



Summer Team Overview

*10 days of preparation. 2 weeks of international travel.
A month-long intensive connecting dance with missions!*

Arrows International takes groups of dancers on short-term mission trips to spread the gospel of Christ. The month-long commitment includes 10 days of training at the Arrows Training Center in Edmond, OK, and then 2 weeks of international outreach. All Summer Team members must go through the application process and be accepted in order to participate. All applications are prayed over before we make final decisions about who will be a part of each team. Team members will be challenged to grow spiritually, physically, and mentally during their time with Arrows.

The first portion of the trip is preparation time. During our 10 day training period, we set ourselves apart for the Lord to become unified as a team and spiritually ready for the ministry ahead. As we press in and seek God's face together, we are strengthened and exhorted to walk the road before us with joy, faith, and courage. Just as the Levitical priests prepared themselves before entering God's presence, so must we take time to prepare before we minister. Our desire is to prepare our instruments, our bodies, for God's noble purposes. "If a man cleanses himself of the latter (ignoble), he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the master and prepared to do any good work" (2 Timothy 2:20-21). Each day, from 7 AM to 9 PM, during the training period is filled with prayer, devotions, worship, biblical application classes, and a wide variety of dance choreography. The dance styles used in choreography often include: contemporary, modern, lyrical, ballet, hip hop, jazz, musical theater and drama/mime. Devotions and Biblical study sessions are taught by Arrows' leadership and guest speakers; topics may include the following: The Latter Day Levite, Becoming a True Worshiper, Missions and Evangelism, Unity and Team Building, Understanding Cultures, and Spiritual Warfare. At the end of the training period, we hold a send off concert to share what we'll be doing overseas (all friends and family are invited to attend).

The second portion of the trip is the ministry outreach portion when the Arrows team flies from Oklahoma City to a designated nation. We take all we have prepared to go out to share the gospel, set the captives free, bring healing to the land, and see salvations, miracles, signs, and wonders take place. During training, we become



sharpened Arrows in God's quiver; during the outreach phase, God releases us from His bow to HIT THE MARK with glorious strength and accuracy! Some examples of places we may minister in are schools, parks, malls, prisons, orphanages, nursing homes, inner cities, streets, theaters, churches, and universities. Ultimately, our desire is to be led by the Spirit of God and we will minister wherever the Lord leads us to go.

LOGISTICS

- To apply, email admin@arrowsintl.org to let us know you're interested and then submit the application found on our Summer Teams page on our website.
- Financial responsibilities: Team members are expected to raise their own funds for the trip and submit these finances by specified due dates. Accommodations and main meal expenses during training and international travel are included in the total trip cost. Team members must pay their own way to and from the Arrows International Training Center in Edmond, OK, but all transportation during training and the international outreach phase is covered. Team members must accept responsibility for their own personal expenses, such as spending money for souvenirs and a possible fun excursion.
- Team members must have a full personal commitment to Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. Arrows International is a ministry unto the Lord, and as such, team members must be willing to accept the spiritual covering and practical leadership of Arrows International during their time with Arrows.
- Team members must be at least 16 years of age. Those under 18 require special consideration from Arrows and, if accepted, a release form from a legal guardian.
- Team members are asked to prepare a solo (3 minutes or less) that may be used in outreaches.
- Team members must dress modestly: no short shorts or skirts, no low cut tops, etc., as defined by the leadership and as is appropriate for the country we travel to. The purpose of our ministry is to focus attention on God, not draw it to ourselves. The guidelines relating to personal appearance are designed with that goal in mind.
- Team members must not have any unnaturally colored hair or extreme hairstyles while part of the ministry, as defined by the leadership. Team members will not wear excessive facial piercings, as defined by the leadership. If a team member has a tattoo, he/she may be asked to conceal it appropriately during outreaches.
- Team members must arrange for medical insurance for the international portion of the Summer Team commitment. They must provide a copy of proof of insurance when it is requested (usually a few weeks before training begins).
- It is the responsibility of team members to obtain and pay for passports and visas when necessary.
- Costuming: Arrows provides most of the costumes. Team members may be asked to bring a few pieces of their own, such as an all black outfit. They are required to provide their own performance undergarments, such as leotards and tights for women, undershirts and bike shorts for men, and various dance shoes. Closer to the start of training, team members receive a packing list that details everything they need to provide.
- During training, all participants stay in Arrows' dorms on the property of Arrows International's Training Center and need permission to leave the property, outside of planned outings.