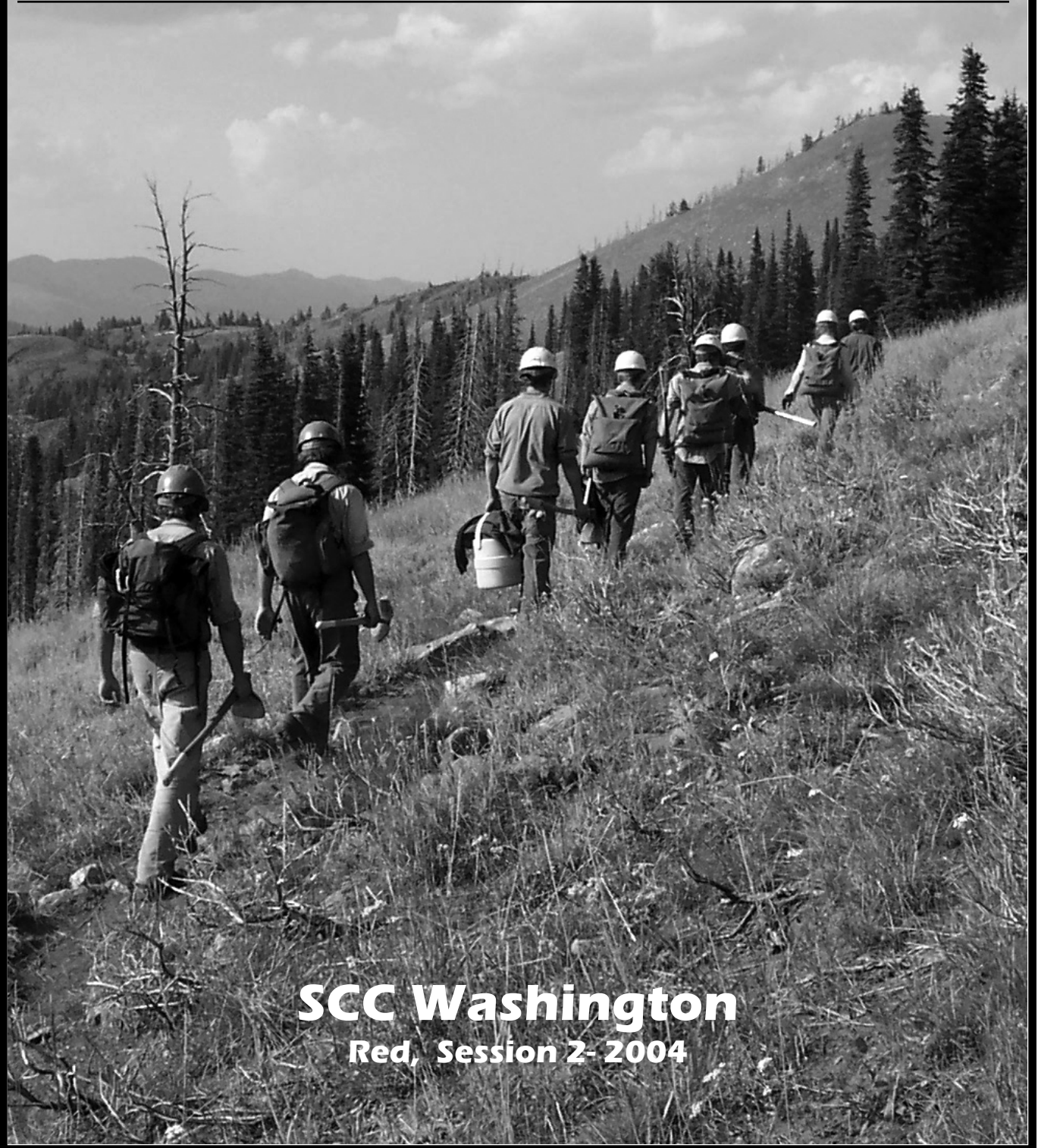




Crew Journal



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Hey Hey Hey! It's that time of year again. All the vans have been washed and vacuumed, all the tents have been patched, all the tools sharpened and put away, and we have finally caught up on all those short nights and long summer days of little rest and hard trail dawgin'! It's time once again to sit back, reflect on the season and start recounting the tales of adventure and hardship that you'll someday tell your grandkids. I hope this journal reminds you of the wicked hard days the awe inspiring vistas and the seemingly endless supply of pasta and trio-sauce. I hope that it takes you back to campfire stories and ice-cold creeks and that break in the rain that seemed like a holiday! We've typed out the scribbles lain down at the end of all those long days by worn out hands aching from swinging a tool and copied some of the dazzling images drawn up by the artists of the bunch. To anyone else who hasn't lived outside for over a month, done safety circle before dawn, done the push-up challenge, or chugged a gallon of vesper, these notes might not seem like much. But I hope that for those of you who know, that these entries can serve as a small key for 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 and good friends, great achievements 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,

Billy Scrafford



National Forest or area that the work took place: Ochoco
Ranger District: Reger
Project Name- Ochoco

Week 1: Date

Monday: This week we were (the red team) doing berming, building trail ??, drain ditches mostly trail work. We are residing in Mud Springs, Prineville. Why we are doing this is for to make the wildlife forests more enjoyable and accessible to horses. Being the first day of hardcore duty, was exciting and miserable. We had every kind of weather, from sunshine to snowing to rain and then hail. Getting ready for it was a chore in itself. Brianna A.

Tuesday: Today's project was to armor trails, and we also started a stream ford. Our day went by fast the first few hours, but then morale went poof and progress slowed. We kind of picked it up after lunch, and yet still weren't on track for completing our task. After our last break we were given the option to come back to camp or bust out some hardcore work. We decided to bust out and we completed what we needed to do, and why, because we're the Red Crew!
Troy B.

Wednesday: Our crew's main goal for the week, I suppose, would be to finish our work. To-

day we mainly did berming. Berming is when you slope the downhill side of the trail. The funniest part seemed to be removing roots. There was also some armoring. Now we are about to eat a good Dutch cooked dinner.

Thursday: We busted butt up trail and finish all the way to the cattle gate. The leaders were hilarious. We came home and made a dank meal and then played some games. All in all a good day. Kris C.

Friday: This week we were challenged mentally and physically. Those who were having soreness were pushed and motivated by others in the group. Those mentally challenged were cheered up by the PMA of the group. Kris C.

National Forest or area that the work took place
Ranger District
Project Name-

Week 2: Date

Monday: Due to the lateness of camp set-up the previous night, Monday morning was a bit hectic. We woke up @ 7:30 am, but lunch hadn't been packed and so I got up a little after 7 am to start breakfast and scramble up some kind of lunch for the workday. It was a late start to the work week, but the Red Crew Jovial Tigers pulled through in a classic maneuver of swiftness and might, picking up the pace right from the start. Towards the end of the day, things lost their momentum but we kept trudging forward. It was an oddly quiet day for Red Crew, but we'll see what the rest of the week reveals.

As always, Red Crew is enjoying their R&R time together, in the company of people they like. Keep u the great work Red Crew! Roar.--?

Tuesday: Tons of fun and sun. So hot, need water. We conquered the last part of the trail so we can have a light load on Friday. We cut down lots of trees and rocked it. The sights were beautiful and the group was super-stoked.—Kris C.

Wednesday: This week has been beautiful. The skies have been nearly cloudless as we camp next to the John Day North Fork. The local valley was victim to a natural fire nearly two decades ago, and now the land is choked by young tree growth. Our job as Red Crew is to brush out along the low-lying trail and improve the switchbacks. Hot weather has made work enjoyable, and given us a new outlook on Oregon.--?

Thursday: The red crew continued on the trail that we almost finished. Everybody worked really hard in the sun and had fun. Today my thoughts were on the future and I decided to go back to school to take extra classes in the fall. We will finish up everything tomorrow and leave from the camp.—Cory S.

National Forest or area that the work took place
Ranger District
Project Name- Collier

Week 3: Date

Monday: This weekend all the crews met at the North Fork of the John Day. Though there were a lot of mosquitoes, we all had fun playing games like capture the flag, cooking meals, and especially eating them. Today our crew started work at Collier State Park at the logging museum, cleaning up from a festival, chopping wood, and shaving each other's hair into Mohawks. It was a wicked fun day. Lauren C.

Tuesday: This week we are front country and we are staying at Collier State Park. We are splitting wood and doing misc. cleanup jobs after the logging festival. Later this week we will be doing trail maintenance in order to improve the stay of people who visit the park. Kris C.

Wednesday: I'm back!! Got back during Red crew's lunch. Brought Gatorade and cherry 7-Up. Also brought a Shrek coffee cup for Kim and the donkey coffee cup for Jordan, in appreciation for support on wanting me back. NYC, I'd never think would do so much for one person. This has totally changed my outlook on a lot of things, especially that I have learned that people do and will care about you. I don't know what to say except. . . THANK YOU everyone! Brianna A.

Thursday: It is soo wonderful to have a full crew again. We completed all of our odd jobs today which included restoration of old logging machinery, chopping week and stacking. I am stoked about the community that we are creating and are starting to self-regulate. Berly

Friday: I think that the biggest challenge for the crew this week was simply waking up in the morning, but it beat working during the hotter hours of the day. We woke up at 5 am and started work at 5:30. There has been a wide variety of jobs this week including wood splitting, equipment restoration and painting, as well as removing brush. Our biggest accomplishment of all was just having the park rangers and camp host be satisfied with our work. Since we did not have a full group the whole week we each worked 40 hours. This was also an accomplishment that the crew was very proud of. Kris C.

National Forest or area that the work took place: Collier State Park
Ranger District
Project Name- random

Week 4: Date (maybe this is also week 3??)

Monday: We firelined a bunch of wood into a nice neat pile. Then we probably brushed for a while. We finished the day with a lot of rusting and painting of the machines out front. That was about all. Chad B.

Tuesday: We worked on the Williamson River trail loop. A lot of it needed to be created from no or very little start. The grass was a pain in the ass and there was an incident with it that we are not proud of. We did get the trail done though so the day was OK Chad B.

Wednesday: Ahh Collier State Park where visitors stop off during their scenic Oregon drive to commemorate the essence of loggers! We got to fish today and swim after work. Berly was super funny with her SEED and everyone was in high spirits. I like being a crew of just 11 having time to bond with everyone. It's nice to know we have two more weeks. Lauren C.

Thursday: Today we did restoration on some equipment in the logging museum. We took rust off and painted them. Billy and Jimmy came to check in on us. Jimmy came because he burned his foot and this job is pretty low impact. He brought cheese so we decided to let him stay. After work the whole crew went insane and decided to shave their heads into Mohawks (7 out of 11). The crew has had a few minor issues this week, but we are still holding strong. And that's all—yep um hmm! Kris C.

Friday: Lots o' driving up to Leavenworth, a Bavarian Bungalow. Can't wait to see friends @ weekend site.

National Forest or area that the work took place: Wenatchee
Ranger District: Leavenworth
Project Name- Buck Creek

Week 5: Date

Monday: Today we started strong but sadly digressed gradually. Our camp is more organized than ever. Kim is leaving our circle, never in it to begin with. This week is beginning well. Let's eat some enchilada slop. Nathan B.

Tuesday: Today we brushed and dug roots. We started where orange crew left off. Our project for the next two weeks is to clear trail and maintain the old trail already built. Today was a great day. KNA

Wednesday: Today was a long day of brushing and stream crossings. We are all mastering the art of drainage while looking at the most amazing views of Buck Mountain. We are all so lucky to be alive and enjoying this paradise. Beth S.

Thursday: Today we adjusted stream crossings and more digging roots. At the end of the day we moved camp 1 ½ miles from the original place. Everyone worked really well together. Everyone had a specific job and got it done quickly and done right. The new spot is gorgeous. The views are phenomenal. On the left of the trail there is a bunch of waterfalls with runoff. With mountains in the background. To our right there are beautiful mountains covered with alders and trees. Today was so awesome. KNA

Friday: Our crew learned the value of hard work this week. We cut alder bushes and it got kind of monotonous, but we stuck it out and got a lot done. Even though the work wasn't the funnest thing we ever did, knowing we did it was still very rewarding. Kris C.

Friday: Well another day another dollar! This morning we woke to the same ol' "Good Morning Happy Campers!" Half the crew and Kim went to resupply and the other half worked. Normal days work for some and hard days for others.

Red crew's biggest challenge was the 6 mile backpack in . . . Almost everyone was crying! At least I knew I was crying.

The biggest challenges always seem to have their own rewards.

Wednesday we hiked another mile or so to another camp spot. We set up camp there and we really enjoy it. It's been a challenging week, but we made it because "we are Red Crew!" Brianna A.

Week 6: Date

Monday: Solos! Two weeks' backcountry limited our options for weekend options. Luckily the Glacier Peak area is absolutely beautiful. Red crew divided itself on Saturday and spread out over the trail near camp. The weather cooperated ever so slightly with a few scattered showers, but ever majestic peaks towering above. A good nine hours of quiet personal time was what we needed, soothing our souls for the last week of work. Etizzle

Tuesday: 2nd week backcountry . . . group is really melding and we can taste the bittersweetness of goodbye already. Work is fun, but I hate alders. The views are amazing. Nathan B.

Wednesday: Our goal is the PCT, we are well on our way. We have about 20 more stream crossings to go and from there the sky is the limit. Graduation here we come! Lauren C.

Thursday: I learned how hard it is to be a crewleader. My leader for the day was today and I can't believe how tired I am. I have so much damned respect for Kim and Andrew. How do they stay so positive? Troy B.

Friday: We finished up our work yesterday and hiked out. We slept @ the trailhead last night and are currently heading for the Oregon Coast. We are SO DONE! Here is to the ultimate Red Crew. Chad

My Most Challenging Day At NYC Was...

At a few points in our session history the population of Red Crew was under a certain load of stress. From the first week 'til the fifth some crewmembers had the desire to quit, adding a social stress to the atmosphere. But we are all proud to be able to proclaim a complete crew during our graduation ceremony. Ethan

A day that was challenging for me was the day I was crewleader, the crew was lined out perfectly, but with about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile between the two groups, so running back and forth between the two took its toll very quickly. I have a new found respect for crewleaders, their job is very difficult, and I thank all of them for doing such a good job. Troy

I think leading the crew or setting an example to follow was hard to do. The days where I had to do this were challenging for me. Chad B.

Mine was to finish the six weeks and learn new skills that will help in my future and get a job. Cory S.

The week with no cheese or meat.

Definitely the week with no meat or cheese. Meat is the main part of my diet—followed by Pepsi, and I learned a hard lesson that rationing meat was the way to go—no matter how bad you want to eat it all the 1st day. Kris C.

The most challenging day would probably be the hike out on our last day of work. We worked a full day, hiked 3 miles back to camp, then picked up our very heavy packs and hiked 6 more miles to the van. Everyone was scraped and bruised, but we all kept a smile on our face . . . at least we were done. Lauren C.

My Three Favorite NYC Experiences Were...

My most memorable experiences were: visiting Crater Lake, hiking to the Pacific Crest Trail at Buck Creek and seeing Glacier Peak, and completing some bomber stream crossings at our final contact. Ethan

The experiences that stick out in my mind the most are Crater Lake, because the view from our location was incredible, the PCT, seeing Glacier Peak was breathtaking, it takes a part of your soul and replaces it with a piece of itself, and Buck Mountain, also visible from the PCT, equally as awesome as Glacier Peak. Troy

The last two weeks that we spent at Buck Creek Trail were by far my favorite. I also enjoyed Crater Lake and all the evenings spent with my crew. Chad B.

My three experiences are teamwork, leadership and working hard and I believe myself that can do that stuff. Cory S.

The weekend at Collier.

--visiting Crater Lake
--hiking to the Pacific Crest Trail
--the 10 hr. solo
Kris C.

My 3 favorite NYC experiences would first of all be our trip to Crater Lake. It was breathtaking and I will never forget that amazing sight. Secondly, my favorite experience would be staring at the sky at night. I have never seen more stars or brighter moons in my life. My 3rd favorite experience would be the chance I got to meet and share my time with 10 other amazing individuals. I will love them forever and miss them already. Lauren C.

One Thing I Will Always Remember...

Our canoe/kayak trip and subsequent "swim". Chad B.

Jimmy's foot. Nathan

Sleeping in the van. Ethan

Sharing gas with everyone. Troy

Neck hair can be grown so long that it could be used for fishing line, e.g. contact John. Kris C.

I will always remember the amazing times me and my crew had together. From working on the mountain to hiking to the top of Crater Lake, to just hanging out at camp after a hard days work, my crew has taught me more than I could have ever imagined. My memories will be made up of the sweetest crewleader, funniest rover, and most loving crew ever and I will never forget any of them. Lauren C.

One thing I will always remember is how well everyone in red crew stuck together through the great times and hard times. I know that whenever I had a problem I could talk with anyone from red crew. I'm walking away with a new family and so much more than I expected! Alaniz

From Now On I Will Always...

Look at trails in a different way. And not let my crew choose my haircut. Chad B.

Appreciate my bed. Nathan

Take Tapatio backpacking. Ethan

Share gas with everyone. Troy

Appreciate the small things. Kris C.

Look for the best in people because you can find good in everyone. I will also appreciate everything I have learned in the past, present, and future and use it in every aspect of my life. Lauren C.

From now on I will try and not discriminate and be more open-minded to what others have to say or try to understand people better rather than pass judgment on people I don't know. I will also appreciate every single small item that you normally wouldn't care about or even contemplate about. I also will appreciate the sleep-in time I get at home. This experience was the best time I have ever had. Alaniz

At NYC I Learned...

I learned many things with NYC this session. All of the trail work and skills were new to me and I enjoyed learning them as well as using them to improve the trail. I also learned how to work in a close group of people well. Chad B.

Every day I woke up.

I learned that people can always surprise you, even after six weeks. Nathan

The wonderful comforts of backcountry without TP, TV, and tons of TVP! Ethan

I learned that backcountry can be an awesome experience. It gives you a chance to just be. Troy

I learned some incredible things at NYC. One of them would be working hard, another would be motivation for me and others and the last would be opening myself to the world around me. Lauren C.

--trail spice can make food that much better

--what folklore really is

--Crater Lake is blue

Kris C.

The things I learned from this NYC experience are incredible. I can't even count the numerous things I learned: for example, how to use a MSR stove, how to use many different tools, and how to accept help from others even when I didn't think I needed it. This experience has also allowed me to show my skills at manual labor. I will remember this experience for the rest of my life! Alaniz

