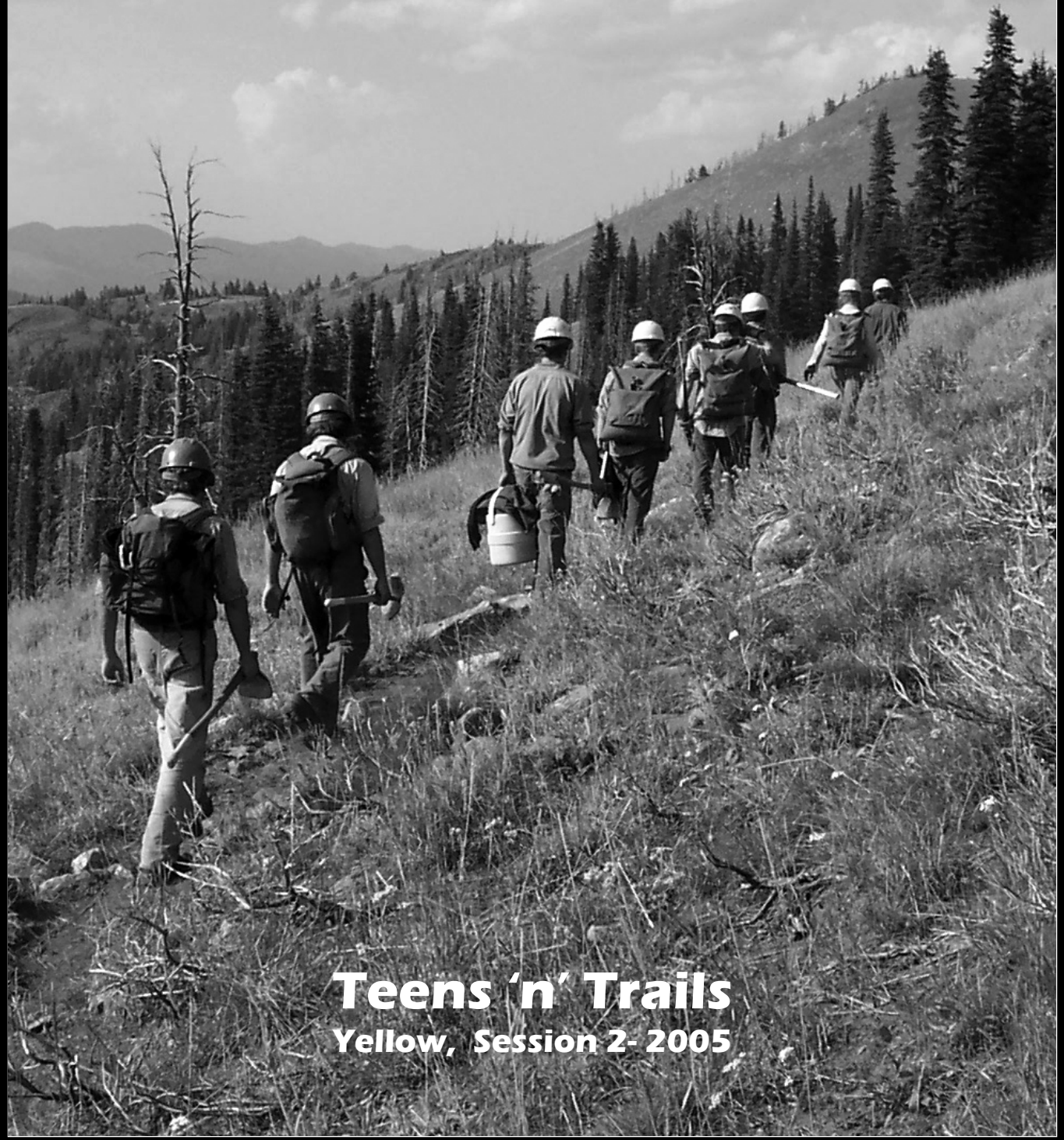




Crew Journal



Teens 'n' Trails
Yellow, 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'.

Ryan Ojerio
Program Manager



National Forest: Fremont
Ranger District: Silver Lake
Project Name: Silver Creek Marsh Trails Maintenance

Week 1: July 25 – July 29, 2005

Monday: Today we got up early, ate breakfast and went to work. We had a hard but fun day at work. We got a lot done. We went far on the trail. We all got dirty, sweaty, and fell a few times. We laughed and said “oww,” but at the end we succeeded on the job! –Justin B.

Tuesday: This week we are by Silver Lake working on trails that are overgrown. It’s super hot out and some people were slow. Scott fell and got an owie. The day went by kind of fast... at the end everyone was so super dirty. We all wanted to go swimming but I don’t think we will. L Sad face. When we were leaving... Chelsey had a bloody nose. It was super bad but she’s okay now. J Happy face. Today was a fun...fun...fun day! –Angel E.

Wednesday: Our goal is working hard and becoming a family everyday because everything about this week seems like all about being together. We may be hot, we may be sweaty, but we all still work as hard as we can to get the job done. But we all still have fun. –Scott N.

Thursday: Our crew learned to have teamwork and how to be safe with the tools. Most of us have also learned that complaining is a lot worse than just doing what you are told. As long as we all work together things will get done so much faster. It is also better to work with people that you get along with so you don't fight as much. If you complain or do something wrong, then you have to do push-ups. It is a lot better to not complain and do what they say. –Jennie B.

Friday: This week Yellow Crew struggled somewhat adjusting to NYC life. The crew had a lot to learn this week about each other, camp life, and building trail. As the end of the week approached, it was clear that everyone was settling into the new lifestyle. In addition to adjusting to work and camp life, Yellow Crew was also challenged by extreme temperatures and massive amounts of dust. Hot weather and clouds of dirt did not stand in the way of Yellow Crew. This week the crew was able to bust out 2 miles of trail maintenance, a rock ford and almost 200 feet of new trail. Also, after work was done for the day, Yellow Crew was able to come together as a crew and begin the process of building trust, and forming the strong bond of an NYC crew. –Nellie B.

Location: Umpqua Lighthouse State Park
Project Name: Lake Marie Trail Resurfacing

Week 2: August 1 – August 5, 2005

Monday: This weekend my crew split up and went on different rec trips. We got to see all of the other crew members and leaders. On Sunday we had to wake up kinda early and had to go to our other site, which is by the beach. The End. –Joshua G.

Tuesday: Our crew is breaking up an asphalt trail because it is broken. We are located at Umpqua Lighthouse campground-trail. We are fixing it and making it look neater. –Catheran H.

Wednesday: This week we are in Umpqua Lighthouse campground. We are breaking up asphalt off of a trail around a small lake. Today is hump day! It has been hard work but we are getting a lot done. The hills on the trail we're working on are killers. But we keep on going. Even though we are working hard we have fun. Yesterday, Jess visited our crew for the day and at dinner she told a lot of funny jokes. It is kinda weird because it is already the third day and it seems like we got here yesterday. Two days from now we will only have two more weeks to go. I still kinda miss my parents but I am getting to know and like my new family. –Nathanael G.

Thursday: This week we learned plenty of things but I thought the most fun SEED was knots. We also learned about the clouds, weather, and erosion at the beach, and that was cool. Fire Legends was cool because we got to write our own stories. We made fire tepees, and learned about fires and how to start them, what to use to light them, and how to put them out. Other than that, this has been a pretty good week. –Anthony T.

Friday: This week our crew worked on an asphalt trail. We had to break all the asphalt with a breaker bar. We took out 550 feet of asphalt in 24 hours' time. It was right by the ocean and by a lake. On Wednesday we went to the Umpqua Lighthouse. A park ranger gave us the tour, it was super cool. The camp site we were at was very public—but cool because we were right by the bathroom and showers. On Thursday we went to the beach and played. Overall the week was hard, and at the camp site it was fun, and we learned a lot of important information. One extra fun thing was that we had 'smares and we were allowed to sleep in a half hour. – Angel E.

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

Week 3: August 8 – August 12, 2005

Monday: Our crew made it through the first half of our challenge. This weekend some of our family members came to visit us. On Friday we drove all the way from the beach to our camp site, it was a long drive! Saturday we got to sleep in. We got up and ate breakfast. We did all our chores. Some of us got mail and packages. Then we all went on our way to our rec trips. When we got back we went into a circle and introduced our family members to everyone! Our crew got to make dinner while the others played a game. We ate our dinner buffet-style. Then we did dishes and cleaned up our camp site. Then we got to visit our families some more. After that we went to bed. On Sunday we packed our trailer and headed away to home! We rode the boat over the river. Five stayed to pack the boat and 5 got to cross to unpack the boat. We set the tents up TWICE. We had to move our camp stuff TWICE also. Then we got to swim. After that we ate dinner and went to bed. Today we worked. Then we got to swim and do our SEED, then make dinner and do chores. –Chelsey S.

Tuesday: We are located near Springfield. We are clearing out all the noxious weeds. If we didn't clear out any of the noxious weeds, they would steal all of the nutrients and water from the important plants. We also eat tons of blackberries that, at the end of the cycle, will give the earth lots of nutrients. –Justin B.

Wednesday: Today is hump day. Our goal for this week is to tear out all of the noxious weeds such as Himalayan blackberry and scotch broom. Also a goal for our crew is to learn how to live with our new family for the rest of the NYC session. Our final and hardest goal is to work even when no one is around. This is called integrity. The End. –Joshua G.

Thursday: This week we learned about picking blackberries and scotch broom. Also, we learned about the dichotomous key, succession, animals and plants, and working together. We also played some new games. They were fun, fun, fun. We have been swimming every day, which is cool. –Angel E.

Friday: Over this week we had to live on an island. Everyday after work we went swimming in a river; it was fun. This week we switched people at the worksite to get to know each other better. Angel is great to talk to. One of our challenges was working on blackberries and other

weeds. Another one was that some of us got a bit cranky. I think that our biggest achievement was that Nellie said we cleared about one acre of land. This program has brought out some of the best in us. This crew isn't a crew, it's a family. I love my new family! –Cody M.

Project Location: Coos Bay BLM

Project Name: North Spit Noxious Weed Eradication

Week 4: August 15 – August 19, 2005

Monday: This weekend we hung out at the weekend site and went on rec trips. On the rec trip there was one person from my crew but we all went to the same places. After rec trips, we did a little skit but we had to use the five words Jess gave us. We were the only crew that did not even make fun of our crew leader. On Sunday morning we were the first crew with our tents down. It was awesome. Then we left to go to our camp site again. Also on Saturday after we went to the caves for rec trips we got to go swimming. It was a lot of fun. All of the people did not go swimming. My friend and I did not go cuz we had not brought our swim gear. Sunday on the bus ride we did not talk very much for some odd reason. If we talked it was mostly yelling at the other people for some odd reason. That is all for now. –Jennie B.

Tuesday: This week my crew is at Coos Bay. The part we are camped/working on is a spit. We first started on a steep hill and there was a lot of animal poop. There was also a nearby graveyard—which was scary. We are pulling scotch broom and cutting trees. This is our last week and everyone is excited for graduation. Yay! –Angel E.

Wednesday: My family's goals this week are to pull scotch broom, and also to clear a path for a horse riding trail. We have to pull scotch broom from around historical buildings and artifacts. Another goal was to remove coarse so they can study how fast it grows. A close to last goal is to keep each other motivated. One more goal is to get ready for our graduation and speech. Our last goal is for everyone to make it to graduation. I hope everyone achieves our group goals. –Chelsey S.

Thursday: Today was the last full work day of the whole session. I am happy that I get to graduate and see my parents again but I am also sad because I am going to miss all my new friends. I am also really going to miss all the great laughs we had. Yesterday at dinner we all played a hilarious game and everybody laughed. Over the past couple of days we have been practicing public speaking for the graduation. And today all of the guys except for Scott got Mohawks! That's all for now, peace out. –Nathanael G.

Friday: This week my crew had only one big challenge—to keep everyone on the clock. We did it! Now we receive all our bonuses. I'm glad we got all of them, too, because it shows we all worked hard and had fun, fun, fun at the same time. We all got along very well, too. On the work site, we pulled scotch broom and cut trees down. It's our last week and we are all excited for graduation. –Angel E.

My Most Challenging Day At NYC Was...

My most challenging day at NYC was Friday, the last work day of the session, because I gave up my hair (or most of it) for the crew. I want my hair back but at the same time I am glad. Justin B.

My most challenging day was the very first day, it was sooo hot and we had to keep going and not take our gloves or helmets off. Nathanael G.

Mine was the first day because I REALLY SUPER didn't want to be away from my brothers and family and friends. Angel E.

My most challenging day was the last day because I didn't want to leave. Joshua G.

My most challenging day was when I found out that my best friend got fired for something that should not have happened. Jennie B.

My first day was the most challenging because I didn't know anyone. Catheran H.

My most challenging day was when we did asphalt...that was killer for my back. Scott N.

My most challenging day was the first work day. It was challenging because it was hot and I didn't know what to do or expect from myself or from others. Chelsey S.

My most challenging day was the first day of week three on Goat Island. Cody M.

The most challenging day was the first day of work of the program in Fremont. Anthony T.

My Three Favorite NYC Experiences Were...

My three favorite NYC experiences were meeting friends, hot chocolate, and work ethic. Justin B.

My three favorite experiences were chopping up a log that had fallen over the trail in the 1st week, a few of the SEEDs, and meeting new people. Nathanael G.

Mine were weekend sites, meeting everyone, and just having the overall experience. Angel E.

My first experience was meeting all of my family. Second was having fun making voices with Scott and Jason. Last is just being here. Josh G.

My most favorite experiences were meeting new people, working hard, and being outdoors because I love the outdoors. Catheran H.

My 3 are great team work, eating all the great food, and having great friends. Scott N.

My three favorite NYC experiences were learning about the world around, meeting new people and getting to know them well, and working hard through all the weather. Chelsey S.

My favorite experiences were making friends, eating tofu, and losing weight! Cody M.

My three favorite things were going to the Oregon Caves, the lava caves, and dinner. Anthony T.

One Thing I Will Always Remember...

One thing I will always remember are the friends I have met—all nine of the crew (not including me), the one crew leader, and four rovers. Justin B.

I will always remember my new friends and the times we had singing and laughing at work. Nathanael G.

I will always remember all the people I have met and all the fun, fun, fun times we've had. Angel E.

I will always remember all my crew members, and my leader, Nelliefer. Josh G.

I will always remember the people I met here. Jennie B.

I will always remember the people I met here. I am glad I came. Catheran H.

I will always remember the people I met and the things I have done. Chelsey S.

I will always remember Scott ripping his pants. Cody M.

I will always remember when I ripped my pants. Scott N.

I will always remember all my friends and the whole staff of NYC. Anthony T.

From Now On I Will Always...

From now on I will always talk to the other crew members over the phone or in letters. Justin B.

I will always be a good worker and do my best at everything I do. Nathanael G.

From now on, I will always be a hard worker and have more confidence in myself. Angel E.

I will never complain about mowing the lawn and pulling weeds. Joshua G.

I will always work as hard as possible. Jennie B.

Finish something from start to finish. Catheran H.

From now on I will always work to my fullest and highest standards. Chelsey S.

Take showers more often. Cody M.

I will always do the dishes. Scott N.

I will always call KoolAid “vesper.” Anthony T.

At NYC I Learned...

At NYC I learned about weather, like types of clouds and wind; I learned about sharing and being the best; and about water. Justin B.

NYC taught me about different types of weather, transpiration, and percolation. Nathanael G.

I’ve learned more about the environment, work ethic, and more about myself. Angel E.

I learned that friends are good to have, also that work isn’t all about having fun, and also about weather, environment, and life. Joshua G.

I have learned that I can learn to trust people. Jennie B.

I have learned how to finish something from start to finish. Catheran H.

I learned great and cool things about SEED. Scott N.

AT NYC I’ve learned about the weather, the clouds, and the ecosystem. I have also learned about the environment around me and others. Chelsey S.

At NYC I learned that life is not really bad. Cody M.

Safety, fun, and education are the three main things I learned. Anthony T.