



# *Crew Journal*



*Teens 'n' Trails  
Orange, Session 2, 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



**New River Area of Critical Environmental Concern  
Coos Bay BLM  
Project Name- New River Meadow Restoration**

Week 1: Date July 24<sup>th</sup>-July 28<sup>th</sup>

Sunday: So I'm Alex and today we rode to our first camp site. It was fun cause I rode with my new friend Kyla and we've wanted soda for the past two days. So when we made a gas store stop we got these huge 32 oz. sodas. I got Pepsi and she got mountain dew. We also got ring pops so now we're married and have 5 super powers...but I'm not saying what they are. I'm a little nervous about the meal thing cause I'm super picky (which I hate!) So yeah. I found a toothpick in my swiss army knife. I'm a little nervous about having my lip piercing cause I only have spray and I think I forgot the washing stuff, but I'll be fine. So later! -Alex S.

Monday: My name is Amber and I'm in the Orange crew. Today I woke up at 5:45 to make breakfast for the crew. Kylan made sausage and eggs then we left for our work site after clean up we cut down trees all day chopped them up and put them in a pile. It was a hot day but we all made it threw. We had our 1<sup>st</sup> 45 minute SEED and now were back at camp doing chores. -Amber W.

Tuesday: My name is Chris I'm in the Orange crew and I woke up today at 5:45 to do breakfast we had cereal. Then we went to work it was hard but ok. They name me Pulaski are man and we worked for a long time well that's it. –Peace

Wednesday: My name's Melissa and today I mad oatmeal pancakes for breakfast. Today we had Jessica come and help us out with our site today because our chainsaw isn't working. She also told a whole bunch of corny jokes and sang a lot at work. It was a pretty good day, we all worked pretty hard, and got a lot done today. –Melissa M.

Thursday: My name is Mark. Today we pretty much finished a work project. Maybe not all the way through. We laved away the rest of the trees into pieces. We then put bags over the piles because I don't know. I also got to swamp, which is moving the already cut sticks and twigs into piles. Lunch was good as well. –Mark P.

**Kaldor Island near Walterville, Oregon**  
**Eugene Water and Electric Board**  
**Project Name- Kaldor Island Noxious Weeds**

Week 3: Date Aug 7<sup>th</sup>-Aug 11th

Monday: Today was our first day back from the weekend site. We weren't the best we could be but it's really kewl here. Were on an island so you can only be happy. Work went kinda slow but afterwards we got to go swimming so I felt a lot cleaner and now we are doing our chores.

Tuesday: Today we made our hike to work with Jess who worked with us. After work, we had a 5 min. change to go swimming. Max actually got in today with Melissa and May said he wasn't to go in all the way, but he did, now I'm listening to everybody laugh from the tent. –Joseph F.

Wednesday: I woke up and then they made the other guys do ten "I'm a little faries." Then we went to go work and we didn't do so well. Abby and I had a talk about our past. Then after work most of us went swimming. Dylan and Chris had to do 120 push-ups for disrespecting people. Now were cookin an awesome dinner right now. So ttyl. –Dave T/

Thursday: Today we woke up and only 10 minutes to get out of our tents, again. We got on the clock by 6:45 and worked for 6 and a half hours. We worked a lot harder than yesterday and got a lot done so today we get a "beach party" which is when we go down to the river and eat burgers and play games in the water. –Evan T.

Friday: Today we finished upon the island and were boated back across the river so we could take showers and do laundry. We also got to stop at Safeway for treats! Now we are at our weekend site. Cougar Reservoir. -Abby

**Willamette National Forest**

## **Middlefork Ranger District Eugene to PCT Kwiskwis Butte Trail Maintenance**

Week 4 Date: Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>-Aug 18th

Sunday: Hey, today was pretty cool it was our last rec. sight. One more week till this program is over. I'm pretty psyched about going home I'm going to miss everybody and Abby is a great crew leader. –Chris P.

Monday: Alright. Today was our last work day on Monday. I'm happy to go home but sad cause this is like my new home. Except it's missing music and real mil...☺ ha, ha. Anyways there was a bee nest and like all the guys and Mellisa and Abbey got stung. So the trail maintenance was actually pretty easy. I like it. Holy cow only 4 days left. So tomorrow Jess and a Surprise guest are coming. So for Jess I'm drowning us all on hogs

Tuesday: Today was Tuesday, our last 7 hour work day. Jessica came and helped us work today, everyone is always in a better mood when Jess is here. We also got to meet a couple of our sponsors today also. That was really cool that they came and watched us. This week we are maintaining trail on the EPCT. We have a narley hike to work everyday, but it's a really awesome hike. Everyone is so excited that this is our last week and on Saturday we graduate and get to go home. Anyways, that's it for today. –Melissa

Wednesday: Okay, Today was a great day!!! We made more trail, we take nice 15 minute breaks. We had a long hike back to camp. We also heard the Red crew. We played Yee haw at lunch. Me and Amber caught 3 froggies. We found a millipede. Me and Amber had a creepy inch worm on my pants. Melissa got hit with a stick on the back. I just realized my writing is on the wrong side of the paper. –Amber

Thursday: Today was awesome. Red crew is working on the opposite end of the trail that we are on and we finally met up and we even had lunch together. We hiked for two hours today. One hour to get there and another to get back. Today was our last full day of work for the entire session, which is awesome because we are all pretty homesick. –Evan

Friday: We all walked for a long time and finally we started to work and we finished 3 and ½ hours later. We went to DQ later because we did a good job all week. This is our last day and we are graduating tomorrow and we will be getting paid for our very hard work.

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

My most challenging day would be the first one. When we started work. I wasn't used to doing the entire routine. –Dylan

Physically all the black berries because it hurts. –Alex

Probably the 1<sup>st</sup> week cause it was new and I had to get used to a lot of new things. –  
Dave

Probably the black berries, because it's a lot of hard work. –Chri

Probably the 1<sup>st</sup> week because it was very hard for me!

My most challenging day was during the first week when I hurt my ankle and wanted to go home. –Melissa

The first day was the hardest because it was the first day and everything was new.

When Jen Came

When I cracked and got a write-up

The first week of work. –Joe

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

Hiking to work, bus rides with friends and at the weekend sites. –Dylan

Weekend sites, all the people, crew leaders and rovers. –Alex

All the friends I made, the fun weekend sites and of course my crew leader and rovers. –  
Dave

The Rec. trips, friends and hard work. –Chris

The Rec. trips, friends, etc.

Friends, the rec. trips and the work jobs. –Amber

The new friends, the cool rec. sites and the new jobs. –Melissa

The new friends and the rec. trips. –Evan

Rec. trips, friends and hard work. –Max

The Pulaski, pulling Scotch Broom and the Crosscut. –Joe

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

I will always remember my experience at NYC. –Mark

I got stung by 2 bees in my experience of NYC. –Alex

All the friends I've made. –Dave

How crazy/fun NYC is. –Chris

How cool my crew leader is

How many friends I made and my crew leader. –Amber

The cool crew leaders and rover. –Melissa

My crew. –Evan

When Abby went crazy and ran away. –Max

The knot SEED. Alex and friends

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

From now on I will always go to bed earlier. –Mark

Use water more sparingly. –Dylan

Drink more water over soda. –Alex

Push my goals more and more until I can't do any more. –Chris

To push myself.

To push my goals because I can do anything I put my head to.

Watch my resources and things like that. –Melissa

I will always push myself. –Evan

Wake up at 7. –Max

Make more goals. –Joe

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

I learned how to tie knots, built tents and respect myself and other. –Mark

That all the things people do hurts or helps the world around us, we might run out of resources in a couple 100 years. –Alex

More about the environment, some cool meals that are vegetarian and how to fall trees.

Everything you do counts; environments and how to push my goals.

Everything you do counts, environments and how to push my goals. –Chris

I learned more responsibility, goals and how to be more social. –Amber

I learned great responsibility, teamwork and being independent. –Melissa

How to work hard. –Evan

7:00 is sleeping in. –Max

How to set up camp within 5 min. -Joe