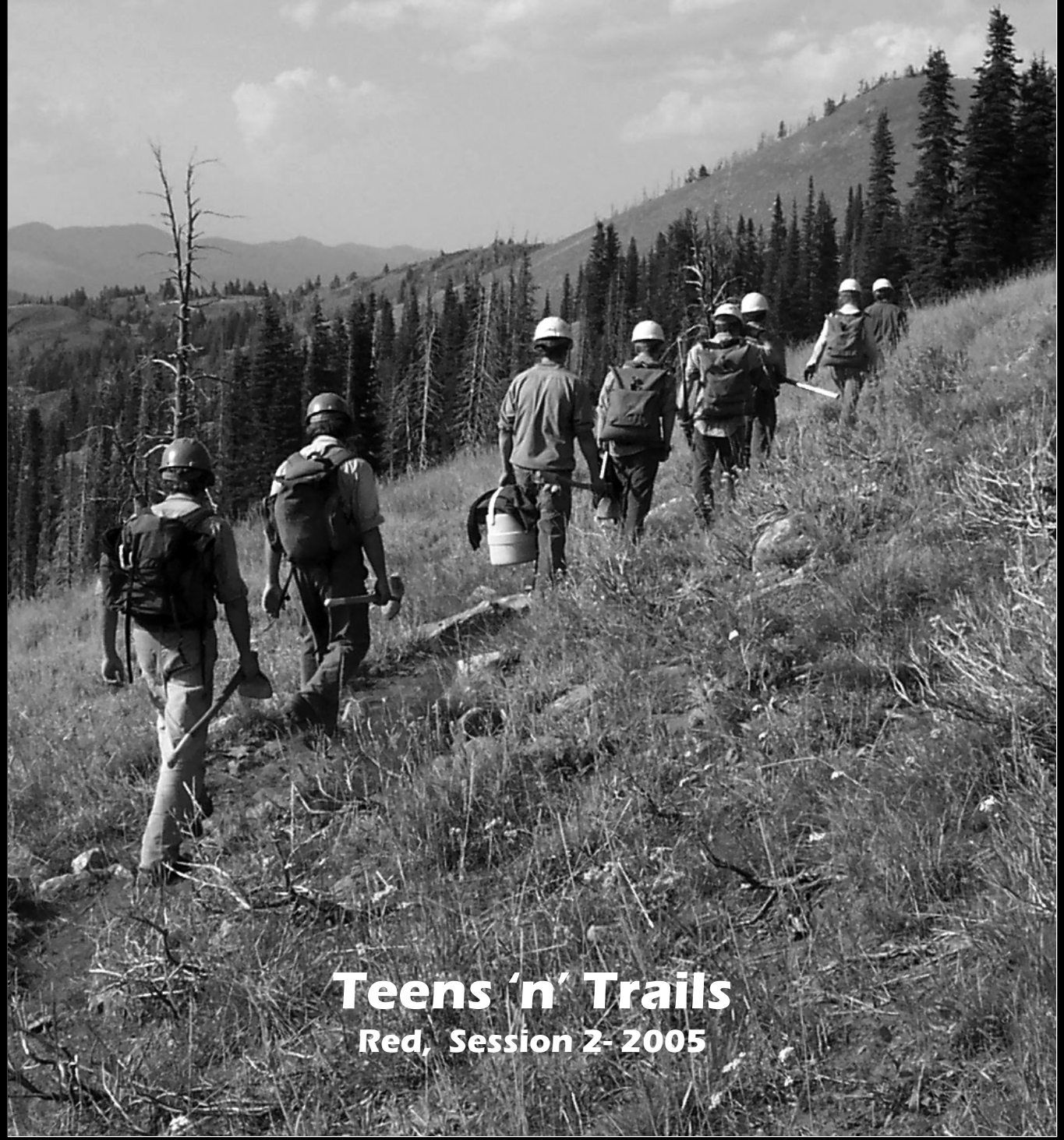




Crew Journal



Teens 'n' Trails
Red, Session 2- 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: Northbank Ranch, Roseburg BLM
Project Name: Northbank Habitat Area Restoration

Week 1: July 25 – July 29, 2005

Sunday: We all woke up at 7:00am. Everybody, and I mean EVERYbody, did not like the idea of getting up early. We all got up and got dressed. Had breakfast, then chores. One thing I learned on the first day is teamwork. Even during chores, we were a team. Silly Jess called for a meeting and told us what we had to do. We all helped with packing the vans and buses. Between chores, we were put into our color group... "We're the Red Crew!" Took down tents, and our own stuff, and put them by the bathrooms. After that we got stuck cleaning the bathrooms. After everything was done we had one last group meeting. During the meeting some people were given awards. The pig award was given to Brian, because he ate the most food. The golden skillet was given to the Orange Crew because they were the best cooks that week. There were two other awards given out. We all said our goodbyes and slowly walked to our bus. Halfway to the work site we stopped at a market for snacks and to use the restroom. We finally got there and we got straight to our tents. As I was working I lost my nose stud. It was a real bummer. –Brianna S.

Monday: Today was our first day at work... gettin' PAID! It's not just getting paid but a goal to reach. It's AMAZING how many things that we've adapted to; for some it may be working harder than usual, learning each others' names, teamwork, communication, R&R, but for many it may be getting used to a thing called a li'l Mother Nature (SPIDERS). Oh yeah. There are many things that I wouldn't notice if I wasn't surrounded by animals (wildlife). I'm just wondering if I will get used to spiders, will Tamera know my name and learn how to make PB&J?, and for us to look back and say "Good times" (Nick). –Nadia/Naja W.

Tuesday: Today we were working at the Northbank Ranch. We were working on pulling out blackberries, thistle, and tansy. It started off cool and shady. Then later on in the day it started to get so hot. Everyone worked hard and got their work done. We almost completed the whole thing. We still have to get some that was left, but that's OK. –Tamera C.

Wednesday: I would say that we have two major goals. The first is to get as much tansy and thistle out of here as possible, and the other and most important is to get to know each other. That's pretty much the only combined goals I can think of. We all have our little goals. Goals are good. –Brian C.

Thursday: Today our group seemed to come a lot closer. We spent last night in our tents talking to each other about everything. I thought today was a lazy Thursday, but it's almost the best day of my life. I think I will like Thursday out of the rest of the week. Love all of you! –Tamera

National Forest: Fremont
Ranger District: Paisley
Project Name: Fremont National Recreation Trail Maintenance

Week 2: August 1 – August 5, 2005

Sunday: Hey guyz, it's Hills, Beverly Hills. I wanted to say the last week has been AMAZING. I have worked harder than ever. I hope that goes this week as well... okay maybe I'm just xited about the new site... it's so tight! We got a "toilet." But everyone is so tight that some talk about quitting is making some tension in camp. It will pass eventually. It's fun hanging with everyone (maybe some more than others... JK). Anyway, gotta go! Live life as it comes. BEVERLY HILLZ –Keegan

Monday: Our project this week is to clean and make trails. We are at the Fremont National Forest. Mondays are always tough but we'll pull each other through. Today we had lunch at a pretty overlook of Summer Lake that was 3,000 feet up, even though I was too scared to look over the edge. The rest of the day went pretty smooth and we all worked really hard clearing 3,000 feet of trail. I'm hoping that the rest of the week will go alright and that we all will pull each other through 'til the end. –Amber

Tuesday: I don't feel like answering the question asked ["describe your crew's goals for the week"]. But today was better than yesterday, most ppl kept a semi-good mood. I think everyone is xtremely tired. Today we busted out a tough 2000. I was weirded out by my dream so it was harder to focus than normal. But I'm all over with this paragraph. I've been missing all the things I've been taking for granted: beds, blankets, my friends, music, and of course: MILK. Signing off, Keegan. –Beverly Hillz

Wednesday: Our crew learned about berm lines and how to properly fix trail, and we also had a pretty good SEED today about water conservation. Today we had a tough job because it was very hot. We worked very hard because we had to clear out all the hills and make them look good. After we got done with cleaning up the trail to the STOP tag we went back and fixed up all the trail and that was pretty much it. –Nick P.

Thursday: For me to write this week's Thursday journal, I thought to myself, "mmm, for me to get in tune with my inner self I would need to go somewhere my mind could relax." So here I am at the latrine. Nice and quiet with a li'l buzz here or there... but anyways... I know there has been a lot of talk about leaving because he or she misses their loved ones, but then I was thinking in ol' Betsy [the bus] how we've been each other's family through these two weeks. We've had our ups and downs. We all connect on a higher level than working together. We've grown into much more than friends... OK wait a sec, it's beginning to get a little noisy with all this buzzing and the smell... mmm, I wonder, did Nick come before I did? Hehe, laughs up. So I'm going to find a different location... OK, I'm back. I'm behind the boys' tent. So we've grown into a family, singing crazy songs that can only lead to the weirdest memories to come... so why leave from a family you depend on to get you through the workday and night? Why leave from a family that you've grown to love their slightly smelly smells? Why leave a family with the laughter and joy? Why leave a family with the title of the Five Stooges and the Five Foxy Ladies, and why leave a family with the utmost respected name of all, like RED CREW, "you know?" PS—"I think I'm alone now..." hehe, smiling face. Signed off by Naja. PPS—I'm tired of mosquitoes. –Nadia

Locaton: Oregon Caves National Monument, Siskiyou NF

Project Name: Oregon Caves National Monument Trails Maintenance

Week 3: August 8 – August 12, 2005

Sunday: All we did today was ride the bus. I drank a lot of pop and then I fell asleep for the most part. Most of us saw our parents this weekend. The Red Crew won the relay we had this weekend. We got the pig, and the monkey award also. The Red Crew did great. R-Unit! –Tamera

Monday: BACON! WOW! Jeez, what a day. In fact more like weez! The hike stunk and after that about 7 of 9 ppl wanted to quit. But after that the day went quick. All that went through my mind was XBOX360, XBOX360, XBOX360...Okay, that was a little random. But the only reason was that today went by quick. But I'm soooooo tired. But it was nice by the river. Love you guys! –Keegan

Tuesday: The main goal for our crew is to start and finish as a crew. Even though that is one of our key goals, each day we're presented with new goals... finishing and bumping, time management, walking up and down the trail... this week's task is trail maintenance and making new trail. –Nadia

Wednesday: Today we learned that Superman could beat up Batman. We had to work from 7:10 'til 3:05 because we had our SEED during lunch, but it went over. We cleared out only a little bit of trail, but that was because it was on a hill, making the work really difficult. Because we did SEED during lunch, we got to go swimming. Even though I smashed my pinky on a rock, it was still lots of fun. –Nick

Thursday: I would say our biggest challenges as a crew were working longer hours due to a missing person, and the hike, which is a killer. But due to the hill and long hours I would say we've all gotten stronger and tougher, which is what this program's about, preparing you for the real world. As individuals, we had some tough goals, all of which have strengthened us as a whole. –Brian

Project Sponsor: Eugene Water and Electric Board
Project Name: McKenzie River Habitat Enhancement

Week 4: August 15 – August 19, 2005

Sunday: This weekend we had to revisit the caves; it was not very fun because our whole crew had already done it. Besides that we had a really fun weekend. Everyone got along well and we had a skit competition Saturday night that Orange Crew won. We had to drive a really long distance today, but most people slept through the whole thing, so they really didn't notice. – Nick

Monday: We are at a place called Goat Island. I don't even know why it's called Goat Island, there are no goats. We have to get rid of scotch broom, blackberries, and knapweed. It goes by pretty fast. This is our last week and we are all going to get through to graduation. WOOT! (Keegan) –Tamera

Tuesday: Our goals for this week are for all of us to finish this project and do more than Yellow Crew, and for all of us to graduate from this. Today went by fast for some of us, and for the first part of the day we cut down scotch broom, and then after break we finished pulling blackberry roots. I guess it's pretty cool that we all are in good moods because there are only two and a half days left and no one can wait. –Dyylan M.

Wednesday: So far we haven't really learned a lot about each other, we all know each other pretty well. But we are piecing things together. Nah, just kiddin', we know very little about each other, nope, JK about that, we know each other pretty well but we're getting a little sick of each other and we're finally resolving that. I've also learned that wrapping scotch broom around your arm is painful but effective for pulling it out. –Brian

Thursday: The last week or workday for Red Crew. We're more of a family than a crew. We act like one, even though we don't always get along. But that's how a family is. I think each and every one of us will miss the Red Crew/Family. I sure will. I might say I won't, but I will. Our crew has been through a lot of challenges this week. Mostly emotional things, like missing home, friends, family, and our old lives. We ALL worked hard, pulling and cutting weeds and blackberry. We even had blackberry wars. One very big accomplishment is that WE finished this ALL TOGETHER. Yes, I did leave, but I also came back to finish this with my crew. We all had fun and we will remember NYC Red Crew. I'm proud of you guys and I love you all. – Brianna

My Most Challenging Day At NYC Was...

At the first weekend site, because Orange Crew was being loud at night. Tamera C.

Every day has been hard! Brian C.

I concur! Keegan G.

The last day hiking up the hill. Nick P.

The week hiking 2 miles up-hill. Amber M.

The first week. Tony M.

Putting up with the long days. Nicole C.

The challenging day probably will be leaving my crew (family). Nadia W.

The hike up the hill in week 3. Dyylan M.

The most challenging day here at NYC was the day I had to leave my crew for a week because I hurt my back. I love my crew. Brianna S.

My Three Favorite NYC Experiences Were...

Learning to push myself to accomplish new goals each day is one of my most favorite experiences. Nadia W.

Learning to cook, learning to push myself, meeting other people and becoming friends. Tamera C.

Cooking tofu, Katy, and the good rec trips. Brian C.

Tiffany, tofu, and the showers. Keegan G.

Push-ups, busting rocks, and burning soup. Nick P.

Meeting everyone, hiking, and morning 8-counts. Amber M.

Push-ups, Tony and Nick's morning stretches, and Ride That Pony. Tony M.

Eating all together, digging holes to poop in, and different rocks. Nicole C.

Showers after a week using the Pulaski. Dyylan M.

Becoming good friends with Tamera, meeting everyone in my crew, and when I burped really loudly and the whole crew had laugh attacks. Brianna S.

One Thing I Will Always Remember...

I will always remember the people I met here. They are all great. Tamera C.

I will always remember the good people. Brian C.

Are the challenges. Keegan G.

Iis having to wake up at 5:30. Nick P.

Is everyone and everything. Amber M.

I will miss camping in the tent with my crew members. Tony M.

I'm going to miss living in the woods. Nicole C.

Everyone. Dyylan M.

I love my crew! -Brianna S.

I will remember the arguing, and laughing at the times we argued. Nadia W.

From Now On I Will Always...

Cook dinner for my family, and I will know how, too. Tamera C.

Love sleep more. Brian C.

Love porcelain toilets. Keegan G.

Love showering and using real toilets everyday. Nick P.

Love things everyone else takes for granted. Amber M.

I love busting rock. Tony M.

Watch where I step. Nicole C.

Love working. Dyylan M.

Love nature. Brianna S.

Not eat PB&J. Nadia W.

At NYC I Learned...

During my NYC experience I've learned that communication is a key factor in group settings. Nadia W.

I learned that I can hike up a mountain 2 miles, that I can wash dishes in a group, and that tofu is good. Tony M.

I learned that there are all different kinds of rocks. Nicole C.

How to cook tofu well. Keegan G.

To have patience, to try to get along with everyone, and how to hike. Amber M.

Not to judge a book by its cover, push-ups suck after a while, and a lot of things can be offensive. Nick P.

How to live with others and to tolerate some things I would not have at home. Also, that I can be positive no matter the circumstance. Tamera C.

That books are good if not interpreted before read. Brian C.

How to live with others, how to tolerate others, and that hard work pays off. Dyylan M.

I learned to live without showers and bathrooms. I learned to push myself. I learned more about myself. Brianna S.