



Youth Forest Camp – 2

Blue Crew . . . page 3

Orange Crew . . . page 10

Red Crew . . . page 16

Yellow Crew . . . page 24



Dear NYC'er,

Yee-Haw! It's finally here, that crazy journal your crewleaders promised months ago! In your hands you hold the final compilation of all those journal pages you spent hours around the kitchen table and on the long van rides writing! As the winter sets in, the office world at NYC becomes a bit less chaotic, and we can take the time to say, **"Thank you for an amazing season!"** NYC crews could not have accomplished what they did without the effort, commitment, and strength each and everyone of you gave.

After you left graduation, you probably ate some good chow, talked non-stop about the adventures you had and the tough times you endured, and finally—after a long session—got to take a long shower (hopefully a few!). But, as the warmth of your return wore off, I hope everyone was able to spend some time reflecting on what your experience meant. You were part of an extraordinary time! While you were slogging through the woods, huddling around the fire, seeking any type of moisture available, sharpening pulaskis, or finishing the last remnants of a too-large meal; up to twenty-six other crews were doing the same things across Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and Northern California. The work completed by NYC crews went farther than ever before, pleased a record number of project sponsors, helped out the natural areas and communities in the Northwest, and, most importantly,..... showed the general public that teens are responsible enough to complete a hard job with style!

We hope you came away with a greater understanding of who you are, how you want to live your life, and what you are going to do with the gifts you possess. Don't forget those early morning sunrises, the feeling after a hard day's work, and the endless mountains and trees. Remember the laughter, the tears, and the exploration. Always know that you are limitless and can accomplish the seemingly impossible, the amazing and the beautiful. All you have to do is believe in yourself!

Don't forget about all those early morning sunrises, the dirt smile after a long day of work, trees the size of skyscrapers, rivers and mountains without end, and a place away from highways, radios and Burger Kings. The big outdoors is a place for everyone to visit, explore, and enjoy. Make sure you get out there as often as you can and figure out how you can help to keep these places around for future generations to experience. Sit down, grab some gorp, and relax as you take a trip down memory lane. Keep NYC in mind for next summer and drop us a line. Remember: "Use Good Judgement!" but don't forget to rub a little sunshine on your face.

Take Care,

Ethan Nelson
Program Director

Blue Crew

Six Rivers National Forest Orleans Ranger District Horse Ridge Trail

Week 1: July 26 - August 2

This weekend was our first weekend here, so we did a lot of get to know watch other games the first day. We also did the rest of our paper work. Then on Sunday we woke up around 7 a.m. We had breakfast and then free time, then got into groups. After we got into groups, we took off because we had to get to California. We went clear up to the spot which we didn't even have to pack into on the first day and that was great.

Josh C

This week we have been working in the Trinity Mountains. We have been doing a lot of brushing and cutting trees back off the trail so that people on horses can use the trail without getting whacked in the face by a heck of a lot of branches. Chopping down trees was very cool.

Mitchell E

This week our goals are to make huge bomb dinners, to complete the trail without wanting to kill each other, and not getting on each others nerves. Even though we haven't had a few blisters, we don't want anymore.

Thomas S

This week and especially today we learned a lot about team work. Today, while working on the trail we cross-cut a four foot thick log and moved it off of the trail. We called it "The Behemoth". We cut off one of its roots and called it Behemoth's Big Foot. Tonight at SEED we did the helium stick and everybody started to argue but we got it without killing each other. We also learned a lot about each other.

Charles M

Our crew this week accomplished cleaning up a trail. We also bucked logs. As a team our crew came together and worked like a team that has been together for awhile. We learned how to work hard, fast, and efficiently. We found out that positive reinforcement works and that negative reinforcement tears the team apart. We also accomplished bringing the helium stick to the ground. We came together from being individuals to being a team.

Nathan C

Crater Lake National Park Union Peak Section Pacific Crest Trail Re-route

Week 2: August 3 - August 09

This weekend we went to base camp. We hung out Friday night and just chilled Saturday. We split up in two groups but most of our crew went to McCaleb Ranch and swam. It was sweet, we went to goodwill and hung out in town and got earrings. Sunday we woke up and got packing and started our journey.

Anonymous

This week we are in Crater Lake National Park, about fifteen miles from the lake itself. Backcountry camped about 2.5 miles from the van. What we are working on this week is a segment of the PCT and just building the trail so that some people who say it has to be a

10% grade are happy. We're working on the trail leading up to our campsite to get it all flat and nice. The next day we will be working on another for a few hundred yards.

Adam H

To finish the PCT. Make the trail look very nice. To get the trail done right the first time instead of the second time with no mistakes. To stay out of the rain, have good food all week, try to play some games, have a good time, say some jokes, go to Crater Lake, and learn about the lake, and get a good night sleep every night.

Scotty C

This week our crew learned how Crater Lake was formed and that you can't get a big project done without team work. We learned that you may dress a certain way but that does not mean you are a good or bad person. It's what's on the inside that counts.

Mitchell E

Building a part of the PCT was a big challenge considering we had to work to our fullest extent. Another problem was all the crew's static, and people getting on people's nerves and so on and so forth. But we got the job done and we were all happy to find out our next project.

Anonymous

Klamath National Forest Scott River Ranger District Canyon Creek Trail

Week 3: August 10 - August 16

Saturday for a rec. trip two people from our crew went to the Oregon Caves while the rest stayed at basecamp and went swimming. Driving into town for part of the rec. trip we made a stop at goodwill. Getting back around four o'clock Blue crew was together again. Automatically we decided to go swimming. The first words out of our mouths were, "Shrinkage!" The rest of the night we just ate dinner and chilled for the rest of the night.

Osha J.G.

This week our crew is doing trail maintenance in the Marble Mountains. We are brushing out weeds and taking rocks out of the middle of the trail. Our crew is doing this to make it an easier access to the valley and other scenic areas.

Nathan C

This week we had some very important people come from around the Northwest and from Washington D.C. Our goal was to impress them. We are also trying to complete the project and make NYC look better. We are trying to get along and we are. Another goal is to be more respectful because we were told we weren't. We also are trying to work harder overall and become a great team.

Charles M

This week we learned that we can work really well as a team. On Tuesday we really impressed all of the people who came out, in my opinion we were more "important" than they were. We were making the trail look really great. Something else we learned was that you need to drink plenty of water. If you don't drink enough water you end up feeling old/rusty.

Thomas S

This week's challenges were all the big bosses coming to see our work. Also getting along with one another and making NYC look good. (Also wanting Sue to want us back). Making a good trail, also to stay safe and not freak out any of the horses and make them run

off. To keep Scotty away from bees, to not swell up again, stop people from getting sick. Our accomplishments were we work hard and put a good show on for all the bosses. We did not get into any big arguments some of us made it up to Marble Valley. We got to relax and chill at night only two people got sick and the next morning they were feeling better. We made a nice trail.

Anonymous

**Siskiyou National Forest
Illinois Valley Ranger District
E. Fork Illinois River Trail**

Week 4: August 17 - August 23

This weekend our crew was the last crew to base camp. We lost another crewmember this week, Tom. But we got another member to replace him, Blake. During Saturday circle, it was announced that we were finally assigned to base camp. On Sunday we followed Red crew to their site but when we got there they weren't there and we had to wait. After that we went swimming at McCaleb Ranch again.

Matt B

This week we are firing it up at the Crazy Peak Trail a lot, also pruning and widening the trail at parts. We made it down to this creek today. It was really nice to wash our faces and cool off for a minute. It was extremely hot today and for about five minutes the bus wouldn't start, we were all happy that it did.

Jonathan M

Getting as far as we can trail wise along with making the quality of work as good as possible. We are also trying to cook good food everyday for the week along with still trying to become a great crew. One of our crew's biggest goals is also to stay as healthy as possible.

Anonymous

This week we learned about forest succession. We also learned how to come together as a team. We learned that a team working together rather than further apart gets the job done faster and more efficiently.

Nathan C

Our challenges for this week were the hell it got up to like a hundred degrees and the long hike up hill was very hard. Not fighting with each other and not burning the food was also a challenge. Our accomplishments of the week were making the hike straight up hill in 30 minutes. We did pretty good not fighting with each other. We did cross-cutting. We finished one trail and half of another. We had really good food like onion rings, blackberry pie (not burnt!).

Adam H

**Crater Lake National Park
Union Peak Section
Crater Lake Pacific Crest Trail**

Week 5: August 24 - August 30

This weekend most of our crew stayed at base camp with Gabe for our rec. trip, it was fun. We got to sleep in. On Saturday night we had taco salad for dinner. It gave us gas. On Sunday morning we packed up our trailer and headed to Crater Lake again.

Anonymous

This week we are working at Crater Lake doing a lot of bucking logs and clearing small trees in the way so that people can start hiking on some really awesome looking trail.

Mitchell E

Our goals for the week were to finish our project and to make some rock walls. One of our other goals is to get to base camp early to start the big clean first and to get our jobs done right the first time.

Charles M

Our crew learned how to make a rock wall. We will roll rocks down the hill to the trail we are working. We learned how to make a fire bowdrill style, but we didn't make fire, we made smoke. We learned about Joe! Joe works in a cubicle. It can hold four people. Joe has a file cabinet and a computer.

Scotty C

This week we got a new rover, we didn't know what she would be like so that was a little challenging. Another challenge would be all the rock walls we had to build. We built five. One was 27 feet long but in the end the rover turned out to be cool and we busted out all the rock walls and they looked very good.

Matt B

My Most Challenging Day At NYC Was...

...trying to get along with my crew.

Adam H

My worst challenging day would be when I was at the Marble Mountains. We had all the big bosses out seeing what we were doing.

Nathan C

...the first day cause I was not used to the way things were done around here.

Blake M

...the first day of the fourth week because Adam and I argued a lot and got in trouble.

Charles M

...was getting dehydrated the second week.

Mitchell E

...the second week the day Ethan came to work with us.

Scotty C

...my hardest day was when all the big people from D.C. were going by us and we had to be really good that day.

Matt B

...the first week because it seemed to go by so slow and the work was long and tedious.

Austin B

...when we all got Scott mad, and when we all fought.

Osha J.G.

My Three Favorite NYC Experiences Were...

- ...playing capture the flag. My second would be taking showers and doing laundry. My third would be always joking around and always having fun.
Nathan C
- ...trying to cook my most favorite foods like onion rings, French fries, and other assorted goods, going swimming in the rivers and lakes, and also going to Crater Lake.
Adam H
- ...store stops, meeting new people and learning new things.
Blake M
- ...when we swam in Crater Lake.
Charles M
- ...were going to Crater Lake two times in a row, I love Crater Lake, having fun, and good woods grub.
Mitchell E
- ...working on the PCT, making new friends, and playing capture the flag.
Scotty C
- ...sitting on the ledge watching the sunset over the hills at Crater Lake, playing capture the flag, and being able to build a rock wall.
Austin B
- ...playing capture the flag, which was great. Another would be visiting Crater Lake twice and the last would have to be some of the food we ate. The food was good.
Matt B
- ...making the rock walls, making a house out of bark, and the bow drill.
Osha J.G.

One Thing I Will Always Remember...

- ...my crew members and the fun we had together.
Nathan C
- ...my crew members and the fun we had together.
Adam H
- ...the incredible journeys we went on.
Blake M
- ...the people I met here because they are cool.
Charles M
- ...my fellow corps members and our wonderful leader.
Mitchell E
- ...working on the PCT.
Scotty C

...the people on this crew. I've spent five weeks with them, 24-7 and I don't think I could ever forget them.

Matt B

...all the friends I've made and the fun I had.

Osha J.G.

...the great crew that I was on and the adventures we had together, also everything everybody taught me.

Austin B

From Now On I Will Always...

...buy recycled products and try to recycle more and also try to not waste food.

Adam H

...be more open minded about other people's opinions.

Nathan C

...try to recycle more products because I don't recycle a whole lot.

Charles M

...try to get along with people better.

Blake M

...try to bulk food and use my own bag to carry food to save trees.

Mitchell E

...eat all my food on my plate.

Scotty C

...know when people are struggling, even the tiniest bit, and try to help them.

Matt B

...live life to the fullest and never take it for granted. I will help people when they need it.

Austin B

...respect nature more than I already do.

Osha J.G.

At NYC I Learned...

...how to push myself harder without crashing; I also learned how to deal with others.

Nathan C

...how to come together in difficult times with people I barely knew.

Adam H

...how hard a job really is.

Charles M

...how to rebuild trails, use new tools, and tie knots.

Blake M

...to keep a straight head in a stressful situation and to always push myself to my limits.

Mitchell E

...the names of tools; and I learned how to make trails with tools.

Scotty C

...to get along with people you are just thrown together with, to “swing a tool”, (work very hard), and that sometimes the view from camp is better than off the top of a mountain.

Matt B

...how to start a fire with flint, and how to use the strength of my whole body to lift rocks.

Osha J.G.

...to never stop going for my dreams. No matter what, be myself and not what people want me to be, also how to be more independent.

Austin B

Orange Crew

Bureau of Land Management Medford Bureau of Land Management Cathedral Hills

Week 1: July 26 - August 2

We all arrived to camp on Saturday; I think we were all a little nervous/excited I know I was. That day we just went through all the necessary “talks”. It was really dull and time consuming. That night we ate a tasty dinner. I liked it. There were a lot of card games that night. Sunday morning we broke into groups and found our projects. Orange crew ended up in a campground, working by a golf course. But that doesn’t mean I’m not exhausted.

Laura H

Our crew’s goal for this week is probably just to get through the week without dying. We are working on trails in 113 degree weather and sometimes the dirt on the trails is as hard as a rock. All in all I think that we’ll make it except one, because she quit today.

Joshua P

Lo was once a plant of poison oak. Laser was a pair of loppers who cut her down so she could no longer spread her nasty oils. The group had to dig darn near 1000 drainage systems. Don was ill, so we had to work harder. Not like Tonya leaving didn’t challenge our mental and physical strength. We still had a great time with Emily as our temporary leader. I think we learned that when she says “around the corner” she really means up a few hills and around 14 corners.

Whitney L

The heat was perhaps the biggest challenge as well as learning how to use the tools correctly. We hacked at a bunch of stuff. We had to walk a lot and some people didn’t like it. We are all trying to get to know each other.

Stephanie H

Siskiyou National Forest Chetco Ranger District Vulcan Peak Trail

Week 2: August 3 - August 9

This weekend we spent at the weekend site and everyone split up to go on rec. trips. The next day we left for our new worksite in the Siskiyou Mountains. We got to stop and visit the ocean along the way. It was fun.

Anonymous

We are at Vulcan Peak this week doing trail work. I guess its fun, it’s cold and damp and rocky. It’s not the coolest project, but it’s not bad. I’m not quite sure why, I just know that that’s where Joe told us to go and what Joe told us to do.

Whitney L

Our crew learned about forest fires, thunder and lightning storms and topographic maps, it was cool. We all like this week a lot more than the last because it’s not as hot. Wednesday was really cold and no one liked it but this week turned out pretty awesome.

Joshua P

This week was so great, we were challenged by the work, nothing more, nothing less, and we over came it, I thought, by a considerable amount. Even the slight thunder shower that rattled us did not stop our progress. We made the Vulcan Lake Trail look and feel fantastic. The Vulcan Peak Trail looked real bad before we cut down the over hanging branches that whipped passing people. The view from the top was incredible. I'm sure other people passing through will enjoy it as much or more than we did. The best and most productive part of our work was cross cutting. Our most labor intensive was lifting boulders off the trail.

Meridan P

**Siskiyou National Forest
Illinois Valley Ranger District
Tannen Lakes Trail**

Week 3: August 10 - August 16

This weekend my crew did the usual weekend rec. trips. Since our job required us to stay at base camp, we stayed in it on Sunday. We also made a trip to the goodwill and some people bought funky clothes. During this past weekend we also unfortunately had a crew member decide she wanted to leave. Overall we had a calm and quiet weekend.

Diana G.M.

This week we are working in the forest lands near Tannen Lake. A four mile trail we are maintaining. I guess it's do to some wind storms or some such hoop-la that the forest went catawampus. We also got a flat hoo-wee boy.

Laura H

Our crew's goal for this week is to pull through as a crew and finish our project and get all of our hours. We were handed some pretty big setbacks this week. Another goal is to continue to bond as a crew and get through the hump week of all hump weeks. In addition, we lost a crew member this week so we need to make up her hours.

Don R

We learned that in all facets of NYC you need the right tool for the right job. The flat tire we were dealt with exemplifies this perfectly. I also believe that our crew learned how to work and interact with one another on a more personal level. We learned that throwing up and getting sick is bad while eating and being healthy is good. In my opinion the biggest thing the crew learned this week revolves around communication.

Dan R

Today we pushed hard all day. Our biggest challenge was keeping the momentum on a very extended Friday. But Orange kept on going and forged through to the junction with some pretty hefty downed trees in the way. It was nice to see things clicking on all cylinders and to have the most productive and satisfying day on Friday to head into the weekend on a positive note.

Anonymous

**Crater Lake National Park
Pacific Crest Trail
Union Peak Section**

Week 4: August 17 - August 23

We did Saturday circle, like all the time. Then we did recreation trips. (It was a trip to do laundry and take some showers). After that we went to the park and ate a watermelon and also some of us did shopping in the goodwill. We headed back at about 3:20. We

got back and had a very good dinner. Then we had SEED and got to know where we were going to go and went to the backcountry.

Sergei N

We are working on the PCT! We are by Crater Lake and we are going to see it on Thursday. We are re-routing the trail (making a new trail) because some of the paths on the old trail are too steep. We worked nine and a half hours on Monday and ten hours today, everything is pretty good except for the mosquitoes. I think we will have a good week, hopefully...

Joshua P

Today was really cool, we worked on rock walls and Emily came to visit. It was Emily's last day and I'm really glad we got to see her before she left. It was really fun hunting for rocks. We dialed it out bomber; it was a bomber dial... Soup. Our goal is to complete our project, see the lake, and dial it out bomber.

Bradley R

This week we learned how to build rock walls. Mighty fun setting the rocks, it was kind of frustrating. Learning about Crater Lake and volcanoes was awesome at SEED. We definitely learned that when something smells like rotten eggs, it's Greg.

Whitney L

This was Orange crew's first week doing the backcountry. The hike wasn't too bad for some people who hike often, but for those unaccustomed to walking with forty or fifty pounds on their backs. Another challenge was not getting stung by bees. Only those very skilled in the ways of maneuvering around a nest of angry buzzing devils managed to survive unscathed. I, Lo H, happened to be one of the few, the proud, the un-stung. That was definitely a challenge. A third challenge was evading capture by the blood sucking marmots so laxly called... mosquitoes. They too are little devils. At least they provide a warning squealing noise before delving into the flesh. Our greatest accomplishment was creating the rock walls. They were classy. It was all my doing. Thanks.

Laura H

Medford Bureau of Land Management Cathedral Hills

Week 5: August 24 - August 30

Most of the crew went on a rec. trip to McCaleb Ranch to swim in the Illinois River. Several stayed at basecamp, to rest, sleep, swim, or play card games. One or two others went to a little park south of Cave Junction, and to the library to check e-mail. Everyone had a great time to the extent of my knowledge and we are all ready for the week ahead of us.

Meridan P

We are building a log fence that is about 40 feet. We are in Shroeder Park at a campground. We are making the turn around at Cathedral Hill Trail bigger. We are putting up a sign. We put up a map of the trails and we are also making the trail better and they moved a picnic table a bold half of a mile. The picnic table was donated.

Laser Ray

Today we pretty much completed our fence project as well as our sign. Our next project is to build some kind of bridge. I sure hope that we'll be able to dial it out before the end of the week. It's going to be a bomber dial. We are working with Carrie today. She sure was a bomber lady. She really knew how to dial it out. Our fence turned out really good,

it made us all feel really dialed. It's the last week here at NYC and I'm sure going to miss my crew. Oh well, it was a bomber dial, while it lasted.

Bradley R

We learned how to make a bomber fence. It was bomberly dialed. We also learned a bomber way to put up a pretty dialed sign. It turned out really good and we all liked it. We learned how to use a big drill that dialed holes out bomber style. I learned how to fix a generator. That was very bomberific dialness.

Anonymous

Some of my crew's challenges and accomplishments this week were pretty much getting through the week and also putting up a pretty good size fence in just three days. We also put up a sign, it was cool. We carried some wood up a trail and sweated a lot. It was a fun week and this crew accomplished a lot.

Anonymous

My Most Challenging Day At NYC Was...

...the second day of work. The temperature was 113 degrees and I was sore form the first day.

Dianna M

...the second day. It was so hot and my body was sore and tired from the previous day, plus I was unaccustomed to the work. It was an immense challenge to push myself through that day.

Laura H

...that day our bus got a flat tire.

Meridan P

...the second day because of the heat and the dirt was as hard as a rock.

Anonymous

...when I woke up and hurt my back it was really challenging to me that day that it happened so bad.

Bradley R

...the first day of work. I could barely walk when we got back at camp.

Whitney L

...the first day of work.

Laser R

...the second day of work, it was 113 degrees and we worked very hard.

Anonymous

My Three Favorite NYC Experiences Were...

Vulcan Lake was very cool. Vulcan Peak was awesome and especially swimming in Crater Lake.

Bradley R

...swimming in Crater Lake, Building rock walls, and the first Friday.

Whitney L

...laughing really hard at stupid childish things, going to Crater Lake, and building rock walls.

Don R

...swimming in Crater Lake, building rock walls, the second Friday when we stopped work.

Laser R

...building two rock walls, swimming in Crater Lake, and cooking.

Sergei N

...going to Crater Lake, Cooking and eating dinner, and building rock walls.

Dianna M

...silent dinner, laughing when Brad said "owe", and having stupid inside jokes with Whitney.

Laura H

...swimming in Crater Lake, Vulcan Peaks, and play violin with Brad.

Meridan P

Vulcan Peak, McCaleb Ranch, and hard work in some ways.

Joshua P

One Thing I Will Always Remember...

...swimming in Crater Lake, it was cold, it wasn't too bad, and it was worth it. There are many more things I will remember as well.

Joshua P

...our day and night of delirium in the third week when we got the flat tire. It was an experience that was priceless. Spare tires cost sixty bucks!

Laura H

...is the day we got a flat tire after work. We didn't get back to camp till 12:00am. It was an interesting yet fun experience.

Dianna M

...the people I met at NYC, I met a lot of interesting personalities and I learned a lot from them.

Dan M

...remember the good time and the people.

Laser R

From Now On I Will Always...

...have a greater appreciation for nature. I will not take utilities for granted.

Dianna M

...appreciate nature, more so than I did. I will understand the differences of others.

Whitney L

...respect other people's opinions. I will try to understand them and their beliefs and see them as an individual instead of stereo-typing them and their beliefs.

Anonymous

From now on I don't know.

Bradley R

...appreciate forests and their meaning in nature. Also I will understand different opinions of different people.

Sergei N

...try not to complain about school as much.

Anonymous

At NYC I Learned...

...how to work hard and do things well, and work really hard doing those things.

Bradley R

...how to be more open and accepting of other people's opinions. Also how to work really hard everyday and get things done and have a good time doing it.

Dan M

...how to ramp a steep part of the trail and to work even harder.

Laser R

...how to push myself real hard, and how to work harder than I ever have. I also learned how to build rock walls!

Whitney L

...to push myself even when I was tired. Working with people I didn't know improved skills such as teamwork. I also learned various types of trail work.

Dianna M

Red Crew

The Nature Conservancy Eight Dollar Mountain and Rough & Ready Creek

Week 1: July 26 - August 2

Everyone came to base camp on Saturday about 10:00 a.m. We got to know each other and tried to decide who we wanted on our crew. Not that it mattered considering the crews were supposedly decided randomly. Sunday morning we were assigned to our crews and our jobs for the week. We waited for the other three crews to leave and then went for a hike. When we came back from the hike we went swimming, came back, ate dinner, vomited, did dishes, listened to Bri's personal history and then went to bed. Overall it was a successful day.

Aaron H

Today went great. Getting an early start (4:30 a.m.) really helped out the crew. Finishing the first job site was exciting for everyone. After we were done we began another about twenty minutes away. It seemed pretty much like a junk yard so it was pretty interesting. Finally when work ended everybody was happy to know that the swimming hole was patiently waiting. As of now dinner is wanted by everyone.

Chassidy A

Goals for our crew currently are keeping communication we have gained from being together, staying hydrated, and working as a team, also staying on task.

Chassidy A

Our crew learned that we need to drink lots of water. Time says we learned that we need to buy better boots. We also learned how to pull weeds. Working as a team and completing projects helped us realize that we are a very productive crew.

Brianna B

This week our crew camped at YFC base camp. We finished three different projects this week as well. We deconstructed a lot of buildings, pruned trees, picked up trash, cut blackberries, and pulled lots of meadow knap weed. We learned how to communicate as a team.

Luke J

Six Rivers National Forest Orleans Ranger District Long Prairie Trail

Week 2: August 3 - August 9

Well on Friday we worked a short day, and then we began our journey to shower and do our laundry. Then we met up with the rest of our site at base camp. On Saturday our site divided up and went on our recreation trips. Then we met again and enjoyed the rest of our weekend together. On Sunday we loaded up for Monday.

Kara R

Red crew, which is the best crew on the stinkin planet, has set up camp in the Trinity Alps in Humboldt Co. We spent today and Monday working on the Long Prairie Trail on the Southern Trinity Mt. Logs were cross cut with the good old misery whip, water bars were rendered useful, brush was cleared, and much food and water entered our bellies.

The Long Prairie Trail is approximately 1.2 miles long give or take a tenth. The idea is to make sure all the horses have something pretty to walk on.

Timothy B

Star date 8-06-03. Red or dead. We finished up one bad-boy trail today. Greg took Bri, Liz, Aaron, Luke, and Tony up and then down to Water Dog Lake where they finished up while Molly and the rest of team Red filled in a muddy spot by the creek with giant boulders, freaking spectacular. Oh, and Kara took three for the team while trying to maneuver "Big Bertha" one mother of a rock. Then we packed up camp, getting ready to go into the "backcountry". Then Lizzie puked a lot and it sucked, but Luke found a snipe feather. (Chassidy and Lizzie still aren't convinced). Our new camp is by a babbling brook and is very pleasant except for the swarms of bees, flies, mosquitoes, and other winged insects. "Yeah, Scott is a sneaky fellow. If you're gonna steal from someone, steal from Zippy-Don". Greg in reference to Red crew's possession of Blue crew's salt.

Lizzie D

Captain's log, the crew awoke today to the pleasant surprise of mystery madness that came in the form of pancakes and an extra half hour of sleep. Safety circle started at 6:33a.m. Our nine hour work day consisted of more trail maintenance on a new trail. Some giant logs were removed and new water bars installed on top of a lot of brushing. Work stopped at 4:00 p.m. and the crew returned to camp to reunite with Greg and Lizzie who both took the day off. The trees were big and the air was cold. Then I overstated the obvious.

Riley S

This week we finished one section of trail and started on another. On Thursday one crewmember fell ill and today two more crewmembers and the crewleader (Molly) fell ill. Hopefully nobody else gets sick and hopefully the sick ones get better. Overall this week we got a lot done.

Aaron H

Six Rivers National Forest Orleans Ranger District Horse Ridge Trail

Week 3: August 10 - August 16

We were in the backcountry for the weekend and hung out around camp. Sunday everyone but Tim and I worked for seven hours. Everyone was anxious and excited when everybody arrived at the camp. Work I think for the most part has seemed like a lot shorter than what it really was.

Anthony F

Today I was working on getting rid of rocks mostly, it was fun. We all worked super hard today and we pushed our limits even further and it showed. Once again we had a great day and could not have been any better. I just wish we could have worked a bit longer today, but tomorrow is a new day filled with even more fun.

Anthony F

Well, today we continued on the trail that we started on Sunday, Oregon Basin Trail. On and in a total of nine hours and 55 minutes, we put in several water bars and check dams, approximately fifteen of both. The trail was very steep and needed five cross cuts all which were completed in a small amount of time. Molly pushed us very hard to complete our job and the best thing is we finished the priority part in the trail. We only had one break and a lunch but it was well worth it. However, one crew member was sick and had to sit the entire day out. Now tomorrow we only have about four hours of work. We started work at 6:44 a.m. and ended at the time that nobody will tell me.

Holly K

This morning our crew woke up to a warm breeze, which did not come from Liz or Greg. During our hike out of camp, a bright crew member, Luke, kicked a water bar. The result, we ended up replacing it with a twelve foot, give or take a few, water bar. Thursday was a great day for everyone. Thursday night we were enjoying the beautiful bounty, Oohs and ahs of shooting stars. Molly, Greg, and Tony spent some time, a lot, cleaning, scrubbing, and deodorizing the van after our garbage bag leaked juice everywhere. When we kicked off our shoes, we had an interesting crew challenge. I don't think Molly enjoyed it as much as Liz, Luke, Bri, Riley, and Tim did. Thursday was an amazing day, and it is definitely safe to say that our crew was sad to leave the Trinity Alps and return back to base camp.

Kara R

5:30 rolled around with White Rabbit by Jefferson Airplane loudly playing from the van and everyone was ready to roll out of Bear Hole camp. We stuffed the duck around our duffels, jumped in the van with the radio blasting. We were really excited to get going on the road. About fifteen minutes into our drive we saw the prettiest view. There was a cloud cover that went on for miles and miles. The clouds were covering the mountains and hills plus the sun was rising and it made a perfect array of colors. We made it back to camp fine with out car problems but with plenty of wildlife (three bears and eight or nine deer). We got to C/J and took showers, did laundry, made a store stop, and then we went to get pizza at the Pizza Pit which everyone enjoyed. Somehow we were the first ones back to basecamp. A great day was had by all, ha ha!

Bri, Tim, and Lizzie

Siskiyou National Forest Galice Ranger District Illinois River Trail/ Pine Flat

Week 4: August 17 - August 23

Sunday, Joe, Emily, and the crew hiked into our camp at Pine Flats on the Illinois River. Horses and mules and a few jovial cowboys packed our food and tents. One of them gave Molly a PB cookie that his wife had made. (It was definitely yummy in her tummy). But it wasn't a fast steady hike. Along the way there was a water shortage, rocks to scoot, and logs to cross cut to let the mules through. We hiked the last mile or so as the sun set and the stars came out, so when we arrived it was late and everyone was tired and hungry, though also triumphant after the hard hike. We set up camp by flashlight and had a fantastic feast of hot dogs, not very smart dogs, and ramen. Wow, it made me feel really sick. We slept well more or less, more hours would have been better; less rolling out of the tent might have been nice. But it was exciting to see how our surroundings looked in the daylight. What would originally have been a nine hour day was shortened to a seven. I think residual (Luke's new word yesterday) post-hike exhaustion made some people less than super- fantastic-turbo-Red-crew-great, which is what we normally strive to be. But we did tear through a nice bit of trail, mostly brushing and tossing rocks. Then Joe underestimated us, so we were determined to move camp to a nicer spot in thirty minutes. We made it in 25 minutes, which was followed by a long awaited dunk in the river. Now I can smell Kara and Chas cooking a dinner I am very hungry for. Oh, and we saw a bear and everybody has monkey-butt badly.

Elizabeth D

We are stationed at Pine Flat along the Illinois River in Southern Oregon. We are doing trail maintenance. We completed today having done (my estimate) about half to three-quarters of trail. That is quite a bit of trail for one day. We had the help of Joe and Emily until about 2:30 when they had to leave. Red crew is now down a rover and woodsboss,

which is both kinda sad and great. We will finish this our last project with determination and patience.

Aaron H

Today was just one of those days. It was the kind of day that seems to melt into the rest of the days of the week like margarine on a really hot day. Wake up was at 6:15. The work clock started at 6:52. The hike to work was particularly long because our worksite is so remote. Some issues arose on the way to work but were quickly resolved and forgotten. Typical trail maintenance is what had to happen for the first half of the day. After lunch the whole crew got to work clearing logs out of the trail. There was one log of a fallen Douglas fir that took four people the rest of the day and it's still not clear. All while I was silently composing my rhyme that I'm going to spit at the closing ceremony. Oh, and before the day was done I came upon a jackpot of old man's beard growing in the canopy of a tan Oak tree. Needless to say, the whole crew was excited. We returned down the steep trail for our typical afternoon swim. As I sit here and write this I am being eaten alive by mosquitoes. As a consequence I am forced to cut this short and leave you wondering like the last episode of Seinfeld.

Riley S

Today we worked an eight and a half hour day. We did a lot of brushing; and we chopped down some trees and shrubs. We also did some lopping which wasn't too bad. We got up to a really nice spot to where we could see all of the prairie, and the river, and part of the other mountain. After work we all had to walk about three and a half miles to four miles back to camp. It took most of us an hour and a half, the rest of us it took like 2-3 hours but in the end it was all good. Overall today was a good day. We did not do a SEED today.

Anthony F

Well, first of all, in the morning one of our crew members was ailing from a sprained ankle. We had breakfast then safety circle. Afterwards we all hike out to where we last stopped on Thursday. We worked up the trail quite away, not much needed to be done for about fifty feet. Then our ailing crew member had to sit out after lunch and unfortunately I had to also. It was either the green bologna sandwich I had eaten, or the fact that I didn't bring my water bottle and was dehydrated. Either way I vomited and ended up being taken off the clock. The rest of the crew worked along good and hard until it was time to stop, about a mile away for Bald Hill. Then we all went back to camp. We worked an eight hour day. The day was very cool and refreshing, not all hot and icky. Then we had dinner of a gross amount of couscous, which was not the highlight of the day and all of us were filled to the brim. Afterwards, we all sat under the kitchen tarp and played "Truth or Truth" very odd concept I should say. There was SEED that night and "Roses and Thorns" said all the weary crew members all went to bed! And they all lived happily ever after. The End.

Holly K

Siskiyou National Forest
Galice Ranger District
Illinois River Trail/ Pine Flat

Week 5: August 24 - August 30

Well, excitement struck Red crew this past weekend! On Friday we busted out eight hours of work, which included roughly thirteen miles of hiking! Whew! Friday evening we played Truth or Truth? On Saturday we bumped camp to Pine Creek Camp. Half of our crew

had to do it twice, because we had too much food. Sunday we worked on the trail, and at lunch Luke made a confession, he watches the Young and the Restless avidly.

Kara R

Today we worked a nine hour day on the Illinois River Trail. It was frickin lovely. We have two more work days left and Molly is starting to get all emotional on us. The crew is still waiting for the old hippie to show up with our mail from last weekend. Maybe he will show up tomorrow. Over and out.

Luke J

Today I think it's fair to say, its one of those days. The whole crew is dreading the upcoming Saturday. Anyway the crew went up the trail today and is still awaiting the arrival of the old hippie Joe. Up the trail a short way the crew ran into a small challenge, rocks everywhere! Frustration clouds the whole crew. When will work be through? Overall, today was an awesome day.

Chassidy A

Our last day at Pine Creek. The first half of our day we finished our little Stonehenge. Then we finally got to break away up the trail and tear it up-23 logs and 400 paces. Now we're back to camp early, getting everything set to hike out tomorrow morning. Kara and Lizzie showed Aaron and Riley how tent folding is done, Molly had old lady teeth and everyone enjoyed a few relatively bug-free hours. I think as the session winds up, everyone's feeling a little differently so I'm looking around and trying to guess what people are thinking, its hard, but I'm guessing that generally we're all trying to balance the barn we're all smelling with the two full remaining days we want to spend hanging out with the crew as much as possible. Luke, there's no way we're letting you mine the fricking gorp.

Elizabeth D

This week has been a bitter-sweet experience. This past week our crew realized that it all was about to come to an end. However sad as it seemed, we made sure to go out with a bang. Let it go down in history that every crew member on Red crew made it! Friday night, after SEED and before Molly's PH, Lizzie and Chassidy made a presentation, Liz and Chass created an award for every person on our crew plus they gave all of us our favorite candy. Aaron Hodges was given the masseuse on the loose award with red vines. Brianna was given the Hoover award with Peanut M&M's. Riley received the dressed to kill award with Peachie O's. Luke was given the Young and the Restless award with sunflower seeds. Tim was given the Iron Chef award with rice candy. Holly was given the lady lovely locks award with hot tamales. Tony was given the Jolly Green Giant award with snickers. Molly was given the cutie with a bootie award and skittles. I, Kara was given the most improvement in leg hair growth award, with mamba's. NYC has been a unique experience for everyone on Red crew. I think it is safe to say that we are all going to miss each other, especially our fearless leader. "But it is time for so long, but we'll sing just one more song. Thanks for doing your part, you sure are smart, as for me and my crew, we can do just anything that we wanna do!" Red or dead, we finished!!!!

Kara R

My Most Challenging Day At NYC Was...

...the first Sunday of backcountry was the most challenging for me, Riley S. I am making reference to the hike into the Kalmiopsis Wilderness. The hike took us nine hours in the heat of the day right through to nightfall. All of the while we were clearing huge logs and rocks out of the trail. Even the mighty Joe was feeling fatigue.

Riley S

...was hump day. We worked a very long day and were all tired and dehydrated.

Aaron H

My arrival at NYC late was challenging. Trying to “fit” with the crew and become part of it.

Chassidy A

Most definitely my hardest day on Red crew was the hike up to the Oregon Basin Trail camp. Puking plus hiking equals no love.

Timothy B

...the six mile hike into work one morning. But at the same time it was the most rewarding of all days.

Brianna B

In reality there is no one day that was most challenging. Everyday out here was a struggle and a challenge for me. The long hikes, hot days, and lack of cleanliness was hard, but through it all, I got through it with success.

Holly K

Everyday was a challenge. There was never a day without a challenge.

Anthony F

...Thursday because there were too many last tool counts etc...

Kara R

...building rock water bars.

Luke J

Hmm, the most challenging day must have been my cranky no sleep day. It was in the Kalmiopsis on our first trail and I was DIC. What I needed that day was to “think mentally”.

Lizzie D

My Three Favorite NYC Experiences Were...

...eating PB&J’s after our six mile hike to work one morning, last tool count the day we finished Horse Ridge trail, and snipe hunting.

Elizabeth D

...hiking six miles up a mountain to work and laughing all the way, cross cuts and stupid rocks, and the final 20 minutes of work, and running up the trail.

Timothy B

...snipe hunting, crosscutting, and hiking back from work everyday.

Chassidy A

...the hours we spent hiking, sleeping under the dark blanket of sky studded with silver stars, and making relationships that will be long lasting among the crew members.

Holly K

...eating a whole bunch of food, spending time with all the members, and working.

Anthony F

...the day our crew became a team! Spending five weeks with ten other amazing people, and finishing long hikes with the crew, smiling!

Kara R

...stuffing myself at basecamp the night we cooked chicken, potatoes, and corn. I carried around the pot for a long time before Molly took it from me, hump day in the middle of the session. We worked a nine hour day and at the end of the day we sat down and saw the whole valley, and car rides after being “b/c” for two weeks with the radio always blasting and everyone singing to the songs. Also, the morning Molly woke us up to the radio at 5:30.

Brianna B

...the awesome scenery, the hard work, and the great food.

Aaron Hodges

...backcountry, hard work, and SEED.

Luke J

...getting away from the B.S. of modern society and everyday life, the good feeling and self-confidence that comes after a day of hard work, and the beautiful scenery that I got to see.

Riley S

One Thing I Will Always Remember...

...the number one rule: everything is going to be okay!

Kara R

...the good times we shared.

Anthony F

I will forever remember my NYC crew who I thought of as a family. I will remember you.

Holly K

...the number one life rule: Everything is gonna be ok.

Brianna B

...Red crew, what we are and how we became Red or dead.

Chassidy A

...memories of the places I have seen and the work I have done will forever remain in my memory bank. The landscapes in particular left a permanent impression.

Riley S

...the best boss ever “Molly” Red or dead!

Luke J

...is the beautiful scenery in the Kalmiopsis Wilderness along the Illinois River.

Aaron H

...Red crew and Molly, Red or dead. Also how could I ever forget Tai Chi- Chai Tea?

Elizabeth D

...working up the Florence Way Trail, we hit this slope where we could see the Illinois sparkling and winding through the biscuit-burnt hills reminding us how fortunate we all are.

Timothy B

At NYC I Learned...

...self-discipline, determination, and teamwork.

Aaron H

...more about myself, gained leadership skills, and how to work as an effective crew.

Brianna B

...to believe in myself and go beyond the limits, and skills I had to use and find within me.

Holly K

...many different skills.

Anthony F

...a lot about myself and I learned how to work as a team.

Kara R

...leadership skills and a lot about myself.

Luke J

...that I gained a lot of confidence in myself as a worker, friend, and citizen. I learned about good wipe too.

Elizabeth D

The most important thing that I learned was what it is like to hold a legitimate job and do real work. I also learned several nifty tricks that will come in handy when I am camping in the backcountry. As usual I also learned from the natural environment that I lived and worked on.

Riley S

...learned determination, appreciation, and how great our crew is as a team!

Chassidy A

Let's see, I discovered a career field I want to pursue, that "pain is weakness leaving the body", and that the hardest thing to overcome is nothing physical.

Timothy B

Yellow Crew

Siskiyou National Forest Chetco Ranger District Chetco River Trail

Week 1: July 26 - August 2

Sunday we met who all was in our crew and packed up to leave to our work site. We got our specialized tools, water, tents, tables, etc... We drove to our site; I believe it took about five hours. We had a quick pit stop at Fred Meyers. We were lucky because we were early. The drive was sorta long but ok I guess except for the heat. We got to the site and set up camp pretty fast so we were able to go for a dip in the river. Then we had dinner, chores, and went to sleep.

Sandro P

This week's project is mainly building two stone walls on the trail. This part of the trail fell down or was covered with dirt, of course we are clearing the trail and we had to cut a tree that had fallen. There is also a part of the trail that has fallen down the slope so we might have to build a stone bridge, but the contact is coming out tomorrow so we won't know about that until then. Our camp site is at a river; our work site is above the river on a hill. We are mostly digging out rocks for the walls and carrying them as best as we can to the place where we are making the walls. We have to do this so we don't have land slides that destroy or cover the trail.

Sandro P

Wednesday our contact came out to see our progress, we were pleasantly surprised that he was impressed with our trail, but he wanted to make it a wee bit longer and wanted a top layer of rocks on top of it also. So we busted out butts at the very end of the day and finished what he wanted. The wall looked great.

Abby D

Our crew learned how to be a team at work. We used teamwork like a fire line, which was awesome and at our campsite we don't go swimming until everybody has done chores or if the water isn't filled so then one of us volunteers and fills the five gallons.

Lacey O

My crew's challenges were I guess getting used to the routine because this is the first week. My crew suffered through getting up early, blisters, and sore muscles. Yet I have got to say that the biggest challenge we had this week was building the rock wall. Moving the huge rocks up on to the trail and then to the site where the rock wall was built was our biggest challenge, but at the same time I must say it was our biggest accomplishment. Another of our accomplishments was the building of a trail and getting, well, more like cross cutting a tree out of the way. (The tree was in the middle of the trail). We also had to fight through the very hot afternoon but we were able to get through that knowing we were going to be able to go swimming afterward.

Sandro P

Oregon Caves National Monument Big Tree Trail

Week 2: August 3 - August 9

This weekend my crew went on recreational trips on Saturday. On Sunday we helped crews get their trailers packed. After that we went into town for about an hour, just to

hang out and buy some food. After that we came back to base camp and hung out awhile before dinner. We did dinner, chores, and SEED, and then chilled a bit more before bed.

Sandro P

We went to the Caves. In the freaking wilderness we work on the freaking trail because people tell us to.

Ryan H

Our main goal for the week was trail work in a meadow on the Big Tree Loop at the Oregon Caves. We've done most of the trail so our goal in the end is get as much work done as possible.

Sandro P

This week our crew learned about endurance because we hiked a pretty steep 2 miles to work every day. We also took a tour of the Oregon Caves and we learned a lot about caves. Stuff like cave bacon, cave popcorn, moon milk and soda straws, it made us very hungry.

Abby D

Well, this crew has definitely been challenged this week! Differences and intolerance broke many of us causing some to desire to go home. But we came together and talked each other up and no one left for home. (With the exception of one person who broke a "non-negotiable") The absence of this person has actually made us stronger because he was causing many ripples. We've finished our work at the Oregon Caves, which was great. At the end of work; we took a free tour and got to see amazing cave structures. Regardless of the ripples, this week has been a great work week. We're all realizing what it means to "bust it".

Caila W

Crater Lake National Park Pacific Crest Trail Union Peak Section

Week 3: August 10 - August 16

This weekend my crew did rec. trips on Saturday. On Sunday my crew hiked about 3.5 miles into camp. Before we started to hike out to camp we packed up the trailer and drove to Crater Lake, then we packed up our packs with personal gear and food. We then set up camp once we arrived and Sunday night. Emily the crew rover cooked dinner with the help of some of the crew members.

Abigail G

We whine too much and do not get chores accomplished; this is an example of that, as we did not write our journal entry. It is being written by staff which is never good. Have a nice day.

Anonymous

Our goals for the week are finishing the re-routing of a part of the Pacific Crest Trail up by Crater Lake. Our goal is to have it mostly finished by today because Thursday and Friday we have shorter days. Thursday because we have to pack in water for the crew that is going to be working on this section of the trail.

Sandro P

Our crew learned how to naturalize trail and that this makes trail building a lot harder because it takes up more time and it is not easy to imitate nature's perfection.

Sandro P

My crew accomplished all of what the contact wanted us to complete. Some challenges we faced were some of us had trouble with slacking on the work site. We also had some trouble with some of the crew not giving respect to the rover but after a talk as a group we solved that problem. My crew also accomplished our first hike with packs on our backs for backcountry.

Abigail G

**Siskiyou National Forest
Illinois Valley Ranger District
Kalmiopsis Rim Trail**

Week 4: August 17 - August 23

My crew went on rec. trips on Saturday and on Sunday my crew hiked into the place where we camped for the week. We hiked in because we had backcountry again this week.

Abigail G

My crew's project this week was to make sure that the Canyon Creek Trail and the upper Chetco Trail was passable for mostly humans but also for some horse usage. We cleared the trail of debris from the big burn that happened last year. We are in the burn.

Abigail G

Our goals for this week were to fix the upper Chetco River Trail. We basically have to make the path easy to walk on for hikers. We have to cross-cut a lot of fallen logs, since we're in the burn we have to do some brushing and move rocks to make the trail smooth.
Ari C.S.

We learned that cross cutting burned fallen trees is hard work! We also learned how to make piles of rock and how forest fires can actually be good for the forest since it can help with re-growth. We also learned that there is a lot of poison oak here and we need to watch out for it.

Ari C.S.

My crew's challenges this week were the hike into our campsite. We also had the challenge of staying hydrated because it was so hot and there was no shade to help us cool. The hike out was also a challenge because of having the packs on our backs and it's been pretty steep up hill. The things my crew accomplished this week was successfully completing the project which was clearing the Upper Chetco Trail and making it passable for people to walk. We also accomplished completing another backcountry project with none to very little arguments within the group. We also finished this week without losing any of our crewmembers.

Abigail G

**Siskiyou National Forest
Illinois Valley Ranger District
Black Butte Trail**

Week 5: August 24 - August 30

My crew went on rec. trips on Saturday and then on Sunday we helped Blue crew and Orange crew pack up and get ready to leave and go to their last work site/camp site. My crew was at base camp.

Abigail G

We did trail maintenance, rock removal, and clearing trail. We did lots of lopping and we also did some cross-cutting. We were doing the Black Butte trail and we were at base camp.

Abigail G

Our goals were to finish our trail at Black Butte Trail with lots of lopping and very little trail work so if we finished we won't have to come back to our 2.7 mile trail and go to a new trail.

Lacey O

We learned about this awesome plant called a pitcher plant that is a bug trapper. It basically just captures the bug for energy.

Lacey O

My Most Challenging Day At NYC Was...

...the one at the burn during the fourth week. It was very hot and I was working hard. Some people weren't working hard and I got angry. I was homesick. I went into the water, then I lost my glasses and I got angrier. I was sick and tired of NYC but I got through it with help from my crew.

Sandro P

...every day! There was always something hard but do-able.

Caila W

...the hiking but I toughed it out and did it.

Lacey O

...the day in the first week where my blisters hurt so bad I could barely walk, Ouch!

Ari C.S.

...my first because I came into the session half way and came into a crew where everyone knew each other.

Kurt W

...the day that I had to hike into the backcountry six miles both up and down hill. These hills were steep and it was hot because it was in the burn.

Abigail G

...was hiking the Upper Chetco Trail.

Ari C.S.

My Three Favorite NYC Experiences Were...

Hiking the Chetco Trail was one of the most unforgettable and rewarding experiences of my life. Every step I took was challenging, however the hard work paid off. One view was profound in every way and the six mile hike seemed to go by faster than time itself. It was definitely one of my favorite experiences. Eating ants for the first time was delightful and daring all at the same time. You can't get any better than tasty massive ants.

Ari C.S.

...meeting my friends Caila and Ari, they really helped me get through these weeks. To go one day at work, split into two teams that ended up being girls and boys and I was with Steve and the girls and we saw the awesome view of the water at the burn, and to actually finish the whole five weeks.

Lacey O

...swimming in the river the first week. Making three great friends, and cross cutting my first log.

Ari C.S.

...seeing the beauty, mud fights, and good friends and late talks.

Caila W

...swimming, seeing the sites, and making new friends.

Sandro P

...working hard, seeing beautiful places, and new friends.

Anonymous

...hard work, meeting new people, and learning.

Scott C

...making new friends, seeing beautiful sites, and working hard and earning money for it.

Abigail G

One Thing I Will Always Remember...

...the friendships I made here at NYC. I'll miss everyone tons, but I know that I'll see them again.

Ari C.S.

...that I only need one true friend to help me through anything.

Lacey O

...the mud fight, my friends, latrines, and the good music.

Caila W

...the people I met and everything I learned.

Sandro P

...that it was the most fun I ever had and most challenging especially when the hikes were long and hard but it was so rewarding when we finished.

Scott C

...there is never a bad time to shut up.

Kurt W

...all the nice people I have met and made friends with. I will also remember the funny times I have had with the crew as well as how great my crewleader was, as well as the rovers we had.

Anonymous

...the people and the great times that we had together.

Anah S

From Now On I Will Always...

...rely on myself. NYC has taught me that no matter how tough the situation gets, I can always get through if I have faith in myself.

Ari C.S.

...know that life is not easy away from home, friends, and family, and I will also know that I will make it either way.

Sandro P

...strive toward the goal. That's what I'll do.

Caila W

...work my hardest to get what I want and to be caring and thankful and loving to everything because it really helps you get through things easier.

Lacey O

...bring toilet paper with me when I go camping because rocks, sticks, and leaves don't work very well.

Anah S

...push myself harder to strive for goals I set for myself and I will also work harder to reach my goal. I have also learned to push myself through situations that are tough and also to rely on myself to get through those situations and also that I can go to people when I need help. I also learned that it is not as hard to make friends as I thought.

Abigail G

I will give everyone a chance.

Kurt W

...to respect nature.

Scott C

At NYC I Learned...

...a lot about the natural world around me. I learned how to work better in a team, and how to cook with limited resources.

Ari C.S.

...about how to work as a team as well as how to cook with limited amounts of resources. I also learned how to survive in nature. I also learned about the natural world as well as what my limits are and that I can push myself and survive and not quit when pushing myself beyond those limits.

Abigail G

...how to persevere with 30lbs on my back. I learned patience, work ethic, and determination.

Anah S

...that being thankful and kind and caring leads you far in life.

Lacey O

...to trust myself, be thankful for my family and friends, and happy and thankful for everything I have.

Sandro P

...to be patient, tolerant, and to push myself.

Caila W

...how to take a poo in the woods.

Kurt W

...to be respectful.

Scott C