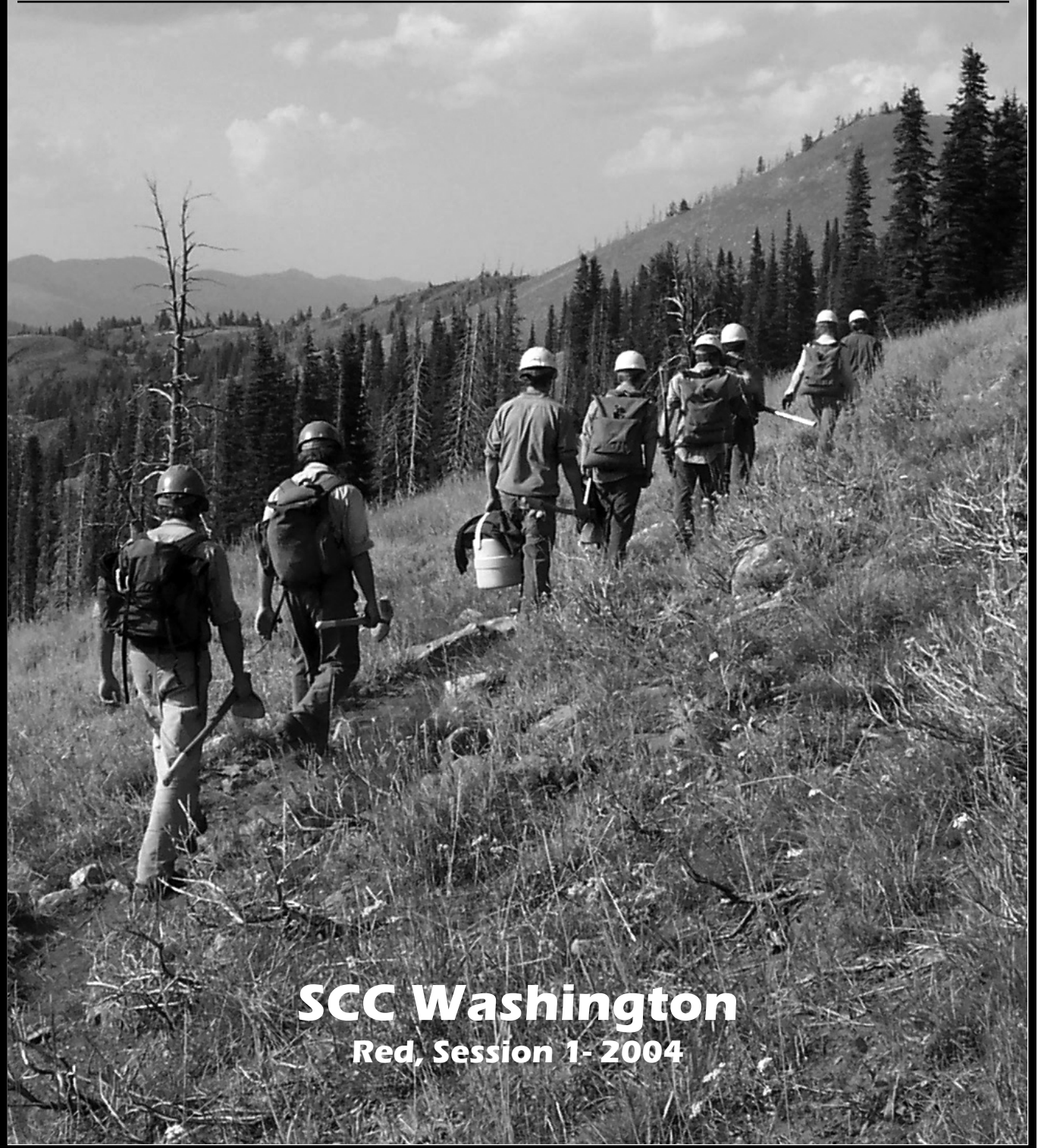




# Crew Journal



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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- Willamette  
Ranger District - Middle fork  
Project Name- Indian Cave**

Week 1: Date

Monday: We drove to Fall Creek. When we got to camp, we got “7” stuck in a deep mud. We set up camp in about 10 minutes. We waited for Ryan to help us get “7” out of the mud. We all are getting to know each other. The project we are working on is pretty cool. We all worked really hard today. We are making great progress. We still have 4 days to finish our project. We went to Big Pool for swimming. It was fun. After swimming we went back to the camp. Right now we are making a great dinner. (“7” is the van).

Sunday, 07/25/04: Well, of course it is not to be a totally eventful day on the first day at the site. Except for the fact of the van being stuck in the mud. So we unhitched the trailer and moved it out of the way. We tried for what seemed like hours, with very little progress. So we just carried everything up to the camp site. When the trailer was empty, the crew moved the trailer up near the tents. So now, that we are all set up, we took break down towards the creels. As we were luxuriating in the freezing temperatures of our typically glazier-fed rivers, we attempted to catch the elusive crawfish. With little success we headed back to camp to do our chores. So this is Dupret saying “Good Night”.

Our group goals are to go through four stages Jessica told us about, and also our group is split into two work groups. So our working goals are different. One goal is to restore and make better trail at the Fall Creek, and the other work group's goal is to build stairs that were started earlier by TNT and LDT. So I think that this week we can accomplish our goals. It will be a sweet peace! Grayson D.

Friday: This week is a total blur. I barely remember Sunday; we got stuck in the mud. No problem. We got it out, it was fine. We dug the latrines. I did not talk to anyone much that day, and I didn't sleep well that night. My sleeping bag isn't a good one. I got it replaced with a crew bag on Tuesday. I switched sites. I didn't really like the Indian Cave Site anyway. The fall creek trail was awesome. I got to lift heavy rocks up the steep hills. This journal entry is weird it seems, I think I need to write something significant. On Wednesday I built ???, I did not finish it, and it sucked. The next day we had to ??? Indian Cave. Me, Preston, Joe, and ??? worked overtime. The next day we were totally wasted. We finished the steps, it was cool. I think it is more of a personal journal, and it would be more ??? Thorston K.

**National Forest or area that the work took place**  
**Ranger District – Sunset Beach**  
**Project Name- Fort to Sea Trail Construction**

Week 2: Date

Monday: This weekend, everyone met up at the weekend site near Mt. Helen's. The first night, everything got set up (tables, tents, trailers, etc.) with amazing speed and then we proceeded to eat a dinner that consisted of many off-the-wall foods. That night was amazing for the sole reason that we knew we could sleep in until 8:00 am! WOW! On Saturday, we all chose and went on rec. trips. That night, many crazy things happened which only prepared us for Sunday's madness. Michael

Tuesday: "Our goal is quality not quantity". We are digging trail on section nine of the "Fort of the Sea" Trail; this is the supposed route that Lewis and Clark took from Fort Clatsop to the ocean when they wanted to get their rations of ???. This is a very nish profile project, so lots of not-so-smiles men come out throughout the day and stare us down. Surprisingly, lining the trail boundaries with moss is a very rewarding job. Michael A.

Wednesday: Today our goal was to get through the sallow section of the Lewis Clark trail to the ocean. It is hard to think that dizzy and I started that just by clipping through it with loppers. After our crew had passed us, I continued to stay in the sallow to perfect it. I did not get to see the trail ahead, but I will tomorrow. Tomorrow's goal is to clear this field of scotch broom. The weed pullers are being taken back this week, so we've got to get that done. By Emily P.

We learned two knots in SEED the other night, and last night Dizzy shared her personal history. I didn't think that P.H.'s would be a good idea, but I am glad that I know Dizzy better. It's sad that we are timed, but I am sure people would talk forever otherwise. I still don't know if I'll share mine. I can't make my life funny; I'd get all sad talking about it. And in return, the crew would hear 15 minutes of depressing stuff... We'll see I guess. Emily P.

We went swimming today at Fort Stevens. Despite the cool temperature and slight wind, half of us still went into the water. Emily P.

Thursday: I am going to stay [away] from the journal original thing, I guess.

Well, life is going all right for us all but sometimes I think that something is going to happen soon. Everything started to get a little shaky after Bobby left. We seem to notice each other's flows more and more. Everyone seems to be getting along on the outside, but I feel deep down rage on the inside of us all.

I hope everything I am worrying about just passes by.

We are getting some one new. I wonder if it is a boy or a girl, and how they will be like only time will tell.

"Friends are like family: keep them close and love them all". Nesticia T.

Sunday: We got up at 8:00 to tear down the camp. Our guys were going pretty slow to pack our clothes. So we got [camp] torn down and before we packed our trailer, Jessica called us over for breakfast (French toast). So then Jess left to get the rovers, and we packed the trailer while she was gone. As soon as we assigned jobs to do we got to it. We were completely done before most of the crews were even started, so we had like an extra 15 minutes of free time.

So Jess got back with the rovers and totally started hanging out at trailer trying to convince us she wasn't ours. (Maniacal laugh). Right! So we hit the road to go to the Lewis and Clark fort to sea trail. We didn't have any problems with anyone. So goodnight until yet another day with the WA3 Red Crew.

**National Forest or area that the work took place – National Paul's Sve  
Ranger District – Fort Clatsup National Memorial  
Project Name- Fort to Sea Trail**

Week 3: Date

Monday: Sorry for straying from the original topic again, but everything that I am worrying about is starting to get heavy. We are really, really, really snappy at one another. Things are starting to go downhill. One of the good points about us is that we have a new member. His name is AJ. So now we have someone new to talk to. I hope everything soon gives way.

"Take the bath with the good, for you will soon be glad you did" Nestisia T.

Tuesday: WE are at the same location as last week, working on Lewis&Clark trail. We are making a trail to the beach, which has very specific dimensions and specifications. It has been fun for the perfectionist in me, but not so good for releasing aggression, because I spent the whole day pulling little roots. However, it is very gratifying to see how far we have come and to receive compliments and recognition for our work. Robin R.

Wednesday: Our goals: we have to meet Tuesca's trailhead and then work at section 1. I think we want to cut a lot of trail. We started off slow on Monday. Everyone was a little bummed because this is our second weekend site. We started having leaders soften this week. I was the first one and I felt like I was doing a solid job. We didn't get as far as I wanted but Wednesday I think we did very well. I have suggested that we b????? tomorrow morning. So we can ??? the rest of the trail. Thorson K.

Thursday: Today we started working on connecting the trail SCA worked on. I got a huge fern bush out of the trail. Everyone worked really hard today. Yesterday Jessica and Calla deceived the crew by putting our head in a bowl of pudding. WE also played a new game (called New York Tag) that Calla introduced. It was fun. Tomorrow we will finish our section of the Lewis&Clark Sea to Fort trail. Preston L.

Written by the Whole Crew:

LEADERSHIP QUALITIES:

- Sincerity
- Initiative
- Stability
- Positive attitude
- Staying cool under pressure
- Problem solving
- Confidence
- Encouragement
- Creativity
- High ethical standards
- Altruism
- Perspective
- Humor
- Integrity
- Foresight
- Empathy
- Advice
- Communication
- Energy
- Determination
- Friendliness
- Control
- Selflessness

**National Forest or area that the work took place: Mt. Baker/Snoqualmie NF**  
**Ranger District: North Bend**  
**Project Name- Clearwater Trail**

Week 4: Date

This weekend, we figured out the riddle of the infinite. Since day one, we have wondered when it was our time to go backpacking. We figured out that the "Blue" crew would be inhabiting the same territory we were; they ended up making us dinner on Sunday. And on Monday, we decided to repay the favor . . . they then exiled us because we had leprosy and they did not want us to contaminate their food. Robert & Lucy

Tuesday: Well things seem to be going good. Kind of slowing down. I think we are starting to ?? Maybe even starting to perform. Sometimes there are little tiffs every now and again but nothing like it was. Things are going good for the crew. We are backcountry in a really beautiful place, next to a small comforting river, surrounded by greenery. It was a long, tiring, painful trip with lots of complaining on the way down, but it was worth it. I look at this place and wonder why I ever thought about quitting. Of course I miss my mom and the rest of my family to want to go home, but I am determined to get through this. I have only two weeks with a cool work site. Bring it on you laughing roots, try and take me down cliff, make me sore rocks and tools, eat me up mosquitoes! I will SUCCEED! Muouhahaha . . . "If at first you don't succeed, try another weapon." Nesticia T.

Wednesday: Anyway, I'm going to ignore the question. We're backcountry and it is so beautiful and peaceful. The trail is solid duff about 2 feet down in many places, and there is tons of false tread, but it is really super-satisfying to finish a section because there is a really big difference. We got 9 hours to sleep last night and it was really nice. However, there are bugs everywhere and we are being eaten alive so that I look like I have measles again. That kinda sucks. Other than that, life is beautiful. Robin R.

Thursday: This week our crew learned about a MSR stove and how to build shelters. We also learned how we should fix a switchback so pack horses can maneuver around the switchback without taking it at a sharp turn. Andrew M.

**National Forest or area that the work took place: Snoqualmie**  
**Ranger District: White River**  
**Project Name- Clearwater Trail**

Week 5: Date

Monday: Saturday, we hiked up 3.5 miles to do the resupply. Some of us got there first and took naps. Then Jessica brought us ice cream but we didn't talk to her because it was her day off. Simon took us to the river down the hill and it was nice to listen to music in the van and then chill by the river. Then we hiked back down to camp where it rained. We cooked dinner and went to bed. Sunday, we built a cool switchback and a cedar log retaining wall that took 8 of us to carry. Grayson

Tuesday: We are at Clearwater Trail in the backcountry next to a river in old growth forests. We are rebuilding tread on trail built by the CCC that hasn't been toughed in 15 years. There is so much duff! Today it continued raining and the river rose 2 feet, so Simon and Jessica had to do the human chain to help us all across the raging river. It was awesome. I wasn't even cold until later. Emily

Wednesday: I woke up this morning with my shoulder hurting. I sat off the clock today and rested. The crew made amazing progress today. Hope is a good friend who worries about other injured crewmembers. Robin got a tiny liver in her thumb today. At one point we were all a little cold today. It didn't rain today which was nice to see blue sky. I had strange dreams during my rest. Simon taught us how to use the Dichotomous Key for the trees in SEED. It was very interesting. A.J. is learning the ropes of Pulaski sharpening from Joe. Everyone is helping each other with their chores. It's great to see everybody lending a hand and getting along. Grayson was leader; he came and woke me up and he asked me how I was. He did a great job. He got everyone to safety circle 44 seconds late. Thor and dizzy are cooking dinner. Robin and Mike and Grayson are making shotgun for tomorrow. I really hope my shoulder feels better tomorrow so I can swing a tool. Preston

Thursday: We hiked out this morning. All our stuff was wet so it was really heavy. But then we got to the top and all wore "leis". We cooked the rest of our food and made cheesecake slop. Then it was time to pack up and roll. It was a hard hike, but we all did a good job. It is really nice to be in the van with music, dry clothes, and a heater. I can't wait to go to sleep and I'm really excited to go home!! Michael

Friday: We were wet all week. I had nothing dry. Nothing. My bag was soaked. Lots of others were in the same situation. A lot of people were having trouble keeping up a good attitude. We hiked out yesterday which was hard for a lot of people. We slept at Robin's house. It rained. Thor K.

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

*The most challenging and also one of the most rewarding days for me was when we hiked out of the backcountry up a mountain carrying the heaviest pack I have ever carried 4 miles uphill. Robin R.*

*The most challenging and most physically challenging, yet mentally challenging day at NYC for me was the backcountry hike back up a four mile mountain in the rain. I pushed myself to my mental and physical limits. Preston L.*

*The last hike up when it was raining and the pack got filled with water. Dizzy B.*

*The most challenging day at NYC for me was the last day when I had to get up out of my warm sleeping bag and putting on cold wet PPG and socks; the last quarter mile of our hike out of backcountry. Grayson D.*

*Our last day of work; I was soaking wet, it was rainy, and there was wind. The only thing that kept me alive was conversing with the people I love. Michael A.*

*Despite physical difficulties, NYC was more an emotional challenge. Keeping your sanity 24/7 for 5 weeks is a tough task. Emily P.*

*Wednesday of the last week, I volunteered for breakfast and it was pitch-dark and I had a wet sleeping bag for two days and then I had to put on wet everything. Thorson K.*

*I would have to say the most challenging day was the day we had to forge the river because it made my last pair of dry clothes wet in backcountry for the next two days. A.J. M.*

*The most challenging day was when we crossed the river. That crossing got my boots soaked and my last pair of socks wet. So as a result I was cold and wet for the next 2-3 days. Joseph D.*

*For me every day was a challenge in some way or another, but I was able to make it through with help from my crewmates and crewleaders. The rain and the cold will not be able to defeat me anymore. Neither will any other challenge. "The time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time." Nesticia T.*

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

*I enjoyed everyone's personal histories, hiking, and the work in general. Robin R.*

*My three favorite NYC experiences were the weekend sites, SEED, and backcountry camping. Preston L.*

*I like Jessica's leadership and leaders of the day and the people. Dizzy B.*

*The people I met, the projects we worked on, and being leader of the day. Grayson D.*

*Finishing the Fort to Sea trail section: the last step on the last day. Michael*

*1. Leader of the day 2. River crossing rescue mission 3. Venting session in the A-frame with Mike and Diz (everyone needs a night of insanity). Emily P.*

*1. Doing awesome as first leader of the day; 2. Building check dams with fox. 3. Smashing a boulder to use as fill. Thor K.*

*My three favorite NYC experiences were: forging the river, SEED, work.*

*My 3 favorite experiences have to be the entire first week, super-mega hump day and finding dry socks in my duffle after being cold and wet for 3 days. Joe D.*

*My three favorites were: 1. weekend sites; 2. going to new places; 3. accomplishing my goals and more. Nesticia T.*

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

*I will always remember the communication and peaceful living skills I learned in SEED and just from living with the same 11 people for five weeks. Robin R.*

*I will always remember the dinners we cooked and the great rec trips at the weekend sites. Preston L.*

*The cool people I have met here! Dizzy B.*

*The awesome people I met and how to just sit back and deal when I have to. Grayson D.*

*Going insane on the second-to-last night. Michael A.*

*The river crossing was the scariest/most fun thing. Definitely made the week more exciting and eventful. Emily P.*

*I will always remember all the people I met and the experiences they shared with me. Thor K.*

*One thing I will always remember is to keep moving when I am wet and cold to get warm.*

*One thing I will always remember is our pirate stretch. There is no way you can forget something that cool. Joe D.*

*I will always remember my new friends, the fun times we had and what we accomplished and built together. Nesticia T.*

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

*I have become a trail perfectionist and I think whenever I go hiking from now on I will continually be stooping to pull out stray roots and other obstacles. Robin R.*

*I will always think before cutting down a bush or a tree. Throw garbage away in the garbage can. Preston L.*

*Save energy. Dizzy B.*

*Think of others, too. Grayson D.*

*Have more confidence in myself. Michael A.*

*I will always stretch in the morning. "No lame injuries!"—Jess Emily P.*

*I will always follow myself. Thor K.*

*I will always find peace when it is intended. A.J. M.*

*From now on I will always take the initiative to get things done when they need to be; and to lead those who need a leader because a group of people without a leader are lost. Joe D.*

*From now on I will always try my hardest on something, finish what I started and learn more from my experiences. Nesticia T.*

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

*I learned that I can do just about anything I set my mind to, that I can learn to live with and get along with just about anybody, and gained a greater appreciation for the outdoors. Robin R.*

*I learned that preserving nature will always be important. Cherish the friends you have while you still got time. Always bring polypro. Instead of cotton. Preston L.*

*I learned backpacking, leadership and working skills. Dizzy B.*

*I learned what a hard day's work is like, the gratifying feeling you get after each day, and how to push myself. Grayson D.*

*I kick butt; life is so much more than I ever thought it was. I can push through anything. Michael A.*

*I learned how to be a leader and how to be independent in difficult decision-making tasks. Emily P.*

*I learned to lead, to take initiative, and to keep a positive attitude. Thorson K.*

*I learned to keep my cool when I needed to, how to become a leader, and how to tie different types of knots. A.J. M.*

*I learned to become even more optimistic than I already was. I learned how to create a retaining wall out of whatever you can and that I can lead my peers if I want to. Joe D.*

*I learned that I can do exactly what I set out to do; that I am able to be what I want and with determination and hard work, I can make it through the hard times. Nesticia T.*

