

August 2012 Overview  
Shasta-Trinity CCC Backcountry Crew  
Supervisor: Peter Martinez

August was a month to remember for the Shasta-Trinity 2012 Backcountry Crew. To start off, the Trinity finished work on the South fork of the East New River and a spike at last chance and rattlesnake camp led by our fantastic sponsor Holly Barbush.

Then on August 6, we headed out on our 50+ mile camp move from Hunters Camp to Foster Lake. This 6-day trek took us through some of the most beautiful country the Trinity Alps has to offer. From Grizzly Lake to Thomson Peak, cross-country travelling down to Mirror, Sapphire and Emerald Lakes we hiked as three separate units who reunited at Lander's Lake, just south of our new camp. Together again we arrived and set up shop by Foster Lake at a lovely little spot called Rock City.

A visit from Agnes Vianzon as we finished our new home and swept through the Landers Lake, Swift Creek, Parker Creek and Dorleska Trails. The following week as we treaded the Battle Canyon Trail with our new member of the crew, MoFly aka Mike McFadden, who also helped us kick off our huge rock project on the steep slopes up to Foster Lake.

As August comes to a close and we hammer out long spans of rock wall, tier upon tier, and rows of checks like dominoes that will stand forever, we celebrate the full moon and the end of an amazing August with Halloween. With an abundance of candy, magical costumes (a witch, roman, deer, bear, ninja, mule, quail man, Adam & Eve, a blue guy, one super bad chick, and a vagabond) ... yes magical, there was a costume contest, apple-bobbing, and a great deal of joy.

#### Curriculum:

We've gained so much knowledge from such wise individuals. At Hunter's Camp Matt Carson taught us the fundamentals of fly fishing and his expertise on the best way to tackle our massive camp move. Then our very own Deanna Kennedy from Peoria, Illinois demonstrated how to properly cup, and taste the exotic flavors of quality coffee. Mike McFadden also stopped by to teach us about the delicate and beautiful flora we are working in near Foster Lake. After Mike, the plant wizards Linda Weaver and Will and Annie Weaver came out and told us everything they know about botany in the Trinity Alps.

#### Odds and Ends:

We have a lot of people to thank. Thanks to Matt Carson and Sage Paulson for coming out before our camp move (the Tootsie Pops really hit the spot). Thank you to the interns Lance and Paul for the ice cream and watching our camp as we traveled to the east side. Thanks to Agnes for gracing us with her presence. Thank you to Eric and the Backcountry Horsemen for all their help, the gooseberries, and the sweets! Thank you to Mike McFadden for your stories, poems, and being a corpsmember for a day. Thank you Linda, Will, and Annie, you are just fantastic and enlightening individuals. Thank you Jan for visiting us and photographing us, safe travels! A special thanks to Bonnie for joining us on our long journey through the Alps and as always, for the phenomenally scrumptious food. A special thanks to Holly for all that she does for us. She is a master rock worker and great teacher and thank you for sharing your lovely dog Sierra with us.

A fond farewell from the Shasta-Trinity 2012 Backcountry Trail Crew.