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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

Roseburg Bureau of Land Management Middle Creek Pruning

Week 1: July 26 - August 3

First day we met our whole group and we went over the rules. The next day we found out what group we were going to be in. I was really hoping I could be in the same group as my friend Laura. We did not end up in the same group, but that's o.k., because I can always make new friends. I also know why the crew leaders did not put us together. If we were together we would not make as many friends because we would always hike out together and not with the whole crew as much.

Mariah M

This week at NYC they sent me to Roseburg. Our job is to prune the trees. It's fun to do because you get to be out doors and hang out with your new friends and chill and eat lunch out doors. You get to meet new people. We're working at a steep location. It's really hard to cut trees because you can lose your balance and fall down the slope. We are using high reaches that are hard to use after a while because your arms get tired.

Alex D

Our crew has done an amazing amount of work! Although we have lost one crew member we managed to come together and do the other work. I know that attitudes and anger may have run high today but I totally think that although we argued, we totally, totally pull together when we work. I also know that Monday, people were irritable but we have to keep in mind it was a Monday and our first day at work. I mean I noticed that whining and complaining went down a lot today and we have to think positively we can do this. Go Blue Crew, Yeah!

Rosa M

Well we are doing what we always do. Just cutting trees. But something amazing happened. We got to go to a lake and swim, but not only swimming, we smack down swimming all on Casey. But Alex felt better when every one splashed him with water! So he would take off his shirt. All I know is that everyone felt better after swimming, life was good.

Danielle B

We are finally done with this weeks work site. My dreams are filled with the repetition of saws shredding back and forth through Pine and Fir. The sawing was not as strenuous as imagined, yet it was still not easy. One crew member already quit and I'm exploding with curiosity to find out who the replacement will be, hopefully somebody who is filled with positivity. Everyone worked hard and I'm sure they will in the future weeks.

Jordan C

As a crew it started out rough because several did not want to be here. However the rest of us stuck together and worked it out. Although our first job was incredibly boring, we tried to find whatever sort of positive outlook we could find. With singing and laughing and "what's grosser than gross" with two crew members down and a six hour drive ahead of us I think that the crew's bonds are very strong and will only get stronger.

Anonymous

**Wenatchee National Forest
Leavenworth Ranger District
Pacific Crest Trail- Lake Janus**

Week 2: August 4 - August 10

Today was huge! After packing our packs (a task that can be more challenging than it seems!), we took a four mile hike up to Lake Janus where we began doing some trail maintenance work that we will complete over the next few days. Our exhausted crew then set up camp and had a satisfying meal. In addition to the pleasant change from pruning we were happy to welcome Brian and Nicole to our team.

Anonymous

Ahh, Tuesday! What to start with? Today, Tuesday we had our first full day of work. We have been brushing the trail by the NYC standards of four on the side and ten on top. Water has been the crew's challenge so far. Overall these past days have been rewarding and satisfying for all of Blue crew.

Brian S

Our goals are to clean up the PCT (Pacific Crest Trail). We are mostly just focusing on brushing I am having fun with this project even though towards the end of the day I get kind of tired and I think I start slacking, but my crew is good about helping me understand about the trails and the boot me up when I get low on energy. This project is the coolest and at the end of the day I'm so happy for the crew that we have gotten that much farther.

Nicole G

This week Blue crew decided to go into the back country. We learned that six camping backpacks of food are just too much. We also learned that four pounds of syrup is too much for four people to drink, and then eat dinner. We also learned that eating till you vomit, makes more room.

Jon K

The week began with a four mile hike up to Lake Janus it was difficult with the crappy old backpacks that fail to properly distribute weight. When we arrived we began working and everyone was quite tired. The next day we got up early and worked hard in the evening after dinner Alex tripped and spilled dish water all over him. On Wednesday we got to wake up a half an hour late and we also ate too much after work. The next day we had a syrup drinking contest. On Friday we hiked back. It was great.

Joshua C

**Mt. Baker/Snoqualmie National Forest
North Bend Ranger District
Dutch Miller Gap**

Week 3: August 11 - August 17

We went to the weekend site and ate food!

Ben G

This week Blue crew is in Dutch Miller Gap, near Red crew we are working on a four mile stretch. We spent most of the day making paths through water.

Jon K

Rosa- To get higher self esteem
Nicole- Accomplish all of the brushing
Jon- To make a lot of trail

Jordan- Not get fired
Alex- Not get mad at enemies
Josh- Read
Becce- Have fun and lots of hard work
Danielle- To make it through alive
Bryan- To look good
All in all we want to make it through the session and to have fun.

Danielle B

This week our crew learned to appreciate big flat rocks, that's not all, tools were created equal when it comes to brushing and that teamwork is essential while moving heavy objects (and also handy the rest of the time). We learned that it is impossible to stay dry when working in a creek. That everyone smells bad after a while, and that you just have to drink more water. Lastly, we learned that sleep is a beautiful thing.

Becky D

This week was the first week in a two week back country stretch. I can only describe the accomplishments of the crew in my eyes so they will mostly consist of my accomplishments and challenges. The crew is becoming more and more challenging to deal with as the week of seclusion progresses. I suppose we have been working better because more and more trail is being completed. I should only say this for a few of the crew members though, because most do not do their share of the work, many times people are going about lethargically or half-done. I continue to work despite not wanting to. We pulled a prank on the neighboring crew tonight and that was amusing. I can just tell for the most part no one wants to be here. The attitude is negative and I especially do not want to be here surrounded by these people that are short fused.

Jordan C

Mt. Baker/Snoqualmie National Forest North Bend Ranger District Dutch Miller Gap

Week 4: August 18 - August 24

We finished a re-route today. How magnificent! Again half the crew sat around while Madeline's back was turned. Following a period of sitting by the crew members I clued Madeline in, and then she yelled at me for working while on my knees. This pissed me off incredibly because I get yelled at me for working while others get nothing for just sitting there. One more instance of this and I am saying goodbye to you all. I don't think I deserve this treatment. We also began another re-route and it will be harder than the first.

Jordan C

Oh how seriously we take ourselves, our little problems, insignificant differences, and the like! Just a glance to the stars, mars rising on the horizon should remind us that we are but nothing in the greater scheme of the universe. We should thank those stars for our lives. Why get lost in silly little squabbles? We have a life to live!

Thomas B

Thomas came to camp today to talk about our work. Well things like always didn't go so well. Jordan made an attempt to leave camp but returned later in the night. But all in all the next day all of us felt better that he came back and we were all swinging.

Danielle B

The crew seemed to have felt a little better after the previous evening. We got a lot of work done. We worked nine hours and fifty minutes, we felt really pumped but tired. We finished our chores and were hella tired but felt accomplished. Everyone was very passive aggressive. People were being really lazy and going to bed before dishes were completed. This put people on the edge

even more. Everyone was hella pumped we were hiking out on the next day to camp at the trail head. Today was okay.

Alex DL

The morning started with the usual sarcastic humor which continued throughout the day. I reached my boiling point when a crew member snapped at another crew member who they have consistently badgered for the last two weeks. I suppose I overreacted and flipped on the crew leader, accusing her of letting it happen. I was out of line I am just completely fed up with people referring to others as uneducated, lazy, useless, worthless, bastards. The east coast sucks; they build companies that destroy natural resources

Rosa M

This week was really crazy! We had a lot of work to be done and we got all of it done. On Tuesday our crew had some problems but we got over them. The next day we just got so much work done. Then on Thursday we hiked out and we did some work too. Then today we got up and loaded the van so we could go to the weekend site. And now we are doing our laundry, next it's shower time.

Nicole G

Mt. Baker/Snoqualmie National Forest Mt. Baker Ranger District Lookout Mt. Trail

Week 5: August 25 - August 30

Today we started work on our final trail (tear). We had to move camp part way through the day when our contact Leif told us about a better spot. As always the Blue helmets were babbling down the trail, like little clouds on a green sea of leaves. Yes, today was a good day.

Brian S

Today we hiked farther up the trail. The view from our work site was hella beautiful. A vista of mountains upon mountains as far as the eye could see the clouds were stratified in a most amazing way. As the sun rose the valley became more beautiful, two switchbacks and a lot of greenery destruction accompanied us.

Brian S

Well today started with a re-route mission. I was on a roll, everything was going all good and thanks to Rosa, Jordan, and Ben we got the re-route done. I thought I was done but no, Madeline and I got the biggest rock up a forty-five degree angled hill, now that's the bomb.

Danielle B

One of our crew challenges were trying to get all this brushing done so we could go on to new cool projects. Our accomplishments were getting it done. We got to go to our cool projects. This is Friday of week five and we are on our way to Eugene to go to NYC headquarters to do the big clean. Then on Saturday I get to go home. I'm kind of happy about that but I do not want to go home because I've been out here for a month and I like it now. But that's how it goes. I plan to come back to NYC next year, so I will get the chance again.

Nicole G

My Most Challenging Day At NYC Was...

...was on the first week. I thought no one liked me and wanted to go home, but that's so not true.

Danielle B

...having to temporarily leave my crew for a week.

Brian S

...today because we had to work a nine hour day which felt great, afterwards we had to hike three miles all down a really steep hill and it was very hard for me, but I made it.

Nicole G

...was the first day when I had to wake up at 5:00a.m.

Anonymous

...Saturday at the first weekend site when I felt very homesick and out of place.

Becky D

...when everyone was really negative and it feels as though we will always be stuck in a darn rut.

Rosa M

...the last Tuesday because I really wanted to go home and the hike down was very difficult.

Joshua C

...when we were lumped next to Red crew and we had to hike up to them, and then back to the van, and then back to our camp, over eleven miles.

Jon K

..when Thomas attacked me in hypocritical insanity. He then followed me around when Madeline said we could have personal time.

Anonymous

My Three Favorite NYC Experiences Were...

...the first was with Ryan, Jordan, and Josh when we swam across Lake Janus. Then second is at a rec. trip where Lucy and I sat by a river for several hours. My third favorite moment was when Alex was carrying a dish water bucket and tripped and fell. He then threw the water all over his face and body.

Jon K

...when Madeline got up on this stump and crowed like a bird to Ben. Second is when I totally completed this wooden stream ford with my crew. Third when Jordan used bleach instead of oil for the kielbasa.

Nicole G

...when Alex fell face first in the dish water, when Jordan cooked the meat in bleach, and when I first smelt Brian's B.O.

Danielle B

...the last day of work when we busted our humps, bumping the pizza plates, and flexing for the camera.

Brian S

...the scavenger hunt in Leavenworth, the view from Lookout Mountain, and showering after two weeks of backcountry.

Becky D

...the last day of work, the view from lookout meadow, and all the good times.

Rosa M

...were the end of the last day of work, swimming across lake Janus and the view from the meadow we were working in.

Joshua C

...conversations with the cool rovers we had, when Madeline finally played a song she wrote other than "if I'm elected" because it is the best song she's ever played, and the scenery.

Jordan C

...pizza on the last day and swimming.

Ben G

...sleep, sleep, sleep.

Alex DL

One Thing I Will Always Remember...

...how difficult it is to live with such diversity.

Rosa M

...how satisfying hard work can be.

Becky D

...waking up early.

Ben G

...the longer you don't look at your feet the better.

Jon K

...Carver's witty antics.

Jordan C

...is how great it felt to get to the top of the mountain on my very first back country hike.

Nicole G

...how to sleep on the ground.

Alex DL

...how to get used to peoples B.O. and how dirty our clothes were.

Danielle B

...is all the interesting people.

Joshua C

From Now On I Will Always...

...appreciate everything that I use to take for granted, like the toilet, sink, and couch.

Nicole G

...thank god that I have my parents whenever I need them, and that I have my very own personal space and time.

Rosa M

...appreciate who I am and where I come from.

Jon K

...take my problems a little less seriously and recognize that I'll survive life's little hardships.

Becky D

...sleep in!

Ben G

... appreciate all the new and diverse people that that I come across wherever and whenever I may be.

Jordan C

...try to treat people with the same respect that I would like.

Danielle B

...consider my alternative to my actions.

Brian S

...eat lots!

Joshua C

At NYC I Learned...

...how to work hard. I learned how to live and work with diverse people for a very long time, and I learned how to deal with being dirty.

Anonymous

...that I can keep climbing even when I think I can't. I learned how to cook an awesome meal with only one small backcountry stove, and I learned how important a small amount of privacy is.

Becky D

...that I can put my body through hell and live to write about it!

Rosa M

...that I can hike up an eighty percent hill with a pack that is way too heavy and a long reach without going crazy.

Jon K

...that I can do anything I put my mind to 100%.

Nicole G

...how to balance my leadership style.

Brian S

...how to build and repair trail.

Joshua C

... how to sleep on the ground.

Ben G

...to sleep on the floor.

Alex DL

Orange Crew

Willamette National Forest Middle Fork Ranger District Payco II South and Turnpikes

Week 1: July 26 – August 3

We are at Waldo Lake building turn pikes. We came up with a mascot, the Yeti. We don't want to have people come and ruin the vegetation that is alive. We also went swimming. Jake pulled out Sam's tooth, and then we had to do chores after we came back from working.

Daniel P

We are at Waldo Lake repairing and building turn pikes. We spent a lot of time tossing buckets of dirt back and forth. So far we have seen no Yeti's but we remain hopeful. We need chores to be done by 6:30 so we can go swimming. It's hella tight.

Nathan C

Our goals for the week here they come, if you don't listen up then they'll be done. Working hard is our goal number one, especially because it deals with our trust fund. We all try to get along with everybody, because if not we'll be on Jerry Springer and we nobody. Helping with chores is goal number four and if you don't get them done I'll call you a name. When we eat all the food, Jake says "dude!" Now we don't love to pack all the swimming stuff in the lake with Jake, falls into number five along with staying alive. I went to the trail to get the scoop knuckle heads out there cold digging for loot. A wheelbarrow rolls up who can it be? Our Orange crew member at NYC. He pulls out a hoe and starts to say "It's all about making it threw a day".

Anonymous

This week we learned bucket lines and how to do them properly. We also learned how to build a turnpike and what it means to crown it. We learned the names of the tools and the stance needed for them, another thing is how to build a rock wall. We learned to purify water through boiling or using iodine also to use vitamin C to neutralize the flavor. We are now capable of using a whisper light to cook our food. We know how to use the sump hole as well as the latrine.

Anonymous

This week one of our biggest challenges would have to be waking up, among other things. Other than that I would venture to say our crew has an amazing sense of teamwork. We work very well together, so two of our main accomplishments have been teamwork and motivation. Friday was hard and easy all at the same time. We got up at four am and carried all of our packs around full of everything until we left. Other than that we have a brilliant crew. I really am stoked to be in such a grand crew. Yetis are tight! So are flying squirrels.

Samantha E

Wenatchee National Forest Leavenworth Ranger District White River Trail

Week 2: August 4 - August 10

We drove to Mount St. Helens and camped there on Saturday. One of the four different rec. trips was Lake Canyon the others were Ape Cave, Trail of Two Forest and Jane Lake. Then we re-supplied and took off for Leavenworth, Wa. at White River.

Scott and Daniel

This week we are clearing brush off a six mile trail along White River. We are doing this so that people can find the trail and stay on it. The trail head is in Leavenworth, Washington.

Daniel and Scott

Our crew's goals for the week are to meet Yellow crew in the middle of our brushing project, learn at least three knots, finish chores as quickly as possible to have free time and trap Casey as a Yeti.

Mary P

Our crew learned that if we work hard through out the whole week we will have more time off. We also learned that flies are a pain to deal with while working. It makes this go much slower than they should. When you're swatting flies all day it takes away from your working abilities. We also learned three different kinds of knots. That was really helpful. We also learned about Bear caches and how to rig them up.

Laura B

A few of our crew's challenges and accomplishments would have to be everything about brushing. A challenge is keeping our motivation up after sawing for hours. An accomplishment was keeping our morale high and teamwork going. Friday we didn't have to work because we put in a lot of hard working hours. Over all it was an amazing and fast week. I really love NYC our crew has not only become companions but family.

Samantha E

Mt. Baker/ Snoqualmie National Forest Skykomish Ranger District Pacific Crest Trail Deception Pass

Week 3: August 11 - August 17

This weekend our crew completed the second weekend of the session. We came together with the other crews and had a great weekend. We all uncut on rec. trips such as Fourth of July hike, the Salmon educational trip and to the river. We also had a few parents come and visit. Overall our weekend was a success.

Samantha DLF

This is Orange crew's third week of back country and is way better than last week at White River. We have made it six and a half miles to Deception Pass. Today is Tuesday and we have already finished a twenty to twenty-five foot rock retaining wall that's five feet tall. Billy came out and made us switch camp yesterday and we immediately got lost and spent three hours trekking around. It sucked. I think we really lucked out on our crew. We are all getting along for the most part. We are coming together like a family. I fear the rest of the crew will turn ruthless and greedy when Nate and I catch a Yeti and sell it for trillions of dollars on e-bay.

Nathan C and Alex L

This week our crew has set the bar higher than before. Some of our goals are completing two weeks of back country, learn new skills, find new meaning in the term hiking and came together as a group.

Samantha DLF

This week our crew learned how to successfully disassemble a bridge and remove all nails. It's been good fun... I suppose, we also learned how to build a rock retaining wall. We're brilliant, positively grand! Actually our only setback is not showering. Rank Stank!

Samantha E and Candy VV

We had to build a rock retaining wall which we finished. We made two stream fords so far. We also hiked one and a half miles to work and back. We got lost on Monday trying to find our new campsite with Phyllis. Hey a train, hey a train. How bout we start this work train. Orange crew

up on the W.O.R.K train cause trains run on a track. We came to build turnpikes and build a rock wall. We can make trails and make them look good.

Daniel P

**Mt. Baker National Forest
Skykomish Ranger District
Pacific Crest Trail- Deception Pass**

Week 4: August 18 - August 24

This weekend consisted of lying around, blueberry picking, and Jake being his silly old self. We also had a rec. trip hike, which some of us protested but Jake being his loyal sir decided we had to. We hiked to a lake and Candy, Sam, and I covered ourselves in mud then cleansed. We even took pictures. It was shibby!

Samantha E

Our crew first tore apart a hundred foot puncheon. First the griphoist broke so we had to do it by hand. Luckily Thomas hiked in a new cord so it worked. Then we built three turnpikes as stairs. We had to cut our own trees and shave those using shovels. Good dirt was almost impossible to find. Rocks were also hard to find because of the stream fords we built the week before.

Candy VV

Our biggest goal was to finish up the turnpike steps. One of our other goals was to not just finish the turnpike, but also to finish all the food. That way we don't have to pack any food out. Our other goal was not to have any leftovers for the whole two weeks.

Laura B

We learned that if we really try our hardest we can choke down a whole week's rations in four days (all of it). We got to learn about a little less than half of the crew's personal history.

Alex L

The most challenging thing this week was finishing the objective on time, the hike up the last hill as well as carrying the logs, and finishing all the food. The accomplishments this week were having all the food, finishing the turnpike in one day.

Daniel P

**Mt. Baker/Snoqualmie National Forest
Mt. Baker Ranger District
Heather Meadows**

Week 5: August 25 - August 30

On Monday we got to the worksite. We were introduced to our contact who works for the Forest Service around Mt.Baker. His name is Jason. He told us the basics of our project and gave us a mini tour of the place. Mostly however, we just did rock work the remainder of the day.

Samantha E and Samantha DLF

Tuesday we woke up early and went to work. We were way ahead of schedule and we were pretty happy about it. Then the rangers showed up and told us we hadn't done it properly and that we basically had to start over. We were pretty bummed but we just carried on and didn't make a big deal about it.

Samantha DLF

This week we are really trying hard not to touch any plants in Heather Meadow. This is a tough goal cuz every other week we trampled all the vegetation. We also had to rebuild some stairs and be as careful as possible. Our last goal is to not get on each others nerves too much since we will not see each other for a long while.

Alex L

This week we learned that eleven people with different backgrounds can come together as one. It is fun to work together. We can also be patient with contacts because they make you do things over and over again which gets very frustrating.

Daniel P

I think our biggest challenge was the rock linings we did. We put them in and had to take most of them out to straighten them out. After we got them done, they looked so good. Our biggest challenge was we had to be patient about the contacts and we had to be more professional since we were in a public place. We were used to back country and it was weird having to be professional about everything. We adapted fairly quickly.

Laura B

My Most Challenging Day At NYC Was...

...the first day of our back country project. We hiked six miles and then we had to work. It was hard to work, but I gave it my best effort and pulled through.

Samantha DLF

...was the Friday of our third week of back country. Even though we didn't work we still had to hike seven miles out and the last quarter mile was all up hill and very difficult.

Alex L

...when we ran out of food at Deception Pass and Scott, Mary, and I had to hike thirteen plus miles to re-supply.

Nathan C

...the few days of the last week. I didn't feel good.

Daniel P

...was the hike into Deception Pass. It was mostly up hill and we had to work when we got camp set up.

Laura B

...when we drove by my town and didn't stop there we stopped like five miles form my town.

Candy VV

...was ummm... I'm not sure, it was pretty much all challenging in different ways.

Samantha E

...when Scott, Nate, and I re-supplied our crew. A thirteen mile hike, and then went to work when we got back.

Mary P

...was the first day of work when I was digging a burrow pit to fill up a turn pike all day.

Scott P

My Three Favorite NYC Experiences Were...

...growing as a crew! This whole experience because I love the outdoors. Getting to know work and live with people from different backgrounds.

Laura B

...bustin rocks, eating dank food and hunting Yetis.

Nathan C

...meeting new people. Getting out of my comfort zone, and being dirty all week.

Candy VV

...working, weekend sites, and the back country. Oh yeah, our weekly showers as well.

Samantha E

...experiencing new things. Meeting wonderful people and coming together as a team. I really enjoyed the whole program.

Samantha DLF

...working with new people. Doing new things, and making friends.

Daniel P

...were getting to see all the beautiful terrain that we saw, trying to catch fat yetis and improving trails.

Alex L

...were seeing our finished projects. Visiting Mt. St. Helens and Ape Cave. Backpacking out of Deception Pass and making it to the top of a huge hill.

Scott P

...were my rec. trip to Ape Cave and Laura Canyon. Hiking with Jake and Alex to collect garbage and swimming at Waldo Lake then laying on the beach after work.

Anonymous

One Thing I Will Always Remember...

...here is doing the dishes like every night.

Nathan C

...everyone on my crew.

Daniel P

...how easy it was for our crew to get along no matter what we were doing.

Laura B

...my crew and my crew leader I'm stoked I was put on Orange. We rock baby!

Samantha E

...smelling awful and nobody cared!

Anonymous

...how hard we worked and how much we accomplished. Also how much fun I had with my crew.

Samantha DLF

...my crew members and how they impacted my life.

Alex L

...my crew and the places we went together. Mary P
...is how our crew learned to work together and got better as we worked more together. Scott P

From Now On I Will Always...

...appreciate my bed. Scott P
...appreciate the NYC experience. Candy VV
...unknowingly speak with a Canadian accent and say “aye” a lot. Nathan C
...appreciate one the work I do. Daniel P
...appreciate nature a lot more and how much work it takes to preserve it. Laura B
...start using less electricity around the house. Alex L
...try to live as primitive as possible. Samantha DLF
...appreciate the turnpike. Samantha E
...appreciate places without many biting insects. Mary P

At NYC I Learned...

...lots of things, such as appreciation, patience, and strength. Samantha E
...hard work, to push myself, to live with the same people for a hell a long time. Candy VV
...to pack a pack and to dig a latrine. Nathan C
...how to build a turnpike. How far I can push myself up a giant hill. Alex L
...that there are lots of things I can do. I also learned to challenge myself a lot more than I do. I'm capable of a lot of things. Laura B
...that there is more to the environment than I thought. I can push my limits to the extreme. Daniel P
...that nature conservation is extremely important to the environment along with things such as teamwork, how to hike and how to use tools. Samantha DLF
...how to build a lot of different trail with a lot of different people. Mary P
...how to fall a tree and build a rock wall and tie knots at NYC. Scott P

Red Crew

Roseburg Bureau of Land Management Roseburg Ranger District Upper Dompier

Week 1: July 26 - August 3

Starting on Saturday when we arrived at base camp we packed our gear, put up tents etc... After going to bed at 9:30 we got up about 7:00a.m. and ate breakfast we then were put into our crew groups. Once we packed up everything we needed into the trailer we ventured off to our first location, front country. The van bounced up the gravel road we came to our camp. We did our chores to set up our camp, ate dinner and went to bed. The next day we got up a little for our first work day. We worked eight hours on Monday.

Reid B

This week we are located in the Dompier Creek area. Our first project this week was to stake quadrants of land in preparation for Sugar Pines that will be planted in the future. We are also pruning trees in the area to help prevent the spreading of fire. Our final task for the week is build trails that lead to Sugar Pine that bear seeds of hope.

Mehmet B

Red team is excited that we finished our third day of work. We have been working really hard, and when we look back, we think our effort has been paying off. Some of our main goals this week include learning to work together as a unified team, and learning to appreciate our strength as a team. It has been really exciting to build friendship with in the Red team, and I think that soon we will be working together as a unified whole. It is only our third day, but the potential to be a great team is already shining through like the sun over the hills at four a.m.

Lucy B

Our crew is developing a strategy involving teamwork and an advanced form of pruning. Along with the success in our work, we have developed a bond amongst the members of our crew. As we learn more about each other our comfort level is increased. In order to make work go by more quickly you must concentrate on something other than working. Singing Christmas carols or playing games involving the alphabet are both hopeful for this. I leave you in a state of haiku. The world may collapse with these feelings all around. But now all is well

Jeremy N

This week has been full of accomplishments and excitement. We have been engrossed in a range of projects; pruning mostly, although trail and staking work was done as well. Our crew is becoming closer and the work is beginning to feel less difficult. The early part of this week was straining and the heat combined with things we had never done before caused our energies to run on empty. But as the week progressed I could feel the immense amount of power we all have inside ourselves. It is obvious to me that our crew is a strong one.

Anonymous

Snoqualmie National Forest Darrington Trail Maintenance

Week 2: August 4 - August 10

Well we all went on a trip to some fun place. The Red crew made a wicked awesome dinner. Then we had free time and partied. The next day we woke up with the sound of Thomas playing some sweet music. We ate breakfast then circled up and found out where we are headed next. Then we packed up, did a clean sweep, and took off.

Daniel W

Our project this week is trail restoration. We are in way North Washington. We are in beautiful territory and over shadowed by Mount Baker and Box Mountain. We are cleaning up the green mountain trail in Glacier National Forest. We are clearing the trail because hikers need to pass with ease.

Lauren G

Today we had a grueling hike up to our worksite. Beth had to leave us to retrieve “bush whips” from our contact. This was our first day under Beth’s leadership as our new crew leader. Luke sadly had to leave us because of mono. Today we also worked/cleared trail up to a beautiful mountain meadow.

Jasmine B

Well, halfway up our hike to our worksite today, Big J (Jeremy) quit on us. Thomas also had to leave us for the day to drive Big J to the bus station. Red team’s goal for the day was to make it up the mountain with all our gear and water, and although it was a struggle we all made it and in about nine hours we were finished with our job at the green mountain trail. Our other goals for this week include surviving with one less crew member (which we will do!) and keeping a positive attitude throughout this less than normal week. But we are all having fun and working hard.

Lucy B

Our crew learned many things this week. One of them being to persevere through all of our struggles we are faced with. I think we all did very well hiking up the giant mountain and learned from it as well. We also had to deal with our crew leader leaving us and a corps member quitting, this was a hard week, but we all survived... Well some of us.

Lauren G

This is our second week of this session. This week has been challenging in many ways. We lost Luke and Big J. We had to deal with fewer people on the work site. And long hikes with a lot of gear. But Red team prevailed and we were able to get a lot of work done on both trails. Sometimes it’s hard to keep our attitude positive, but we are working on being more positive everyday. We are excited for next week, although we are aware that it will be more challenging. Woohoo, go Red!

Reid B and Lucy B

Snoqualmie National Forest North Bend Ranger District Dutch Miller Gap

Week 3: August 11 - August 17

This weekend the four crews headed to Leavenworth, Washington. The Red crew arrived last at the site, put up our tents and had dinner. On Saturday morning we had pancakes for breakfast, did our chores, got our mail, and went on our rec. trips. Yellow crew made subs for dinner. Sunday morning we had French toast and found out where we were headed for two weeks and then we were off.

Lucy B

Well were mainly doing trail maintenance and pulling out huge rocks from the earth and to get to our work site we had to hike six miles up a mountain carrying heavy packs that bruise you. Well we are at the Alpine Lakes. We have a river behind us and a small lake for swimming.

Daniel W

This week has been a challenging one. We have been moving rocks to create a more passable trail. We also have been re-routing which involves digging new trail, hacking at roots and logs, and moving rocks. The rocks and roots are very large. This has been a fun week.

Buffy

This week has been pretty cool. We learned some hella-bomb stuff such as the proper method of re-routing. We have also mastered the art of rock removal and relocation. Overall it has been a fruitful and enlightening week for Red crew.

Mehmet B

This week my crew spent its time cleaning new trail and revamping old trail. On Monday we had a hard time hiking the 5.6 miles to camp with 50lbs. packs on our backs. Tuesday was easy we busted out an entire new relocation of the trail; our problem was all of the large rocks we had to move out of the way. Wednesday we finished off the relocation plus a little more rock removal. Thursday we started a new relocation which turned out to work very well. We also found out that the building supplies for the turnpikes were suppose to be 3000 feet further up the trail. Today we moved 95% of the turnpike and bridge materials up to the new supply location. This week was enjoyable. I love were we are at, and I love this kind of work.

Nicholas T

Snoqualmie National Forest North Bend Ranger District Dutch Miller Gap Trail

Week 4: August 18 - August 24

This weekend was very eventful. On Saturday we were blessed with time to sleep which was needed. And then we went down the mountain to re-supply with Blue crew. We had planned on staying for dinner but our crew was upset form the night before “pranks”. Sunday we worked a six hour day and then hiked up to Williams Lake. It was very beautiful with the snow visible on the tops of the glaciers.

Lauren G

It is Red crew’s second week in the Snoqualmie Wilderness; working on the Dutch Miller Gap Trail. Our projects this week are similar to those of last week, which included digging several re-routes. We are hauling material from one point to another and building turnpikes. We have finished several difficult projects recently including six re-routes and two turnpikes. Work is hard, but Red spirits remain positive.

Lucy B

This week there were a lot of different goals for example: clean the trails, build turn pikes, cut the brush and also build new trails. These two weeks have been awesome. We’ve got so much done and it feels good. I came the third week as a replacement and I’ve really enjoyed myself and I’m glad I came!

Edwina D

Our challenges this week were: cooperating through the workday and during camp. We had attitude problems/disagreements, which our crew successfully worked through. Some worksite challenges that gave us some problems were working in separate groups that were distant from us. We also had turnpike problems (i.e. . . .level, rocks, roots). Our crew had many accomplishments this last week. We worked well on our separate projects together and our mini crew got through and built two awesome turnpikes, one with a box-culvert. Thursday we hiked down and worked while hiking which proved to be a long challenging accomplishment. After two weeks in backcountry we, our crew, made some amazing accomplishments and surpassed all expectations. We were told by several hikers, our contacts, and Thomas that we did amazing work.

Jasmine B

The beginning of the week was rough, after overcoming most of the hateful feelings toward Blue crew. Tensions were high. Re-supply went well and we managed to do a quick hike. Most of our food was composed of ramen noodles and since there was no alternative the vegetarian members of the crew wound up eating garlic sauce on pasta for upwards of four days in a row, sometimes for both breakfast and dinner. Many arguments broke out as unrest was high, and many that could have been easily solved went without solution. The work was not particularly challenging mostly because it took only muscle and not much process of thought. In all we accomplished many re-routes, a lot of reconditioning and beautification, and hauled hundreds and hundreds of pounds of lumber from where a helicopter pilot mistakenly dropped it. This meant a half to three-quarter mile hike up the trail. In one day Nick and I hiked sixteen miles. In the end though it was a good week and showed both the strengths and weaknesses of our crew, and how to overcome them.

Jeremy N

Mt. Baker/Snoqualmie National Forest
Mt. Baker Ranger District
Mt. Baker National Recreational Area

Week 5: August 25 - August 30

Our crew went near Skykomish and had an awesome time on the NYC scavenger hunt. Sunday we rolled up camp and we were the first crew with everything packed, van and all. We arrived at our trail head in the Mt. Baker National Rec. Area to pack our backpacks and meet our contact. We spent Sunday hiking up the trail and Lucy fell in but other than that it was a good hike up.

Jasmine B

We are working with Forest Service to re-vegetate all the boot paths that were created by people walking where they shouldn't. We are within a stones throw of Mt. Baker; it is one of the coolest places that we have been. Also at the high camp we are doing tent pad construction and rebuild. We are also building steps and water bars.

Nick T

Our goals for this week are first of all to go out with a blast. The upper crew has been working on a rock stairwell and also completed a tent pad and two water bars. They plan on finishing the stairwell this week. The lower crew has been working on re-vegetation and also making stakes which they plan on finishing.

Anonymous

High on a blustery ridge that could split us with its knife edge should the wind and rain fall upon us, we toiled with rock and ice. Ahhh, the days spent above the tree line are the very things that memories and inspiration are made of! Why think of anything else? Rock, it calls softly, subtly pick it up.

Thomas B

Red crew enjoyed a great fifth week at Mt. Baker. Some of our challenges included the steep ridge hike up to the upper work site, dealing with the rain and cold on Wednesday, missing Jeremy while Beth took him to the hospital on Wednesday, and dealing with our feelings between being excited to go home and being sad to leave. Our accomplishments included finishing our re-vegetation and restoration projects, which also entailed building rock water bars and check dams. In a quick amount of time, and building a 38 step stone staircase up a steep hill. We worked really hard and got a lot done. Our campsite was beautiful with an amazing view of the glacier and surrounding mountains. The week ended with a hike out on Thursday and a trip to pizzeria in Sedro-Wooley. Five weeks have flown by so fast! P.S. I wouldn't want to spend my birthday anywhere else, I love you guys!

Lucy B

My Most Challenging Day At NYC Was...

...was orientation/ first day of work. Everything set in that day; as well as my commitment to my crew and the program. The first day cracked the shy bubble that was very thick.

Jasmine B

...the day our group had a discussion and people got mad and they argued. I say this because I hate arguments and people when they are angry.

Buffy

...when Jelly spilled on me.

Jeremy N

...on the last day when I had to eat soggy Pb&J.

Reid B

...was hiking six miles to our campsite with a heavy backpack on.

Edwina D

...today and tomorrow I really don't want to go home, oh man.

Lucy B

...the last weeks hike in. I was very sick from my medications to get rid of the annoying hives that have been with me since the second week.

Lauren G

...leaving NYC because I feel I made a new family that I care about.

Daniel W

My Three Favorite NYC Experiences Were...

"I can rename this Pulaski; it's just like buying a pet from the pet store." Spending awesome quality time passing gas in the girl's tiny back country tent after eating (Nicks) cheddar potato soup/pasta. Weekend number four and running around with friends in Leavenworth. Later that day dressing Brian from Yellow crew up in women's clothing and watching the reaction at the weekend site.

Jasmine B

...having memo and Lucy give me a Mohawk on the second week at Green Mountain. Partial baldness is like nothing I have felt before. Plus it was fun. Singing to the girls before we went to bed and listening to their breathing get deeper as they fell under the clouds of slumber. And silence of the wilderness in all its glory. The beauty that has surrounded us for the past five weeks.

Buffy

...being able to see the great work Red crew accomplished. In Leavenworth on our rec. trip we found a great yard sale and all dressed up in awesome outfits. We got some interesting looks around town. On our second week when we had to hike a killer mountain everyday to work, but when you get to the top it was incredible.

Lauren G

...Buffy singing the girls to sleep almost every night. Going to Leavenworth, and my favorite is meeting new people and having an awesome crew.

Anonymous

...going to Mt. Baker. Going to Mt. St. Helens, and going to Glacier Peak.

Anonymous

I have 35 favorite experiences: every day-Woohoo!

Lucy B

One Thing I Will Always Remember...

...coming out west all by myself and feeling so nervous. I will always remember putting my Red hat on for the first time. The sound of Buffy's voice at night, feeling myself getting stronger. Laughing until I cried. Looking at mountains knowing that the view was the most beautiful thing I had ever seen. Sleeping under the stars and feeling so much bigger and smaller at the same time. Waking up on my 18th birthday and feeling for the first time like I deserved a birthday because I have grown up so much.

Lucy B

...the strength of body and mind that I gain from every NYC experience. I will remember the love that I felt and feel for my crew. I will remember laughter, accomplishments, and determination, also meteor showers.

Buffy

...listening to Memo bust out into song on the worksite. Buffy's amazing voice at night, the music in the van; how clean the air is at 4000 feet away from cities/ towns/ civilization. Laughing and screaming with the girls and how hard the last day of work and everyday of work was for me physically and mentally.

Jasmine B

...laughing really hard, looking up at the stars, and seeing the meteor showers.

Reid B

...our crew and how we bonded in so many different ways with each other.

Lauren G

From Now On I Will Always...

...watch where on a trail I walk. I will always smile when the going gets tough. I will always appreciate my amenities at home. From now on I will always be myself to the fullest of my ability. I will always look back on this experience and remember laughter, in key, music is awesome, and my crew rocked, talk through problems and always chill to the max potential.

Jasmine B

...be more thoughtful and conscious of my actions, taking in account how I affect the work. I will have more patience. I will push myself in every way physically and mentally. I will reclaim my existence, be myself, and appreciate free time.

Buffy

...bring T.P. to back country, be prepared for safety circle, and be more conscious of others.

Memo

...appreciate all the small things in my life that are so easily taken for granted... toilets!

Lauren G

...be more patient with myself and those around me, I will know that I can accomplish anything, I will appreciate teamwork, and from now on I will love the mountains and the forests.

Lucy B

...be caring and courteous to all people. I like cheese!	Reid B
...chill with authority. I hear Jesus.	Jeremy N
...I will spend all my time and money on climbing and on day become climbing bum.	Nick T
 <i>At NYC I Learned...</i>	
...to wipe with leaves.	Jeremy N
...to use all the tools, I also learned how to make turnpikes.	Reid B
...to use all the tools. Temper/anger management. I hate kielbasa in large quantities.	Jasmine B
...patience, determination, and caring.	Buffy
Maintaining my ambitions and determination.	Lucy B
...extreme patience, working long 10 hour days.	Lauren G
...how to build turnpikes, re-routes, and trail maintenance.	Daniel W
...the names of the tools, I also gained a lot of patience.	Edwina D

Yellow Crew

Willamette National Forest Middle Fork Ranger District Oakridge Trails

Week 1: July 26 - August 3

We started hiking at 9:00 a.m., hiked about three to four miles and arrived at camp at about 1:00p.m. After we arrived we had a break and then set out at about 1:30 and went to make and refill an existing turnpike. We got done with that at exactly 4:30 and then went back. We went swimming and then set camp. We probably will eat dinner at 7:00.

Chad M

We got up around 6 a.m., got breakfast, and then geared up, stretched and headed to the worksite. When we got there, we made our plans and started working. By the time noon came around everyone was nice and sweaty. We all did our good deeds on the worksite. Some were digging dirt for the turnpike; some were digging up grass on the turnpike. Some were digging drains (me) and others cutting trees and making logs and spikes, it was a good day!!

Monte B

Today we got to sleep in!!!!(it was great). After safety circle we hiked about 3 tiring miles to our worksite. There we were making about a 100 foot of turnpike and it was hard work all day. Most people were making the trail even because it was dug out from people hiking when it was swampy, so the evening of the trail took time. The hardest part of the workday was cutting down the trees for the turnpike logs. Even though I couldn't help, it looked hard when I was watching. Then we hiked back those 3 miles and swam. It was great !!

Monte B

Today was a very hard day! We got up at 6:30, ate some oatmeal and proceeded to do our safety circle. Also our NYC woodsboss "Thomas", that guy was really big, and he came over the night before in a green canoe. After the safety circle, we all grabbed our tools and water, and proceeded to hike the two and a half miles to our turnpike construction area. This day was sooo hard! First we cut down about four trees, while that was going on, people were making spikes out of skinny trees, and helping clear the turnpike. The logs were heavy but our Yellow crew members were careful and there were no injuries. After a short lunch break, we moved more logs and cut more spikes. The final push was moving dirt for the turnpike, that was sooo hard but after a ten hour workday we made the grueling hike back to camp. We were all tired, but we all made it. That's right!!!

Bryan H

This Friday we woke up at 4:50 to break down camp and get ready to go to work. We did safety circle around 5:45 and started our journey down the trail around 6 a.m. About 1 mile down the trail was our work site. On the site we finished putting a log on the turnpike and making the crown for it. After that we again, packed up and headed towards the van about 2 ¼ miles down the trail. When we got there, after everyone let out their yells, we packed up our trailer and "Hit up" the public bathrooms!!(it was the best). We started driving towards my house to get my back cracked, but on the way we stopped and loaded up on junk food (that was great too). After everyone got their showers and got talked to by the Park Rangers, we went and got our week worth of laundry done and my back fixed. We started on our way to the weekend site which is right now and everyone is getting down in the van. And this is the best!!!!

Monte B

**Wenatchee National Forest
Leavenworth Ranger District
White River Trail**

Week 2: August 4 - August 10

Everybody was dreading the three mile hike out on Friday (almost everybody). But it turned out to go really fast. As soon as we saw the parking lot we started to walk a lot faster. On the drive out we stopped in Lebanon to do laundry and take showers (what wonderful words go together!) Anyways, we arrived at the weekend site at almost 11:30 p.m. but the other crews helped us unpack and set up our tents. We did rec. trips on Saturday and the crew leaders got the day off. Then they told us where all of the crews were going for the next week, Yellow crew (that's us!) hiked along White River for four miles, but it was the easiest hike ever!

Eric B

Our project this week is pruning and cutting down trees to clear the path for hikers and horse riders. Today we cleared about 1000 feet of trees and bushes. The weather changed really quickly because it was really sunny and then it rained for about ten minutes and stopped and then got really sunny and hot really fast.

Brandon W

Our goals are to beat Orange crew and finish the week in style. What a day! First off we lost a member of our crew, that crazy Monte. The reason for him leaving doesn't matter, what matters is the void that Monte left. Aside from Monte leaving, today was very hard. We got up at 6:30 and started work around 6:50-7:00. We cleared more and more of the trail. Clearing the trail consists of three main jobs, lopping with lopper's, which means clearing wood material. Second, people with hand and bow saws saw branches that hang over the trail. The third group clears the cut branches to the opposite side of the trail. We cleared more today than we did on Monday and Tuesday. Also, it rained last night and some people's stuff got wet. We had to wear our yellow ugly rain-gear to work. The morning was cold, but it warmed up during the day. Billy came today and we got Kit-Kat bites for lunch. We were spent at the end of the day but Tyson is cooking dinner, so I hope it will be good. We all had low spirits when Monte left, but he will not be forgotten. We will finish this session, and take what we have learned back into the unnatural world.

Monte gone but not forgotten

Bryan H

Our challenges included that we lost a crew member, Monte, and that we had lots of hard work. Today we got up at 5:45 broke down our camp and started our hike to our previous day's worksite. We worked hard and finished the job in three hours. We then hiked out, took showers, and laundry, and proceeded to our weekend camp. We ate some "bomb" food, and it tasted great. We also got a new crewmember, and I hope this week will be both fun and exciting.

Bryan H

**Mt. Baker/Snoqualmie National Forest
Skykomish Ranger District
Mig Lake Trail Construction**

Week 3: August 11- August 17

Saturday morning we got out of bed and had breakfast and then we did chores. We finished that up around 10:15 a.m. then we got mail. (yeah!) After that the leaders announced where the rec. trips were. Our crew enjoyed all four of them and then Sunday we packed up our trailers and we went away. Two weeks in the backcountry, we'll survive though.

Eric B

This week we are doing a two week project in the backcountry on the Pacific Crest Trail near Mig Lake. We are doing drainage ditches, a huge turnpike, and a trail detour. The reason we are doing this is because the old trail we are doing a turnpike on has ineffective drainage and its ruining the trail, so by building drainage ditch, that would lead the water some where else other than our new turnpike. The trail detour on the other hand is for pedestrians, hikers, and horseback riders to stop further damage on our new trail. By the time we are done it will look good as new.

Curtis M

Our main goal for this week is to do as much as possible on the switchback/turnpike/rock-retaining wall. I think the bridge is going to be built more next week. These weeks are going to be difficult, but we are over half way there. The crew has had some problems, but I think we can all make it thru. Two more weeks is not that long in the grand scheme, so it should go by fast.

Bryan H

What my crew learned this week is how to build a bridge. We are also basically re-routing part of the Pacific Crest Trail. We are also getting to experience two weeks of backcountry. I have learned one thing I didn't know which is that work can bring people closer together. So far the work days and the week have gone fast.

Paul G

Some of Yellow crew's challenges were the hike to camp because it was all up hill and our packs were pretty heavy. Another challenge was working on the trail and running into huge rocks that are hard to break. We demolished a 15 foot bridge, broke through big rocks, and cut down big trees, skinned them and carried them.

Brandon W

Mt. Baker/Snoqualmie National Forest Skykomish Ranger District Mig Lake Trail Construction

Week 4: August 18 - August 24

On Saturday eight of us hiked down because Chad didn't feel well. Sunday we hiked up to the Lake for the day and gave Tyson a brake from us. We did our SEED journals and went to bed.

Brandon W

We are building three turnpikes and a bridge this week, we are on the Pacific Crest Trail next to Mig Lake, and so far it's been great.

Eric B

We are hoping to finish our turnpike and our bridge. We are trying to eat lots of our food so we don't have to hike out all of it. Chad's trying to get a fish for us, that's his goal. Fred's is to finish turnpike, Leroy's is to make it through the day. Brandon's is finishing the projects; Bryan is getting to the weekend site. Curtis is to get outta here. Paul was for Brandon to be ok. Brandon's was to get a better arm and work.

Chad M

Yellow crew learned how to build a bridge. We also learned to be more careful when driving in stakes for turnpikes to watch out for peoples arms, because Leroy missed and hit Brandon's arm and we had to go to the hospital which wasn't very fun because we had to hike out of camp and sleep at the trail head on rocks with no pad.

Anonymous

The challenges our crew faced this week were finishing the project because we could not find rock. Another challenge our crew faced this week was an injury, which caused us to have to hike out for the night another challenge our crew faces was that most of the crew had colds and were pushing ourselves. The things that our crew accomplished were finishing the project, keeping cool when someone was injured, sleeping till 5:00a.m., so we could hike to work on time the day after the injury occurred. Our biggest accomplishment was being happy about how good the project looked finished.

Anonymous

**Mt. Baker/Snoqualmie National Forest
Darrington Ranger District
Bedal Creek**

Week 5: August 25 - August 30

This weekend our rec. trip was a scavenger hunt around Leavenworth and that was a lot of fun. Bryan and I dressed up and I wore a dress and Bryan wore lingerie with boots and an umbrella and it was really funny. Tyson and all of the crew leaders showed up late from Seattle so that kinda sucked but oh well.

Brandon W

We are doing trail maintenance and trail brushing for two miles. We are currently in the Henry Jackson Wilderness Forest outside of Darrington, camping front country for one week. We are doing trail maintenance to clear a wide walk way for the tourist hikers.

Curtis M

Our crew's goal was to get Bedal Creek Trail complete, so far we've completed all of the brushing and tomorrow we will complete the trail with a few drain dips and a water bar and some tread work.

Eric B

We learned about Americorps how the organization is run. We learned how to deal with issues that people have against each other. We talked about geography and how life is like in Thailand by Ryan's speech and we learned how to make some bomb front country meals.

Curtis M

What my crew accomplished this week was the brushing and trail maintenance project on the Bedal Creek Trail. We also managed to avoid injury to anybody. We also put aside most differences and did our best to get along with each other. The crew also had people that accomplished some long term goals.

Paul G

My Most Challenging Day At NYC Was...

...my first day at NYC.

Paul G

...on the first Saturday of the two week back country. It was raining out and we had a long hike coming, I was sad.

Bryan H

...the first Thursday when we put up the 200 foot turnpike.
Eric B

...at Waldo Lake when we worked ten hours on a 175 ft. turnpike.
Anonymous

...the last day at work, every one just wanted to quit but we kept pushing.
Brandon S

...my worst day was the last day because the ride back to Eugene was very boring because of the music, because people kept messing with the station.
Fred K

...the last day cause I know I'm never going to be with all my crew members again.
Chad M

My Three Favorite NYC Experiences Were...

...van rides, weekend sites, Yellow crew.
Leroy M

...the campsites, crewleader/crewmembers, and turnpikes.
Chad M

...van rides, campsites and weekend camps, and NYC (Notorious Yellow Crew).
Brandon W

...the experience, Yellow crew/rovers, and everyone in NYC.
Brandon S

...rec. trips, weekend sites, and showers and laundry.
Curtis M

...experience, Yellow crew, and hiking.
Paul G

...car rides, front country, and Grease/Aerosmith tunes.
Bryan H

...food, weekend sites, and Yellow crew.
Fred K

...Yellow crew, weekend sites, and hiking.
John S

One Thing I Will Always Remember...

...is the first week was I used a crosscut to cut down trees for the turnpike.
John S

...is when we all went swimming in Waldo Lake.
Eric B

...is when we completed the 200 ft. turnpike at Waldo Lake.
Brandon W

...all the weeks I've spent at NYC.
Curtis M

...is that first hike into Waldo Lake. That was our first real team-building experience.
Bryan H

...most is all the friends I made here at NYC so I should say the people I will remember.
Leroy M

...will be all twelve of my crews/leaders in our crew.
Chad M

...is when times got hard the crew got harder.
Brandon S

...is the friendship between the Yellow crew and the bonds with our crew leader and the other crews and leaders.
Fred K

From Now On I Will Always...

...never quit at what I do as long as I put my mind to it.
Curtis M

...remember NYC and I will be a hard worker in NYC.
John S

...not mess with the wilderness area.
Eric B

...be more respectful to the wilderness and encourage others to do the same.
Bryan H

...remember Yellow crew and our great crewleader.
Tyson N

...push myself because I know I can.
Brandon S

...remember NYC and the Yellow crew. And all the stuff we learned like building turnpikes and bridges and other cool stuff.
Anonymous

...I will never litter on purpose or accident. I will always try to recycle and make sure I will clean up garbage that's on the trails.
Chad M

At NYC I Learned...

...how to use a crosscut. How to build turnpikes and build worker bars and drainage dips.
Brandon W

...how to make lake and river water drinkable by adding iodine.
Paul G

...a lot of work experiences that I never have done in the real world.
Curtis M

...I'll be a hard worker in NYC and I learned to build a turnpike and new trails and bridges.
John S

...how to put together turnpikes.
Eric B

...teamwork, trust, and hard work.
Leroy M

...patience is a virtue.
Brandon S

...what hard work is about, trust with my crew members, and trail work, how to maintain trails.
Anonymous