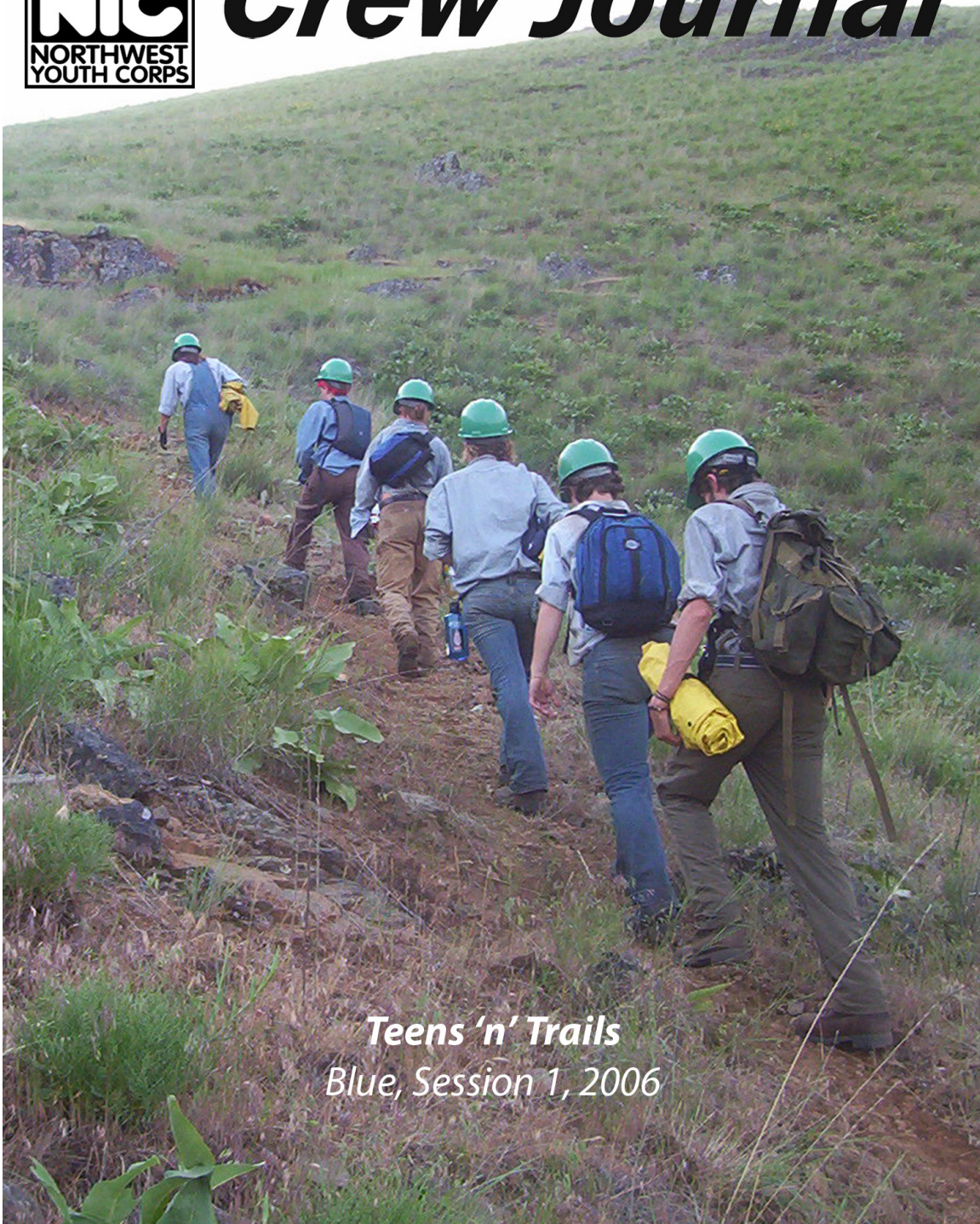




Crew Journal



*Teens 'n' Trails
Blue, Session 1, 2006*



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 2006. It is testimony of your successes, challenges, experiences both good and bad as well as some 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. Make it happen!!!

A few of the amazing things accomplished during the 2006 field season at NYC; over 17 miles of new trail constructed, over 328 miles of existing trail maintained, 2,237 drainage structures installed, 3,400 ft. of retaining wall built, 1,222 ft. of turnpike constructed, 323 ft. of bridge built, 208 acres of trees pruned, 381 logs bucked out, and 1,513 acres of noxious weeds eradicated.

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Joe Waksmundski'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is set against a light blue, textured background.

Joe Waksmundski
NYC Field Director



North Santiam State Park

Project Name- North Santiam Trail Construction

Week 1: Date June 19th-June 23rd

Monday: Today was our 2nd day. We got to meet our crew, we set up camp, and made new friends. We may be new to this, but we are pumped and ready for the challenges to overcome. It's going to be challenging but I want to see who this program makes our crew become four weeks from now. -Sha F.

Tuesday: We awoke bright and early today. At the start of our 3rd day, we ate breakfast and headed off to work. We were working on building a fresh new trail today. Three hours we worked and then finally a break. Got back on the trail for two hours, making tons of progress. We had a delicious lunch, that was made by Fillipe and myself and then we headed back to work for the remainder of the day. During SEED, we discussed many things such as empathy and discrimination. That is all. -Sebastian

Wednesday: Today was great we got up early. (6:15) Then we ate breakfast. Then we did safety circle then we started to work. Yeah I thinking every one is grumpy but not sure why. It was a great day. We

had fun, me and Don and Shelsie cut a big log it was great. Then we came back to camp. Now I am writing this, after this I am going to eat dinner. - Cody

Thursday: Today is actually Wednesday and we worked so hard. Started normal, and then we took a snack break. We got back to work at about 10:00 A.M. and got to hard hard work. We finished trail for two hours and then we had a lunch. It was PB & J. as usual. We had some meat things and some people had an orange. We had about 700 more feet to clear, and we finished. We still have to go back, and tomorrow, we will put the finishing touches and build the rest of the trail. It has been a blast so far and I hope it will continue throughout the remainder of time!! –Sebastian.

Friday: We woke up at 7:00 then we all ate corn flakes, fruit loops and gorp. We went to safety circle and stretched, then we all went to work, we cleared 700 yards of trail today. When we got off work we had big surprises. We all got cake and ice cream and lots of soda. That's all of our day.

North Spit
Coos Bay Bureau of Land Management
Project Name- North Spit Noxious Weeds Removal

Week 2: Date June 26th-June 30th

Monday: This weekend I caught a crab. It was so cool. I took my first rec. trip. I went with Maddie, it was awesome. I tried to save “dinner” the crab. It didn't work. But it was worth a try I'm such a hypocrite. But other than that, it's a normal day. O' we get to work by the ocean. I had so much fun on the way here I feel sad for “dinner” but I guess it's life. But any way we got to drive for like four hours. Well that it. –Crystal

Tuesday: Today we started our 2nd project. Like usual we woke up early and got ready. Luckily we were quick and started our work day 2 minutes early. The day went by pretty quickly. First we pulled Scotch Broom by the bundle. Then we tore English Ivy like marshmallows out of the bag and finally we picked up trash and were done. It was a very productive day, but when I was using the bathroom I was attacked by like 100 mosquitoes. –Fillip

Wednesday: Today, we started out pulling scotch broom. Some of the scotch broom was too thick to pull out and occasionally needed a Pulaski. After break, we split up into groups and my group went to a fenced bunker and cleaned out brush. We also removed brush that had been pre chain sawed. After that we cleared out the parameter of the face, we ate lunch. After lunch we continued pulling Scotch Broom from the originally designated area! Our groups major goals weren't very specific, but we got a lot done. –Chris

Thursday: Today we started pulling out scotch broom some of the scotch broom was too tough to pull out and we got to go on a long walk to see the ocean, it was great! It was Andrew's birthday, now I am eating clams and it took me by surprise because Donald and Andrew put hot sauce in it. Then we are going to eat dinner with the family. -Cody

Willamette National Forest
Ranger District: Detroit
Project Name- French Creek Ridge Trail

Week 3: Date July 3rd-July 7th

Monday: This weekend my crew ended up at the weekend site and on Saturday we went on a rec. trip. Most of my crew went to the beach and the light house. When we were at the light house we got a tour up to the top. Then when we left on Sunday we drove for six hours. –Andrew

Tuesday: This week we are working on an old trail call French Creek. I am not sure where we are exactly though, but I know we are in the mountains outside the town of Detroit. Our project is to fix the French Creek Trail, which is very nice but has a lot of problems. First off lots of plants were in the way which we cut down and we had to make the trail more even. So far it has been a fun project. –Fillip

Wednesday: Today our crew worked hard. It was a long seven hour day today. Some of us did brushing, as we did in days before, and the rest of us worked on improving the trail itself. At 9:45 we took our first break. Also, we had to walk about $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile to work, and back. It was ok though, because it counted as our working hours. Break was good, even though we only had sandwiches and the shotgun. Luckily, it was crazy surprise e day, and we got Pringles and M&M's!! At noon, we ate lunch (I had my usual PB and J) and it was a good 30 minute break. Work ended! –Sebastian S.

Thursday: Today, we had a 6.5 hour day. Much was accomplished. There were two groups: One lopping and another finishing. My group mostly worked on cutting rhododendrons back three feet from the edge of the trail. Currently our trail is easily walk able, or at least the portion between the roads. Although we need another couple hours finishing up the beginning of the trail. We accomplished all of our goals and worked hard. –Craig

Friday: The Blue crew this week had a lot of challenges. The blue crews one big challenge was being deserted a mile out on the dunes and being away from the van with no transportation of any kind. The only kind of transportation we got was the ride out here by forest rangers. We as a crew set out to pull Scotch Broom on the north spit a little ways from the ocean. Our accomplishments as a team was that we lived without the griddle, toilet paper, rags, bleach and most of all we were stuck with dull tools because we didn't have any files. The blue crew had a lot of challenges and accomplishments but we alls tuck with it and got through the week with Mosquito bites all over 3 smiles on our face. –Shelsie F

North Bank Ranch
Roseburg BLM
Project Name- Northbank Ranch Noxious Weed Removal

Week 4: Date July 10th-July 14th

Tuesday: We got up and had cereal. We went to work and pulled thistles, weeds, and black berry vines. We had break, which tasted good, and then went to work in another meadow. We worked really hard and ate a few blackberries that we found. Then we had lunch, which also tasted good. We went back to work and at 1:54 Maddie Called Tool count. We thought it was the end of the day but we had another half hour left. Then we went swimming which was fun.

Wednesday: This was an awesome day!! It went by crazy fast and guess what... it's crazy surprise day!!! We got popcorn and beef jerky for lunch. We had another seven hour day...After work, some of us headed to the river/creek to catch crawdads! Then we went to the city and bought stuff. –Sebastian

Thursday: Today we worked 7 hours. We had a break and worked then lunch and more work. Then we went swimming and saw fish and caught more crawdads. We saw poison oak and had to wash off in the creek. The water felt really good. Today is the last full day of work. Tommorrow we are having pancakes. Overall, today is a good day.

My Most Challenging Day At NYC Was...

The first day when my parents left. –Cody

Seeing Sha leave and having no idea she was gonna come back. –Shelsie

When Sha left because I was really worried about her and parents weekend. –Crystal F.

Orientation –Chris

The first day of work...Didn't know when it was going to end. –Sebastian

The day I went 30 min. above Detroit on a mountain. –Rebecca

The first day, because I didn't know anyone. –Fillip

The third week, Sunday when members of the crew had some hard times. –Andrew K.

The six hour drives. –Donald

The day I left my crew. Being scared by no knowing if I would ever see them again.

My Three Favorite NYC Experiences Were...

Learning how to build new trail, pulling weed. –Cody S.

Favorite things were –ultimate Frisbee, SEED time and Ph's. –Shelsie

Ultimate frisby with Abby and playing on the beach with Collin and Maddie and everyone –Crystal

Finishing the first day; finishing the last day; long drives. –Chris

Learning how to use tools, making friends, seeing new places. –Rebecca F.

Meeting the people; cooking; learning to be around people with different backgrounds. –Sebastian

Meeting the awesome people in my crew, camping outdoors, and making trail. –Phillip K.

Crawdads; fish and crab. –Donald

Meeting new people, Ph's and the challenge –Sha

The wild things I did; Meeting new people; working with others. –Andrew K.

One Thing I Will Always Remember...

The people and the 2 hour days. –Cody S.

How our crew always made the best out of what we had. –Shelsie F.

The people I met and learned to love and respect. –Crystal F.

The great/funny people That I met! –Sebastian

The great jobs we did and people I met. –Phillip K.

The good times of (laughing?) – DB

The people and great times we had. –Rebecca

The memories. –Sha

Cody –Chris

The people I worked with. –Andrew K.

From Now On I Will Always...

I will always be my self and respect others. –Cody S.

I will always give others a chance and get to know them better. –Shelsie

Get to know people before I judge them and respect the environment. –Crystal.

Show my respect to people, even if I don't like/know them. –Sebastian

Care more about the environment, and be more respectful to people. –Rebecca

Leave no trace. –Donald

Be grateful for what I have.

Be nice to people when they aren't

I will always work hard. –Andrew K.

I will complete everything I start. –Fillip

At NYC I Learned...

How to respect others. –Cody

That every one's different, that blue crew is the best and that I can work hard. –Crystal

Respect others, cooking and working hard. –Sebastian

To share with others, to respect people and that life is great. –Shelsie

How to work hard, How to work with others and how to stay motivated. –Andrew K

How to use tools, how to build trail and how to get along with people. –Rebecca F.

Leave no trace camping –Donald

To get along with people I don't like

To work hard, to get something done and to get along with strangers. –Fillip

To be positive, have self esteem and to work hard core.