

Dear SCA Supporter,

Saturday, August 20th, 20

Thank you for donating to the SCA! Your contribution has enabled me to explore and improve Crater Lake National Park for the last month. Along with six other environmentally aware teenagers and two intrepid leaders, I did some serious trail work.

For the first three weeks, we built a "turnpike superhighway" on the Annie Creek trail. This involved retrofitting 30 feet of old turnpike and constructing 33 feet of new turnpike. We also expanded the trail, moved giant logs, and even replaced a crumbling bridge. It was challenging but also tons of fun.

For our fourth and final week, we had the opportunity to work with the National Park Service trail crew. We worked on the Boundary Spring trail, where there was a fire last year. We helped clear the trail and rebuild a burnt bridge.

Along the way, we learned all about sustainable trail design and Crater Lake itself. We got to interact with professional NPS employees, which was really cool. On one of our days off, we swam in the lake, which was amazing. It's so cold! One night, we watched a meteor shower from a lookout called Cloud Cap. That was literally stellar. We even saw the International Space Station! I got to work and live with caring teens from all over the country. To showcase everyone's skills, we even had a talent show! It truly has been a fantastic experience. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Zachary Zolman 

Dear SCA Supporter,

You don't know me, but thanks to your donation I've been able to have a life changing experience this summer. I just spent a month working in the Alaskan backcountry, clearing trails in a national park. These trails will provide access to one of the most beautiful places I've ever been.

I don't know you, but your generosity has provided me with this phenomenal experience. More than that, you have helped provide access to a beautiful, untouched piece of wilderness. The trails that we have built will clear the way to wondrous, tall peaks, and pristine turquoise lakes. You were a part of providing that pathway.

On a smaller scale, you have helped a small group of teenagers have an amazing time. Working and living with such a small group brings about a unique type of closeness. After a day of sawing fallen trees, and clearing branches, we could jump into the lake together. We learned to rotate chores, and support each other. This is a special type of bond, and I'm grateful for your help in bringing it about.

Thank you,

-Tessa