

September 2011 Overview
Kings Canyon Backcountry Trail Crew
David Villarino: Supervisor

Work:

We completed all 3 reroutes and re-veg projects ahead of schedule ensuring that Big Wet Meadow in Cloud Canyon can be protected from further erosion. Bio-technician Patrick Rizzo taught us everything we needed to know to restore our trail to meadow and then departed early in the month, leaving the reroute crew in charge of the second and third sections. Meanwhile Trail Leader Adam Zamastil managed to schedule blasting every day to create a trail through a boulder field. We became very skilled trail guards. For the last week of work various rockwork was done to improve the trail toward Colby Pass.

Curriculum:

We explored different corpsmembers curriculums during class for the end of the season. In addition we enjoyed Olympics thanks to the organizing efforts of Chelsea and Laurel. "Elimidate" was another activity planned by Chelsea and Elyscia, which concluded with the pairing of Carson "Cindy" with Cedric, "The Satisfaction," as well as Joe with "Veronica." The two new couples looked extremely pleased with one another.

Weekends:

Our sponsors gave us a half day on the Friday before Labor Day weekend allowing us to take epic journeys. One group went cross-country over 12,000 ft. Copper Mine pass to Elizabeth Pass and hiked to the High Sierra Trail. They camped at Hamilton Lakes and day hiked to 9 Lake Basin, then returned to Cloud Canyon cross-country from Tamarack Lake past Clear Lake and over an 11,000ft. Unnamed pass. The other group went cross-country over 12,000 ft. Langley

Pass to Lake Reflection, and East Lake returning by way of Avalanche Pass in a 20 mile day. On the last weekend several corpsmembers climbed Midway Peak, elevation 13,666 ft. We hiked out the east side of the Southern Sierras by way of Mt. Whitney, almost 40 miles and 20,000 ft. of elevation change.