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Brothers,

Are you ready for an ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> TOTALLY TETONS Adventure? Well I am! My name is Sam Fife and I am the section Chief of W-5D. I am serving you as the Youth Incident Commander (YIC) for the Bridger-Teton project site. My section serves parts of Idaho, Wyoming and Utah. I am a member of the Bridger-Teton AC5 host lodge. I grew up in the town of Blackfoot, Idaho and am currently a freshman at BYU-Idaho.

It is truly an honor to be a part of this awesome service project with the Order of the Arrow. The Boy Scouts of America has never undertaken a project of this scope. Together, we are really making history! I'm so excited for the work that we'll get done this summer. What we accomplish is going to have a great impact on our country. We are also setting a high precedence for the future of our great Honor Society of Scouting—the Order of the Arrow. Thank you for choosing to spend time with us in Wyoming this summer at Bridger-Teton National Forest. Each of you coming together for a week of service will make this great project a success!

# So What's So Special About Bridger-Teton National Forest?



The Bridger-Teton National Forest is 3.4 million acres and is adjacent to both Grand-Teton National Park and the National Elk Refuge. The Bridger-Teton has three nationally dedicated wilderness areas, which include the Bridger Wilderness, the Gros Ventre Wilderness and the Teton Wilderness.

There is a large diversity of wildlife in Bridger-Teton National Forest. During the summer, trumpeter swans, sandhill cranes, coyotes, bald eagles, and elk are among the wildlife that may be seen. While not as frequently seen during the summer months, moose, mule deer, and bighorn sheep also inhabit the Bridger-Teton National Forest.

On June 23, 1925 a one mile wide section of mountain collapsed. This section is known as the Gros Ventre Slide. The slide dammed the Gros Ventre River and formed Lower Slide Lake behind the dam; two years later the dam gave way, flooding the town of Kelly. This unique geologic site is located 18 miles northeast of Jackson.

In total, there are hundreds of different species of mammals, birds, fish and plants that inhabit the Bridger-Teton National Forest. Feeding a wild animal can be not only dangerous, but it will almost certainly lead to that animal having to be destroyed because of getting too comfortable around humans. While we hope you get to observe many of these species in their wild habitat, remember that they are wild.



# Life at Base Camp



The official base camp of the Bridger-Teton ArrowCorps<sup>5</sup> project will be located next to Jackson Hole High School. All participants will start their adventure at base camp. Contingents who are assigned to the Teton Pass work site will remain camped at base camp for the entire week. Contingents assigned to the Goose Wing or Dutch Joe sites will move to remote camps on Sunday and will return on Thursday (July 31st).

Lodge contingents will camp together, thus allowing the contingent leader(s) to better supervise their group members. This will allow for the development of a sense of community for the lodge members. What a great way for Arrowmen to forge new, better ties with their fellow lodge members.

Arrowmen will not necessarily be assigned to work groups with members of their lodge / contingent . The Bridger –Teton Operations Team will divide Arrowmen into work sites and groups based upon the needs of the site and the talents of the Arrowman. There may be other variables considered in assigning Arrowman to specific sites and or work details. What a neat way to foster the making of new friends from around the country. The ability to make new friends while at the same time providing service to our Nation's National Forest! What a combination.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The Bridger-Teton staff have fielded many excellent questions from you—the participants. Many questions are frequently asked by many of you. We have developed an FAQ list and we will be publishing some of most frequently asked questions in each issue of the *Totally Tetons Tribune*. If you have a question that has not been answered, please e-mail us at [oa.bridgertetons@gmail.com](mailto:oa.bridgertetons@gmail.com) and we'll get you an answer. If you have a question, we're sure someone else has the same question. Who knows, your question might find its way here to the FAQ page!

**Q: When do lodge contingents need to arrive and when will they leave?**

**A:** You will need to arrive for contingent check-in between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm on Saturday July 26. AC5 will officially begin with supper on July 26. Contingents will be free to depart after breakfast on Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Q: Can I fly to the Bridger-Tetons AC5 site?**

**A:** Yes. There is a small airport in Jackson, WY. Flights into Jackson are very limited. If you plan to fly to Jackson, you will need to book those flights early. Salt Lake City, UT and Idaho Falls, ID airports may provide more options but you will need to arrange transportation from those airports to our Jackson base of operations.

**Q: Can I arrive early if my travel plans necessitate it?**

**A:** The Bridger-Tetons staff is working to make reasonable early arrival possible. More information will be made available as arrangements are finalized. Early arrivals are not encouraged and there will not be food service for early arrivals.

**Q: Where will participants be sleeping?**

**A:** All participants will be sleeping in tents. A jambo-ree style camp will be located near Jackson High School. All participants will be camping at Jackson on Saturday, July 26, 2008. Participants assigned to the Dutch Joe and Goosewing project sites will depart on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> and will camp at those sites. You should plan on two persons per tent and plan to bring your own tentage.

**Q: How will participants be assigned to the different projects?**

**A:** The largest number of participants will be assigned to the Teton Pass project. Approximately 300 participants and staff will be assigned to the Goosewing and Dutch Joe fence removal projects. If a contingent would like to request to be assigned to one of the fence removal projects we will try to accommodate that request but we can't guaranty you will get that project. The needs of USFS projects must come first.

Watch your inbox each month for a new issue of the *TOTALLY TETONS TRIBUNE*. In future issues, we will continue to make sure you get the information you need. If you have burning questions and you need an answer sooner, you can check the official ArrowCorp<sup>5</sup> Bridger-Teton web site link on the National Order of the Arrow web site at [www.oa-bsa.org](http://www.oa-bsa.org).

If you need to contact one of the ArrowCorp<sup>5</sup> Bridger-Teton Key Staff, please use the e-mail addresses below. You can also submit questions to the official e-mail address for our project at [oa.bridgertetons@gmail.com](mailto:oa.bridgertetons@gmail.com).



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