

**Yosemite I Backcountry Trail Crew  
April 2012 Overview  
Supervisor: Tessa d'Usseau**

We're off! The 2012 Yosemite Backcountry Crew has arrived! We met at the Placer CCC Center on Monday, April 23rd and are ready and rearing to head to the mountains!

The crew is compiled of 13 members:

Michael Aguilera - Inland Empire CCC  
Nikolaus Bines - San Luis Obispo CCC  
Mary Daniel - Portage, Indiana  
Lauren Freitas - Norfolk, Virginia  
Aran Halvorsen - Eugene, Oregon  
Leslie "Tess" Hankey - Marietta, Georgia  
Angela Johnson - Camarillo CCC  
Andrew Kaplan - Oakland, California  
Ivan Klusyk - Greenwood CCC  
Mathew Lutz - San Jose CCC  
Sean Moodie - Fortuna CCC  
Catherine Naf - Pomona CCC  
Harmony Nelson - Ames, Iowa

On Monday, April 30th we will be heading to our front country camp location in Foresta where we will repair trails in the Yosemite Valley Area mitigating storm damage and trail erosion in that area. Once completed we will be moving into the Merced Watershed where our backcountry camp will be located at Cony Crags and we will be doing comprehensive maintenance work on various trails within the watershed.

**Curriculum:**

This week in Placer we have covered a plethora of topics - Hiring Paperwork; Backcountry Standards and Expectations; AmeriCorps 101; Gear Distribution; Member Biographies; CPR/First Aid; Vehicle Safety and Inspection; Physical Training; Health and Safety / Workers Compensation; Backcountry Handbook and Policies; Leave No Trace; EEO and Violence in the Workplace Training; Sobriety Discussions and much more!

**Odds and Ends:**

Thank you to Karlson, Agnes, the Fortuna CCC Center and CCC Headquarters for all your support of the Backcountry Program.

Thanks to Rod Thornhill and the Placer CCC Center. Once again you have been the springboard for our crews. We appreciate all you and your corpsmembers have done for the Backcountry Program. A special thank you goes out to the kitchen staff for feeding us and preparing some awesome food for our Orientation.

Thank you to our excellent trainers and teachers and to the families and friends of our corpsmembers.

Thank you to the Yosemite Conservancy for sponsoring our CCC Yosemite Backcountry Trail Crew once again!

Thanks to Dave Kari, Yosemite Trail Boss, and Jeremy Brown and his National Park Service sponsor crew for all you have done to prepare the projects and support for our crew this season.