

## July 2011 Overview

### Sequoia Backcountry Trail Crew

#### Paul Hancock: Supervisor

Ooh-eee, time sure is flying by. It seems like only yesterday we arrived in Sequoia National Park. It is already the 27<sup>th</sup> of July with three more weeks of work till we move into the Inyo. During our stay in Sequoia we have had visits from Phil LaFollette, Karlson Hubbard, Rebecca Tipton, Tessa d'Usseau, the Hancock family (Jacquelyn, Phoebe, and Ethan), Raquel Carrillo's family, Will Andrejack's family, and Lisa McGurty's family and friends. Thanks to all and it was a pleasure.

**SPONSORS:** Lorenzo, Major, Jed, Alfonso, Aaron and Bizarro cook Arie. Pretty awesome group. Nothing more to be said.

**WORK:** Whitethorn, whitethorn, and more whitethorn with some Manzanita mixed in on occasion. Yes we have been brushing copious amounts of whitethorn. We have also been logging out on Tar Gap Trail, Paradise Peak Trail and various trails around Hockett Meadow. Our record number of trees cleared from the trail for one work day is currently 110. Tomorrow the goal is 155.

**CURRICULUM:** We have had Search and Rescue Protocol, Interpretive Rangering, and Botany classes taught by the local Rangers. Crew-taught classes: Wilderness Survival by James Morin, non-violent communication by Sophie Carrillo-Mandel, knot-tying by Andrew Bridgman, self defense by William Andrejack, booty bouncing by Rachel Rosencrants, and Christen from the USGS talked to us about Forest Demography Studies.

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Fist 12,300' Peak Sawtooth was summited by Aaron Hernandez, Justin LaBate, Sophie Carillo-Mandel, Raquel Carrillo, Monte Welch, Robbie Sheppard II, Paul Hancock, and twice by Andrew Bridgman to replace the register.

Animals seem to be attracted to Aaron Hernandez; Monte Welch looks purdy in a dress; Murder Mystery is awesome; ice cream/rootbeer floats before an 8-mile hike is the bomb; and the fishin up here is as easy as putting your hands in the water.

"When each day is the same as the next, it's because people fail to recognize the good things that happen in their lives every day that the sun rises."  
-Paulo Coelho "The Alchemist"