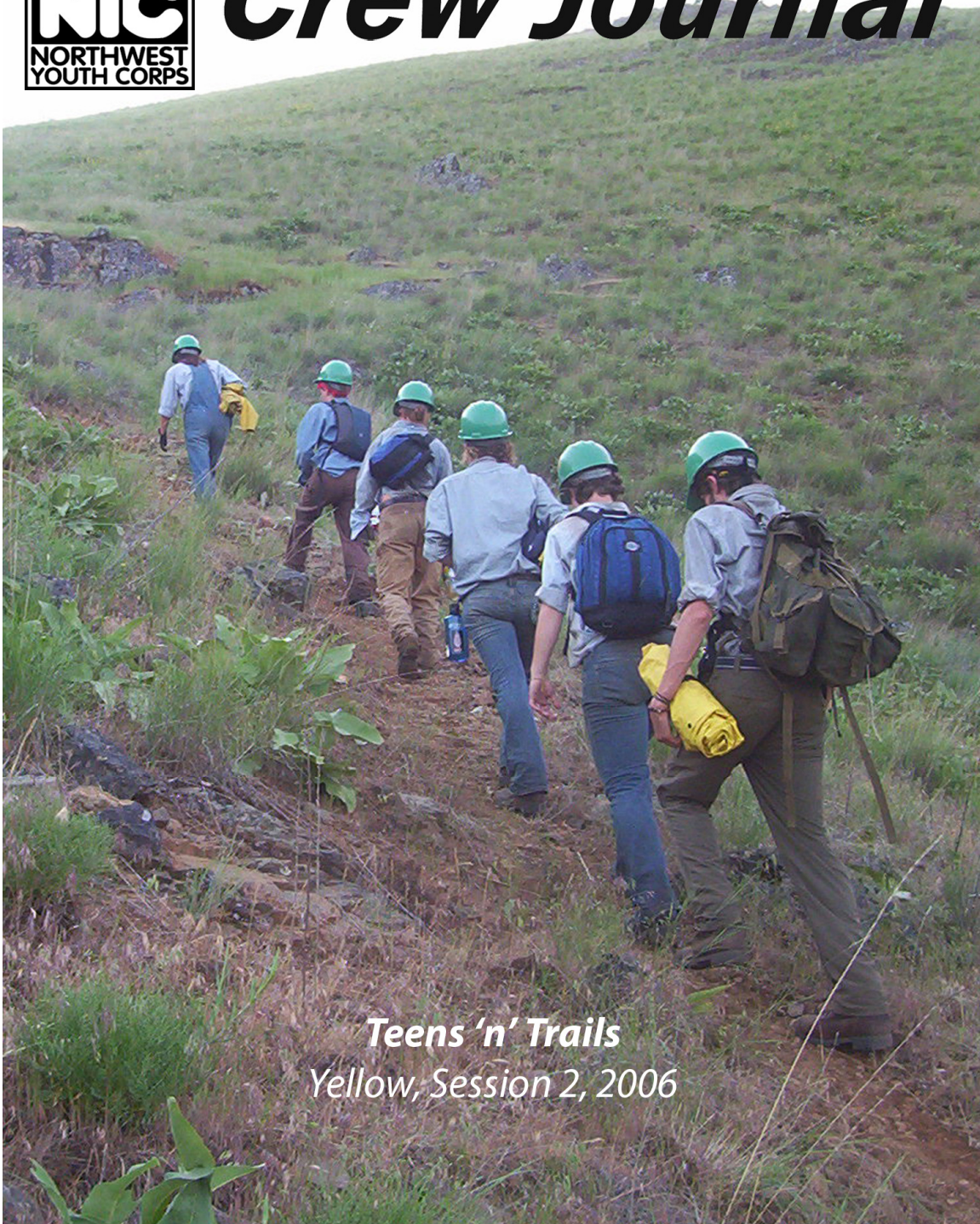




# *Crew Journal*



*Teens 'n' Trails  
Yellow, 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, slightly slanted style. It is positioned above a light blue rectangular stamp that is partially obscured by the signature.

Joe Waksmundski  
NYC Field Director



**National Forest or area that the work took place: Willamette NF**  
**Ranger District: Detroit**  
**Project Name- Bugaboo Ridge**

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

Sunday: Today we had about a two or three hour drive to our camp site and it took about an hour to do that and now we are making shot gun and dinner and I am looking forward to sleep. Lots and lots of sleep. –Dylan of Yellow

Monday: We figured out what crew we were in. All the people in our crew really got along. We got to do lots of games and then set up camp for the first time. Today was the first day of work and it was harder that I expected, but fun. Our crew worked hard and got rewarded by getting to go swimming. We all got really “creative” while playing the amazing trading game. I wish I could get the vegetarian swimming, flying, gorgeous dragon back. –Cassidy C.

Tuesday: We have to do trail. We go and cut bear grass with the hazel hoe and then some people had to use the loppers cut shrubs and weeds and some of the bear grass we had to break. For lunch then we stopped and went back to camp and then we went swimming, came back and did chores. –Joe

Wednesday: We have a lot of goals for the week. Some are to become great friends and complete the trail that we are repairing. Others are to go to the river as much as possible in the few days were here. –Joshua R.

Thursday: This week the crew learned how to tie knots and use nature wipe and how to use tools and how to set up camp. We got to go to Detroit Lake and swim and also swim in the Santiam River. –Randy H.

**National Forest or area that the work took place: Willamette NF**  
**Ranger District: Detroit**  
**Project Name- Blowout Trail**

Week 2: Date July 31<sup>st</sup>-Aug 4<sup>th</sup>

Sunday: This weekend, we went to an environmental learning type place. Lots of people went thru our camp to go fishing in a pond that was near by. The yellow crew arrived first, we quickly put up our tents and got unpacked. Before we could unpack all the way, the Blue crew showed up and we helped them un pack. We had some trouble putting up the HUGE kitchen tarp. After the Red crew arrived we got it up. Kilea from Orange crew went home and they got a new member his name is Dave. He is a pretty cool guy fun to hang out with. The kind of guy I usually hang with. I showed him around but he said he already knew that stuff. Saturday we went on Rec Trips. I went to Detroit Lake, when we are now camped on flat ground! -Kashmir S.

Monday: This weekend we went to Aumsville to meet up with all of the other crews. We had so much fun, playing games and spending time with all the new friends we made. I loved going on my first rec. trip chillin with Brady and Tyler, their awesome. When the girls in our crew and our leader, Teresa, sung us to sleep, this last weekend was great. –Danee E.

Tuesday: Are project this week is to repair and maintenance a trail. We are also building a 27 foot retaining wall and a rock wall. On top of that were making it handicap accessible. We are also at an awesome campsite with the most beautiful view of the lake and its “FLAT YA!!!” But it is cold in the morn. Were at none other than Willamette National Forest with the best leader Teresa and because we love it. –Cody F.

Wednesday: Today we went to the lake after work. We woke up and ate breakfast in bed, chocolate pancakes. Yummy. Then we went to work and put gravel down and flattened the grooves we laid down the log and are burning them tomorrow. It’s gonna look sooooo cool!!! And then finally the people in the wheel chair’s will be able to go down the trail without a problem. –Jojo

Thursday: Today we went to work. We were making a retaining wall so we are making the wall out of a tree that we skinned. I had to make a trench for one of the deadmen. The log and the deadmen we had to make them link the logs in order to make the wall. Everybody had to go and get boulders for the retaining wall and we are all most finished. It is really fun I am enjoying this program. –Alex B. AKA Gandhi

Friday: This week I think everyone overcame multiple challenges. Even though graveling is sort of unrewarding we all managed to stay positive. Finishing that retaining was just awesome! All of us are looking forward to the weekend especially because it’s parents weekend especially

because it's parents weekend. We're all ready for a break after working over 40 hours this week and totally excited to see our parents and friends from the other crews.

Near Astoria, Oregon

**Fort Clatsop National Memorial (Nat'l Park Service)**

**Project Name- Lewis and Clark Trail Maintenance**

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

Monday: This weekend we went to Crater Lake and had a snow ball fight. It was awesome! Also, this weekend was parent weekend and there was over 100 people there. Some people didn't really get to eat dinner because there was not enough food to go around but that ok! On the rec trip when we had snow ball fights. I slid down on my hands and couldn't feel them. -Keesha L.

Tuesday: Our project is moving gravel on to a trail. We are on the fort to Sea Train Near Astoria Oregon. We are putting gravel on the trail to make it easy for people to work on the trail. -Randy H.

Wednesday: We have about 1500 feet of gravel done so far and our goal is to finish as much as we can in the next day and a half. Two sentences into this journal and I can't stop laughing at myself because I have the hiccups. Dag it. Danee D

Thursday: Today we finished our first assignment. We graveled 1600 ft. of hiking trail and we also got to go to the beach and see a ship were we also hid from our rover Kate. AKA Momoe in the tall grass and now were cooking din din and I want to sleep. A lot of sleep.

Friday: This week we graveled the Fort to Sea Trail from the mid-way point. It was hard to push the wheel barrows up and down the hills. We had to push ourselves to keep going instead of stopping and resting. We did and we made our goal of getting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> board walk. Even though the work was hard we were our best friends when going down the hills. We also got to go to the beach and see the wrecked ship. We played in the grass dunes and rolled down the sand. It was totally awesome. -Kat

**Walterville, Oregon**

**Kaldor Island**

**Project Name- EWEB Invasive Species Removal**

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

Sunday: This weekend all of the crews went rafting and we also went hiking in the mountains. This week we are working on an Island it is called Goat Island. We had to take are stuff and put it in a boat like four times. That was cool and fun. There was a Dan he helped us go back and forth. -Alex

Monday: Today we saw our work site. It was covered in black berries. Some of the bushes were up hight and we made tunnels and hands homes in them. We also had some what of a black berry fight and all of our shirts turned purple then we went swimming. That was the fun part of our day on and we got apple pie for dinner.

Tuesday: Our project this weekend is to trim some black berries and our very own island. This sweet island is none other than Goat Island. Sweet huh. We even get to make homes and tunnels to make our days fun and faster their awesome. We also go to the river every day. I've even gone fishing and caught crawdad. I just need enough for the whole group. Grrr. We also get to use the awesome tool that takes trees with the root. Last but not lease the awesome black berry fight! Yeah! -Cody J.

Wednesday: To kill all the black berries possible. SO that native specieas can flourish. Today we built forts in the black berry bushes and then tore them down. It was awesome. Me and kitty had an argument but the whole time we barked at each other. She said I looked like a pug. It was fun. -Danee D.

Thursday: We learned about watershed in SEED. We also learned how to make Tofu, (really good Tofu.) The best SEED that I enjoyed was learning about Salmon, and how they swim up and down the rivers current. Also learned about how to identify trees and plants. All the SEED's that we've had I think there all very fun and exciting. -Keesha L.

Friday: We had to get out huge blackberry bushes. We did it yeah. We made a huge tunnel, each of us pulling our own weight and finishing our own sections. We also watered all of the planted trees. Plus to top it off, we pulled the scotch broom around camp. -Kashmir S.

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

My most challenging day was the second week when we built a retaining wall and moved gravel up and down a big big hill. C but fun! -Keesha

The most challenging day for me was the very first work day cause I was sick to my stomach.

When we had to take buckets of gravel down a big hill: Ghandi

When I lost my inhaler and we hiked up and down 4.5 miles to and from work. -Danee

Hauling gravel with the awesome Yellow crew. -Joshua

My most challenging day would be the first day of work because we had to take two 2 gallons of water up a long and steep trail. We also were working in the sun. -Randy

It would have to be the retaining wall we build the 2<sup>nd</sup> week. -Jojo

All the gravel we had to take down the trail and the retaining wall. -Cody F.

The buckets of gravel that we had to carry down a huge hill. -Kat

The hardest day had to have been the very first day. It was boiling hot and it was well...The first day. –Kashmir

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

Meeting everybody on the yellow crew; having a lot of fun with the wheelbarrow (Gandhi) and our own personal island. –JoJo

The second day when we got our groups and met everyone; building retaining walls and moving a 28 foot log; and having are own island. –Cody J.

Meeting all my new best friends. Learning all that I have learned! This whole session! - Keesha

Meeting the yellow crew; making black berry houses and making nice friends the first day.

Becoming awesome friends with the yellow crew; riding in the wheelbarrow and having fun throughout the whole session. –Kat

All of the games we all played. The people I met wheel barrowing with JoJo. That was fun. –Alex B.

Hanging out at the river. Having my own island and eating awesome dinners. –Kashmir.

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

I will always remember the butter finger blizzard Teresa bought our crew. Yellow crew for life. –Randy H.

I will always remember when Teresa and Sarah “beat up” cody. –Kashmir

I will always remember the piercing of the yellow crew. –Joshua R.

Being so responsible for myself and others as well. –Danee

I will always remember the time when me and all of my friends made a retaining wall and Teresa bought us all blizzards –Cody F

I will always remember Teresa because she is soooooo awesome. –Jojo.

I will always remember Teresa and the whole Yellow crew because they are the best ever lasting friends. –Keesha

I will always remember all of the great people I met here. Some more than other.

I will always remember the awesome people I met here and how hard we all worked. –  
Kat

I will always remember my friends. –Ghandi

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

Appreciate the people who made hiking trails. –Kat

Be respectful to who ever is in charge of me: -Alex AKA Ghandi. –Danee

From now on I will always drink a gallon of water a day.

From now on I will always listen to what I'm told and not take things for granted. –Cody  
F.

From now on I will appreciate wild life more.

I will sleep outside a lot more. –Josh R.

Want to have people around me 24-7. –Kashmir S.

From now on I will always be responsible and respectful to others and have the courage  
to speak out. –Cody F.

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

I learned how to tie some really cool knots. –Josh R.

I learned a lot of stuff in SEED like watershed and things like dat. –Danee

I learned how to set up a camp with out a civilized bathroom. –Randy

How to use tools and my body when it says ouch! -Kashmir

How to use a lot of new tools. –Jojo

To get along and use new and exciting tools. –Cody F.

Tomorrow together and work along and be respectful.

To work as a team effectively. –Kat C.

I learned some stuff that I didn't know before I came here. –Ghandi