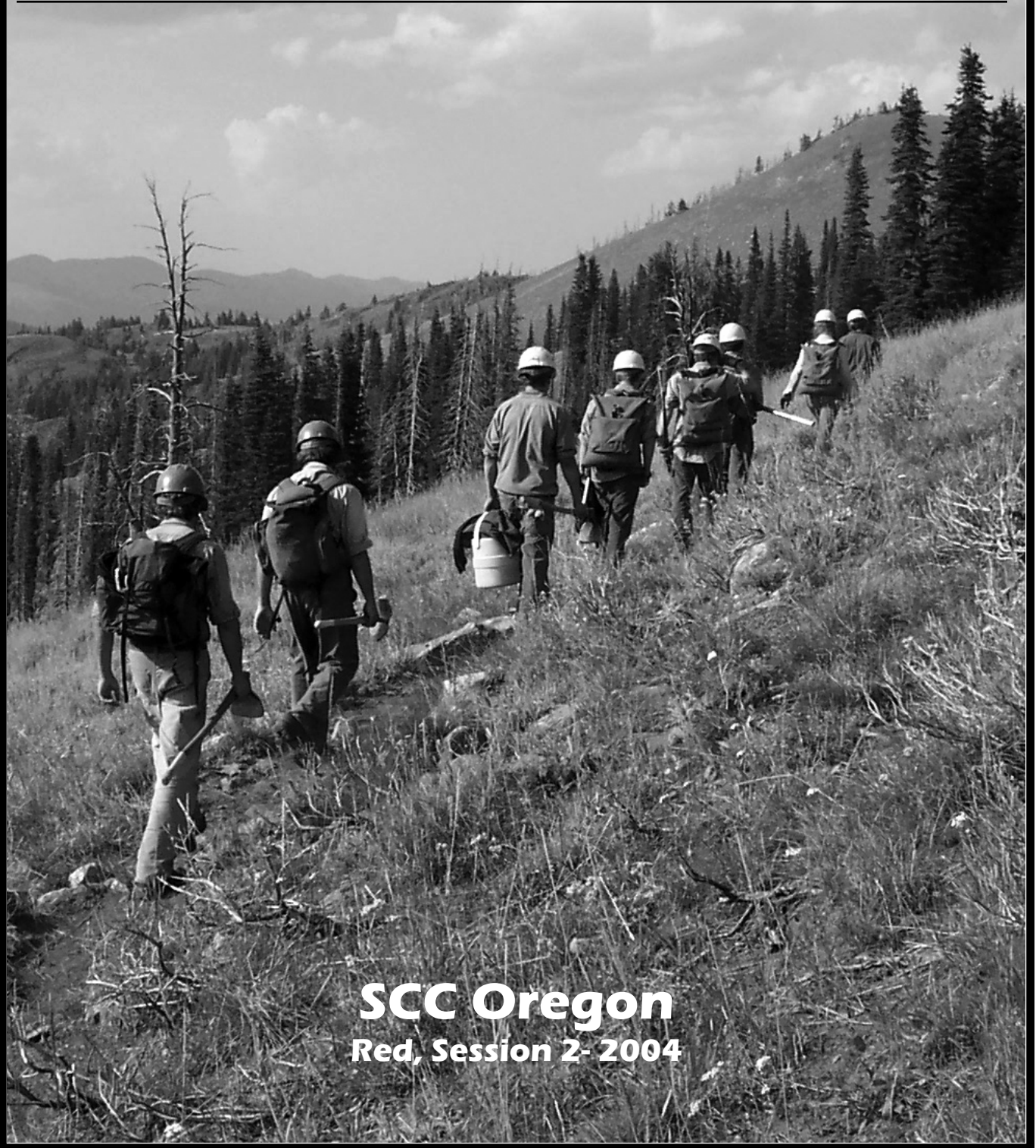




Crew Journal



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Well, it's that time of year here at NYC, with the final tool count completed and the vans neatly tucked into their winter parking spaces, its time to sit back, reflect on the season and start recounting the tales of adventure and hardship that you'll someday tell your grandkids. This journal is a small reflection of your crew's experiences this year; footnotes, scribbled at the end of a long day by hands aching from swinging a tool. To anyone else who hasn't lived outside for over a month, done a safety circle at 5:30 AM, done the pushup-challenge, or chugged a gallon of vesper, these notes might not seem like much. But I hope that for you they are a small key to unlocking memories that will stay with you for a lifetime. And I'm not just referring to memories of smelly vans, blistered feet, and poison oak rashes. Sure that's all part of the gig; but it's the shared hardships that bring people together and forge memories of good friends, great achievements, and incredible places.

Thank you for taking on the adventure of NYC this season. With your commitment, courage and hard work NYC crews have left a lasting legacy. While you were slogging through the woods, huddling around the fire, seeking any type of moisture available, sharpening pulaskis, or finishing the last remnants of an all too-large meal; up to twenty-one other crews were doing the same things across Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Northern California. The work completed by NYC crews went farther than ever before, pleased a record number of project sponsors, helped out the natural areas and communities in the Northwest, and, most importantly, . . . showed the general public that teens are responsible enough to complete a hard job with style!

As you embark on your next adventure, whatever it may be, remember the things you did here. Remember the challenges you faced and that nothing is impossible. All you need is a fistful of gorp, a PB&J and some good friends in your bump line. Make it happen!

Best Wishes,

Joe Waksmundski
Program Manager



National Forest: Willamette National Forest
Ranger District: Mc Kenzie RD
Project Name- McKenzie-Santiam PCT

Week 1: Date: July 25th

Monday: Dan put his face in mud for football. It was our first day of work today. At work we moved big rocks; we got up at 5 am. At 5:15 we ate, and then we went to safety circle. I learned new words today. We learned new tools. Our crew color is red. We are working in the Willamette. Margaret C.

Monday: Today was our first day as a real crew. Our crew consists of Margaret, Paulina, Dan, Josh, Shown, Rebecca, Rachel, Mary, Andrew & me, Nicole. We have totally busted out this morning we really came together as a crew and got the van and the trailer packed very fast. We found our campsite or “work place” and set up camp in like 30 minutes. But the high line took ten extra minutes. Then we talked about work for tomorrow. Then we talked to our contact and he walked us up to where we are going to work and there was so much free time we got to swim in a lake and we got to swim for about 40 min. and Dan got paid \$2.00 to slap a whole handful of mud in his face ‘FOOTBALL.’ Our crew is really coming together and I am almost positive that everyone is going to last five weeks. We are coming together. Nicole G.

Tuesday: Our project this week is the PCT trail in Willamette Forest. We are trying to make the trails better and keep vehicles out of it. We are also trying to make water bars to keep water from flooding the trails. Andrew P.

Wednesday: Our crew's goals for the week are to finish all projects like water bars, and all trail recreation, and the brushing project, and to get along with everyone in our crew. So that we don't lose any crewmembers. And also to get 40 hours in each week, plus get a lot of free time, and get the golden chief award. I hope we finish all our goals by Friday. Dan C.

Thursday: We learned what all the tools' names are, how to fix social problems, how to make a hinge, where to dig, how to smooth out the trail and we have learned how to have a good trail eye. We have also learned one of the most important lessons which is how to be a safe, hard-working team. Rebekah

Friday: Our challenges were waking up at 5 am every morning and walking home after work in the heat. Our crew did not have too much trouble with chores. We accomplished ten water bars. 750 ft. of trail, 1600 ft. of trail maintenance, 2 side posts, 1 blockade, 3 debris brigades and two sign posts. Paulina H.

National Forest: Willamette NF
Ranger District: McKenzie RD
Project Name- McKenzie-Santiam PCT

Week 2: Date: Aug. 1st

Monday: We worked on Friday for four hours. Then we went to take showers at a truck stop and then we got to do our laundry. When we were at the Laundromat we got to do a store stop and use the phone. Then on Friday we went to the weekend site, set up and got free time. Saturday we got to do rec trips and do store stop again. Then on Sunday we went back to our worksite. Nicole G.

Tuesday: Today we were brushing. We were brushing grass, trees, and little trees, weed picking, got angry at each other. Lost tools every break we had. Nature called a lot and a tree became man's best friend. Joshua P.

Wednesday: Our crew's goals for this week are to set our bar higher for completing our chores faster and working together more as a crew. We also have a goal to make the stinkiest article of clothing. This week my shirt won on account of my deathly armpit stains. And as usual another goal we have is to work hard and complete all of our hours. Rachael H.

Thursday: This week our sponsor Wayne showed Marta and I how to use the crosscut saw more effectively by using short strokes. When wood is tight and finding a comfortable stance also holding it level on each side. We learned in SEED to keep calm in case of emergency—this week we had a test to see how all of us would react most of us did well.

This week some of us learned how to use the crosscut. We also learned how to respond to an emergency in case of one. We also learned that 10 miles is a very very long way to

walk.

Friday: Our crew's challenges were working nine hour days and our ten mile hike through the PCT. I however didn't hike all ten miles. I hiked up the mountain and hiked back. Wayne and Dan hiked back with me. We hiked about three miles, worked on the trail and bought cinnamon rolls for the crew. For our accomplishments we were able to work nine hour days and some of us learned how to use the crosscut saw properly and build water bars. We also got to see the pictures Wayne took of us and we said our goodbyes to him. Now we have gotten clean and are headed to the weekend site.

National Forest: Fremont NF
Ranger District: Paisley
Project Name- Cache Cabin

Week 3: Date: Aug. 8th

Monday: This weekend we drove to Cougar Reservoir. Half of the crew went with the new rover down to the Horse Pasture Mtn. The crew made a great dinner for all of the kids and parents. We made lasagna, French bread, peaches and salads. We would have won the golden Skillet if Josh ate some of the lasagna. On Sunday we drove to Dead Horse Lake campground. Josh P.

Tuesday: This week we are constructing trail and brushing trails that are already made. We are at Campbell Rim near Campbell Lake. We are making new trail, chopping down trees, brushing trails and taking out rocks and stumps from trails. We are working on this trail because it needs trail maintenance, since it was last worked on two years ago.

Andrew P.

Wednesday: Goals? Well, let's see... After today, not to lose any more crewmembers! Our goal this week is still initiative, we want to develop our individual initiatives. OK, on a lighter note about our awesome crew: we are gossips, but it seems that NONE of it is a secret!! Everyone knows before the lights are out! We played a spelling game on the trail today, and Pete dominated. Batman got teased about a certain Blonde, and there were lots of giggles. All in all, the day was, hmm, OK. And right now the things are looking up, because I smell some awfully good looking dinner!!! J Mary C.

Thursday: This week we learned how to construct a new trail. And I am sure some of us have learned that no matter how hard things get, don't ever give up, just keep giving it all your effort. Paulina H.

Friday: My crew's challenges and accomplishments this week were: 1-we lost a crew member, which makes it so that we have to work 9 hours [a day] instead of 7. So, our challenges are to get through it without fighting or anything like that. Daniel G.

This Friday we worked for four hours. Then we got showers and do laundry. Then we went to the weekend site. Then on Saturday we went to the rec trips and we came home and hung out at the weekend site. After that the Red crew cooked dinner for all other crews and the parents. We made lasagna. Then, on Sunday we packed up the tents and drove to our new site. We will be out for two weeks and it will be great. Oh, and we got a new kid to replace Shawn. His name is Justin. Nicole G.

**National Forest -Freemont
Ranger District-Paisley
Project Name-National Rec. Trail**

Week 4: Date

Monday: [On] Saturday our crew had the day off, which we started off by sleeping in (it, by the way, rocked!!) We went to town (to Paisley), and made phone calls, etc. Saturday was also Family Day, and so everyone did everything together. That night, however, we had a flash flood storm with hail. The girls ended up with a flood through their tents and everyone busted out digging trenches and getting the girls high and dry. Sunday the crew went to work, we worked for 5 hours. We then enjoyed a relaxing hour down at the lake. Mary C.

Tuesday: We are working on the Nat'l Recreational Trail. So far we have been sawing and building trail. Today I worked on the cross cut with Dan, than I did some sawing and trail building. Than after work we stashed all our tools except a shovel and Pulaski's, because we needed a shovel to dig stumps and we needed to sharpen the Pulaski's. Then we do the same thing tomorrow. Rebekah G.

Wednesday: Our goals for the week are: 1-to try to finish the trail that we are constructing (by Friday) 2- to make it up the trail (where we stashed our tools) faster. Our married couple sawed trees for 7 hours. Our bad Red Neck made a homemade grasshopper shooter today at the lake. Paulina H.

Thursday: This week in SEED our crew learned different ways to job search, and which ways are more effective (like a word of mouth). We also learned how to construct a fire in harsh conditions. For instance, if wood is wet, make small shavings all around the stick in different patterns. We also learned about careers in the economy and how high demand products sometimes cost less, and low demand products sometimes cost more. Rachel H.

Friday: The crew's challenge was to connect to Casey's old crew's trail but we didn't. Our accomplishment was to get as close as we could. We made a trail that was one mile long. It was hard work. The hike took forever, because we walk 3 miles to work and 3 from work. The trail was a work out, because we took a 1/ 2 off a 6 gal., 3 yellow tops and 4 Pulaski's up. When Nick came down to work with us, he told us we had to take some of the rocks out that we missed, and fix the trail too. Josh P.

Sunday: On Saturday we had our day off and it started raining. So we decided to go inside our tents. We were playing poker inside the boys' tent. Josh won the first game, and Andrew won the second game. It started hailing like crazy, so we had to stay in the van for a while. When it stopped hailing, we came out and the girls' tent had a river going though it. The whole crew then sprung into action to make drainage dips and moved the girls' tent to a dry spot. Later we had sub sandwiches and cheesecake, which was good! On Sunday we worked for 5 hours and then went to the lake. Andrew P.

**National Forest –Ochoco NF
Ranger District-Prinville RD
Project Name-Hammer
Creek Trail**

Week 5: Date

Sunday: On Friday morning we finished packing up the trailer and were on our way to work. We worked about 4 hours. Once work was finished, we headed out of the Freemont and to the weekend site. Weekend site was kinda fun. We had NYC Olympics on Saturday after the rec trips. Some of the games were Nalgene Chugs and Egg Relay. On Sunday we packed up and set off to our new site.

Monday: We went to the weekend sight and had the Olympics for NYC and some of us won stuff. Then we went on rec trips and then came back and did our chores. Then we played football, had dinner and went to bed. We got up on Sunday, packed our stuff and found out where we were going. We got in the van and left. We went to the store and then we left the store and went back to Ochoco to work. Justin M.

Tuesday: We are in Ochoco Forest and we are working on reconstructing trail. Our crew busted out his last two days. We've got a lot of trail built, and it feels great to get a lot done. We are doing it because NYC wants us to. It is our last week. HUMDIDLILIE

Wednesday: My crew's goals for the week are to get a lot of trail done on our trail; to get along with everyone and not make fun of Dave. To work our absolute hardest on our very last day. Our crew has had a very good session and we've become really close. We've been through ups and downs and we've lost and gained the crew members. It's been great and it is a memory that we will never forget. Daniel C.

Thursday: This week our crew learned how to reconstruct trail, dig latrines, dig cat holes, poop in the woods, work together, understand each other's feelings, create a safe, happy environment and make our crew leader happy. Our crew learned that horses can go up really steep trails. Throughout this session everyone has grown a lot and I believe we will all grow more. Andrew

Friday: We had kind of a grumpy week, so a challenge was maintaining our PMA. We also finished our project better and faster than anyone expected us to. But HEY-OOOO! We're Red Crew!
So today we have to drive forever to get to Eugene, and we're gonna do the Big Clean. Then we are going to have a kick BBQ dinner, pack-up and head home. Bye, guys! I love you all and I am gonna miss you! Xx, Mary

My Most Challenging Day At NYC Was...

My most challenging day at NYC was when we first started the session we had to get up at 5:00 in the morning. It was tough but I made it through, thank God. Paulina H.

My most challenging day at NYC was walking 10 miles on lava rock and getting read of the big lava rocks and the trail. Joshua P.

My most challenging day at NYC was working at Freemont. Justin M.

My most challenging day at NYC was when I felt really, really sick and I got up early and had to hike 3 miles with water at the Freemont. Rachael

My most challenging day at NYC was more like a week –the 5th week. Tempers got a little short, and the quarters were small- but we made it! Mary C.

My most challenging day at NYC was our 10 mile hike on the PCT trail, which was very hard! Andrew P.

One day that I did not feel very good and I have to brave it out and do it anyway.

The very last day because it dragged on, and frustrations, including my own, were high. Beth S.

When I had to work while I wasn't feeling good. Nicole G.

...When I had to carry ½ a 6 gallon up the hill very day at the Freemont for 2 weeks.

My hardest day at NYC was our first hump day. I had so many aches and pains that I wasn't sure I would make it through the whole session. Rebekah G.

My Three Favorite NYC Experiences Were...

My favorite day of the week is Friday, when we al pile in the van and take a road trip to the weekend site, jammin' to Sublime. I look in the mirror and see ten bobbing heads singing at the top of their lungs.

My other two favorite things or experiences are weekend sites and staff meetings because Nick always brings us treats. Casey M.

It is hard to separate out 5 experiences but, hmm... one would be walking up on Wednesday and saying "Hey, guess what? Tomorrow we can say, tomorrow we get to shower!!" Another would be Joshua dancing down the trail to the "Bump and Grind" and the last. The entire group at the first weekend site standing in a circle and singing "Baby Shark" with Jeremy. Mary C.

My three favorite experiences were when Wayne told some of us that we were better than his crew and making some really good water bars and really good water dips. Joshua P.

My three favorite NYC experiences were singing “Baby Shark” with Jeremy, putting out the wrong food for breakfast, and having Cow Pie fights with Dan and Justin. Rebekah G.

My three favorite NYC experiences were when we did the 10 mile hike; after the 10-mile hike, when Wayne gave us cinnamon rolls and chocolate cookies, and the two weeks we spent with Wayne. Paula H.

My 3 favorite NYC experiences were working hard and getting up early and making the fire. Justin M.

My favorite NYC experience was 1st week, when Jeremy was there to witness the shaving of my head.

My three favorite experiences at NYC were recreation trips, our rovers, and our cool contact, Wayne. Andrew P.

Hanging with my crew
Working hard
The FUN Nicole G.

Finding so many cool lizards on the trail; watching my crew members take initiative and grow; my whole entire experience with NYC from the first session to the last, spanning four years! Beth S.

One Thing I Will Always Remember...

I will always remember the Red Crew, Pulaski, bump-line hacking at a how and a half-diameter downed log. Casey M.

I will always remember first weekend site with the Red Crew – we were soooooo tight. I’ve never seen a crew get so close so fast – we really are a family! Mary C.

One thing I will always remember is that during the first week our rover Jeremy made a bench and a table rumble when he farted. Joshua P.

I will always remember Wayne, our really nice contact from the first week. He was so cool and so nice to us. Andrew P.

One thing I will always remember at NYC is every night before lights were out, Nicole and all the other girls (including myself) would always have something to laugh about, no matter what. Paulina H.

One thing I will always remember is Dan having a baton butt. Justin M.

I will always remember my favorite crew leader Casey and my favorite Rover, Jeremy.
Rachael H.

Something I will always remember is our crew being so close, because our crew was so close for the whole time. Nicole G.

I will always remember the friends I made at NYC. Rebekah G.

Building new trail; walking down new trail at the end of the day and seeing what I just built. It is the most beautiful thing I've seen. Beth S.

I think it will be the work. Daniel C.

From Now On I Will Always...

From now on I will always appreciate the small things in life, like hot showers, warm bed, warm house and something else for lunch other than PB&J every day. I will always appreciate my freedom of choice, my freedom of speech and my freedom IN GENERAL.
Rachael

I will always think about Red Crew every time I hear Sublime, about the Industrial Meat Industry or co-organic Bi-products. Thanks, Rach! Mary C.

From now on I will always not take our things at home for granted, like showers and other appliances. I will also always not judge people by their looks. Andrew P.

From now on I will always work hard with my chores at home, and I will take shorter hours.
Joshua P.

From now on I will always remember the awesome times Red Crew had on the road trips while listening to Sublime. I will always remember my time at NYC. Paulina H.

From now on I will remember the time when Red Crew went to the Freemont. We played football and I fell on my butt. Justin M.

From now on I will always remember the people. Dan C.

I will always remember the great times and the people. Nicole G.

I will always want a hug hoe in my hands to fix the trail I'm hiking, even when I am not working at NYC. Beth S.

From now on I will always work hard at whatever job I do, and be more outgoing with people.
Rebekah G.

At NYC I Learned...

At NYC I learned that everyone had something good to offer, all you need is a knife to survive in the woods. And the Red Crew is full of LOVE!!! Casey M.

3 things I learned at NYC were to get along with everyone and work as hard as I can. The last but not the least, is how to make trails. Joshua P.

At NYC I learned 3 things: to get along with others, work hard and eat a lot of food. Justin M.

At NYC I learned to get along with everyone, do chores and work hard. Dan C.

How to communicate better
How to get along with 12 people at all times
How to work hard Nicole G.

At NYC I learned:

1-how to use tools properly
2-I learned how to cooperate with others
3-lastly, I learned how to have an awesome time
Paulina H.

- How to compromise so that everyone is happy
- How to love and forgive unconditionally

How to work hard and encourage others to do their best
Mary C.

At NYC I learned how to work on trails safely and have a good trail eye.
Rebekah G.

I learned how precious and simple things in life are; to be grateful for food in my belly, for a dry place to sleep and for the people to belong with. Beth S.

I learned that I should value my good food, and my warm bed. I also learned that I can get along with most people. R. H.

...How to work with others on a crew at work, and I learned a lot about the environment.
Andrew P.

