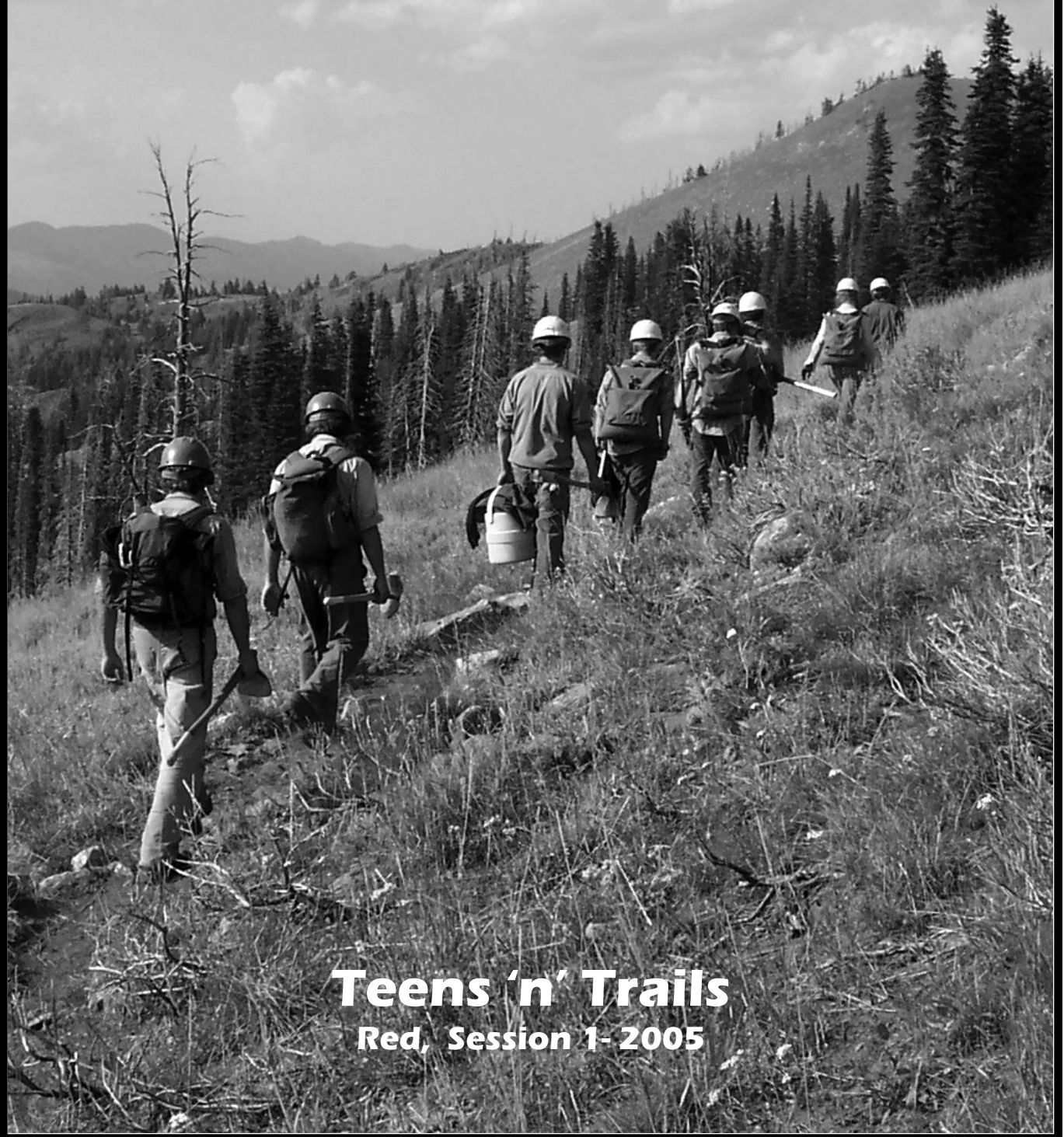




Crew Journal



Teens 'n' Trails
Red, Session 1- 2005



Dear NYC graduates,

It is human nature that as time goes by, memories fade and our perception of history changes. Tall tales grow taller, and in the retelling details are lost and added. In your hands is a written record of your crew's trials and tribulations during the summer of 2005. It is a testimony of your successes, challenges, experiences both good and bad as well as some that were weird and wacky. As you sit back in the comfort of your home and relive some of those memories I encourage you to add your own notes on how you felt, what you saw and what you did.

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 prominent loop at the end.

Ryan Ojerio
Program Manager



Project Location: Fort Yamhill State Park
Project Name: Fort Yamhill Fuels Reduction

Week 1: June 19 – June 24, 2005

Sunday: The first day we woke at 7 and after breakfast we packed everything, left it all in the tent, and found out who our group leaders were! The 4 different groups did their own chores then played a few games before leaving. We all found out our destinations and headed off. Some were farther than others though. Our group's (Red) was 2 ½ hours away. We got to camp and we had to walk a little. After setting up we played games and went over rules. Later we did chores and set up dinner. Spaghetti (yum) and almost everyone helped! So far it has been great! Can't wait for what's ahead! –Ashley

Monday: We woke up this morning at 6:00. For breakfast we had some blueberry scramble-cakes, mm mm good. While waiting for a couple park ranger to arrive between 7 and 8 we reviewed over OSHA. The park rangers arrived around 8:45 and we took a tour of Yamhill. It was pretty interesting learning all that history. About 2 hours later we started cutting black-berry bushes. Everybody was having a great time. It was around an old well. We had a 15 minute break and started back up. After work today everyone took a break and we started our SEED for the evening. After SEED was chores and dinner. Peace out homeslice. PS—It's Mike's birthday! –Mike

Tuesday: Today was a beautiful day. In the first break of day, we parted from our warm sleeping bags and got into the uncomfortable boots and clothing that are required for the tedious job ahead of us. We lugged up to the kitchen and ate bagels and eggs for breakfast and finally headed off to the worksite. After working (what seemed to be) hard for 3 hours, we got a fulfilling break, including a snack. Our snack was sandwiches (PB&J, hummus and cheese, and turkey), oranges, cookies, GORP (good ol' raisins and peanuts), ritz, saltines, orange vesper, and water. After the extremely short break (we thought—15 minutes) we headed back to work for another 2 hours. Following this was LUNCH! We ate e3xactly what we ate for break and it was a good fueler for our bodies. After a half an hour we were (again) working! (For another 2 hours) At the very end, with 6 minutes left, there was SO much complaining (as well as me, I know), including all throughout the day too. We made it, though. Back at camp we did our chores in a record time (45 minutes) and happily sat down for dinner, after having a confusing tent set-up and a short lesson. After this we will do dishes, finish a SEED (Something Educational Every Day), and snuggle back into our bags awaiting this day to repeat itself! -Natashah G.

Wednesday: We woke up at 6:40. We got dressed. We had bagels for breakfast. We finished our first worksite, huzzah. Then we moved to our new site. Jess came to our worksite. We got done and came to camp and got changed. We did chores. We will have burritos for dinner. – Ryan

Thursday: Today we woke up, we walked up to the kitchen, and we had the Red Crew's famous scramble cakes, even though we only invented them on Monday. After breakfast, we got in our safety circle. Kendra was ridiculously flexible... she could pull her leg all the way around to the front! Then, our crew complainingly hiked up a hill off to work. It was hot, which made us a little irritable, even though we had less hours. After work, we got changed, and we went on a store stop! Yay! The boys even picked us flowers. They'll die soon, but I guess it was nice anyway. We had macaroni and cheese... yum... and green beans... yuck. We have 4 hours left of work tomorrow, and then we're done with our first week! Yay! –Kendra

Project Location: Alesia Falls, Salem BLM

Project Name: Alesia Fall Recreation Site Trail maintenance

Week 2: June 27 – July 1, 2005

Monday: Well, we're back in the woods after a weekend spent with all the crews near Diamond Lake. It could have been a movie called "When Mosquitoes Attack." The 'skeeter infestation was crazy! Some of the rec trips went to Crater Lake, which was awesome. Jason stopped every now and then and let us play in the snow. Crater Lake was big and blue. We played "Big Booty." The next day we left and went to our next campsite. Jason's not with us anymore, but we have Joe. –BJ S.

Tuesday: Today was insane! We worked on the Alsea Falls Trail doing “shaving,” digging, making retaining walls, and other hard labor. It was difficult and I was irritable and tired. Eventually, work was over and it was great. We got to go to the falls and swim! Yeah. It was freezing but most of us got in. After this we will have dinner and SEED... bedtime! –Natashah G.

Wednesday: Well today the girls got up before the boys—amazing! Then we had our famous scramble cakes, yum. Then we loaded up on the bus for the work site. On the clock at 7:45—late. Then we finished trail #8 by lunch and started #9... talk about a long trail. When we got off work we went swimming, oh goodie. And tonight we had lasagna for dinner and we get a fire! –Catrina G.

Thursday: Today the girls and boys got up at 7! Late wake-up! This morning we all woke up by Joe playing a beautiful song with his instrument. After breakfast we went off to work and when we got back we found our tents were all messed up! We were all upset, so Sarah went to report it while Joe did SEED. And now we can't wait 'til Friday because we get showers! –Amie M.

Friday: Today we woke up about 5:45. I guess it wasn't that bad but the work after seemed like forever. We were only doing 4 hours, too, but God it seemed like 7. We had everything packed by then and so we could take off right then. Before, though, Sarah talked to a cop about the stuff taken and everything was settled. People were shaken about the robbery but with Sarah and Joe there, we got through. That and they distracted us by telling us how proud they were of how much work we were able to do. The week flew by really fast and now we're on our way to the weekend site, we've just taken our showers and done laundry. Sarah was proud of the crew for beating the boys in showers. They had to do 20 pushups for being late. Haha. Well now we're on our way to the parents' weekend site and everyone is excited. Later! –Ashley S.

Project Location: Coos Bay BLM

Project Name: Blue Ridge Trails Maintenance

Week 3: July 3 – July 8, 2005

Sunday: Today was simple. We got up at 7am at our weekend site (Cape Blanco State Park). We packed up our duffles, mats, sleeping bags, and white walls, and loaded them up into the trailer... slowly, but surely! Next, we got French toast for breakfast and got into Circle to find out who our rover is and where we're going to do what. We got trail maintenance again and the wonderful sunshine, Teresa! We got to our site (only 2 hours away; Blue Ridge Trails, BLM near Coos Bay) and set up camp. We are now making dinner (spaghetti) and shotgun (sandwiches) for tomorrow. Next, we will do a SEED, probably a personal history, and then bedtime! –Natashah

Monday: Today we got up at 6ish and had muffins! They were good! Then we went off to work... work was hard but pretty fun and as soon as we knew it... it was tool count for the end of the day. Now we're going to have dinner and then hopefully a personal history, then it's off to bed to await the next day. –Amie M.

Tuesday: Today we worked on “Heart’s Content” trail. We worked a 6 ½ hour day while moving gravel, filling ruts, and sweating... a lot. It was fun and difficult at the same time. It was time-consuming but exciting. Soon, it was tool count and back to the camp site to “roll” into SEED and chores... I got camp clean-up and trailer clean-out. I even got to learn to sharpen tools! We're having pizza for dinner, then off to bed. Peace out night night! –Natashah

Wednesday: Today we got up at 6:15 and ate raisin bran for breakfast with powdered milk. Then we went off to work. As it rained today, today was a pretty good day with our mud fight and gravel runs. And tomorrow we will get up and do the day again. –Ashley

Thursday: Today we didn't have to work a full day. We worked until 11:45am. We went to the beach and chilled for a couple hours. We were so good that we got a store stop. Now we're doing chores, and about to eat. –BJ S.

Friday: Today we got up at 5:30 and got white walls and personal belongings on to the trailer (including water and kitchen stuff) and headed to work. Work was 4 hours and then we left do to laundry and showers. Now we're headed to Cougar Reservoir for our weekend site! –Natashah

Project Location: Heceta Dunes, Eugene BLM

Project Name: Heceta ACEC (Area of Critical Environmental Concern)

Week 4: July 10 – July 15, 2005

Sunday: This morning we woke up and 7am at Cougar Reservoir. We took down our white walls and packed up our stuff. Next was trailer set up and breakfast. All the crews left around 11:30. After a three hour drive our crew arrived at Heceta Head, set up camp, and started chores. After chores we're having dinner, SEED, evening circe, dishes, then we're going to hit the sack. Later, gator. –Mike

Monday: Saturday morning, we got up at 8:00. We were woken up by Dan and his chainsaw... he went from tent to tent and scared everyone! Then we all got chores, then we had pancakes for breakfast, yummm... After breakfast we got mail. There were a lot of packages. Then we went straight to rec trips. I went on a hike with Tim. It was fun and at the end we all got to go rafting. It was a blast. I jumped off the boat and went swimming. It was awesome. I had so much fun. I don't know about all of you but this is a memory I'm going to keep forever.

Tuesday: Today we woke up at 5:45 to start getting ready for work. When we got there we started putting signs in the sand dunes. It was fun. Now this is our last work week and I'm really excited to go home, but I'm not because you all have been my family for a month and I will never forget you. –Amie

Wednesday: The worst part of this week is working in sand. The rest is awesome. It is nearing the end of the week. We have two days until we graduate. I hope that we all make it. –BJ

Thursday: Our crew learned how to dig post holes and how to saw and nail and also how to assemble signs. And also how mad people get when they can't go where they want to go in the dunes. Well it was our last real work day and tomorrow's Friday, and before we know it we'll be graduating! –Amie and BJ

My Most Challenging Day At NYC Was...

Week 4, day 3. We worked a long day. Ryan B.

at the beginning of each week, it was hard to getting to know a new rover. Kendra T.

My most challenging day at NYC was the first week, wondering if I could keep my promise to my crew and "tough it out." Natashah G.

My most challenging day at NYC was the first day because my feet really hurt because of my boots, and I was scared I wasn't working right. Catrina G.

the first day of work when we had to pull blackberry bushes. Cody S.

My most challenging day at NYC was the first week because I didn't know if I would be able to stay or not because I was homesick. Amie M.

My most challenging day was Wednesday of the last week, it was hard and everybody was fighting. Ashley S.

My most challenging day was Wednesday of Week 4 because we were all stressing really bad, and people didn't want to leave so a lot of people cried, ie, me. BJ S.

My most challenging experience at NYC was being put in a group with no one I knew. Pato R.

My most challenging day at NYC was the first week when I was thinking about home, but the rest of the crew helped me through it. Mike J.

My Three Favorite NYC Experiences Were...

Hearing Joe's music, playing Stupid Ninja with Jess, and going swimming. Ryan B.

Waking up to Joe's music, going rafting at the third weekend site, and just relaxing. Kendra T.

My three favorite experiences at NYC were Mike's birthday, swimming in Alsea Falls, and rafting at Cougar Reservoir. Natashah G.

My 3 favorite days were waking up to Joe's beautiful music, when we started trail maintenance, and when we all went rafting at Cougar Reservoir. Catrina G.

Swimming at Alsea Falls, rafting, learning how to use all the tools. Cody S.

My three favorite NYC experiences were swimming in Alsea Falls, Mike's b-day, and rafting. Amie M.

My most favorite experiences were swimming in the ocean, Mike's b-day, and the weekend trip rafting. Ashley S.

My three favorite experiences were meeting all of the wonderful people I've lived with for nearly a month, meeting LJ of course, and rafting at Cougar Reservoir. BJ S.

One of my favorite experiences was when Mike fell down 2 feet when he was trying to go pee. Also, when I got to use my hammock, and when I got to know everyone. Pato R.

My three favorite NYC experiences were starting my first job working a 7-hour day, learning how to maintain trail, and working in the dunes which I had never been to or seen before. Mike J.

One Thing I Will Always Remember...

One thing I will always remember is Joe's music. He was a sensitive and funny guy. Kendra T.

Is playing big booty with Joe. Ryan B.

One thing I will always remember is waking up to flowers and a heart-felt note outside our tent from "the boys." Natashah G.

One thing I will always remember is the one and only Red Crew—they're all great people and good friends. Catrina G.

All the great people—and all the fun I had. Cody

One thing I will always remember is meeting new people and becoming a family with them. Amie M.

The thing I will remember most is when I got to know everyone and them becoming my family. Ashley S.

One thing I will always remember is going into this program and thinking, "I won't make it," then coming out and saying, "I came, I saw, I conquered." BJ S.

The people I will always remember. Pato R.

One thing I will always remember is all the great people and seeing how their personalities differ on and off the worksite. Mike J.

From Now On I Will Always...

Write to the friends I met. Kendra T.

Stretch in the morning. Ryan B.

From now on I will always remember my friends and crew leader(s) when I'm at the dunes, eating/picking blackberries, hiking, or driving by scotchbroom. Natashah G.

I will always remember the times I spent with all the great people on Red Crew and the good experiences that I've had at NYC. Catrina G.

Remember to appreciate what you got. Cody S.

From now on I will always remember my new friends/family and not waste water and food. Amie M.

I will always remember my friends and family, and not take advantage of anything. Ashley S.

I will take knowledge of what I've learned here, not just physical knowledge, but how to be more sociable. BJ S.

From now on I will always criticize trails and know how I could have made it better. Pato R.

From now on I will always think twice about how I impact the environment and other people's work while out in the woods, or anywhere. Mike J.

At NYC I Learned...

How to make trail, reconstruct trail, and dig post holes. Kendra T.

How to make trail, dig post holes, and how to stretch. Ryan B.

At NYC I learned how to be patient and independent. Natashah G.

At NYC I learned “can’t” is not a word, and you CAN if you just try. And to be yourself, not someone else, to be independent and respectful. Catrina G.

I learned to make dinner, make trails, how to meet new friends. Cody S.

At NYC I learned how to be more patient and how to be more self-confident. Amie M.

I learned respect and patience, how to understand people better and not judge them, to forgive and forget. Ashley S.

I’ve learned that people from different backgrounds can get along, and even be friends. Number two is I learned patience. Then I learned to be more respectful of others. BJ S.

How to tie new knots. Pato R.

At NYC I learned a lot about trail maintenance and now I will appreciate it more when I go on a hike. I also learned a lot about people and friends. Mike J.