

Teens and Trails Program Participants 2009:

Now that the busy field season has wound to a close, it is a time for reflection. I hope that, by now, you have had a chance to realize what exactly your session in Oregon meant to you and how it may, indeed, carry on and affect for years to come, if not for your entire lifetime. For some of you, it may have been an opportunity to enhance your understanding of our outside world, this having been some of your first experiences camping. For some of you, you may have come away with new job skills and understandings of responsibilities that you may not have had before. There are so many things to learn here at NYC, and I've come to find that they are not often recognized until well after the last shotgun has been packed, after the last rig has been swept at big clean, and after you were FINALLY able to catch up on your sleep in your own bed. Everybody comes away with something different from their experience with NYC, not just ripped muscles and a new body odor they didn't know existed.

We ALL came away from Teens and Trails with wonderful stories to tell.

As a crew, you were able to surmount big obstacles, like mountains, rivers, downed trees, brutal sun, and thirst that may not have been anything like any other thirst you have had before. And, as a crew, you went from a group of perfect strangers to tackled these challenges with full hearts, with pulaskis-a-blazing, and the intense fervor that can only be found in an NYC crew.

Well done. Pat yourself on the back. And the person on your left in the circle.

I wanted to take a moment and thank you all for what you brought to the table. You brought skill, you brought intensity, you brought dedication. You brought the fun, the silliness, and most importantly, the love to what it we do here, at NYC. And you continued our good name and reputation in NYC.

Thank you for all you did. I hope to see you again.

-Joe Waksmundski
Program Director

TNT2

CREWLEADER: Will Polansky

CREW COLOR: BLUE

WEEK # 1

PROJECT NAME: N. Umpqua RD Trails

NATIONAL FOREST: Umpqua NF

RANGER DISTRICT: Tiller RD

SUNDAY

Today is the first full day at NYC. The date is July 19th. Yesterday when we arrived there were loads of people and no one really knew anybody else, so it was kind of awkward.

We went to loads of different stations that introduced us to the daily life here at camp. Then we set up tents, which was really fun because we got to race against the clock.

After that we had some time to hang out and chat, making new friends and getting to know other people.

Later, we ate dinner, which was really good. Then we went through the "bump line," which is a system of cleaning up. When we finally went to bed, it was around 2100 hours, aka 9:00 at night. That was hard because I'm not used to going to bed that early! It sure felt good in the morning though.

Today we got up really, really early, but this was surprisingly easy.

MONDAY: Describe what your crew did this weekend:

Well, this was the first day of work and we thought that it was tough. Our goal is to get the job done by the end of the week. A bunch of us tried to just make ways to get our adrenaline running so we could last the whole day. In my opinion we got a lot of work done and we all gave it 110%.

Wyatt Hennessey

TUESDAY: Describe your project this week; where are you, what are you doing, why?

Today was the 2nd day of work. During work we learned two OSHAs. One was about "lock out, tag out." The second one was about fire safety. The trail is

going very well. We have a few projects to do tomorrow that I think we will get through quickly.

Cassandra Wieneke

WEDNESDAY: Describe your crew's goals for the week:

Today we worked a nine-hour day. Actually it wasn't that bad. We spread out the breaks a little bit more so working nine hours wasn't as bad as it sounds. My feet still ache though...

Tonight we're having veggie stir-fry and noodles. Delicious. Cassie and Angel are making lunch. MMMMM PB&J sandwiches and lots of 'em!

Actually since we're out of pasta, we're using Top Ramen noodles. We'll see how that turns out.

Sadly though, we're almost completely out of gorp... Right now we're trying to figure out what's in a mystery can. So far we've guessed: meat, cranberry sauce, sauce, and olives. Which will it be?

Clarissa Johnson

THURSDAY: Describe what your crew learned this week:

Today was the shortest day of the week. We worked a six hour day. It was nice to have a break. Chris came and worked on the trail with us. He also got to see the end of the trail today. There's not much farther to go. After work some of us hiked 1.5 miles to Upper Trestle Falls. It was a 150 ft fall. The falls were beautiful. There was a part where the trail went behind the falls and you could go and stand under the falls. It was very refreshing, but you couldn't stay in the water too long because you would be a brain freeze. Another exciting thing that happened today was that Cassandra caught a 2 foot garter snake. I'm really excited for tomorrow. SHOWERS!!!

Summer Wuerthner

CREWLEADER: Wm. Polansky

CREW COLOR: BLUE

WEEK # 2

PROJECT NAME: Tiller Trail

NATIONAL FOREST: Umpqua NF

RANGER DISTRICT: Tiller RD

MONDAY: Describe what your crew did this weekend:

This weekend the weekend camp was close to Diamond Lake. On Saturday I went to



Crater Lake. A lot of the kids from our crew came along. Today was first day back to work. It was a long day. At the work site some bikers came by and said they really liked our work. Another great thing that happened is Will got speakers for his iPod! YAY!! Music!!!
Summer Wuerthner

TUESDAY: Describe your project this week; where are you, what are you doing, why?

This week we aren't sure what we are doing too much. We aren't really sure what our contact wants us to do because we came as a surprise, it seems. We got off early because we don't know what we want to do.

Wyatt Hennessey

WEDNESDAY: Describe your crew's goals for the week:

Our goal for this week is to complete a reroute by the trail we finished the first week. This week we also got a new rover so she brought new rules to the crew, which she also expects us to follow. Some of us think she is too strict but most of us like her because she brings a lot of new things to our crew. We also have our crew contract still and none of them have been broken yet, but we still have two and a half weeks left and how much can and will change in those two weeks that we have left. We want to complete our reroute this week, but it has been +100 degrees so far this week. Luckily we all drink a yellow top a day so that we don't get dehydrated or get a heat stroke. This week has been fun so far and I hope that the rest of the session goes well and that all of us make it through.

Coulter Dawson

THURSDAY: Describe what your crew learned this week:

This week our crew learned that hippos don't swim, they bounce. Apparently they just kind of walk into the water; then, when they can't breathe, they just kind of push up and take a breath.

Clarissa Johnson

CREWLEADER: Will Polansky

CREW COLOR: BLUE

WEEK # 3

PROJECT NAME: Coos Bay BLM—Noxious Week Removal

NATIONAL FOREST: Bureau of Land Management

RANGER DISTRICT: Coos bay BLM

MONDAY: Describe what your crew did this weekend:

This weekend we were at Huckleberry Mountain, north of Prospect. Our rec trips were hiking up Mt. Scott, see Paul Bunyan's grave; go on waterfall hikes. After we got back from rec trips, the parents showed up. That evening yellow crew made dinner. We had taco salads with different sides. Most of the parents stayed for dinner, which they shouldn't have, because it started to rain really hard and soon afterward it started hailing the size of peas. Then the size increased to marble and paintball size. We were afraid that the tents would flood so everyone grabbed a tool and started digging trenches behind and around the tents. We finished off the evening in the buses and when it stopped raining, we went to be in our tents. We also had a nice thunder and lightning storm.
Coulter Dawson

TUESDAY: Describe your project this week; where are you, what are you doing, why?

Blue crew is at Edison Creek in Coos Bay. We are removing invasive species as in blackberries along the river. We are trying to restore the natural habitat that humans have destroyed. We would like the natural plant life to grow back where the blackberries have overtaken them.

WEDNESDAY: Describe your crew's goals for the week:

Our crew had fun pulling/ripping/destroying the blackberries today. We went to the coast and played on a beach. Some of us sat in a driftwood fort while the rest of us climbed on giant rocks and played in the water. Will made a delicious hump day breakfast. Everybody who didn't work hard today was gonna stay at camp instead of going to the ocean. So we all worked really hard so we will all go. Our personal chef, Cassy, is gonna make some beastly nacho madness. This guacamole smells so-o-o-o good. We have had lots of fun Sharpie-ing tattoos on.
Ethan Strong

THURSDAY: Describe what your crew learned this week:

This week we burninated blackberries out of the ground. We also made buninated blackberry cobbler. It was pretty good, but everybody was so full from chicken and dumplings made by the amazing Cassy that we all thought it tasted good.
Clarissa Johnson

FRIDAY: Describe your crew's challenges and accomplishments this week

Today was the last day with the blackberries. I think everyone was thankful for that. The last 30 minutes of the workday we had to pick rocks out of the grass and pick up all the left over blackberry stems from the road. It was kind of ridiculous, I thought. When work was over, we packed up. We headed off to the weekend site. The car ride was very fun. We listened to Spanish music and

techno and had a mini dance party in the bus. We were all still seated and buckled. One week left of session!!

WooHooooooooooooo!

Adios

Summer Wuerthner

CREWLEADER: William Scott Polanski

CREW COLOR: BLUE

WEEK # 4

PROJECT NAME: Fremont Trail

NATIONAL FOREST: Fremont NF

RANGER DISTRICT: Lakeview RD

MONDAY: Describe what your crew did this weekend:

This weekend blue crew pretty much partied. We made awesome sloppy Joes for everyone. We also kind of had a talent show, but it got cut short because the firefighters had to go to sleep. We had an eating contest and blue crew came in second. For Big Clean, I'm getting all jacked up on Mountain Dew. Clarissa Johnson

MONDAY:

This week blue crew is stationed in Fremont National Forest, just outside of Lakeview. It is the last week of the session and we are pouring it on. Today we worked on eight and a half hour day, but we would have worked a ten, only we didn't have enough water.

We are camped out in the high desert. Here it gets really cold at night and really hot during the day. We get up extra early so that we can get on the clock sooner and escape the hottest part of the day.

We got lucky this session; we've had a toilet every place we've been. Most of the other crews have had to dig latrines so having an outhouse at the campsite is definitely an added luxury.

As excited as I am to go home, I am kind of sad that this is the last week. The time seemed to fly by and I haven't been able to get to know my crew members as well as I would have liked. This last week I will devote all the spare energy I have to getting to know my crew mates. I think this last week will be the best of all.

Rae Anne Watkins

TUESDAY: Describe your project this week; where are you, what are you doing, why?

This week we are in the desert doing a bunch of maintenance on a trail. We are doing this cause I guess it has been like 5 years since a crew has worked on it.

Wyatt Hennessey

WEDNESDAY: Describe your crew's goals for the week:

We had a goal of finishing the trail that we were working on and we did it in 2 days so we got another trail. We couldn't find it on the first day so we just worked on a cattle trail, which we finished that day. The next day we found the trail that we were assigned and worked on it for the day.

Coulter Dawson

THURSDAY: Describe what your crew learned this week:

LAST DAY OF WORK!!!! Today we worked a six hour day. At the end of work everyone was super excited. We packed up camp and headed off to Oakridge. It was a long drive, but we got pizza for dinner. It was amazing.

Summer Wuerthner

FRIDAY: Describe your crew's challenges and accomplishments this week

Today we got to sleep in and then we hit the road to Eugene. It is the last day at NYC and when we get to base, it is Big Clean. We will spend all day scrubbing the base from ceiling to floor. All of the busses are getting cleaned as well, and it will be loads of fun.

The session has gone really well. I enjoy the time spent with the crew at camp and around the worksite. Our crew has developed strong bonds with one another. We have loads of inside jokes and have become a very close group.

Our crew leader got us speakers for the rig and hooked up the iPod so we could listen to music. Now every time we go to an all-crew gathering, like a weekend site, we blast the speakers really bad.

Rae Anne Watkins

MY MOST CHALLENGING DAY AT NYC WAS:

The first day on the last week...

One the last Monday was the first time we worked a nine and a half hour day though most of the morning was pretty easy because we woke up early and didn't fully wake up for awhile.

By the end of the day, we were all pretty bashed.

Casandra Wieneke

MY THREE FAVORITE NYC EXPERIENCES WERE:

I had so much fun at NYC! Each day was a new surprise. Last night was so fun and after a month, we are all still laughing. We were so far away that we packed up camp and drove to Oakridge, went down a very sketchy back-road and set up our sleeping bags in a giant pile on the ducky. We heard really scary stories and some pretty funny jokes.

One day after work we went to the beach and played in the sand and on the rocks. We played by the water and relaxed in driftwood forks. On the drive back all of us were slightly delirious and listening to music. We started listening to some techno and while still sitting down, we had an awesome dance/rave party. We all seemed to be a little crazy, but we had so much fun.

On the first weekend we had our first store stop. We all had money to blow and got so-o-o much sugar, we were all yelling and freaking out for the next long drive. We couldn't stop laughing and we all had a blast.
Blue Crew member—Ethan Strong

AT NYC I LEARNED:

At NYC I learned a lot. I learned about nature things such as the salmon cycle, fire and how it spreads and other things like that. I also learned a lot about the people in my crew. During Personal Histories I learned about their lives, their pasts. I learned about tools and how to make a trail. And last, I learned about myself. I figured out things about myself that I didn't know before. Over all NYC was a big learning experience the whole way through.

Summer Wuerthner

ONE THING I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER:

One thing I will always remember about my experience at NYC is all the friends I have made. Our crew is very close so we have all created a contact list so that all of us can keep in touch with each other throughout the summer. At graduation we could also get phone numbers from other people from the other crews.

Crew Member—Coulter Dawson

FROM NOW ON I WILL ALWAYS:

I'll be able to work harder and to have team skills. I'll also have more patience and responsibility. I learned to respect others because I didn't get along with everyone. There were 12 different personalities and backgrounds and I had to accept all of them.

Nate

CREWLEADER: Christy Reems

CREW COLOR: YELLOW

WEEK # 1

PROJECT NAME: Deans Creek Elk

NATIONAL FOREST: Bureau of Land Management

RANGER DISTRICT: Coos Bay BLM

SUNDAY: Describe what your crew did this weekend:

We started out waking up and getting ready to move out to our campsite. We broke down tents and assembled our trailer. We moved out in our vans and got lost 5 minutes into driving down the road. It took us 2 hours to drive to Dean Creek Elk Reserve. When we got there, we put up our tents and put away our personal gear. We made our first kitchen tarp to cover the eating area and we messed up real bad to start out, but we got a hang of it. Some of us got used to the fisherman's knot and the figure 8 knot. To finish off the day we got wet in the river and had a "leave no trace" lesson from Bob of Bureau of Land Management. We finished the day making dinner and doing chores.

Jonny Mata

MONDAY: Describe your project this week; where are you, what are you doing, why?

This week we are working on cleaning out a garden and pulling out the weeds surrounding the rhododendrons. We are by the elk reserve about 2 hours from headquarters and a short drive to the coast. The campsite and worksite belong to the government. Our campsite is located behind a big field & a barn. What are we doing? Well, right now everyone is doing chores. ☺ Before that we took a swim after the hard work completed on the field.

Chris Lee

TUESDAY:

Today at the worksite we did more work on expanding the cleaned up area. Most of the piles were half dirt but the wheelbarrows took care of those easily. We found out that where we put the payloads of debris was way too high so a select special forces squad was formed to push the piles lower.

We didn't finish nearly as much work as we did yesterday because it was cloudy out and one of the yellow tops was left at the campsite.

Alex Mueller

WEDNESDAY: Describe your crew's goals for the week:

We are the crew known as yellow
And each of us is a fine fellow
We're gallons of fun
And we get the work done
And "I love you guys!" we do bellow.

Today we hung with orange crew
We learned they don't love each other like we do
We ate some delicious clam chowder
More tasty by far than milk made with powder
We're both glad to return and to have tried something new.

Charley

THURSDAY: Describe what your crew learned this week:

Today we did a lot of work. We finished the garden in front of the house. We call it the island. Now all we have to do is finish by where we park the rig. Our crew is doing awesome. We all get along and we would never want to mix our crew. We found out we are not going to have Sara Rose. She's going to be switching with 4 other leaders who switch with in the 4 crews. So I will go. Goodbye from yellow crew.
Amanda Hurley

CREWLEADER: Christie

CREW COLOR: YELLOW

WEEK # 2

PROJECT NAME: ATV Trail Maintenance

NATIONAL FOREST: Rogue River NF

RANGER DISTRICT: Ashland RD

SUNDAY: Describe what your crew did this weekend:

This weekend we got lost on our way to the weekend site. Arriving @ the weekend site, we were greeted by the other crews who helped us unpack and set up camp. We slept soundly... In the morning chocolate pancakes awaited. After chores the crew split up and headed out on their rec trips. Most of us ended up @ Diamond Lake where we swam. After trips were over, we hung out @ camp till dinner was made by red crew. Later that night/day=afternoon, we packed up camp and played a few games. We finished the night with capture the flag and left in the morning.

Chris Lee

MONDAY: Describe your project this week; where are you, what are you doing, why?

Our project this week is widening trails out for ATVs. We are by Rogue River, so that means that we can swim. Today we finished our yellow tops so that means we had to refill and we got to go swimming. We are all having a good time and we really like our contact. Yesterday there were tons of flies but we burned the log they lived in so there are none today.

Amanda Hurley

TUESDAY:

TNT has been such an awesome experience so far. I've met a lot of good people, made great friends and am all together having a good time.

We all have made so many stories and jokes already and I feel we are as close as family! I have respect for everyone at NYC and will be sad when we all leave, but I'll enjoy the time we have together!

The boys' tent has been a fun one, full of trouble! OK, here's the story: We are all lying in the tent trying to sleep, but couldn't stop laughing because someone kept telling jokes. Then Kate came and told us to be quiet and that the next she heard someone talk, we would have to do a hundred push ups! As she is standing outside, one of the boys yelled "infidel!!" and we all had to do push ups! We laughed through the push ups and even got the crew leader laughing, but sadly we didn't learn our lesson last night, so we'll see how tonight goes. Wish me luck!

Rodney Waldner

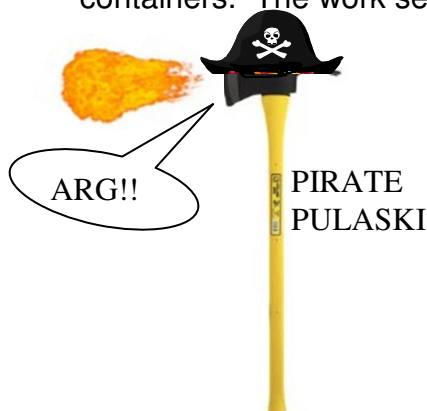
WEDNESDAY: Describe your crew's goals for the week:

Signing up for TNT has been the best decision ever! I've made great new friends and have gained confidence in making decisions with a little boost from my new family. The girls' tent is the best! The girls act like long lost sisters, sharing secrets and talking about the day with even more enthusiasm than the day before. The leaders are awesome, being patient with us when most people would have blown their top listening to all of our crazy weird words and silly pick-up lines over and over. The guys, girls and leaders are one big family.

Christina Johnson

THURSDAY: Describe what your crew learned this week:

Today we took a half-mile hike to our worksite with lots of water containers. The work seemed to take forever, but we got out of it alive!



Alex "the" Mueller

CREWLEADER: Christi

CREW COLOR: YELLOW

WEEK # 3

PROJECT NAME: Trail Maintenance

NATIONAL FOREST: Fremont NF

RANGER DISTRICT: Lakeview RD

SUNDAY:

I, Eli Castro: Today was pretty stressful. It kinda felt like the first day, but other than that it went by awesome. We had a store stop and it was awesome. Oh, on Saturday it like hailed really bad and it was crazy. And I miss home but I enjoy being here.

Eli Castro

MONDAY: Describe what your crew did this weekend:

This weekend the crew hung out, did chores and went on rec trips. I personally went to Crater Lake and hiked Mt. Scott (2 ½ miles). We returned to weekend site and cooked dinner while we met the parents. Rain & Hail set in after dinner which flooded. Everyone headed into the rigs where we spent Saturday Circle. Everything was wet and we packed up camp in the morning. We are now in the desert.

Chris Lee

TUESDAY: Describe your project this week; where are you, what are you doing, why?

Today we worked in the sun and we were very hot. There were plants and a long trail to walk. We worked very hard, but some people didn't always. Tensions were high sometimes.

Salvador Dali



WEDNESDAY: Describe your crew's goals for the week:

We all had to get up early this morning'. It was insane and flippin' freezin' cold and we had to do 3 sets of twenty push ups because we were 3 minutes late. So yeah. We had a long walk to our worksite. Christina and I took forever to carry the five gallon up the hill. It was kinda sad, but we did it finally... We had partners at firs, and yeah, then we did this snake thingy. We did like around 3,000 feet. Today it was wicked, so yeah. Oh, Rodney and I won something for being fast and efficient.

Kristine

WEDNESDAY:

Once we got back to the camp, we all ate leftovers, starving, and then Chris taught us all how to make smudge sticks. They are so smelly. Goodness! Now we are doing chores and hopefully we win the luge back. Alright, peace peoples.



By Kristine

THURSDAY: Describe what your crew learned this week:

Today's leaders were Charlie and Chris. But today we didn't do so well to begin with, but we did better later that day. We busted through over 1,000 feet in an hour and a half. I'm totally impressed in the fact that we worked hard, after the option of getting burgers and milkshakes, which is totally intense. South Side 🗡️ Get down with our sickness. ARGH 🗡️ Lindsey is trying to sleep, but we are loud. We found a mouse hole. Our honey looks like caramel. Rodney smeared peanut butter all over his saltines. We are making Top Ramen for dinner. You spin my head right-round, right-round; like a record, Baby, spin it round, right-round. We have Cheez-its for lunch. We had to cut work short for thunder and lightning. I'm extremely cold. Ne-how 🗡️ I like peanut butter cookies!

Jonny Mata

CREWLEADER: Christie

CREW COLOR: YELLOW

WEEK # 4

PROJECT NAME: West Eugene Wetlands

NATIONAL FOREST: Bureau of Land Management

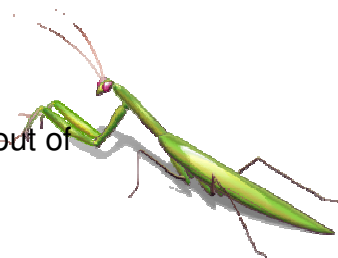
RANGER DISTRICT: Eugene BLM

SUNDAY:

Well, we just got to our new site and it looks tight. Yesterday we had a talent show, but we had to cancel it because another crew was near us and they were a fire crew, so they were like very serious and stuff. So we went to our tents early. I can't wait to get home and just hang with my Grandpa and my family and friends. I learned to make these cool bracelets yesterday and if we work tomorrow hard, we can get fabric to make bracelets. I went to Crater Lake yesterday and I got post cards for my Grandpa to see. We also chilled and taught people to do the jerk and we had some really bomb chicken barbeque sandwiches, made by blue crew. We also chilled a lot. I had to do 100 push ups today. It was awesome. We also had a store stop. It was kewl. If my Grandpa reads this, I miss you buddy and can't wait to come home and I got your letter and I tried calling. Miss you 😊

Eli

MONDAY: Describe what your crew did this weekend:



Today we started our first 7 hours of lopping the crap out of every invasive plant we could find.

Also there was sawing and praying mantises. (manti?)

TUESDAY: Describe your project this week; where are you, what are you doing, why?

We have this really awesome campsite really close to the lake, which is fab! We get to play Frisbee a lot, which is also bomb. Our dinner the other night was so big, it was huge and dessert made by Christine was this really chunky chocolate vanilla pudding. Today's dinner was better, courtesy of our best chefs and a little help from leaders. OK, a lot of help... I really like our contact, Josh. He's really nice and we all appreciate his help on the site. Peace out. The end.
Christina Johnson

WEDNESDAY: Describe your crew's goals for the week:

Our goal this week is to have fun and work hard at the same time. We're going to have a little mascot on Friday. My parents will be very surprised. I haven't written in here this entire session, so I don't really know what else to write... ummm... The guys are playing around with hemp making bracelets, rings and necklaces. I think it's kinda girly. I just got stung by a bee.

Peace out
Home Dawg
Aaron Hudson

PS: Today was a half day so we went to Wal-mart and then we went swimming. Now we're just hanging out doing chores. All right, so this is good bye for real.

Aaron Hudson



THURSDAY: Describe what your crew learned this week:

This session has been one of the best things that has happened to me. I've learned so much about nature and about the people around me.

The first week we were assigned our crews, and no one talked because we were a bit uncomfortable, but that died away fast because of my PH, which was the first one; and games and just starting conversations with each other. We worked in a garden with Sarah Rose and that was hard because we dug out everything to begin with, but then started to tend to bees later on.

The weekend site was fun. I made a lot of friends. One of my really good friends is Jay. We went on a rec trip together. A rec trip is just something fun to do. The second week was better. Everyone knew each other and we were getting stronger. We had stronger work ethics and we were working on an OHV, off highway trail; and on the last day we had to walk a mile.

On the 3rd week we were in a desert fixing a horse trail and we learned about the anatomy of a trail and what's good and bad, like birm is pure evil and

the topsoil is angel-like goodness. One the 3rd week we had corps-member leaders, which sometimes worked, but not everyone is fit to be a leader and some are. Like since I'm in search and rescue, I'm learning to be a leader.

This week was the most epic because everyone is excited to go home but sad to leave their new friends, of course. We are our craziest this week.

Jonny Mata

MY MOST CHALLENGING DAY AT NYC WAS:

My most challenging day at NYC was the second day of work when I was so sore and everyone took the light tools so I had the heavy one and it was an eight hour day.

Christina Johnson

MY THREE FAVORITE NYC EXPERIENCES WERE:

1. One of our favorite experiences was going to Crater Lake. We had an awesome SEED there and it was beautiful.
2. Working on a historic garden
3. Swimming at a manmade lake. It was awesome. We had lots of games that we played.

Amanda Hurley and Chris Lee

AT NYC I LEARNED:

I learned that the little things that we do count as big things in the long run, like chopping down a blackberry bush before it overtakes the place and kills other plants. We all learned a lot of plants and invasive plants and how important they are and that holding a tool improperly can seriously hurt someone.

Kristine

ONE THING I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER:

One thing I will always remember is the beautiful sight of Crater Lake.

Eli

In addition to the stunning views of Crater Lake, desert storms and elk up close and personal, I will always remember feeling like I could never befriend anyone here and ending up family with them by graduation.

Charley

FROM NOW ON I WILL ALWAYS:

From now on I will always respect hard workers because I know what it's like. Also I will always remember my experience from NYC and I will always have many stories to tell.

CREWLEADER: Jared Baker

CREW COLOR: RED

WEEK # 1

PROJECT NAME: North Warner Trail

NATIONAL FOREST: Fremont NF

RANGER DISTRICT: Lakeview RD

MONDAY: Describe what your crew did this weekend:

Well, getting up early and getting ready in under 45 minutes is not normally my routine, but it was awesome. The whole one hour discussion before work...umm... no. I was so bored. Going off to work, pumped up and ready... One hour later I hear somebody say they wanna quit. Oh my Georgia Pie! Never quit, never give up Lame-O!

Kate Almberg

TUESDAY: Describe your project this week; where are you, what are you doing, why?

This week the red crew is working on making trails. The first two days at work are over. They were a lot of work but I had fun doing it. For this job you get really sweaty and dirty.

Jesse Voyles

WEDNESDAY: Describe your crew's goals for the week:

This week our crews' goal was to finish a 4.5 mile long lake, but I don't think we will get it done. The members are giving it their all. We work hard on making a tread and QCing it after we made a tread. All of us giving our best work gets everything done fast. Hot days and no shade are killer days. Sweat running down our faces and blisters on our hands. Ouch!! Another goal we have is to treat each other with respect and be courteous of others personal space. Being allowed to have some alone time to think is nice. So as long as we work together and not say anything mean we will get a lot done.

Rabecka Krasko

THURSDAY: Describe what your crew learned this week:

This week our crew pretty much learned everything about NYC. We learned that when we are on the trail, we are pros but back at camp, we play fun games and we can goof off as much as we want. We learned how to be safe with all the tools we use. We learned how to make a latrine and how to clean water with iodine. We learned that cooking outdoors with limited supplies can be delicious. I personally learned that PB&Js get really tiring.

Jordan Blumer

CREWLEADER: JB

CREW COLOR: RED

WEEK # 2

PROJECT NAME: Blackberry Removal

NATIONAL FOREST: Bureau of Land Management

RANGER DISTRICT: Coos bay BLM

MONDAY: Describe what your crew did this weekend:

This weekend we all went to our weekend site, met with all the other crews and met. We all talked, set up our tents and made dinner! After sleeping, we woke upon Saturday and ate breakfast; chocolate pancakes! After that we split up into groups to go places. I went to Crater Lake. We were there for 30 minutes and then went to Diamond Lake. All groups ended up at Diamond Lake on Sunday we packed our trailers and tents and we were the first people packed and ready to go. After that we got our mail (I cried) and then we sent our mail, met our new crew leader named Lindsay and went to our new site. We set up our tents, did a SEED and went to bed.

Done.

Krystie Ealy

TUESDAY: Describe your project this week; where are you, what are you doing, why?

We woke up and ate a delicious Rice Krispies and yogurt. Then we went to work and worked 8 hours. Then we got back to camp site and went swimming for about an hour and one wolf. Fun! So now we are doing chores and have had fun for the day. Can't wait for dinner. Sounds good.

Anthony Schoonmaker

WEDNESDAY: Describe your crew's goals for the week:

Well, we are cutting down b-berries, but its Wednesday and we are almost done so I guess we finish then work on something else. We're going to the beach today! We cleared both sides of the stream so now we are working behind the campground and I heard something about clearing fire pits tomorrow.

Jacob Reed

THURSDAY: Describe what your crew learned this week:

So far this week my crew; AKA: family, learned how boring blackberry picking is. We learned that trail work is so much more fun. I think that everyone in the crew agrees. Some of us are also learning how much we miss home. Also we are learning more about friendship and how close people can get when they have to spend two weeks together.

Jesse Voyles

CREWLEADER: Jared

CREW COLOR: Red

WEEK # 3

PROJECT NAME: Goat Island Weeds

NATIONAL FOREST: Eugene Water and Electric Board

RANGER DISTRICT:

MONDAY: Describe what your crew did this weekend:

Today we woke up to bug bites on our skin and grass in our hair. For the first night the majority of our crew slept under the stars. We have been given backcountry tents because we are away from our rig on an island. There are only 3 guys in our tent and 1 girl in theirs. Today (I thought) was the most boring work day so far. For the first 4 hours we pulled young Scotch broom. The day was pretty boring but it's kind of cool. We met our contact today. He told us our job and gave us amazing home made chocolate chip cookies. Now that was good lunch.

Jon Saiget

TUESDAY: Describe your project this week; where are you, what are you doing, why?

Today was amazing! We worked hard in the morning and had pancakes for breakfast! After lunch we took an hour break to swim or take a refreshing nap. Later we finished our work and I was attempting to do back-flips. Yeah, what an amazing, dankilicious day!

Jon Lee

WEDNESDAY: Describe your crew's goals for the week:

Today we left this forsaken island and found civilization. We had to swim across the river, which was freezing, but amazingly fun. We went to Springfield and chilled at a park. It was tubular. There was a pretty lame slide, but they made up for it with a bunch of spinney things. Jet Lee learned how to do a back-flip and we all played a really fun game called blind man's bluff. Really works your arms... On the way back, I totally whooped Jacob's butt in a swimming competition. I think I might have lessened his ego a little.

Jordan Blumer

THURSDAY: Describe what your crew learned this week:

Today we were going to be abducted by aliens. They came while we were working. One mysteriously came out of nowhere. He jumped on Jared and took him away first. We were so scared, we started running to the camp. When we got to the camp, we had realized that three more people were missing: Kate, Jon L and Brett had gotten stolen by two more aliens that were green with blue eyes and pink suits. Mommy was devastated that three of her children were missing in the dark.

She decided she was going to put us in one place so we were safe, but unfortunately all around us were aliens. Their blue eyes were fixed on two people. Jon S and Twiggy screamed as they realized it was them. They disobeyed Mommy's word and ran away, but were caught and abducted by those two aliens.

Then Becca decided that she had had enough of these aliens and decided to do a round house kick like Chuck Norris. All the aliens were frightened and went back to their ship. But with Jessie and his amazing flips did flips all the way to the ship and beat them to their ship. He locked it up and put a time bomb on it. Jacob wanted to save us because he thought we were in trouble and took a big gun and shot all the aliens. But the only problem was he missed one.

Luckily Jordan and her amazing knowledge cuz she is a librarian knew that she could kill him, so she went underneath him cuz she is small and jumped up behind him and killed him. Finally when we got back to camp, Jessie had found everyone that was missing and our whole family got off the island and met up with the rest of NYC.

Becca Krasko

FRIDAY: Describe your crew's challenges and accomplishments this week:

Jessie is teaching me to do a back-flip and I want to overcome my dank fear so I can land one! I got to go now; din-din is ready!!

YEAAHH! Dank and steezy, my friends.

Jon Lee

CREWLEADER: JB

CREW COLOR: RED

WEEK # 4

PROJECT NAME: Blackberry Removal

NATIONAL FOREST: McKenzie Watershed Council

RANGER DISTRICT:

SUNDAY:

Today was weird. It just didn't feel right. They told us we were going back to a place near Eugene and we were going to be able to stay in a cabin!! I thought, "woop te dooo, egg salad!" We all get here and there are other people and game rooms.

Signed by: Kate Almborg

PS: I'm still happy.

MONDAY: Describe what your crew did this weekend:

Today on Monday we removed Blackberries and saw a ji-normous hornet nest and tried to avoid it. I am writing this journal, we are making hamburgers for dinner. YAY! ☺ So today we worked for seven hours and thirty minutes.

Anonymous

TUESDAY: Describe your project this week; where are you, what are you doing, why?

Today we worked here. Kris and Kole and John S are making dinner. It smells good. My stomach hurts badly.

What will you husband be like? (Made by Kole to write)

I don't know what my husband will be like.

WEDNESDAY: Describe your crew's goals for the week:

This week we get to see what the red crew is made of. In many ways this week is the most challenging one out here so far. After losing 3 corps-members, we can all feel the loss in manpower. Now 7 people must do the work of 10 and it is not an easy task. But the crew is coming together like a family and overcoming this great challenge. We all have to work a little harder, take on a few more jobs around camp and, most importantly, keep the positive energy flowing. We are now over the hump of the week and things are falling into place. We are overcoming the situation and giving it all we have in these last few days of the session because after all, who are we?

RED CREW!!!

RED CREW!!!

RED CREW!!!

Melissa D

FRIDAY: Describe your crew's challenges and accomplishments this week

Our time together winds down with the passage of yet another day. Soon we shall say goodbye to each other and leave behind only memories evidenced by the soreness in our bodies and pictures in our minds. As we approach the final day, we look upon what we've achieved over the past 4 weeks and without question, we must hold our heads high. We have each grown to become someone, different on varying levels, from the person we were when we arrived and we deserve the pride that we've earned from our sweat and effort each and every day. As we leave, I wish you all the best in whichever direction life may lead you. Never forget what you have done here and, most importantly, look back with kindness when you recall the beloved red crew.

JB

MY MOST CHALLENGING DAY AT NYC WAS:

My most challenging day at NYC was the first day because I never knew anybody but after we all got along cause we knew we were all going to be out here for a month together. My other challenging day was the first day of the fourth week.

Brett

MY THREE FAVORITE NYC EXPERIENCES WERE:

My 3 main favorite experiences here at NYC were many different things, people, animals and work. I loved to meet and become friends with new people that are different from me. Animals are my favorite subject: I love different animals. All through the month I had encountered animas that I could not see from where I live in Washington State. My last favorite experience was working. It was different from my normal routine and it was a difficult change, but I loved it. Those were my 3 favorite experiences here at NYC.

Krystie Lewis

ONE THING I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER:

One thing I will always remember from my NYC experience is the people. I have made many friends and intend to keep them. Learning and playing with them has been very fun. We have gone through a lot as a crew and in a way, it has brought us together. I love chilling with them because we're like a family. In some ways I like these people so much I could live with them forever. After this session, I will miss them all. One of my best friends was fired this session and I may never see him again, but I will take these memories with me.

Jon S

CREWLEADER: Dan

CREW COLOR: ORANGE

WEEK # 1

PROJECT NAME: North Spit

NATIONAL FOREST: Bureau of Land Management

RANGER DISTRICT: Coos Bay BLM

MONDAY: Describe what your crew did this weekend:

This past weekend wasn't too interesting. It was mostly "stations" and meeting people/crew leaders. Our first day at work was fairly strenuous, but I'm sure it will get easier as the week(s) progress, getting used to campsite wasn't too hard. Fortunately Dan and Lindsey seem like pretty chill people. I'm looking forward to the weekend though. We hopefully get a store/shower/laundry stop. The area seems pretty nice, although it is a little chilly. 😊😊😊😊😊😊😊😊

Graham

TUESDAY: Describe your project this week; where are you, what are you doing, why?

To make the trails clear for the hikers and horses, cutting down trees and lopping the back. We are working at the beach in Coos Bay. We are working on the trail because the trees are overtaking the path and the horseback riders hit their heads on the branches. So we are cleaning the trails further.

Samantha

WEDNESDAY: Describe your crew's goals for the week:

Our goal for the week is mostly to get the job done quickly and thoroughly. We want to make sure the trails are clear and look nice for the hikers and horseback riders that go through there. Also, since we have to walk a pretty long distance, we try to make the walk as painless as possible by putting duct tape on our feet. Plus, we are using dangerous tools, so we hope no one gets hurt.

THURSDAY: Describe what your crew learned this week:

This week my crew learned how to use all the tools and the correct names for them. We also learned how to swamp everything and make sure you can't see it from the trail. My group also learned to cut the tree stubs right next to the trunk and to get a good night sleep.

Amanda 😊

CREWLEADER: D Bedard

CREW COLOR: ORANGE

WEEK # 2

PROJECT NAME: No. Warner

NATIONAL FOREST: Fremont-Winema NF

RANGER DISTRICT: Lakeview RD

MONDAY: Describe what your crew did this weekend:

This weekend we went to Diamond Lake. We went swimming on the lake. On Sunday I dug a sump that looks like a real toilet. We did not have a compost drain. Then we noticed that we don't have bowls. Kris came to work with us today. We walked way too long. We all got on to the bus. We were all dead.
Chris

TUESDAY: Describe your project this week; where are you, what are you doing, why?

Our project this week revolves around building a trail for hikers and horse-riders. We are in Fremont-Winema Forest east of Lakeview. We are working on a trail that leads to a lake. We are cutting down trees, moving trees out of the trail and making a walking path. We are doing this because we are such nice people and we like to hike.

Grace

WEDNESDAY: Describe your crew's goals for the week:

Today was amazing. There was lots of blood. All of it was from noses though. One kid named Graham used a napkin to soak his "bloody nose." It was a funny and happy day. We worked hard and hardly worked. It was confusing. I had so much fun with Dan.

Jeremiah Newman

THURSDAY: Describe what your crew learned this week:

What my crew learned this week is how to make a trail by using the hazel-hoe. We scrape the brush and bushes from the place we put the trail. We also learned how to make a latrine. We also learned how to make a ditch and put out forest fires. We were in high elevation (7,000 feet), so people in the group kept getting nosebleeds, so we learned how to stop nose bleeds by putting tampons up you nose when you don't have anything else.

Audrey Herron

CREWLEADER: Dan B

CREW COLOR: ORANGE

WEEK # 3

PROJECT NAME: N. Bend Wildlife Habitat

NATIONAL FOREST: Bureau of Land Management

RANGER DISTRICT: Coos Bay BLM

MONDAY: Describe what your crew did this weekend:

This weekend Dan and most of the boys went on a rec trip to Crater Lake on a hike. It was beautiful. It was calm and chillaxed for sure. Parents came to visit, but not mine. We had a great dinner of taco salad. Lots of hacky sack... Then a freakin' huge flood hit. It was crazy!

TUESDAY: Describe your project this week; where are you, what are you doing, why?



Today we learned that an easier job and cooler temperature do not necessarily translate to high morale. We left the site early and took some personal things. The “low” on-site morale may be because it seems like we are doing an unimportant job. We have really only been removing weeds from private property. I do not see how this benefits the community.

Graham

WEDNESDAY: Describe your crew’s goals for the week:

Today was probably the nicest work day of the week. Yesterday was more of a lazy day because everyone kind of needed space. Today it was cooler out and you could tell that everyone’s tolerance level was a little bit higher. We worked on cutting down English Hawthorns. Dan cut down 100 trees just on his own. Our contact came out to visit us and took our pictures while we worked. I’m not exactly sure why she was taking our pictures, but it was pretty chill. Grace.

THURSDAY: Describe what your crew learned this week:

We lopped a lot this week. There is a lot of bees at our camp this week. We had the best camp site. We have running water and bathroom. There was a lot of poison oak.

Chris



CREWLEADER: Dan Bedard

CREW COLOR: ORANGE

WEEK # 4

PROJECT NAME: EWEB

NATIONAL FOREST:

RANGER DISTRICT:

MONDAY: Describe what your crew did this weekend:

On Saturday we started out talent show and the firefighter made us stop at 10:00 pm. Then they made us stop the talent show. We stayed up late because

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Chris

TUESDAY: Describe your project this week; where are you, what are you doing, why?

We are getting rid of Scotch broom. We are at Taylor Landing. We are on an island doing invasive species. It's pretty fun.

Jonah

WEDNESDAY: Describe your crew's goals for the week:

We wanted to clear out as much Scotch broom as possible. This proved very challenging, as there were literally fields full of it. At camp tensions remain wishy, but things are improving. Everyone is looking forward to going home/the weekend. It is extremely hot, but the day by the river helps.

Graham

THURSDAY: Describe what your crew learned this week:

We, the orange crew, the coolest crew, learned that Scotch broom is very difficult to get rid of. And that there is never a perfect section...

ORANGE CREW!!!

MY MOST CHALLENGING DAY AT NYC WAS:

Well there was not any one day that was challenging; it was the whole first week that was definitely the most challenging because we had to walk like a mile and a half to and from the worksite in the sand and our feet hurt because of our new boots. We were not used to the work.

MY THREE FAVORITE NYC EXPERIENCES WERE:

1. On the first day when Dan and Chris, Jonah, Amanda and I learned how to use a Pulaski by cutting down a tree.
2. Making new friends on the first day and sticking with them till the end.
3. Sitting on the rock mound during the talent show and looking up at the stars while people were singing.

Audrey Herron

AT NYC I LEARNED:

At NYC I learned to respect nature and “leave no trace.” I’ve learned so much that I didn’t know. I learned how to use a Pulaski properly. I just had such a good time with NYC.

ONE THING I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER:

One thing that I will always remember at NYC is all the fun and hilarious times my crew and I had. We all had a big fun one day and played “piggly wiggly” and we were all just cracking up and trying not to laugh while the person was sitting on us. Another time was when we went clamming and got all dirty, then we had the yellow crew over and made clam chowder. There was also a lot more times that were very random and funny. I am going to miss these kids when it’s over.

Amanda Carlson

FROM NOW ON I WILL ALWAYS:

From now on I will always try to complete tasks fully and always work my hardest, whether at school, home or at work. I will try harder to take care of the environment as well. From now on I will try to be more sensitive to peoples’ needs when I am in a group situation. I will also step up more when something needs to be done.