk and antelope can get through there. But I'm much for thankful for the impact that has had on each individual young person that had a hand in doing that. And what that means for their lifetime and their understanding of service.

The Boy scouts have done similar work in four other states this summer.

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Beginning Monday 7/28 and lasting through the entire week, 800 Boy Scouts, all members of the group Order of the Arrow, will be in Jackson Hole to assist in a few different projects, including fence removal in critical wildlife corridors and construction of new trails on Teton Pass. The event is being called the largest individual service project since World War Two.

Over 1100 scouts and adult advisors are currently camped out at Jackson Hole High School, and their work throughout the week will leave us with a new cross-country mountain bike loop in the Phillips Ridge area of Teton Pass. This is a massive project, and it's fair to say that never before have 750-800 people worked on one mountain bike trail at the same time. The planning and coordination started well before the Scouts arrived in Jackson, and I know I'm not the only one who is thankful and looking forward to reaping the benefits of the new trail.

Photo of WY Governor Dave Freudenthal greeting the Scouts. Photo courtesy of jacksonholeradio.com

Honorable Arrowmen

Local Scouts complete historic volunteer service project

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By Amber Parker



On July 17 in Redding, President George W. Bush presented three members of the Order of the Arrow with the President's Volunteer service award. The Arrowmen were honored for their participation in the Shasta-Trinity service project. Bush is pictured here shaking hands with 20-year-old Alex Braden of Covina. (Photo provided to Highlanders)

A white sash bearing a red arrow, worn over the right shoulder, symbolizes members of the Order of the Arrow.

The Order is an official camp honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. On July 12-19, these Arrowmen took part in one of the largest national service projects in Boy Scouts history.

Twenty-five youth and adult Scouts from the San Gabriel Valley Council did some heavy-duty volunteer work at Shasta-Trinity National Forest for ArrowCorps5. The goal: five weeks of service by 5,000 Scouts in five different national parks.

"We've been planning this for four years," said 20-year-old Alex Braden of Covina.

Braden served as youth incident commander for the Shasta-Trinity project.

"It was a logistical challenge and we've never pulled off something like this before," he said.

Arrowmen completed more than 100 miles of trail maintenance. Crews were in charge of building french drains to prevent erosion.

"We had to dig out a lot of mud," said Matt Schroyer, 17, from Arcadia. Schroyer served as youth contingent coordinator for his council.

At the dumpsite clean-up, Braden was surprised to find scattered tires and old appliances. During the seven days the Scouts were at the site, they removed 22 tons of illegally dumped garbage. Five of the seven days were spent backpacking in the wilderness, where Schroyer said they had to cook their own meals.

"It was really fun, despite the bad dehydrated food," he said jokingly.

Schroyer called it a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"We built a brotherhood," he said. "It was our first chance to show on a national level what we're capable of."

On July 15, President Bush presented Braden and two other Scouts with the Volunteer Service Award. Bush visited the honorees on site, presenting them with a pin for their excellence.

"It was an awesome experience," said Braden. "I never dreamed it would happen."

Braden coordinated and ran the entire Shasta-Trinity project with the help of seven section chiefs. He was responsible for many avenues of the project including operations, program and recreation.

"I had to be the face of the site and a morale officer," Braden said. "I needed to promote the site, meet as many people as possible and keep them happy once they arrived."

Schroyer acknowledged Braden's hard work.

"He's our (W-4A) section chief and a great leader," he said. "He's always willing to step up."

But Braden's efforts are met with chronic pain caused by a spinal deformity known as scoliosis with kyphosis. He's had spinal fusion surgery, but still experiences complications.

"It's hard to build trails when your spine is fused into one solid bone, but I found ways to be able to contribute," he said. "I can still talk to the kids and that is just as important as working on the trail."

Fellow Scouts say he works without complaint and always with a smile.

"I try not to let it impact me some days," he said. "As long as everyone is enjoying themselves, I have more of an ability to go on."

The pain couldn't stop Braden from going to Shasta-Trinity. He put off his second surgery to be there and rescheduled it for July 30.

"It'll take 12 weeks to recover," he said. "I hope the surgery helps."

Shasta-Trinity was an emotional event for Braden.

"It was the cap to my youth career," he said. "My last hoorah before I switch over to an adult advisor."

Braden joined the Order of the Arrow in 2001 when he was 14. The Order's key ideology: servant leadership.

"The best part is serving the people you are leading," said Braden. "You have to remember that leadership isn't always about making all the decisions."

Members must be elected before entering the induction process, or the "Ordeal." Before his induction weekend, Schroyer didn't know what to expect.

"It was mysterious at first," he said. "But then I got to know all the guys and we got involved in fun service projects."

Maintaining complete silence and limited food are part of the process. Sleeping alone, apart from other campers is also required.

"The Ordeal was definitely an experience," Braden said, laughing.

Scouts like Braden are truly the spirit of the Order.

"It is a part of me now," he said.

These Arrowmen are defined by more than a simple white sash. They have cleared the muddy paths of society, giving today's youth something positive to look forward to.

"When I wake up in the morning I think, what am I going to do to help someone today," said Braden.



Scouts arrive in Wyoming for forest projects

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By Mead Gruver

CHEYENNE, Wyo. - The chief executive of the Boy Scouts said he's well aware that today's technologically immersed youngsters are less active and less interested in the outdoors.

But Scouting offers a different set of values - one that cultivates young leaders while keeping them active and outside, Robert Mazzuca said Tuesday in a telephone interview from Jackson.

Neither Scouts nor outdoor activity is in short supply in the Jackson area this week. More than 1,000 members of the Boy Scouts' honor society, the Order of the Arrow, have been hard at work on projects in Bridger-Teton National Forest.

"These kids, I guarantee you, know what it's like to be physically active," Mazzuca said.

Some of the Scouts are removing a 10-foot fence topped with barbed wire that has interfered with wildlife migration in the Gros Ventre area. Others are building or refurbishing 11 miles of trails near the top of Teton Pass.

Several miles of the Teton Pass trails will be reserved for mountain bikes - keeping bikers out of the way of hikers and horse riders, and vice versa.

The Scouts - who range in age from 14 to 20 - have been doing similar work in national forests in California, Missouri, Utah and Virginia this summer. The Bridger-Teton project is the last and biggest project of all.

All together, the projects are the Scouts' most ambitious endeavor since World War II.

Scouts are elected to the Order of the Arrow by their fellow Scouts. Many from back East were taken aback upon seeing the mighty Teton Range, said Sam Fife, 17, the group's deputy youth incident commander.

"It's really a neat thing for a lot of these guys. I know a lot of them have never been out here before," Fife said.

Fife, though, is from just over the hill: Idaho Falls, Idaho. He's already a student at Brigham Young University-Idaho, in Rexburg.

Membership in the Scouts has been down in recent years. Last year, including the Cub Scouts and older Venturers, it was about 2.9 million - down 16 percent since 1999.

Mazzuca, though, said membership this year is up for the first time in five years. He said the Scouts have become more sophisticated in reaching out to youngsters. That includes being more technologically savvy.

"There are some things we're learning to do better," he said.

Boy Scouts of America is based in Irving, Texas.



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Membership in the Scouts has been down in recent years, although Mazzuca says

membership this year is up for the first time in five years.

There is no shortage of Boy Scouts in the woods around Jackson this week. More than 1,000 members of the Scouts' honor society, the Order of the Arrow, are in northwest Wyoming to build trails and remove fencing.

The Scouts have done similar work in California, Missouri, Utah and Virginia this summer.

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Gov. Freudenthal visits with scouts

Governor Dave and Nancy Freudenthal visited the opening activities of the ArrowCorps5 group of Order of the Arrow Boy Scouts Saturday to witness Wyoming's part of what is being called the largest service project since World War Two. Freudenthal roamed through the groups of scouts who were registering and receiving briefings around Jackson Hole High School and asked the youth leaders questions about the project. On occasion, groups of scouts from

different parts of the country stepped up to meet the governor. Flanked by forest service personnel as well as scout youth leaders, Freudenthal leaned about the scope of the projects being performed through the week. The scouts, numbering over 800 youth workers and 200 leaders and advisors, begin their work at three individual venues today with tasks ranging from fence removal in critical wildlife habitat to construction of new trails.



Local Boy Scouts Help in Teton-Bridger Service Project

July 28, 2008

Jackson, WY -- More than a dozen boy scouts and their leaders are in Wyoming for a week of service.

The service project is called ArrowCorp5. It's put on the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scouts of America's honor camper organization.

This week is the final in a 5-week, 5-site service project that is the largest service project in the National Forest system.

Scouts flew out of the Triad at the end of last week, and after a little sight-seeing set up with hundreds of other scouts in Jackson, Wyoming.

This week they will take part in trail repair, camp improvement, and erosion control.

TravelingTrainers.Blogspot.com



Future Subaru Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers?

July 27, 2008

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Posted by Tanya and Cody

This is Frank (left) and Vern and they are Leave No Trace super heros. We just spoke to 800 Arrowmen in Jackson Hole Wyoming for our last Arrow Corps 5 event with the Boy Scouts. These two Leave No Trace aficionados were able help teach some of our non-stop 30 minutes workshops throughout the day! They were a huge hit and used some crowd pleaser material like Bo jackson and Stanley the Leave No Trace

Bear to really illustrate some of the principles. These two friends have been traveling to all five Arrow Corp 5 events throughout the summer, teaching Leave No Trace, trail work, and other important outdoor skills to their fellow Boy Scouts. Big thanks Frank and Vern. Maybe you could be the next Subaru Leave No Trace Traveling Trainers!?!

Leave No Trace

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EVENT: 'BOY SCOUTS ARROWCORPS5 BRIDGER-TETON NATIONAL FOREST-JACKSON, WY'

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Extended Trainings

The teams and participants utilize the outdoor classroom for hands-on training. Extended training is ideal for land managers, outfitters, guides, retail shop employees, outdoor educators, scouts and university groups. Participants have the opportunity to learn Leave No Trace activities and teaching methods for use with groups they interface with.

Date: Saturday, July 26, 2008 At 08:00 AM

Duration: 2 Days

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The Order of the Arrow has had a long-standing interest in coordinating a national service project, utilizing the infrastructure and leadership established over many years of success at the Boy Scouts of America's high adventure bases.

Working closely together, the United States Forest Service and the OA have chosen five project sites, spread across America, that will be the focus of

our combined efforts. ArrowCorps5 (pronounced Arrow Corps Five) will provide a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each participant to set an example of leadership in service to those who treasure our national forests.

To learn more go to: <http://event.oa-bsa.org/>

FriendsofPathway.org

The Boy Scouts are Working on Teton Pass

July 26-Aug. 1, 2008



X-C bikes. This trail will connect Phillips Bench trailhead with Phillips Canyon trail, allowing separation of bikes going to Phillips Canyon and hikers and horse riders going to Ski Lake and Phillips Pass.

Phillips Ridge: 1.3 miles of new trail to connect the missing segment of the BPA power-line road. Designed for multi-use travel. If time allows, an additional 6 miles of trail will be built parallel to the road to enhance safety and experience quality.

The Order of the Arrow is the National Honor Scout Society of the Boy Scouts of America. In 2003, the Order of the Arrow partnered with the Forest Service to mobilize the largest volunteer effort since World War II. The 1,000 scouts coming to the Bridger-Teton National Forest have been preparing for years for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to demonstrate leadership and service towards stewardship of public lands.

The Teton Pass Trail Projects

Arrow Trail: 4.2 miles of new trail designed for

History Trail: 2.5 miles of new and reconstructed trail following the Old Wagon Route from Trail Creek trailhead to the top of the Pass. This interpretive trail will be managed for horse riding and hiking only.

Big Rocks: 1.5 miles of reconstructed trail to eliminate erosion gullies and provide a sustainable trail for hiking and horse riding. Project includes reconstruction of an eroded segment of the multi-use Black Canyon trail.



Boy Scouts and Forest Service join forces

July 25, 2008

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By Tony D'Souza
GateHouse News Service

Mount Shasta, Calif. -

The meadow at the Lower Lodge of the Mount Shasta Ski Park came to life last week as hundreds of Order of the Arrow Boy Scouts pitched their tents to embark on "ArrowCorps5," the largest service project the organization has undertaken since World War II.

Scouts arrived in Siskiyou County on Saturday, July 12, from as far away as Florida, North Carolina, New York state, the Philippines and Japan to conduct five days of maintenance on the Pacific Crest and Sisson-Callahan trails, refurbishment of the Little Mt. Hoffman Lookout and four comfort stations, and removal of illegally dumped trash in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest in conjunction with the US Forest Service.

Four years in the making, the ArrowCorps5 service project has sent over 5,000 Order of the Arrow Scouts to five National Forest sites across the nation, including the Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri and Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming, culminating in 250,000 volunteer man hours valued at \$5 million. The idea of the ArrowCorps5 project originated in a long-standing service partnership between the Boy Scouts and the US Forest Service at the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in Minnesota, according to Clyde Mayer, national director of the Order of the Arrow.

"It's natural for the Boy Scouts to work with the Forest Service," said Mayer. "Four years ago the Boy Scouts of America approached the US

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*OA Leaders honored by President
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From left to right -
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Scouts and Forest Service join forces

July 23, 2008

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Scouts arrived in Siskiyou County on Saturday, July 12, from as far away as Florida, North Carolina, New York state, the Philippines and Japan to conduct five days of maintenance on the Pacific Crest and Sisson-Callahan trails, refurbishment of the Little Mt. Hoffman Lookout and four comfort stations, and removal of illegally dumped trash in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest in conjunction with the US Forest Service.

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Scouts begin working on B-T trails

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Jackson, Wyo. – The Bridger-Teton National Forest, in partnership with the Boy Scouts of America, will begin working on the trails in the Teton Pass area as part of the Order of the Arrow national service project starting Monday, July 28, 2008.

As part of the service project, the Scouts will be constructing new trail and rehabilitating existing trail for Teton Pass recreationists of the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Existing trails on Teton Pass will be open during the project with the exception of the Big Rocks trail, which will be closed during the day (7 A.M. – 5 P.M.) and the Phillips power-line road which will be closed to motor vehicles July 28 – August 1. New trails will not be available for use while crews are working.

The Arrow Trail will be 4.2 miles of new trail designed for cross-country mountain biking. The Scouts will help the Forest by connecting the Phillips Bench trailhead with the Phillips Canyon trail, which will allow a separation of bikes going to Phillips Canyon and hikers and horse riders going to Ski Lake and Phillips Pass. On Phillips Ridge, there will be 1.3 miles of new trail constructed to connect the missing segment of trail along the Phillips power-line road. This trail will be designed for multi-use travel. If time allows, an additional six miles of trail will be built parallel to the road to enhance safety and experience quality for the recreationists.

The History Trail will be 2.5 miles of new and reconstructed trail following the Old Wagon Route from Trail Creek trailhead to the top of the Pass. This interpretive trail will be managed for horse riding and hiking use only.

The Big Rocks trail project will include 1.5 miles of reconstructed trail to eliminate erosion gullies and provide a sustainable trail for hiking and horse riding. This project also includes reconstruction of an eroded segment of the multi-use Black Canyon trail.

The Order of the Arrow, working closely together with the United States Forest Service has chosen five project sites, spread across America, which will be the focus of our combined efforts. The Bridger-Teton National Forest is the last project site for this national effort. ArrowCorps5 (pronounced Arrow Corps Five) will provide an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each participant to set an example of leadership in service to those who treasure our national forests.

Projects on the Bridger-Teton include the trail construction and rehabilitation on Teton Pass near Wilson, Wyoming; and fence removal and habitat improvement work in two locations near the Goose Wing guard station approximately 30 miles northeast of the town of Jackson.

Boy Scouts' work in our forest is breath of fresh air

Our view: The Scouts who cleaned and cleared 100 miles of north state trails showed the qualities of good men and good neighbors.

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Most of the 500 elite Boy Scouts who converged on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest last week won't ever directly benefit from the 100 miles of trails they restored and beautified. They'd have to travel a great distance to get back.

These men, both young and old, hail from as far away as Japan and Taiwan -- not to mention 33 states. The Shasta-Trinity project is among five this summer that make up the largest single national service project since World War II.

They even had to pay their own way. The Scouts, members of the Order of the Arrow, were responsible for funding their own transportation and paying \$250 each for food and expenses. Their work started with the lawns they mowed and the cars they washed at home before they ever got here.

Breaking up in an intricately planned series of camps and work groups, they cleared, renovated and controlled erosion on the Pacific Crest Trail, McCloud Loop Trail and Callahan-Sisson Trail.

They reported hauling out an impressive but sickening 15 tons of trash.

In their selflessness, they did more than just improve the trails that lead us into the wilderness, keep us connected to our natural environment and help draw visitors to the region. They also set an example of the qualities of good men and good neighbors.

There's reason to worry about the next generation of young Americans, raised on a diet of video games and fast food. Many never get out of the house, much less out of town. Obesity and alienation from nature await.

To be eligible for the Order of the Arrow, a Boy Scout must have spent 15 days or nights camping in the prior two years and be elected by fellow unit members.

The combination of service and time outdoors is a powerful thing, good preparation for life in a generation that will pull these young men in the opposite direction. We salute their dedication and contribution to our community.



Boy Scouts Spruce up Mountain Trails

July 22, 2008

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WEED, Calif. -- More than 500 Boy Scouts have been working on trails in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

The scouts came to Northern California from 33 states, Japan and Taiwan to take part in the largest service project in scout history.

They have cleared, renovated and provided erosion control on more than 100 trail miles.

The summer work is valued at more than \$5 million.

Bush to honor Eagle Scouts during Redding visit

July 16, 2008

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President Bush will honor three Eagle Scouts when he arrives in Redding on Thursday, the U.S. Forest Service said today.

The three Eagle Scouts, Mark Hendrick, 20, of Richland, Wash., Jake Wellman, 18 of Albuquerque, N.M. and Alex Braden, 20 of Covina are part of a group of about 800 scouts working on the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, restoring 150 miles of trail and a historic fire lookout, building restrooms and hauling out garbage, said Mike Odle, a spokesman with the Shasta-Trinity National Forest.

The President's Volunteer Service Award will be given to the scouts who were involved in planning a group effort between the Boy Scouts of America and the forest service to involve the service of 5,000 scouts in five forest service sites across the country, Odle said.

Bush will be arriving at the Redding Municipal Airport early Thursday afternoon to survey north state fire damage, said Trey Bohn, a White House spokesman.



Conserving the Pacific Crest Trail

July 16, 2008

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It's a tough job, but hundreds of Boy Scouts from across the world are camping out in the Shasta-Trinity National Forest to help preserve the natural area.

It's the largest service project taken on by the Scout's National Honor Society since World War II.

On their honor, over 500 Boy Scouts are doing their best to restore several Shasta-Trinity National trails that lead hikers to a place of natural beauty.

Incident commander of Arrow Corps Kathleen Jordan says, "Trails are at the heart of what scouts do, they love being hiking and camping. Just enjoying the outdoors."

Shasta-Trinity is just one of the five National Forests selected for the Arrow Corps Conservation Project.

For these outdoor enthusiasts, working on the world-renowned Pacific Crest Trail is a dream.

Order of the Arrow National Chief Jake Wellman says, "It's been incredible going around to all five different forests and giving service, building trail, and knowing that someday I can take my kids there down the road to show them what I worked on."

It's not only about the glory of the finished trail.

Many scouts have traveled thousands of miles, on their own buck, to be a part of something bigger than themselves.

Jack O'Neill has been helping to rebuild several trails.

He says, "What I'm learning here is mostly about myself, how different people can get together and work well."

Not only will these Scouts take home the trail maintenance skills they've picked up on the job, but also some life-long memories.

O'Neill says, "Everyone's going home with at least 14-20 new friends, best friends."

Wellman adds, "Everyone in the Order of the Arrow and the Scouts are taking it up on themselves to be leaders and hopefully they'll take that home and use it outside of scouting, make a positive impact on everyone around them."

The Scouts will be working in the Shasta-Trinity Forest through Thursday, restoring 100 miles of trail, building three comfort stations and hauling eight tons of illegally dumped garbage.

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Scouts, leaders work for ArrowCorps 5

July 15, 2008

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Three local Scouts and two adult leaders from local Boy Scout troops participated in ArrowCorps 5.

The local Scouts were Danny Strock from Troop 170, John George from Troop 1908 and Robert Brandel III from Troop 330. Joining them were adult leaders Randy Strock from Troop 170 and John Wiltenmouth from Troop 1908. They did their service at a George Washington and Jefferson National Forest site.

The base camp for the weeklong program was Camp Olmsted in the Goshen Scout Reservation. Some of the projects included were building campsites and working on trails.

Four other national forests were involved in the program as well. Those were Mark Twain, Missouri; Manti-La Sal, Utah; Shasta-Trinity, California; and Bridger-Teton, Wyoming.

ArrowCorps 5 brings together OA members from all around the country--and even a few from overseas--to do service work at the forests.

More than 800 Arrowmen participated in the week's activities, and more than 3,500 participated nationwide. All together, this makes ArrowCorps 5 the largest service project done by the Boy Scouts since World War II. It was a once-in-a-lifetime event.



Boy Scouts Clean Up Mount Shasta, Fix Trails

July 15, 2008

More Than 500 Scouts Visit National Forest

MOUNT SHASTA, Calif. -- Boy Scouts from as far away as Florida and Japan are camping in the wilds of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest this week.

More than 500 scouts from 33 states are repairing trails, restoring a historic lookout and removing trash near Mount Shasta.

They are working despite a number of wildfires burning in a different area of the forest.



Boy Scouts Service Projects Rivals CCC

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On June 23-27, the Boy Scouts of America's National Honor Society, the Order of the Arrow, in partnership with the James River and Warm Springs Ranger Districts of the George Washington & Jefferson National Forests (GW Jeff) in Virginia, conducted one of the 5 biggest service projects on national forests since the Civilian Conservation Corps.



Arrowmen return from a day's work. [Click to enlarge.](#)

Approximately 685 members of the Order of the Arrow successfully completed the construction of 6 walk-in campsites at Lake Moomaw and over 8.2 miles of new trails on the James River District. These projects will significantly and positively affect the ability of the public to enjoy the areas the Arrowmen worked on said Forest Supervisor Maureen Hyzer.

Representing 93 local councils (from over 25 states, Puerto Rico and individuals from the Transatlantic Council in Europe) the Arrowmen provided over 71,300 hours of service worth more than \$1.3 million.



A walk-in campsite is built. [Click to enlarge.](#)

According to Hyzer, a legacy was left through this project which will benefit future visitors to

the National Forests as well as the sense of accomplishment each of the participants gained through their service and leadership.

Earlier, from June 7-14, the Boy Scout National Conservation Project was completed on the Ava/Cassville/Willow Springs Ranger District on the Mark Twain National Forest in Missouri. This was the largest volunteer project ever on the Forest.

Glade natural community types are in decline in Missouri due to a number of factors, including encroaching Eastern red cedar, invasive exotic species, overgrazing, fire suppression, and commercial and residential development.

Removing the cedars is an important step to restoring the glades. More than 500 participants removed Eastern red cedar to help restore native limestone glade ecosystems on an estimated 134 acres in the Glade Top trail area of Taney County in southwest Missouri. The estimated value of the volunteer work was over \$542,000.



Gathering on the Mark Twain in Missouri. [Click to enlarge.](#)

“We really appreciate the help of the Arrowmen and our partners at Mingo Job Corps,” said Ava District Ranger Jenny Farenbaugh. “This project is proof of how much can be accomplished working together as partners.”

Farenbaugh, Timber Management Assistant Darla Rein, Wilderness Ranger Kale Horton and Forest Staff Officer Kris Swanson were instrumental working on the project first proposed to the Boy Scouts in 2004. Employees

on the Ava-Cassville-Willow Springs Ranger District were heavily involved in the onsite project pre-work, prep, and layout as well as other Mark Twain employees brought in to serve on the team during the event.

“We appreciate the support of local merchants and businesses including Branson, Springfield,



Mealtime. Click to enlarge.

Rogersville, Mansfield, Norwood, Seymour, and Ava,” Farenbaugh said. “Taney County Commissioners and Taney County Road Commissioners and road crews played a very significant role improving the Bateman Road into the project site area.”

Now that the cedars have been cut, the area will be treated sometime in the future with prescribed burning to help control the Eastern red cedar and increase species diversity.

The Mark Twain in Missouri and the Manti-La Sal in Utah were the first two forests involved with the project. The GW Jeff was the third forest and in mid-to-late July the Shasta-Trinity (Calif.) and Bridger-Teton (Wyo.) will be the last two forests to take part in the project.



Keep this in mind *July 13, 2008*

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Posted by KDWeb

Anybody on this Forum oughtta know about this before they start bashing the Boy **Scouts**....they are building trails for you.

From Bicycle Newswire:

Friends of Pathways - Order of the Arrow Trail Construction Project (Jackson, WY)
Friends of Pathways will receive \$5,000 for their "Order of the Arrow" initiative, which will replace 10.5 miles of eroding, illegal trails with fun, sustainable singletrack on Teton Pass. Bikes Belong's funding will bolster grants and volunteer hours from the National Forest Foundation and the Teton Freedom Riders. More than 650 Boy **Scouts** from the trail's namesake service team will donate their time to trail construction this summer.

Friends of Pathways promotes active healthy lifestyles through great trail facilities. Their advocacy and fundraising work helps to connect and enhance communities and recreation opportunities - from paved paths to backcountry trails - in and around Jackson Hole.

<http://www.friendsofpathways.org/>

and from Bikes Belong:

<http://www.bikesbelong.org/node/657875>

and go check page 13 on IMBA's trail news

http://www.imba.com/news/trail_news/21_1/itn_21_1.pdf

No crisis necessary.....

Deseret News

Boy Scouts serving Utah, nation

July 9, 2008

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By Joseph M. Dougherty

"Do a good turn daily." Millions of Boy Scouts have learned that slogan, which most often conjures the image of a uniformed boy leading a little old lady across a busy street.

It was a good turn that brought the Scouting program to the United States after a Scout helped newspaper publisher William D. Boyce navigate a foggy London neighborhood and refused pay. Boyce picked up some literature about Scouting in England and founded the Boy Scouts of America, which will celebrate 100 years of good turns in February 2010. And even though Scouting numbers are declining nationwide, good turns abound this summer, with service projects designed to benefit not only Utah, but also the rest of the nation.

Mitch Park, a Scout from Sandy, is organizing a bone marrow drive in August to help people join the national bone marrow registry.

Park's father died of leukemia in 2004 while trying to get healthy enough for a bone marrow transplant. A suitable donor couldn't be found within Park's family, so doctors began to look at the national registry and found a donor from Minnesota. But that's as far as the process got.

Park said the heartbreaking experience led him to pursue signing up more donors for the marrow registry.

On Aug. 9, people who wish to join the registry can go to the Albertsons at 11400 S. State in Draper to have a cheek swab performed.

"Some people are worried that it will hurt or that they have to give blood," Park said. But once he explains that a marrow donation isn't being performed, people are willing to sign up.

According to the national registry's Web site, marrow.org, a marrow transplant is painless and performed under anesthesia.

Park will be asking for donations to cover the cost of typing donor cheek samples. He and the registry also are seeking minorities, because there is a shortage of minority donors. Park's project is an example of what teenage Scouts can accomplish for service projects, a requirement to attain the rank of Eagle.

Then there are the hundreds of Scouts and volunteers who spent a week in the Manti-La Sal National Forest in June. They have long since packed their bags for home, but in their wake, they left miles of pristine streams.

The streams once had been home to an invasive species of ornamental shrub, called tamarisk, which had been introduced into Utah's wilds. Tamarisk consumes about 300 gallons of water a day, said Jake Wellman, 17, chief Scout of Scouting's national honor society, Order of the Arrow.

"We're turning water usage back to the environment that's been taken away," Wellman said recently.

Wellman is in the midst of coordinating the largest service project Order of the Arrow Scouts have ever undertaken, a five-state, five-week, 5,000-Scout project to help the U.S. Forest Service with various projects in five national forests.

The project is called Arrow Corps 5 and began June 7 in Missouri's Mark Twain National Forest. A week later, Scouts swarmed into Manti-La Sal to remove tamarisk. A week after that, Wellman and company were off to Virginia's George Washington and Jefferson National Forests.

On July 12, the project arrives in California's Shasta-Trinity National Forest and finishes the week of Aug. 2 in Wyoming's Bridger-Teton National Forest.

It makes sense that one of the project's legs would be in Utah, which is home to three of the largest councils in the entire organization and is a place where Scouting numbers are on the rise. From 2006 to 2007, enrollment in Utah's three councils — Trapper Trails, Great Salt Lake and Utah National Parks — increased by an average of 1.5 percent. Nationally, enrollment for traditional Scouts was down 13,130, or just under 1 percent.

But you might not know it to see thousands of Scouts working six-hour days removing invasive trees, removing old fences, restoring ecosystems, building trails, repairing bridges and improving campsites.

And the Arrow Corps 5 was just one project Scouts were undertaking this summer. It all goes back to doing a good turn daily. And Scouts say it goes to show that the program is still strong in a world of many possible distractions.

"Kids must understand why forests are so valuable so they will grow into citizens who support conservation," said Forest Service chief Gail Kimbell.

Wellman says hundreds of Scouts and volunteers have been participating in each leg of the Arrow Corps 5 project, and though the goal of 5,000

Scouts might not be met, the project is a huge success, he says.

All of the projects had been identified by the U.S. Forest Service as necessary projects, but with such a heavy load, it would have taken years for the government to complete them all, Wellman said.

The Forest Service had estimated that 1,000 Scouts could clear 33 acres of cedar in the Mark Twain National Forest in a week.

"We had under 600 Scouts and cleared 134 acres," Wellman said.

In Utah, it was a similar story. The Forest Service estimated the Scouts could clear 25 miles of tamarisk, salt cedar brush and other invasive species. But 550 Scouts and agency workers managed to clear 33 miles.

The creek beds, which had been crammed with brush, are expected to return to naturally flowing creeks, Wellman said.

As Scouts and former Scouts from age 14 to 70 toil away in the summer heat, Wellman said, they get some relief at the end of each day.

Various activities have been planned to showcase features of each national forest, so participants have gone whitewater rafting, canoeing and had other recreational activities.

"We work hard, and we play hard," Wellman said.



Local Boy Scouts Wrap-up National Service Project *July 2, 2008*

By Ken Bates

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Washington-Jefferson National Forest, VA -- More than a dozen boy scouts from the Triad just returned from a massive service project.

The Scouts were participating in ArrowCorp5. It's the largest service project ever in the National Park system.

The projects in Virginia included building trails linking Douthat State Park with trails in the National Forest.

Scout Travis Myers from Lexington says the work was very hard but the results were worth it.

Travis and his father took part in the week-long event. They both say they made memories and friends that will last a life-time.

The local scouts were part of a group of several hundred working in the National Forest.

This is just one of five projects taking place this summer. Another group of local scouts will be going out west later this month for another week of ArrowCorp5.



Scouts' restoration work beneficial to gov't

July 1, 2008

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Arrow Corps-5 is a project of the Boy Scouts who volunteer in national forests in doing repair and restoration work -- saving taxpayers about \$5 million. But media reports claimed the Scouts were being kicked out of a Wyoming national forest because officials had favored the Rainbow Family instead.

The Rainbow Family is a group of freethinkers who generally use marijuana and other drugs they believe should be legal. However, Scout spokesman Brad Haddock says the report of the Scouts being preempted is false and there is no controversy.

"...[W]hat we've done is, a number of the folks have been on the phone with us and worked with the Forest Service and Mark Ray with the AG Department, and we've identified an alternate site in case we're not able to move in there near the ranch site which is near Gros Venture..." said Haddock.

The Scouts, he adds, preferred to work in an area that "had a chance to turn, from a biological standpoint."

Arrow Corps-5 will work on removing fence that was used to divert wildlife, and they will be doing a significant amount of trail work and restoration work.



Local Boy Scouts Help in National Service Project

June 26, 2008

By Ken Bates

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Washington and Jefferson National Forest, VA -- Nearly a dozen local boy scouts and their leaders are taking part in a massive service project.

The scouts are part of ArrowCorp5. It's a five week project in five National Forests from Virginia to California.

The name comes from the Boy Scout's honor camping society; the Order of the Arrow. Each member has volunteered, and paid their way, to take part in a week's worth of service in one of the National Forests.

The local scouts, including Austin Brandon, Chris Davis, Billy Joe Athay, Jack Evans, Jerry Gallimore, Stuart Leonard, Mitchell Loflin, David Moppin, Travis Myers, Cydnei Verdell, and their leaders; Webb Athay, Olin Evans, and

Donald Myers, are in Western Virginia in the Washington and Jefferson National Forest.

They started their service on Monday. They say they worked several hours doing, what they called, "hard labor." They say creating trails is a lot harder than they anticipated because they had to remove many layers of dirt. They built a 150-yard connector between trails and cleaned about a mile of another trail.

But the scouts aren't just working. They get a break every afternoon to enjoy the surroundings by swimming and playing in the water.

Here's a link to the local Order of the Arrow website with more on the daily activities of the local scouts.



Tamarisk Warriors

Order of Arrow Scouts complete project to curb growth of tamarisk

June 24, 2008

By Josie Luke

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After clearing 33 miles of tamarisk, setting the invasion back by more than 30 years, the members of the Boy Scout's Order of the Arrow participating in the Manti La Sal portion of Arrow Corps5 left the area on June 21 to return home.

The scouts exceeded their initial goal of removing 25 miles of Tamarisk from Joe's

Valley Reservoir and Buckhorn Wash. They also removed the invader from Dry Wash, which added up to roughly 50 acres removed per scout.

Ferron District Forest Ranger Mesia Nyman expressed her

excitement Friday after the project was completed. "I had a dream when I became a forest ranger at Manti La Sal," she said, "that one day the tamarisk would be removed from Buckhorn Wash. Friday, that dream became a reality."

The scope of the effect of the project is at present astonishing, but the full effect will not be seen for years. David Dowdy, director of the Order of the Arrow Instructor Corps, revealed, "Various estimations estimate the ecological restoration of [Buckhorn Wash] within three to five years, and they actually hope that the creek will start to flow again."

Scouts completed the project one tamarisk at a

time, using shears, handsaws and chainsaws to cut off each one four to eight inches from the ground, and then kill the plant by spraying a herbicide on the remaining stump. Sawyer Ian Thomas described it as a "really simple process," remarking, "it's just laborious."

The scouts completed the "laborious process" in less than a week, beginning actual work on the project on Monday and finishing on Friday.

More importantly, although they were, according

to Dowdy, "operating a crew with very sharp tools," they were able to do it "in a safe manner," with no serious accidents. For many of the scouts, the project was a once in a lifetime experience, giving them the opportunity to visit a little known National Forest. Dowdy said

that because of this, their leadership tried "from the youngest to the oldest scout, to help them understand how important the work is they're doing."

They hope that by participating on this project scouts will be inspired to "go back to their hometowns and really try and run their own conservation projects," which is part of what Arrow Scouts do— perform service.

Youth Section Chief, Steven Hiemark elaborated, "The Order of the Arrow is, itself, a service program, so you become a member because you've done the service and you enjoy doing it. The scouts are happy to be out here and



do everything they can.”

The project wasn't all work for the scouts, they had a great time on their recreations days, rafting down the Green River, visiting the dinosaur quarry and museum, mountain biking and fishing. They also kept themselves entertained in the evenings. They watched movies, went bowling and even went swimming at the wave pool.

At Canyon View Junior High, they daily watched as their “destruct-o-meter” chronicled the amount of tamarisk removed each day. On Wednesday, John Fagan, youth incident commander joked, “221 tiny tamarisks, each denoting 1/10 of a mile cleared out, destroyed, of the deadly invasive tamarisk.”

Leaders used every possible avenue to boost morale, even developing a huge board game of “Tama-Risk”, and holding a comedy night. Fagan related, “It's our job to inspire them. Our enthusiasm has kind of fueled the kids.”

Kyle Raffensperger from Virginia and Arthur Burnett from California both expressed how much fun they were having. Raffensperger commented on the “beautiful country,” and Burnett said he was “really enjoying” himself, being there with 41 members of his Cahuilla Lodge.

Many scouts expressed a hope and some a commitment to later return to see what they had accomplished. “I would love to visit here down the road 10 to 15 years to see what, as a unit, we were able to accomplish,” said Fagan. “I know I'll be back.”

Some of the scouts may not return to the area. Ben Stilwill said, “To be honest, there are some who live quite far away, who might not get back here, but they enjoy the idea that someone else will come here. That's something they keep in their mind. Whether or not they will directly benefit is not something they are very concerned with.”



Scout visit proves boon for local economy *June 24, 2008*

By Josie Luke
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Along with the eradication of miles of invasive tamarisk, the Order of the Arrow Scout project had an additional benefit for the community— a jolt in the arm for local businesses.

The group focused on utilizing local businesses wherever they could. Arrowman Tony Fiori, who was charged with finances for the group revealed that the scouts spent more than \$35,000 in Emery County alone, on items needed for the staff and scouts, catering, recreation and fuel. He commented that if Carbon County were included, the amount climbed to well over \$50,000.

Food Ranch Owner Drew LeRoy, who catered several meals for the scouts said it well, “This thing just saved me. It has been a godsend for



us.” LeRoy explained that business during the holidays of the late spring and early summer was “way down” because of the unusually cool and windy weather. “Luckily, they came and asked me to cater this,” he said. “It has made up for rotten weather and high gas prices.”

LeRoy also commented on the high caliber of the young men in the group saying, “I have never catered to a more polite bunch of kids. It made me believe there’s hope for the nation yet.”

Kent Wilson, B K’s Stop-n-Shop owner echoed Leroy. “It’s kind of been like a fourth of July week for us. I wish they’d move in,” he remarked. He said that many of the scouts and staff had often come into the store for lunch, and commented that this was more of a benefit than the many

gallons of gas they pumped, which he said he doesn’t make much profit on.

The Arrowmen also frequented Maverick, Wal-Mart, Subway, Hometown Market and the newly opened Cindi’s Café for meals and snacks during the week long service project.



Boy Scouts gather in Rockbridge County for largest service project since WWII

June 23, 2008

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By the end of this week there will many more hiking trails in the area. Virginia is one of five states getting the new additions, and for a special group of boys and men making it happen, it's a labor of love.

They've come from all walks of life, all the way from Alabama to New Mexico. But for the next week, more than 700 Boy Scouts are calling Rockbridge County home.

The group is tackling its largest service project since World War II. They're building new trails and fixing up old ones, about 60 miles in all, in the Alleghany Highlands and near Lake Moomaw.

"It would have taken the Forest Service probably several years to get the work accomplished," says Chris Rose with the U.S. Forest Service.

"Some people would say it's not fun 'cuz it's a lot of work, but we're helping out, for people to come out here and enjoy this," says Sam Johnson.

Each scout does get a recreational day, and the activities include mountain biking, water skiing and fishing.

For this elite group of scouts known as the Order of Arrow, when this venture comes to a close it won't simply be about carving trails but about carving out a legacy of service to God and Country.



Big Boy Scout Service Project

June 21, 2008



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The Boy Scouts of America's largest service project in more than half a century shifts to western [Virginia](#) next week.

Some 750 Scouts staying at Goshen Scout Camp will begin work Monday on more than 63 miles of trails in the George Washington and Jefferson national forests. The project is one of five across the nation.

The Scouts are all members of the organization's Order of the Arrow, an honor society of seasoned campers.

U.S. Forest Service spokesman Mike Tripp says it would take workers several years to accomplish what the Scouts are undertaking in Virginia.

He says the Scouts will build 12 miles of new trails and repair others in the Alleghany Highlands Multi-User Trail System, as well as construct several campsites.



Scouts arrive

Order of the Arrow scouts to begin tamarisk project

June 17, 2008

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The scouts have landed. After five years of planning the day finally arrived. The scouts began pouring into Canyon View Junior High on Saturday. Five hundred and fifty scouts in all, plus leaders, advisors and a support staff.

JJ Arnold said scouts from throughout the country are in Huntington. Some scouts from as far away as Wisconsin, Maine, Florida, the Carolinas and Missouri. Forty squad leaders are in Emery County fresh off the ArrowCorps 5 project in the Mark Twain forest. The work there included cleaning brush from 138 acres.

The project in Emery County will include the cutting and treating of tamarisk in the Buckhorn Draw and in Joe's Valley.



The scouts will work for five days. They will each have a day of recreation which includes rafting, fishing, mountain biking, sightseeing, visiting the dinosaur museum and the dinosaur quarry. Part of the nighttime activities will include a trip to the wave pool in Price on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

A miniature city has appeared on the Canyon View school grounds. There are hundreds of tents, medical facilities, field kitchen and a

large eating area with awning, tables and chairs. Portable showers have been placed in the camp as well. The camp also boasts a full recreation tent with video games, TV and movies for the scouts down time. The football field is available for impromptu games and activities as well.

Some of the advisors came together on Saturday evening before the opening ceremonies and treated the scouts to some mountain music. The advisors found they had instruments that made music together at Mark Twain forest and they have continued playing together here at the Manti-LaSal project. Zach Lombardi from Naples, Florida made up a song about his time in Utah. "I've been in Utah three hours and I've got altitude sickness. I'm in a lot of pain and I just want to go to bed. I've heard they have some pretty rocks here, but I'm too sick to go see them." The songs were all in good fun. Tim Babb from Ft. Smith, Ark. sang Long Black Veil. Colin Smalley from York, Pa. said they began playing together in Missouri and they hit it off. "In Missouri we cut down cedar trees and restored the natural habitat, we are excited to start the Utah project," said Smalley.

The scouts will begin their work bright and early on Monday morning as they leave for the worksites at 7 a.m. Their main focus is on safety at the work sites and the scouts were encouraged to keep their water bottles filled and to think safety. For lunch they will have trail rations which will include tuna and crackers, protein bars, Gatorade and other protein foods. The lunches will vary each day so the scouts won't get tired of the same fare. Breakfast and dinner are catered affairs and the

scouts will experience the best food Emery County has to offer as local businesses will provide the meals.

Huntington Mayor Hilary Gordon was part of the welcoming committee for the scouts at the reception they held to meet local government officials and forest service personnel. She said if the scouts needed anything to just ask and Huntington City would get it for them. JJ Arnold said Emery County and Huntington has been very receptive to the idea of having the scouts in town for this service project and they have been very welcoming.

The opening ceremony began with a bang with music and lights. John Fagan the commander was introduced. The gym at the school was filled to capacity with 550 cheering scouts. “This is a unique opportunity to provide nonstop service to one of the most scenic areas in America,” said Fagan.

Fagan remembered the scouts who lost their lives this week when a tornado touched down at a scout camp. Four scouts died and 48 were injured. Fagan called for a moment of silence to honor those fallen brothers. The scouts recited their Order of the Arrow motto. The motto includes the commitment to perform service with a cheerful spirit and unselfish devotion to the welfare of others. The command staff was introduced to the scouts. These are the people who have been working these past five years getting everything ready for the scouts.

Ben Stilwill encouraged the scouts to learn about the area where the service project is being performed. He said the area is rich in archaeological history and more dinosaur bones have been found here than in other areas. The Fremont culture thrived here in the early years and Butch Cassidy and the Robbers Roost gang hid out in the area. The highest peak in the Manti-LaSal is Mt. Pearl at 13,000 feet elevation.

Stilwill described the Manti-LaSal as being the best site among the five ArrowCorp projects. He said the five projects nationwide will deliver 250,000 hours of service. This service is what it means to be an Arrowman and what it means to be a citizen. Stilwill said Lyndon Johnson said the best thing we can do for those who come in

the future will be to just give them a glimpse of what we had to start with.

Robert Mazzuca, area leader (by video) said, “We are excited about what you are doing for our nation and it gives us great pride. You are a shining example. Millions of scouts have enjoyed the treasures of the forest.”

Scouts have made significant contributions to the United States National Forest Service through the years. Service above self is what makes our country great. Mazzuca encouraged the scouts to take the experiences they have in doing this project and keep it in their memories as they return to their communities. These memories will last a lifetime.

Clyde Mayer, National Order of the Arrow director said he just came from Mark Twain where they cleared 138 acres of cedar. “You will leave this place a better Arrowman. He told the scouts to take pictures of the project and they could enter these photos in a photo contest for prizes.

Scout leaders performed a skit to familiarize the scouts to what they should do in specific situations.

The US Forest Service has been a partner in the project and Tim Beaty is the liaison between the forest service and the ArrowCorp project. Beaty welcomed the scouts and said it’s been a great partnership.

The last five years of planning has culminated now, “I am glad you’re finally here. It’s time to get some work done,” said Beaty. Beaty introduced forest service personnel at the ceremony. Beaty told the scouts they are making history this week. This is the largest OA service project. It’s the largest service project from a single group. The scouts will perform nationwide 125 years worth of work. “You will be changing the environment here for a long time to come. You will push back the invasion of tamarisk by 30 years. This is a great effort. This is more than a service project. It is what you make of it,” said Beaty.

Emery County Commissioner Jeff Horrocks spoke to the scouts. He welcomed them as the future leaders of our country. “You are doing Emery County a great service and we appreciate that. When we were first told that we were being considered for this project. I

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thought no way anyone would ever come here. But here you are.

“Return in the future and bring your families. This is a unique part of the country. If there is anything we can do for you while you are here. Let us know and we’ll do it,” said Horrocks.

David Dowty told the scouts they are spirited Arrowman and, “You guys are exceptional.” Dowty said the 40 trained instructors are there to help the scouts. He encouraged the scouts to work safely.

The scouts were shown a video of the history of service in scouting. The scouts have a greater purpose than just doing the service project. They will join together with previous scouts and will blaze their own trail and write their own page in the book of scout history.

What you do this week will impact those who come after you, what will your legacy be? This was the question posed to the scouts as they embark upon their service project.

Projects & Plans - The Order of the Arrow

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Members of the Augusta Hotshot Crew clear a section of trail in preparation for the ArrowCorps 5 project

About the Project

The ArrowCorps5 project in southwest Virginia will encompass conservation projects, including construction and maintenance over 63 miles of the Alleghany Highland Trail, construction of six to eight walk-in campsites at Sugar Ridge and Lake Moomaw including trails, fire rings, tent pad areas and tables and the construction of 86 information signs to be installed throughout the project area. Nationwide the project will take place on five different national forests and could involve up to 5,000 volunteers from the Boy Scouts of America.

About the Order of the Arrow

The Order of the Arrow (OA) is the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and was founded in 1915 to bestow recognition on Scouts selected by their peers as best exemplifying the Scout Oath and Scout Law in their daily lives. Inducted members are known as Arrowmen and are organized into local youth-led lodges for fellowship and the rendering of service to Boy Scout councils and their communities. More than 180,000 youth and adults are members of the Order of the Arrow, approximately one-eighth of the total number of those registered in the Boy Scout program. Since youth members are elected by their local unit,

and since most of the members of their unit are generally not members of the Order of the Arrow, the OA is said to be the largest membership organization whose members are selected primarily by non-members. In contrast to Boy Scouts, where youth members are under 18 and adult members are those 18 and over, OA youth members include all persons under 21 years of age while those 21 and over are considered adult members. The four stated purposes of the Order of the Arrow are as follows: 1) To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives; 2) To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit; 3) To promote Scout camping; 4) To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

Additional Information

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Boy Scouts of America National Service Project To Be Held on George Washington & Jefferson National Forests

Forestry...Boy Scout Style

May 12, 2008

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An estimated 5,000 Boy Scouts are making plans to spend part of their summer doing repairs and cleanup work in five federal forests.

Wichita, Kansas, resident Brad Haddock, who is spearheading the project called "[Arrow Corps 5](#)," says the Scouts who are participating are part of an elite group. "The Order of the Arrow was formed in 1915, shortly after the Boy Scouts began, as a way to recognize Scouts who exemplify the Scout oath and law in their daily life at summer camp. And then it's grown over the years into the National Honor Society for the Boy Scouts of America," Haddock explains.

According to Haddock, this cleanup project is unique. "We've opened it up to youth and adults who meet the backcountry requirements for the Boy Scouts, and they're actually paying their way to participate. They're paying \$250 of the costs, per person, to come out and



work and donate their time, their energy and their talents to do that," Haddock points out.

The federal government has put a pencil to the work to determine its value to taxpayers. "First of all, they said to just gather up the volunteers to do this and actually have the projects accomplished, it would probably take over ten years to do this if they just did it piecemeal in each of the districts. The total value of the work performed they estimate at just over \$5 million," Haddock contends.

Haddock describes it as the most complex and most challenging conservation project ever conceived by the Boy Scouts, and he hopes it will encourage people to organize and handle local projects in a similar fashion.

"We hope this will be a springboard for other folks to identify ways to really serve not only our forests, but state parks, community parks, recreational areas, and identify ways to do that locally," Haddock says.

The first group of troops will embark on the environmentally friendly projects in early June.

Boy Scouts' largest service project since WWII Group's honor society dispatched to 5 sites to transform national forests May 6, 2008

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A project on schedule this summer for an estimated 5,000 top Boy Scouts from across the nation to restore, repair, rebuild, reclaim and refurbish miles of trails, acres and glens in the nation's forests is being described as the largest Boy Scout national service project since World War II.

It's called [ArrowCorps5](#), and is a project of the [Order of the Arrow](#), the national honor society for the [Boy Scouts of America](#).

It will see a total of 5,000 volunteers, divided into five groups of 1,000, that will spend a week in each of five national forest regions, providing more than 250,000 hours of volunteer service and making immediate and dramatic improvements in the health of the forests and the [wildlife](#).

"ArrowCorps5 is the largest, most complex, most challenging conservation project ever conceived by the Order of the Arrow and Boy Scouts of America," said Brad Haddock, chairman of the National Order of the Arrow Committee. "This project provides a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for each participant to set an example of leadership in service to those who treasure our national forests."

The week-long projects will run from June into August at the Mark Twain National Forest in

Missouri starting June 7, Manti-La Sal in Utah starting June 14, George [Washington](#) and Jefferson in Virginia starting June 21, Shasta-Trinity in California starting July 12 and Bridger-Teton in Wyoming starting July 26.

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"Today's children – and theirs – will need to be able to take the baton and finish the race. For that, they will need a full understanding of why forests are so valuable, along with a strong land ethic. It is our job to give them both," Kimbell said.

The work will include restoring [ecosystems](#), chopping and removing invasive plants and trees, building trails, maintaining various features, working on bridges, improving campsites, weed control, and in Wyoming, removing 8,000 feet of a fence 10 feet high.

Scott Scheffler, a volunteer spokesman for the scouts, told WND that will "immediately" change the environment for wildlife in the area. In Missouri, 100 acres or more of invasive salt cedar will be removed, restoring the area's water table, allowing grasslands to re-grow and restoring the area's beautiful vistas.

"These kids are the cream of the crop, the best of the best, the national honor society," he said. "These kids are picked to be in the Order of the Arrow and they represent the highest ideals of scouting."

He responded to a question about how scouts have been under attack in recent years: From the [West Coast](#) where a troop was kicked out of a marina because of the private organization's refusal to promote homosexuals as leaders for young boys, to

Philadelphia, where there's an ongoing dispute over the scout headquarters building.

"These kids don't get involved in that debate," he said. "This is about these kids stepping up and being an example to the rest of us, that if we value our public lands and if we and groups like the Boy Scouts don't involve ourselves in improving them, they won't be there for future generations."

He said the projects are so extensive in some locations, not only couldn't the government pay a contractor to do the work, one probably couldn't be found either.

In the Shasta-Trinity location, for example, there will be trail repair work, cleanup of illegal dumps in the forests, as well as fuel reduction efforts.

"There will be standard trail maintenance done for the approximately 69 miles of PCT [Pacific Coast Trail] from where it enters the Forest at Peavine Creek to the I5. Standard trail maintenance provides restoration of the trail as needed, and could include installation or re-construction of water bars, tread reconstruction, brushing, possible signage at trail intersections, and restoration and/or construction of new erosion protective structures adjacent to the trail. Additionally, there will be trail maintenance on the approximately 7 mile McCloud Loop Trail, which will include brushing, tread work and route markers. Elevations along these elements of the project vary from 2200 feet to over 6100 feet. Preliminary planning indicates that this work will require approximately 21 crews, with 10 members in each crew," the assignment sheet starts.

"West of the I5, there have been three trails identified as in need of maintenance. Directly west of the I5, the PCT passes through the Castle Crags Wilderness (CCW), with slightly over 15 miles of trail that needs standard trail maintenance. All work in this area will be performed with hand tools and/or pole trimmers. No mechanical type of equipment will be allowed to be used on this element of the project. Beyond the wilderness area, there is an additional 46 miles of the PCT out to Bull Lake that will need standard trail maintenance. Additionally, a PCT feeder trail slightly over 24 miles in length, known as the Sisson Callahan Trail (SCT), is also in need of some heavy repair. Some of this trail, about 1.5 miles in length, has gullies 2 to 3 feet deep that will require intense [rock](#) work to bring the tread back up and create lead off ditches through adjacent berms. The elevation at the I5 starts these elements of the project off at 2200

feet and can get over 7600 feet, with the average at around 5500 feet. It is presently planned that 4 crews will be needed for the trail within the wilderness, 12 teams on the balance of the PCT, and 18 crews on the Sisson Callahan Trail work," it continues.

"The final trail project is the construction of a new South Gate Trail at [Panther](#) Meadows, north of the city of Mt. Shasta. This 1.1 miles of trail is partially in the Mt Shasta Wilderness and is presently in the environmental evaluation and permitting cycle. It is hoped that the approval process will be completed in time for 2 crews to construction this new trail at a 6500 foot level," it said.

And that's just part of the work at one of the sites.

Otis Blankenship, a contingent coordinator at that location, told WND it provides the youth an opportunity to "give back to their community."

"This, in my opinion, is a precursor of things to come. We're talking about a larger scale across the nation. We want the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the YMCA, all the other youth groups, out from in front of the television and back into the forest," he said. "These are our future leaders of our society. We have to help them have an understanding of what's happening with our forests."

The project also serves as a prelude to the organization's plans for its 100th anniversary in 2010.

"For nearly 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America has created a strong foundation of leadership, service, and community for millions of America's youth," Haddock added. "We celebrate this legacy as we reaffirm our commitment to inspire and prepare future generations of leaders through historic and meaningful projects and partnerships."

Not only are the youth leaders donating their time and talents, they are paying their own expenses to [travel](#) in most cases and fees of about \$250 per person per week, to cover the costs of food, housing, equipment and the like, officials said.

There are about 4.7 million people ages 7-20 in the scouting program run by more than 300 councils across the United States and its territories. The Order of the Arrow involves about 180,000 of those. The Forest Service manages about 193 million acres of land across the U.S., roughly the equivalent of the state of Texas.



Needing improved Cell Phone Coverage for Missouri Boy Scout Project (BDA or Reater)?

May 6, 2008

By Mark Wilbur

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I am cross posting this in two locations...

My name is Mark Wilbur and I am in charge of Communications for a Boy Scout Service project to be held in the Mark Twain National Forest this summer from June 7 - 14, 2008.

This site, along with four other National forests located across the United States, will account for the largest, most complex, most challenging conservation project ever in the history of the Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouts of America.

The possible 1,000 participants mentioned above at the Mark Twain National Forest, will be working within the Hercules Glades Wilderness (located south of Ava, Missouri),

We will be in charge of the safety of up to 1,000 Boy Scouts and their leaders that week. The majority of the project involves the use of a very large number of Chain Saws, so safety is a paramount concern!

Due to the terrain we have virtually no [cell phone](#) coverage in the valley of the base camp and much of the work area.

Verizon [Wireless](#) AND US Cell had originally offered to meet our needs by bringing in a complete COW (Cell on Wheels) however Verizon ran into too long of a backhaul. US [Cellular](#) came on board and designed a complete design. I met with them for an on site survey. It was a "done deal" as far as the local team was concerned! But US Cellular corporate made them back out due to "Boy Scout Discrimination" against a certain group of sexually orientated people



Alltel is the only other provider in the area and they have not responded to my requests.

Therefore, I've been asked to see what the possibility may be of locating a temporary BDA or Cell Repeater near our base camp.

Information on the combined projects at all five sites (called ArrowCorps5) can be found by using Google and search for "Arrow Corps 5" .

We would be looking for coverage from approximately June 3 - June 14th.

I appreciate your time, insight and consideration for your potential [tax](#) deductible donation! I will be glad to provide any additional information that I can in this regard. I will be checking this forum for the next couple of weeks.

Please message me with any questions.

Mark Wilbur
Arrow Corps 5 - Mark Twain

The Daily Flag

Boy Scouts of America plans largest National Service Project since World War II

April 30, 2008

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By Deborah Hendrick

What an outstanding project. I can't imagine how long an endeavor of this size has been in the works. Congratulations and Good Luck to everyone involved, and thank you.

Five National Forest Sites, 5,000 Scout Volunteers, Five Weeks of Service

The Boy Scouts of America announced today (April 29, 2008) that the Order of the Arrow, the BSA's national honor society, will conduct its largest national service project since World War II.

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ArrowCorps5 Service Project Schedule

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Wyoming—Bridger-Teton National Forest—July 26-August 2, 2008

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SOURCE: Boy Scouts of America

<http://www.scouting.org>



Utah to benefit from huge Scout project *April 29, 2008*

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The largest Boy Scout national service project since World War II will benefit Utah.

The Boy Scouts announced the summer forest conservation project today. About 5,000 Scouts from the Irving, Texas, area will take part in the five-week effort. They'll do things like ecosystem restoration and trail construction at national forest sites in Utah, California, Missouri, Virginia and Wyoming.



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April 29, 2008

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maintenance, bridge work, campsite improvements, erosion and weed control, and fence removal.

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ArrowCorps5 Service Project Schedule: Mark Twain National Forest June 7-14, 2008 Missouri Manti-La Sal National Forest June 14-21, 2008 Utah George Washington and Jefferson National Forests June 21-28, 2008 Virginia Shasta-Trinity National Forest July 12-19, 2008 California Bridger-Teton National Forest July 26-August 2, 2008 Wyoming

About the Boy Scouts of America
Serving nearly 4.7 million young people between 7 and 20 years of age with more than 300 councils throughout the United States and its territories, the Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training. For more information on the Boy Scouts of America, please visit <http://www.scouting.org/>.

About the Order of the Arrow
More than 180,000 youth and adults are members of the Order of the Arrow, the national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. The purposes of the Order of the Arrow are to (1) recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives, (2) develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit, (3) promote Scout camping, and (4) crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

About the U.S. Forest Service
Established in 1905, the Forest Service is an agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Forest

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Service manages public lands in national forests and grasslands.

These public lands encompass an estimated 193 million acres of land, an area the size of Texas.

The Forest Service has a long and

distinguished history of service to the public and stewardship of our national forests and grasslands.

The agency's mission is best captured by the phrase "Caring for the Land and Serving People."Website:

<http://www.scouting.org/>