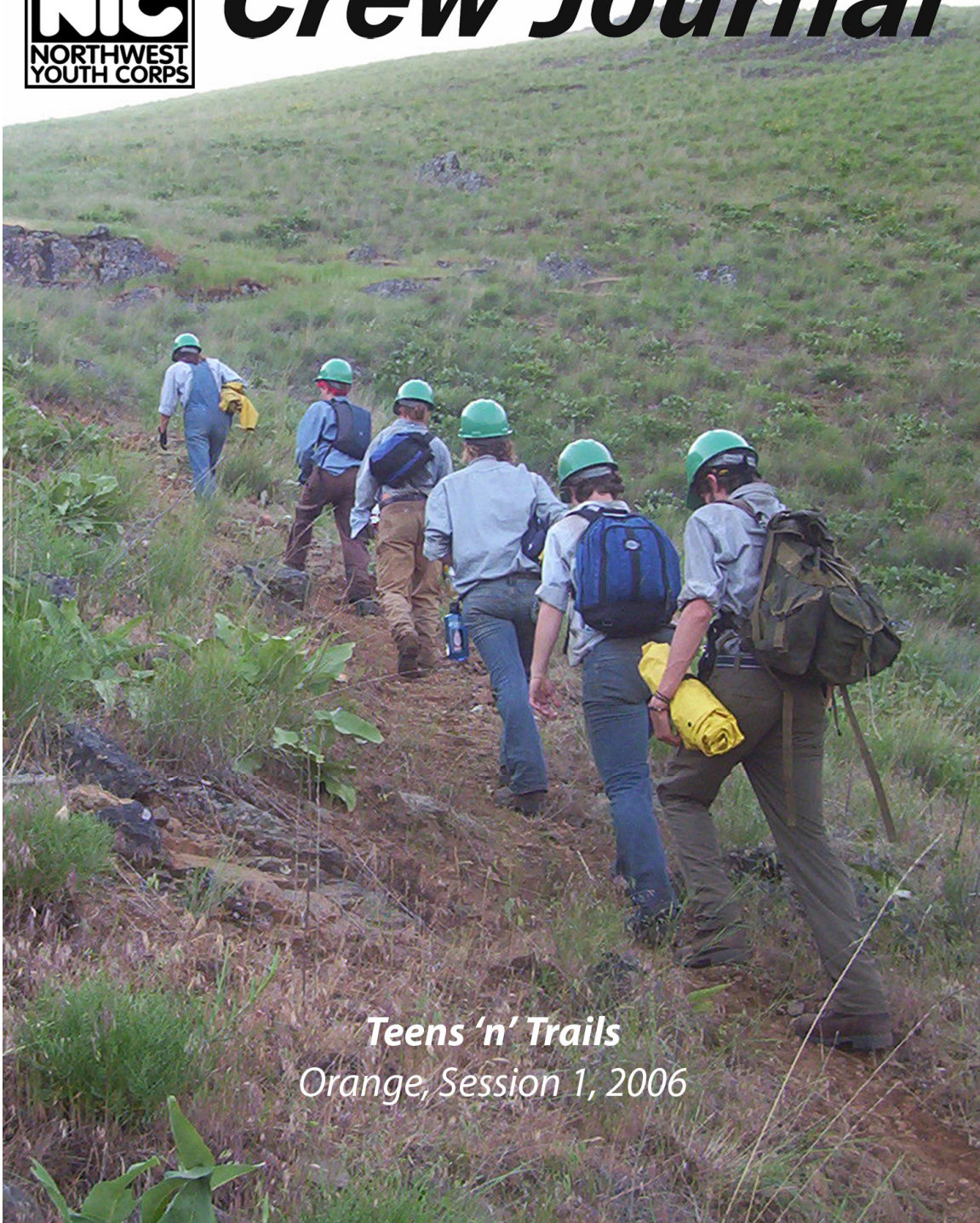




# *Crew Journal*



*Teens 'n' Trails  
Orange, 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,

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Joe Waksmundski  
NYC Field Director



## **Roseburg Bureau of Land Management**

### **Project Name- North Bank Ranch Noxious Weed Removal BLM**

Week 1: Date June 19<sup>th</sup>-June 23<sup>rd</sup>

Monday: Today we were separated into groups and packed everything up to head to our first project. The day was pretty laid back and the only relatively hard task was setting up camp. It is only day 2 of our experience and I'm sure we are all nervous for the tasks ahead of us. However, when I think of all the difficulties that are sure to show themselves in one way or another, I also think of the strong feeling of accomplishment we will feel at the end of the day. –Kaylee

Tuesday: Man it's sweet we didn't have to do dishes tonight! The boys talked all last night while the girls slept like logs! Then we were working today, we worked like 5 times as much as we did the first day! Woohoo it was sweet because we got thorns up our arms! After our hard days work we were lucky enough to go swimming and then came back to our wonderful campsite and got to eat lovely pizza and yummy shortcake. –Emily

Wednesday: Today the orange crew had a guest, Jess was here in the morning when we woke up. We ate breakfast and had a funny safety

circle, then our work day began. We spent a good part of the day cutting hawthorne and black berry bushes. We ate lunch provided by Ramiro and Aaron. It was yummy. (I love food.) After work we went to have a technu party at the river. We then had a really entertaining SEED about stereo typing. It was so funny. Then we ate dinner. -Cody

## **Coos Bay Bureau of Land Management**

### **Project Name- Blue Ridge Trail**

Week 3: Date July 3<sup>rd</sup>-July 7<sup>th</sup>

Monday: Today, in my opinion, was the longest, smelliest, dirtiest, and trying day. We worked like crazy trying to get things done. Our new rover was really helping us out in keeping us motivated. We are dearly missing Kate. Each minute of the day we are thinking about her. She will be missed. Anyways, our campsite is not the best because of all the mosquitos and buggys, but we'll survive..... I hope! -Jacqueline

On Sunday it felt so good to sleep in. When Jess worked with us on Monday we worked in a meadow pilling tons of piles of wood. I had a blast having Jess work with us cuz she always tells the best jokes. Every time I looked at Melissa she made me smile, so that kept my attitude great. -Nichol

Tuesday: We worked another 8 hour day today. It wasn't as long feeling as the first day. I felt like we worked 7 hours not 8. I didn't sweat a new person but I still worked hard building drainage ditches and carrying MORE ROCK! -(Amar?)

On Tuesday we worked more in the meadow cutting trees then we helped maintain a trail. After we finished that day of work we went to the beach for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July to watch the fire works. We were all so tired that night that we went to sleep right away. -Aaron N.

Wednesday: We have finished the trail this week and it looks great! I am very proud of my crew cuz we have finished 1 ½ miles of the trail. Although we have 1 less person in our crew, we did great. On our break, we saw the new river and the ocean. I had so much fun working, although it was very difficult. -Nichol

Thursday: On Thursday we pulled scotch broom and we did trail maintenance. When we were on the trail we trimmed up the base and pulled weeds off the trail. When we cut down the trees it was fun and we peeled up the limbs and we cut fire wood so we can have a fire on Thursday. -Anthony

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**Roseburg Bureau of Land Management**

**Project Name- Dompier Creek Pruning**

Week 4: Date July 10<sup>th</sup>-July 14<sup>th</sup>

Monday My crew went to the weekend site and all 38 kids got together and we all went on recreational trips. Such as going to the lake, hiking and just having some fun time to relax and enjoy your surroundings. We also did some big funs, did a little bit of sleeping and packing and unpacking camp. On Saturday night we had a big group circle and then left for our new work sites! –Emily H.

Tuesday: Limbing a tree is fun. Okay we are at the end of the world. I don't like what were doing I hate logging experiments and we are doing this to avoid cutting down old growth forests and we are using high reaches to cut the limbs to ten feet high. –Amar

Wednesday: My crew has wanted to go out with a bang so we decided that we would work as hard as we could without killing ourselves. We also wanted to go out with the cleanest stuff so we have cleaned all the food boxes and coolers. We have all worked 1000% better than the first week. My crew is all good friends and we all work well together. Those have been our goals and we have met them all. –Aaron N.

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

My most challenging day at NYC was probably the first work day we had because I have never done manual labor before. –Emily

My most challenging day at NYC was the second work day because you were sore from the day before. –Gabe

My most challenging day was the first day because I knew I had a long time before I would get to see my friends again and I have never done anything like this before. – Kaylee W.

The most challenging day was parents day because it was hard to watch her leave and not go. –Amar

My most challenging day was probably when I had to tell my personal history because it was hard to tell people I barely know my personal stuff. –Jackie

My most challenging day at NYC was the first day because I usually don't get up early and don't eat dinner. –Nichol

My most challenging day at NYC was when I wasn't feeling well and I still worked. – Cody H.

My most challenging day was the first day because I knew that it only got worse from there. –Aaron

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

My 3 favorite experiences were getting free time on the beach, going to the store stops and riding in the bus and listening to PH's. –Kaylee

My 3 favorite experiences were spending solo time once a week, listening to PH's and having long bus rides. –Emily

My 3 favorite NYC experiences were probably getting to know everyone during their PH's, going to fun rec. trips and probably having long bus rides going to our campsite. –Jackie V.

My 3 favorite NYC experiences were having long bus rides and listening to PH's and doing laundry. –Nichol F.

My favorite thing is showers, long bus rides and listening to PH's. –Amar

My 3 favorite experiences were listening to PH's, riding the bus for a long time and taking showers on Fridays. –Cody H.

My favorite things are playing the guitar in the bus, taking showers and long bus rides. –Aaron N.

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

One thing I will always remember is working with my crew and setting up camp every week! When I go home I will miss all of my crew, working and all of the fun that I have had. In the past 3 weeks I have had more fun than ever when I went camping. –Nichol F.

One thing that I will always remember is making new friends and all the hardwork I completed and our lovely crew leader Melissa!! –Emily

One thing I will always remember is the feeling I got every morning when we were woken up and had a hard days work ahead of us. –Kaylee W

One thing I will always remember is spending time with my crew when we were off work. –Cody H.

One thing I will always remember is probably my crew because we're family and it's going to be hard waking up in the morning and not working. I'm really going to miss them and the fun we've had. –Jackie

The thing I will always remember is my crew. –Amar

I will always remember the beautiful scenery. –Kaylee

I will always remember the fun we had after work. –Aaron N.

I will always remember how much Fun I had. -Gabe

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

From now on I will always look before I eat something and respect others. –Gabe

From now on I will appreciate my friends, family and privileges a lot more. –Kaylee

From now on I will respect electricity and a bathroom because out here I have really learned to love toilets that flush. –Emily H.

From now on I will look forward to waking up in a bed. –Amar

From now on I will always appreciate all of the junk and toilets at home. –Nichol

From now on I will always think better of people just because the way they look. –Cody

From now on I will always appreciate my surroundings and respect myself and others. Also to become the better person I know I can be. –Jackie V.

From now on I will eat every thing. –Aaron N.

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

At NYC I learned how to set up camp really fast. I think that it is a really important to the whole NYC experience. Another thing I learned is to work with complete strangers. I also learned how to cook better. –Cody H.

At NYC I learned how to rough it in the woods and not freak out at bugs and dirt. –Kaylee W.

At NYC I learned to just deal with bugs because no matter what there just gonna keep coming, and to live in the woods for a month because this is my first time and I am not used to camping!!

At NYC I learned that you should appreciate everything. –Amar

At NYC I learned a lot of things for example I learned to appreciate my self more and to forgive myself. –Jackie

I learned how to be part of a team. –Aaron N

I learned to appreciate my family more. –Gabe

I learned to forgive myself and to appreciate me! -Nichol