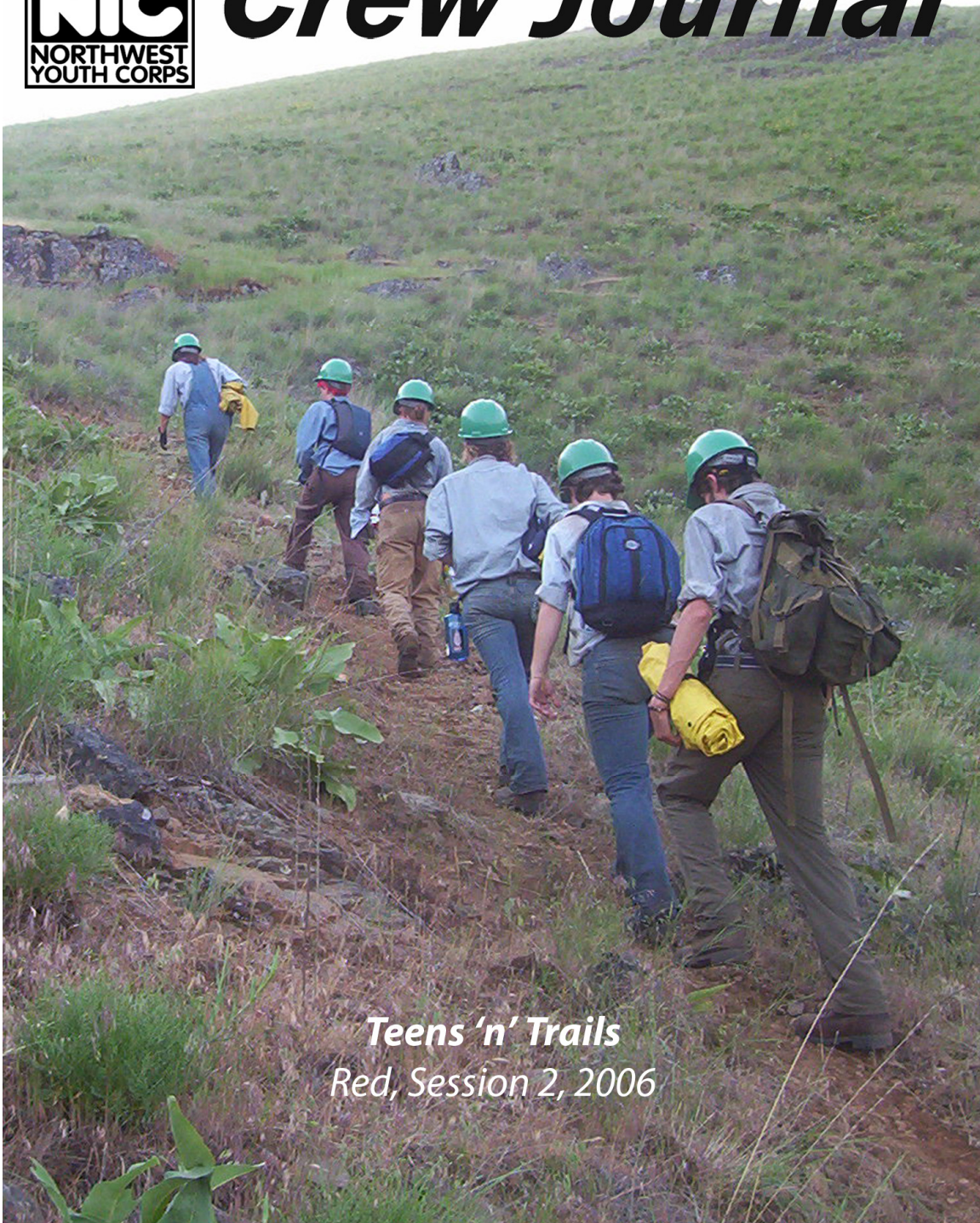




Crew Journal



Teens 'n' Trails
Red, 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



Northbank Ranch
Roseburg Bureau of Land Management
Project Name- North Bank Noxious Weed Removal

Week 1: Date July 24-July 28th

Monday: This weekend our crew formed and kind of discovered each other, we also found out what happens around camp and found that ice squirrels can be funny. It's pretty exciting that everyone has a good sense of humor. -Tyler

Tuesday: This week we are clearing blackberry bushes at the north Bank habitat. We started right next to camp so we didn't use the bus. We are clearing the noxious weed so that the deer have a nice habitat. So far we are doing great and hopefully we can get enough done to make a real impact. -LJ

Wednesday: Getting used to NYC camping and rules. We are also trying to get to bed at night with out getting talked to. Do a half mile of black berries. To work really hard and have all 10 people the last four weeks. Keep our camp clean so there is no more skunks. Keep food in food boxes not in tents. Communicate so there are no accidents. Use food proportionally. Only take as much food as you can eat to beat Joe at Yeee Haaww. - Brady C.

Thursday: Not to play in the poison oak sends you to the clinic AKA. Hospital, don't step on Bee's houses. Not to nature wipe with black berry leaves. The Merry medical center has good sandwiches! Putting tape over poison oak helps hot speed it. The power of team work is the most powerful power of all. –Carla C.

Friday: Some of our major challenges of the week is getting motivated while clipping lopping the black berries. Cutting blackberries . Working a full 7-8 hour day when we aren't used to it. Not swearing. Not getting poison oak. A challenge for Joe and Kate was to keep the boys quiet in their tent. Keeping the creek “clean” and not disturbing the Frie. Keeping time space. Making the group get along. Not sitting while on the clock. Work more than talk. Keeping on task when the day is later and hotter. Not fighting we started planting grass seed, got huge piles of blackberry bushes. Getting to know the NYC rules and regulations. Getting the SEED done. Finishing a lot of the things the “boss” told us to do. Keeping hydrated. Had good food every day. Use a lot of our food. Ted use an out door cooker thing for the first time. Learned that the girls are faster at getting up and putting down tents. Made tunnels. I learned the trailer hitch. Found out what P oak looks like. Yeah! (Krista LJ)

Cottage Grove Area
Eugene Bureau of Land Management
Project Name-Row River Trail

Week 2: Date July 31st-Aug. 4th

Monday: Many have the hours hastened by, like lightning the sun strikes, and as quickly sets. For our weekend has been a welcome break, shattering the mirror of monotony of lobbing the vines. I partook on a voyage through old growth woods while my fellow comrades chose either the ladder or another myriad of possible decisions. We were also adept to meet the other employees, they told their tales of adventure from their weeks and “big funs” abounded. – Frederick

Tuesday: We are doing campground maintenance and built a stair case going down to the river at Row River trail outside of Eugene. Painted a equestrian ramp and all the sign posts around Mosby Creek camp and all the sign posts around Mosby Creek campsite painted all posts this week we are working on campground maintenance and beautification. Monday we spent our day working Mosby Creek Campground while part of the crew built a staircase going down to the river Tuesday we Rocked more blackberry down with hazel hoes and hog hoe. The staircase was finished and we moved lots of gravel. It was awesome. –Love Jake.

Wednesday: I think that our crews goals for the week are to not have everybody get poison oak, work productively at all times, finish chores at a reasonable time every night, go to bed without having to do push ups and to grow loser as a crew. –Brady C

Thursday: This week we learned the proper way to paint an equestrian loading ramp and to paint signs and posts. We also learned the correct way to form and work a fine line. We learned how to make a correct burn pile so that the pile burns the right way. We learned how to fill and dig a hole for a post or sign. We found out that eating five saltines in a minute without water is nearly impossible for our group. We learned about

global warming, the wilderness, how to deal with anger, ecosystem and drug abuse. – Larla C.

Friday: Some of our accomplishments of this week are we getting along a lot better. We put up camp fast the first day and got dinner on so we were done and ready for SEED. The next day we got almost all of the posts in camp painted. Which was great because there was so much to do and only one week to do it. We finished the stairs that we had to build and they look great. This week we got through 3 P.H.'s and that made it easier to get along with each other. We put in doggy bag posts and Kate learned how to mix cement. Although there were many accomplishments there were some challenges to ranging from just being tired to irritable. Some days people didn't cooperate as much as we should have but we got through it. There weren't many challenges this week. For the most part this week is going so much better. We are getting the jobs done and getting along great. From what used to be a bunch of strangers we've become close friends and what we hope to accomplish by the fourth week is go from being close friends to a big close family. –LJ

Willamette National Forest
Ranger District: Middle Fork
Project Name- EPCT-High Divide

Week 3: Date Aug. 7th-Aug. 11th

Monday: This weekend we met the three other crews at our weekend site. Our weekend site had to be relocated to an empty fire crews campsite. On Saturday we had our rec. trips and many crewmembers and leaders saw Crater Lake for the first time. We had our parent weekend and our crew Olympics. On Sunday we broke down camp and drove to our site. For parents weekend we had a huge potluck and everyone ate a lot. A lot of parents, family and friends came and visited. My friend commented on NYC and said we seemed like a cult. –Tanager.

Tuesday: This week we are swathing a bike trail. It involved using Hazel Hoes and grabbers and loppers. We are in the Willamette National Forest on the high divide EPCT. We are clearing out a bike trail and camping in the woods for real this time. We're doing this to make it easier for the bikers to ride the trail. –Tyler

Wednesday: Today was pretty fly because Art Pope and Raz were here. Raz was the reporter. He was pretty cool and Art was/is still tight. Our goal was to finish our trail this week and it's probably gonna be finished by tomorrow. It's crazy cool. And I really wanted us to work good together and bond better and luckily it happened. Oh and it's exciting that we got real good food. Not like before. Hahaha –Twitchy

Thursday: This week our crew learned about the different ways to maintain a trail. We also learned a lot of stuff in our SEED's such as how to say no to drugs and alcohol. We learned about the 3 c's of decision making. On the job site I learned how to do a bump like we were also fortunate to have the privilege of Colin teaching us about the Botswana language. –Larla C.

Friday: Over the past week we have met many grand occurrences which have provoked varied emotions. The happiest of which I can recollect would have to be the storm. Lightning was the first sign, clouds and thunder as well proceeded. Soon hail was seen falling from the sky,

drawing newer. Once the frozen snow fell up us, chaos ensued. We scampered about with posts on our heads as we flung hail at each other, great fun. The project was way more challenging than the previous weeks had been and more fun in my opinion too. As we cleared more trail our hike became lengthened and more arduous. By the end of the week we had to walk over two miles to get back to sight! As our friendship bonds tightened we had more fun but we are starting to act too much like a family sometimes. But from swimming to working and from laughter to tears this week has been my best one so far. -Frederick

Willamette National Forest

Ranger District: Middlefork

Project Name- Kwiskwis Butte Trail Maintenance (EPCT)

Week 4: Date Aug. 14th-Aug. 18th

Sunday: This past weekend was over last weekend site. We all arrived, except for yellow crew, at Cougar Reservoir around seven at night. We set up camp and played a big fun. Many camp members we recruited with friends from other crews. Later in the night yellow crew arrived as we were going to sleep. On Saturday we did chores and circled up for mail. I was extremely excited for mail but distressed by news from home. We later chose which rovers we would like to go on the rec. trip with. Our choices were rafting, uh, floating or um... rafting. After either sitting on concrete or sitting on an imaginary pirate ship we returned to camp at four p.m. Sunday we broke down camp in recorded time for the entire summer and departed for a final time to our last projects. On Saturday we won the TNT idol. -Tanager

Monday: Today we were brushing trail and had to hike to the work site which was $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile away. Then Kate wanted to finish the $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile before we had to quit. So we worked and worked and finished our goal. We also learned about Salmon and about spawning. The other day we had to find our water source and it was pretty far away. -Tyler

Wednesday: This week our crew has several goals. One of our goals is to power work through the Eugene to Pacific Crest Trail to Eugene. Another goal is to meet up with Orange crew on the trail.) We also want to give 120% of our Power! To make our finish the strongest that we possible can!

Thursday: This week we learned a lot from just more bout ourselves to how to really work as a team. We learned about fish and about water sheds, we learned about fire legends and a lot about respect. We learned what it's like to really work hard and work well with each other. We learned about how our home lives are different in some ways and the same in other ways as our lives are here. Also we learned that the last week is the hardest week here and how to make it without dieing. -LJ

Friday: This week our accomplishments were we went past our goal for the whole week on Wednesday, we did over 4 miles of trail, we met in the middle with Orange crew on Thursday, we got out and into work quickly so we could get things done and we didn't have a lot of QC to do. On another note more accomplishments were that we became closer and we didn't fight at all. We also got camp packed up faster. Than ever before and everybody helped, without a fight. Nobody had to sit off the clock for behavior or injury. On the other hand some of our challenges were getting threw this last week, gripping the fact that this was our last week and we would be

leaving each other in a few days and just staying calm and not forgetting that we aren't gone yet and that we need to keep respecting the NYC rules. Other things were just at the end of the day staying up beat and working just as hard no matter how hard it is or how tired we are. But the biggest challenge come tomorrow when we have to leave the wonderful family we made this last four weeks. LJ

My Most Challenging Day At NYC Was...

My most challenging day at NYC was when I had P. Oak. LJ

My most challenging day at NYC was when I was feeling sick and I had to work anyways. –Larla

My most challenging day at NYC was today when I had to answer this question. –Fred

My most challenging day at NYC was the day I almost got fired. –Jake

My most challenging day at NYC was when my spleen and liver swelled and I felt really sick again. –Tananger

My most challenging day was the first day. –Allen

My most challenging day was probably the day I got poison oak. –Brady

Having to answer this question. –Jon

My most challenging day was yesterday cuz my fan was so off!! –Twitchy

My most challenging day at NYC was the first day learning with rules and stuff. -Tyler

My Three Favorite NYC Experiences Were...

My three favorite NYC experiences were the three times Jess came because she's awesome and she makes the day go by faster and she's really fun. –LJ

My three favorite NYC experiences were using a latrine, getting to work with 11 other people as a group and watching us all succeed as a group. –Larla

My three favorite NYC experiences were the hail storm, working and the three things that make work fun. –Fred

My three favorite NYC experiences were after work on third week when we got off work and listened to a song in the van. Working as a team and improving a lot! And getting dirty with Larla. –Tananger

My three favorite NYC experiences were hail storm, mount Fuji and parent weekend. – Brady

New friends, food and sleep. –Jon

My three favorite NYC experiences were hauling huge rocks down a hill and just chillin with every body and very bad tools. –Tyler

One Thing I Will Always Remember...

One thing I will always remember is the family I've made here at NYC. –LJ

One thing I will always remember is the good times and the laughter we all donated as a group. –Larla

One thing I will always remember is all the people. –Fred

One thing I will always remember here are the friends I have made for life and the laughter ringing through the air.

The thing I will remember is how many cool people I met. –Brady

My friends. –Jon

I will always remember everybody here and especially Kate. –Tyler

From Now On I Will Always...

From now on I will always have fun doing trail and work because I will think of the crew. –LJ

From now on I will always say “bump” while doing dishes. –Larla

From now on I will always wash dishes. –Fred

From now on I will say “bump” when I want people to move and dig latrines when I go camping. –Tanager

From now on I will always want to poop outside.

Want to poop outside –Jon

Want to hang with my new friends. –Tyler

At NYC I Learned...

At NYC I learned how to be a team with eleven other people that I didn't really know. I also learned how to build a quick shelter that will actually work. –LJ

At NYC I learned how to dig a latrine. –Larla

At NYC I learned how to enhance my communication skills. –Fred

At NYC I learned how to have a lot of fun while doing trail. –Tanager

At NYC I learned the power in team work. –Brady