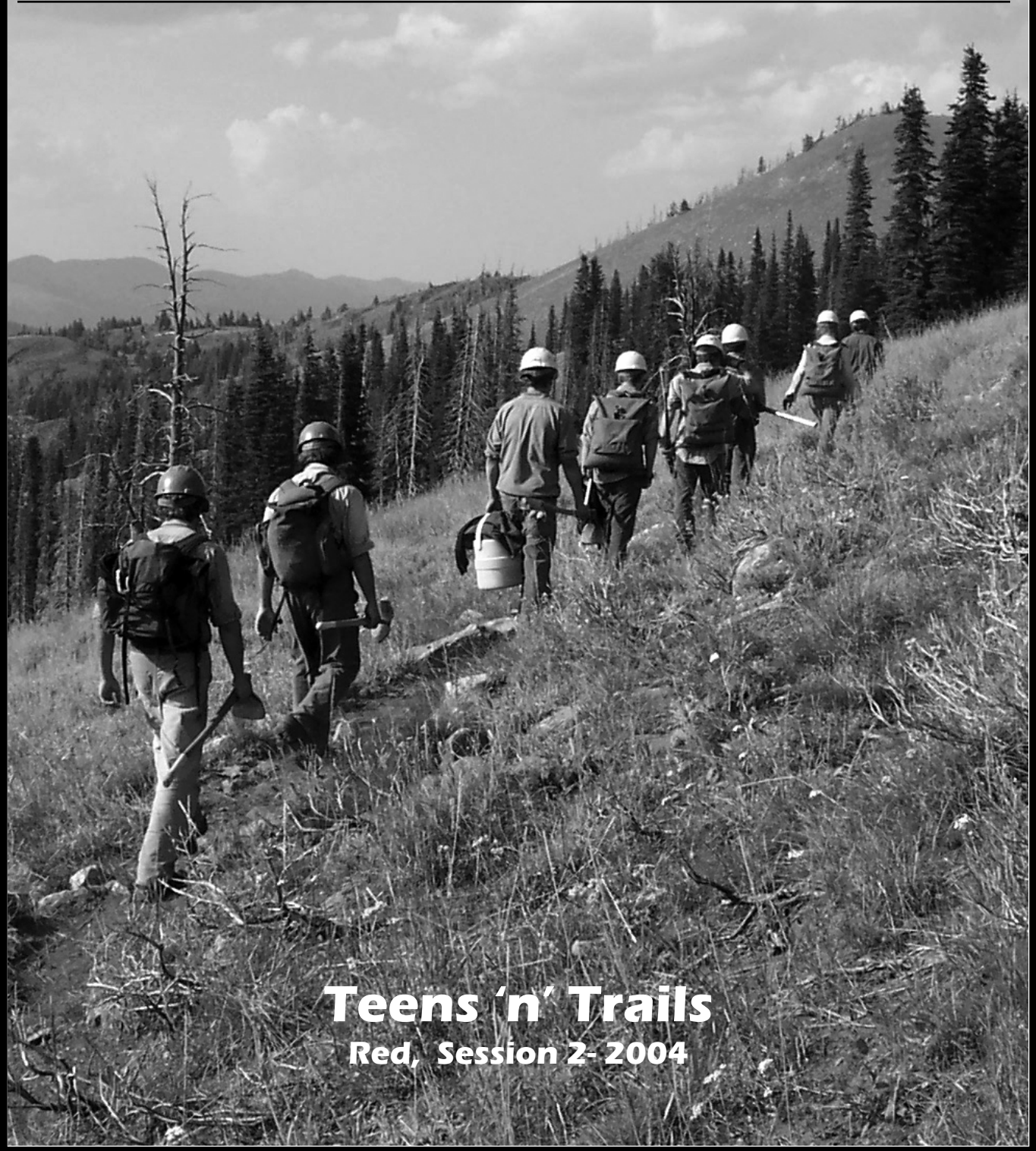




# *Crew Journal*



**Teens 'n' Trails**  
**Red, Session 2- 2004**



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 a 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Ojerio'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'R' and 'O'.

Ryan Ojerio  
Program Manager



**Sponsor: Eugene BLM**  
**Project Name: Whittaker Creek Loop Trail Construction**

Week 1:

Monday: Tent one went to Safeway and spent 50 bucks on food. And we got a pizza for the whole bus. Tent 2 spent \$33.88 at Safeway. We set up camp and went on a hike, went swimming and wrote a crew contract. Matt P.

Tuesday: We are doing trail. It is pretty cool to have an official Red Crew Trail. We are at Whittaker Creek. Today we installed more trail. We had to cut down trees, work on a steep slope and take out an enormous stump (I swear – I am going to mount this thing). After that we went swimming in the river. It was so cold, but it was so fun. This is great. Jon W.

Wednesday: Our crew's goals are to connect trail to the already completed trail. Also to outwork Blue group, because we don't like them. Also we would like to have a quiet SEED. Mike R.

Thursday: This week our crew learned that respect is a big issue here at NYC. We've also learned how to build trail, whether it is flat land or a hill we are working on. Another thing we've learned is to wake up when we are told. We also learned that July 22 is Peter's birthday.

Friday: Red crew came onto the Whittaker Creek project with very little trail experience. Splitting up into two teams, the Red Crew elite and the Red Crew Super Heroes busted out a serious amount of trail the first day. Day two we encountered our true enemies: stumps and downed logs. Q (a.k.a. Quincy) used her woodswoman background to get into the minds of our enemies, and once again we won the

ground over our foes. Divisions and issues of respect threatened to put a serious rift between the Elite and the Superheroes, but not. A Hippy Peter stepped onto the scene, pounding out battle marches on his melodica. The stumps got larger and the downed logs more cunning, but Red Crew prevailed. After two members departed, the Elite and the Superheroes combined to form the unstoppable Red Crew Super Elite Special Forces. We shall make the world a better place by building trail! David V.

**Sponsor: Roseburg BLM**

**Project Name: Millpond Recreation Site Trail Construction**

Week 2:

Monday: We went on rec. trips and we got our game on. We played 'capture the flag' 6 times. The food was good. We were staying by the Diamond Lake. We went to Diamond Lake and to the Watson Falls. We stood to the side and to the back of the falls. Chris M.

Tuesday: We are finishing a trail that Blue crew started. The trail has to be 5 feet wide. The project is in the Roseburg BLM district at Millpond Creek. We are making the trail 5 ft wide, so that people who are handicapped can enjoy the trail. Jon W.

Wednesday: This week our crew's goals are to finish the trail at the Mill Creek Campsite. We need to continue what Blue Crew started. We have been making new trail and refining Blue Crew's old one all week. Today we almost finished making new trail, and our new goal is to pave the trail with gravel.

Another goal in our group is to get along better. There is a lot of negativity in our group, especially this week. The members of our group are tired and the new members joining seem to cause a lot of stress in our group, but we are trying our best to get along. Harley J.

Thursday: This week in SEED our crew learned about the water cycle, first aid basics and discrimination. I think we learned the most from the first-aid SEED. Before the session I don't think our group knew much about things like broken bones and Epi Pen shots. We also learned a lot about the water cycle and what the major sources of pollution are, like mining, cars and litter. The last thing we learned was that hauling gravel in the sun is neither fun nor easy. Sam N.

Friday: One of our biggest challenges for the week was the sprinklers which continuously tried to thwart our activities. They lay low Sunday night, but Monday one popped up during dinner. Another set ended our Frisbee game. To top it off, they sent an agent inside a tent, surprising a crew at 12:45 am! With a few strategically placed five-gallons, the sprinklers were shut down for the rest of the week.

Stumps were also presenting a serious challenge, especially in conjunction with their infantry - the roots. The Red Crew Super Elite Special Forces Team deployed their pulaskis with a vengeance and blazed our five-foot wide trail the whole way through.

Thursday we had to move a mountain - of gravel, that is. A few people moved nearly 60 wheelbarrow loads over two days, and everybody took turn doing mule duty with the gravel bags.

With two new members, the Red Crew Super Elite Special Forces Team is an unstoppable force in the world of trail. David V.

**Sponsor: Salem BLM**  
**Project Name: Aquila Vista**

Week 3:

Monday: over the weekend we went to the Blue River Reservoir. We played a pirate kind of game where we tried to take a raft from another group. Some of us just swam around or floated. After that we went onto about two mile hike. At about 4:00 we went back to camp and parents started to show up. People visited for a while. The Red Crew cooked dinner for everyone. After that, we had Crew Olympics, we placed second. That's about all.

Tuesday: Red crew will be working in Molalla, on a trail. We will be making turnpikes, rest stops, re-graveling and making a little trail. The trail is handicap-accessible, even horses are allowed on it. I think this is a restoration project. Marley R.

Wednesday: Our goal is to gravel out stumps. Also we want to prove we are the best group; finish wheel chair rest stops.

What happened today: We were driving up the dirt road to our camp site, and the back of the bus door fell off. Beth was driving. Mike A.

Thursday: We learned how to build chill-pads and build turnpikes. We also learned to make rock walls. What happened today: we build chill pads, 2 people made rock walls; we shoveled gravel and spread it with the wheel-barrel. Carson S.

Friday: Our crew's major challenge this week was out-graveling our Arch-Rivals, the much feared Clackamas County Environmental Youth Corps.

Rocks of all sizes were challenge for the Red Crew Super Elite Special Forces Team. We pried out behemoths with our bare hands on a short section we were building - those same rocks were staged down the trail to make a French Drain. We built rock walls, laid base gravel and laid capping gravel on top of that. There were many times this week that we thought our supply of gravel would not meet the demand but our inside operatives at BLM office cam through to save us.

Diminished but never defeated, the Red Crew Super Elite Special Forces Team has yet again gone in with the tools a-blazin' and cleared the way for Yellow Crew to do mop-up on our projects.

David V.

**Sponsor: OPRD Silver Falls State Park**  
**Project Name: Silver Falls Trail Maintenance**

Week 4:

Monday: This weekend our crew went on various rec. trips and when we got back, there was a somewhat crazy and short dance. When we got back on the bus, we were kind of disappointed to find out that we were just going back in the direction of a Aquila Vista again. When we got to Silver Falls, we thought that we had to do about one hour of work time for preparing the campsite, but the crew complained a lot and we went swimming instead. Sam N.

Tuesday: Our project is to maintain the trail, pretty much just cleaning up and landscaping. Our project is at Silver Falls outside of Silverton. I am using the hog-hoe to cut back the weeds and bushes. I've used the mcloed to rake the brush on the trail. I have also pitched bushes from the hog-hoes. Carson S.

Wednesday: Our goals for this week are: to finish bracing this trail and the campground trail; to work to do chores faster; to be happy at the end of the week. See us then at waterfalls, as we can.

Chris M.

Thursday: This Thursday we had a ranger come talk to us at South Falls and tell us about the history of Silver Falls and surrounding area. Dave taught us about erosion on the water falls and lava flow which made holes in the rocks.

Marley R.

Friday: Our biggest challenge was getting our campsite set up and maybe going to sleep at night. Our biggest accomplishment this week was all the trail we fixed and getting along with everyone. We also saw a lot of waterfalls and went swimming in the Upper North Falls and in South Falls.

John R.

### ***My Most Challenging Day At NYC Was...***

*My most challenging day at NYC was Thursday at Mill pond. It was almost 100 degrees, and we had to run gravel all day.*

Carson S.

*My most challenging day was when we had to do lots of gravel in the hot sun.*

John W.

*My most challenging day at NYC was Friday of the third week, because we had to relay lots of gravel in the rain.*

Sam N.

*My most challenging day as NYC was the last day at Mill Pond when I got dehydrated and tried working on to do the rest of the time.*

John R.

*The most challenging day for me was Friday, the last day. I went extremely slowly because of the anticipation of it being the last day.*

Mike A.

*The last day because it was going so slow.*

Chris M.

*Day 3 at Mill Pond when I did over 40 wheel barrel loads.*

Matt P.

*My most challenging day at NYC was when I realized I had to make up for 2 people being gone.*

Garret M.

*Working gravel at Mill Ponds were the most challenging days.*

Marley R.

### ***My Three Favorite NYC Experiences Were...***

*I liked the views at Aquila Vista, the rainy day at work and at Silver Falls while we went swimming under the water. Jon W.*

*I liked swimming. I liked the view from our campsite at Aquila Vista. I also liked the weekend site.  
Carson S.*

*My three favorite NYC experiences were, as follows:*

*The humor in our crew  
The challenges I faced  
The waterfalls and rec. trips*

*Garrett M.*

*Swimming as many times as I did  
Hearing tool count exactly 60 times  
Seeing my friends every week at the weekend site*

*Sam N.*

*Swimming, seeing the falls and sleeping. Matt Parker*

*Making trails, seeing waterfalls, and the weekends. Mike A.*

*Swimming every day  
Working really hard  
Going to sleep every night Marley R.*

### ***One Thing I Will Always Remember...***

*One thing I will always remember is now to brush on the trails, and also how to pack up the trailer.  
Chrit M.*

*One thing I will always remember is to take advantage of raft opportunities.  
Garret M.*

*Latrines are gross, and for now on when I go camping I will haul a porter potty with me. Sam N.*

*I will always remember the people I met and the friends I made. Carson S.*

*One thing I will always remember is how hard it is to make trail. Mike A.*

*I will remember how hard this program is. Matt P.*

*I will always remember how hard I worked. Marley R.*

### ***From Now On I Will Always...***

*My experience with NYC has given me values, taught me how to be more patient and to have more appreciation for trails. John W.*

*I will always appreciate trail work and how challenging it is. Carson S.*

*From now on I will always think twice before quitting or giving up. Garret M.*

*Light matches on the side of the box, into on one of those paper packets. Sam N.*

*... Work on trail if it needs it. Chris M.*

*From now on I will always work hard and complete what I started Johnny R.*

*Try hard work. Mike A.*

*I will always respect nature. Marley R.*

### ***At NYC I Learned...***

*The first thing I learned was how to set-up camp quickly and efficiently.*

*The second thing I learned was how to be a leader without being lazy.*

*The third thing I learned was what Kielbasa is. Sam N.*

*Three things I learned here at NYC are how to work with others, how to work efficiently and how to put all my strengths to positive use. Garrett M.*

*I learned how to make trail and use the tools that they have. Carson S.*

*I learned the mechanics that make up the trail, and how to have more patience. John W.*

*I learned how to make a trail. Matt P.*

*-How to build trail*

*-The names of soles*

*-How to get along with everyone Chris M.*

*How to make trail. Mike A.*

*At NYC I learned how to build trails, work with others and deal with bad food. John R.*

*I learned to work with people and to respect nature a lot more. Marley R.*

