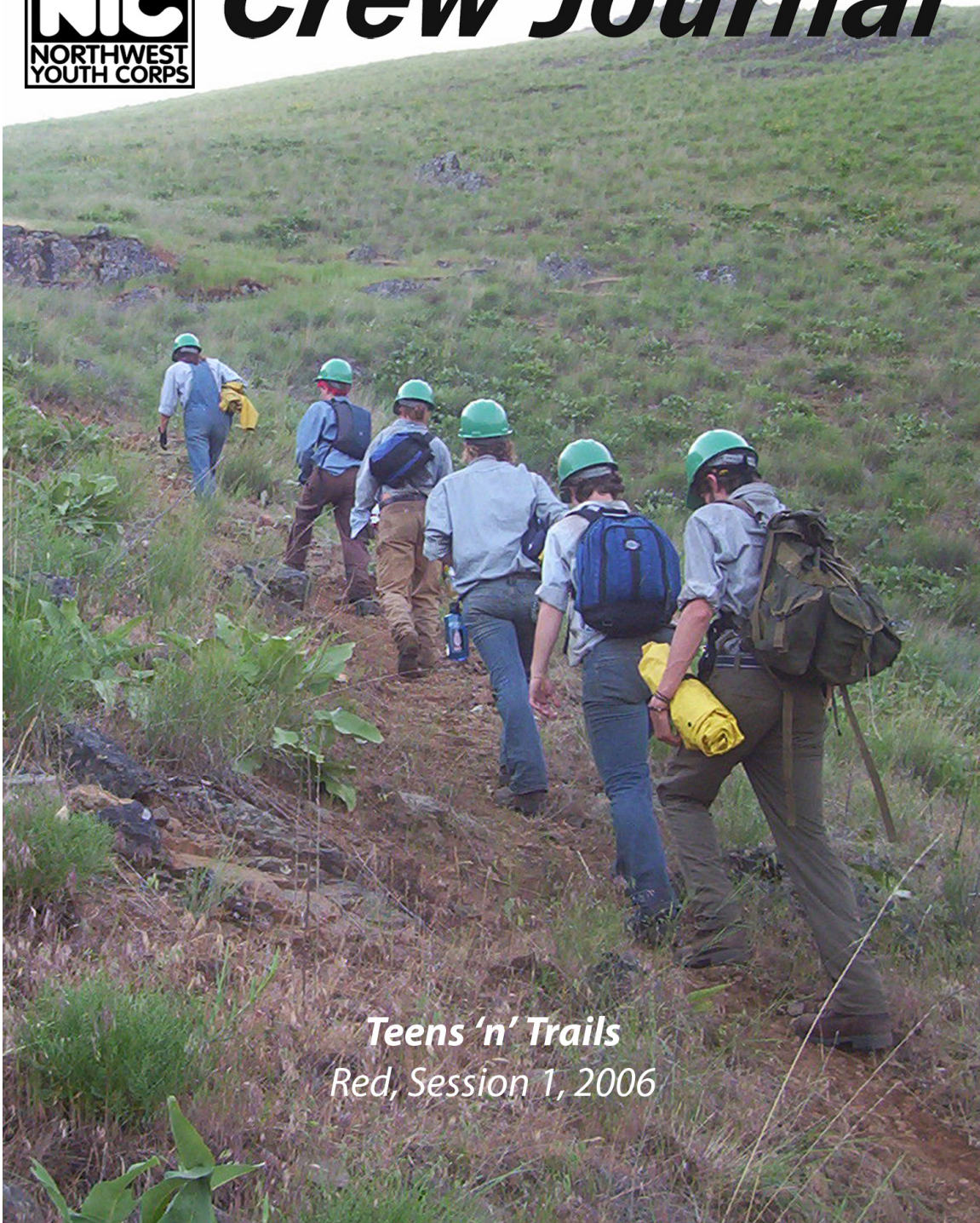




Crew Journal



Teens 'n' Trails
Red, 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 positioned above a light blue rectangular stamp.

Joe Waksmundski
NYC Field Director



**National Forest or area that the work took place: Siskiyou National Forest
Ranger District: Applegate
Project Name- Siskiyou Noxious Weeds**

Week 1: Date June 19th-June 23rd

Sunday: It seems like days since yesterday morning when we finally met the people we would be working with for the next four weeks. Some of us were returnee's and some of us are doing this for the first time. In any case we are all here no matter the reason). Yesterday was mainly chalk full of rotations. Stations that answer questions such as how to use a Pulaski, you know all the normal stuff. As for today, today it was a travel day. Everyone got divided into crews and sent to all different corners of the state. Our group, the red is by the coast. Boy, who doesn't love the ocean? What better way to begin this four week long adventure.

Monday: Today was our first official day of work, it was tuff! We woke up early and had a quick breakfast (pancakes). We started working at 7:10 A.M. we had our break and lunch. At about 12:40 we hike back to the van and did a quick sweep to make sure we got everything. We were moving to do another spot before we left! We started working and out of nowhere bees came. Most of my fellow workers made it out but me Samantha and Max got stung! No biggie the rest of the day went smooth. Kody R.

Tuesday: Today was pretty good. We had a good morning it went by really fast but as soon as the sun came out it started to slow down and now I'm paranoid about bees since yesterday and now everyone is giving me crap about it but it's all good. Lunch was really good because we had meat sandwiches and it was funny. Sarah got in to the water to get a helmet and fell in. She was soaked but I didn't laugh because it might have hurt her feelings. Other than that it was a good day. –Max

Wednesday: Today we picked weeds once again! It wasn't hard picking them but it was hard getting to them since to reach them we had to climb steep trails that seemed like they would never end. It wouldn't be as hard if we didn't have to carry tools and water jugs but all in all when we finished work it felt great completing something so hard that at the time felt impossible. Oh yeah forgot to add the steep trails were pretty fun to slide down. –Anfisa

Quote: “It is not the strength of the rock, but rather the steady perseverance of the river that cuts mountains.”

Thursday: Today red crew was on a mission: Search and destroy Scotch Broom that is. First we woke up to Sarah singing to us (the best way to wake up). Then breakfast and our drive to our destination. It was by a bridge where we had to climb down a hill and hike just to find Scotch Broom. But unfortunately there wasn't much so after morning break we hike back up the hill and drove to our second destination. We were there about a total of 20 minutes before we finished that location. Next we drove to another location where we pulled about 10 plants. Soon after leaving we traveled to our final destination before home. A large camp ground (that was practically empty) that had flushing toilets! We ate lunch and then we were separated into two groups Joe's and Sarah's. I was on Joe's. We looked and looked and looked some more for scotch broom but we ended up finding about 15. Later the two groups were reunited on our long journey home. Once home we changed clothes and had a SEED. It is almost time for dinner so I will go, especially since I'm really hungry. – Samantha *Sami * Schamp

Friday: As we watch the trees zoom past our windows in our white NYC bus, the distance between us and our first challenge grow. Mission: complete and for the Scotch Broom, I can safely say I never want to see it again. We only worked four and a half hours today. Before heading off for the weekend site. On the way we stopped and felt the joy of showering for the first time in the last week. I am thankful that our crew seems to be still getting along after countless hours of pulling weeds and Beatles songs. As I write Leanne has fallen asleep next to me. It's a long drive but I have a feeling we will all come out on top, dirt tan lines and all. -Bridget

National Forest or area that the work took place: Eugene BLM Ranger District:

Project Name- Shotgun OHV Trail

Week 2: Date June 25th-June 30th

Sunday: Today went well because we were not working 7 freaken hours a day. The worst part was when pierre left us. It made us cry. After we got up we packed are stupid supplies again which was boring! Then we got into are Sunday circle and Jess talked a lot. Then about 45 minutes later we got to visit people and say goodbye once again and then came pierre all like walking slowly kicking rocks and saying “dang-it” then we all gave pierre a big hug and he almost kissed me because we said “I Love You” to each other. Then we left and when we were in the bus all of us had not spirit after the dreadful loss of our good pal Pierre. Then we arrived to are freaken sweat camp site spot which is pretty sweat because of the kitchen. Then max and Cody and Aaron said that he hopes that the guy or girl that replaces Pierre isn’t a nerd! Then we went swimming which was fun the it ended and it was boring. -Ricky

Monday: Today we fixed motor cycle trails and got out some ruts. Ahh yea...and it was hot and the work was hard. Last weekend was fun we had pancakes then we had topramen, then had pancakes the went with 10 other people and we went for a long hike, then we made taco salad and went to bed. The next day we left to our new camp site. -James H.

Tuesday: Today was a pretty good day for red crew. They got a lot done and I’m so proud of them because they don’t think that they can work hard but they can and they do but any ways today was a good day and I’m sure that the rest of the week will be just as great as today. -Max .

Friday: Today was very good but I think I was in a bad mood and I should have been a lot nicer and I should have worked harder and make the day go by faster for me but it didn’t. After work we went back to camp got the trailer and headed off for the weekend spot at cape Blanco State Park and I’m very happy for that because I’ve heard that it was a very nice spot.

It only took 30 minutes to get to take a shower then we had 20 minutes to shower then we washed are clothes and then we left and we are going to drive for 5 hours. By the way, Red crew your awesome and I love all of you guys and your all very hard workers. Lets get done with weak 3 guys. I know we can and we will! Thank you guys for making this week go by faster than I would ever imagine. I love you Red Crew. -Ricky B.

National Forest or area that the work took place: Coos Bay BLM

Ranger District:

Project Name- Blue Ridge Trail Maintenance

Week 3: Date July 3rd-July 7th

Sunday: This morning we had camp rush hour to put things in the trailer and get ready to go. After everything and everybody was ready to go we gathered up for Sunday circle. Red crew got the golden spatula on top of winning the TNT Olympics on Saturday. Food left from parents day was divided up and the crews left. Red crew is now at the Blue Ridge trail system near Coos Bay. We had a short drive, two hours, yellow crew is only a mile or two away from us. Today hasn’t been the best day ever, but high hopes for tomorrow. -Leanne T.

Monday: This weekend we got to see our parents. We had a competition between the crews! First Max had to put on the chainsaw chaps and spin around a Hoe 10 times and carry 2 five

gallon water things and run to the wheel barrow (carrying Ricky) and Red crew pushed Ricky to the NYC Van. Then we leap frogged across the field to my food. Surprise I was the last one to start eating but first to finish and then our whole crew had to chug a yellow top. That's two gallons and we won! Then weekend rocked. Today we worked next to yellow crew with whom we will dine with tomorrow. Work was fun! –Cody

Tuesday: Today was a very hard to wake up because of the terrible lightning storm. It started at 3:00 am and it was terrible. I was so cranky today and I made everyone mad at me. But now we get to see fire works I'm in a good mood and with yellow crew. Happy 4th of July. –Ricky B.

Wednesday: Today we started later than normal since yesterday we stayed up late celebrating the 4th of July. We carried gravel bags and buckets and also added some drain dips until lunch. We finally finished the trail we had been working on. So we got on the bus and headed to a new site where we got a lot of work done by the time it was time to quit work. I don't know yet if tomorrow were going to go finish up the trail we had recently started today cause there's not much work left there but I do know that I've gotten pretty strong since gravel buckets used to be really heavy but now seem so light!. –Anfisa

Thursday: Today Red crew worked with some more gravel just like last week. The candy fairy came once again to our work site and gave all of us candy. It was rainy for a long time. After work the sun came out! So we we're all pretty happy because it's been raining all week. It's week three and TNT1 is almost over. I have to go help with other chores around camp so bye. – Aaron N

Friday:

**National Forest or area that the work took place: Coos Bay BLM
Ranger District
Project Name- New River Area of Critical Environmental Concern**

Week 4: Date July 9th-July 14th

Monday: Today was very hard to wake up because I was so tired and cold. We got to our work site at 7:40 am The work was okay because we got to haul driftwood. I loved how the weather was because it wasn't too hot and it wasn't cold. I loved the fact that we only worked 6 and a half hours. I wish it wasn't as windy though. -Ricky

Tuesday: Today we had 10 minutes to get ready and to get out of the tent! Unlike any other day we were all on time. Then we ate and went to work. Once we arrived at work we did safety circle and hiked to our spot. There we started out by hauling drift wood from the beach to a balding area that once was covered with vegetation. By doing so we hope in the near future the vegetation will be restored. After we finished we hiked back to the bus and came home. –Anfisa

Wednesday: Today was our last hump-day. We thought it was just gonna be another cold boring day, but Kate started up a game it's like 20 questions, but there's no limit. Today it was cold and rainy so all morning we were miserable but Red crew is the best so we pulled our-selves out of the hole and made it a good day tomorrow is our last full work day! Wo-hoo! -Max

Thursday: We started the day by going to a different NYC programs base camp to clear black berries and help load/un load a dump truck. That took up 3 hours and was very fun. Then we drove to Loras Lake our normal worksite, and continued pulling beach grass for 3 more hours. Work went by really fast and now we are preparing for Fri. Last Thursday Candy day, and pack day. ☺ -Leanne

Friday: The song “Money Can’t Buy me Love” strikes me as ironic. I mean maybe it can’t buy you love, but if you look on the other hand...In a way we all came here for partly money (partly our own reasons) and now here we are. I think I speak for the crew when I say I can’t think of a single person here I don’t love in one way or another. We have all traveled so many roads with each other and weather or not our paths will ever cross again is a different story. However I think we have all touched each other in our own ways. Personally, I didn’t know If I could make it, let alone most people in the crew but I did it, we all did it together. Laughing all the way. It makes me sad that this is the second to last day we all have together. I will miss everyone so much. This was such an amazing experience and I now I’m going on but I will never forget it. Long Live Red Crew 2006! -Bridget

My Most Challenging Day At NYC Was...

The last day was the hardest because I wanted to be done. –Kody R.

The first day was the hardest because I didn’t know what to expect. –Samantha C.

Mine is probably one of the days in the middle cause that’s when I started to get a little home sick. –Anfisa

My hardest day of NYC was the first day of work because I was so not ready for it because it was hard and long for me and it was ho and we pulled stupid scotch broom. –Ricky

The first day because it was boring and it was hot and tiring.

One of the first days of the first week was the hardest for me. –Leanne

The first day was the most hard days because I didn’t know anyone else. –James H.

The days that were the hardest for me we’re the ones where I didn’t get to sleep on time –Bridget

The hardest day for me would be the 2nd or 3rd day because I was sore from my first couple days and I was all tired. –Belle

The first day because it felt like it would never end. –Aaron N.

My Three Favorite NYC Experiences Were...

Rec. trips, free time and store stops. –Kody R.

Swimming; Rec. trips; And Cooking –Samantha S.

Big fun; swimming; free time. –Anfisa

Rec. trips; free time; and parent weekends.

Rec. trips; free time; and fishing –Ricky B

Big funs; rec. trips; cooking –Leanne

Big funs; amazing friends; dinner –James

Showers, rec. trips, hanging with the crew, big funs, food...mucho mas. –Bridget H.

Dinner, Rec. Trips, getting DQ blizzards, cutting Sarah's hair –Belle

Rec. Trips, free time, tool counts. –Aaron N.

One Thing I Will Always Remember...

My crew members and work ethics will be in my memory forever. –Kody R.

I will always remember my new friends, my crew leader Sarah, Kate & Abbey. –
Samantha S.

The hard times, the fun times, Sarah, Kate, and of course my crew members/ Friends. –
Anfisa

I will always remember everything that happened at NYC

I will always remember Max, Kody, Aaron and James and I will always remember Sarah
and Kate.

I will always remember how much fun I had and working hard. Leanna T.

I will always remember my crew. –James

I will always remember this experience and the people who were there for me during it. –
Bridget.

I will always remember the mud fights in the forest and Sarah's silver booger. –Belle

My crew because they were awesome and fun. –Aaron

From Now On I Will Always...

Do my chores with a smile. –Kody R.

Not complain about my alone time. I really need it. –Samantha S.

Take less things for granted. –Anfisa

Be the best

Realize other people are different and respect them for that. –Leanne

Be more social. –James

Give 110% in everything I do! –Bridget

No matter what I do, do it well and never complain again. I will always be grateful for really good food.

Shower for a long time. –Aaron N.

At NYC I Learned...

It's not always easy to get along with people. I also learned that PMA makes everything easier, and time is all connected. –Kody

I learned more about myself, how to let my emotions flow and how to work with people. –Samantha S.

You can do more than you think you can. All that you have to do is put your mind to it. –Anfisa

How to be a good leader, trail maintenance and people skills.

I learned how to cook better, I learned how to work harder, I learned how to respect every thing.

I learned time is connected to everything, it can be hard to get along with people and work can be fun. –Leanne

I learned that work is hard. –James

I learned that people are different and to accept that. I learned how to just be myself. I also learned to live without a lot of things I am used to. –Bridget

I learned a lot about the environment, and about not giving up, even when you really want to. I also learned what I am capable of, which was way more than I thought. –Belle B.

To work Hard. –Aaron N.