

September 2011 Overview

Stanislaus Backcountry Trail Crew

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Overview:

Buck Lakes greeted us with open arms and lots of mosquitoes out in the Backcountry. The hike was easy enough since we had already made our way there on several occasions whether it had been brushing or weekend hikes. The camp was nestled alongside Lower Buck Lakes with plenty of spaces to camp and plenty of spaces to bathe. The weather has been well all season long, but before long Mother Nature made sure to let us know how our time was approaching its end. We have received days of morning sunshine and thunder showers in the afternoon with impressive displays of lightning that brightens everything all around us. Buck Lakes has been nice to all of us; we are finally all here as one unified crew. We have been passing the time finishing our personal stories and making sure that our newspaper is finished on time. We have been hard at work pushing ourselves for the final stretch and making sure that our sponsors are happy with all the work that we do. We are hard at work putting in retainers and rip-rap along with wall-less causeway and trying to get the rest of the brushing done before the season ends. Everyone is in high spirits but we are all looking forward to the end. Everyone is taking advantage of the time that they have left out here and everyone is making sure to get out to those beautiful lakes and peaks before we are sent back out into the real world.

Curriculum:

Classes were in full swing with lots of knowledge being shared. We are continuing with personal stories that shine light on just how unique we are. We also took the time this month to appreciate the packers with a great ice-cream social. We also were treated to our local Wilderness Ranger coming in and serenading us with some songs to wind down the evening of hard work.

Highlights:

We thank all the people that have made it possible for us to be out here, all the hours and commitment that is given to the continuation of this program is well appreciated. Thank you to the sponsors who have worked so hard to guide and teach us all they know. Thank you to the cook who kept us fed with some of the best food ever to be cooked up for us. Thank you to all the friends and family members that supplied everyone out here with letters and packages with cookies and candy. It is through these letters that people make it through the season and for that we thank you. Thank you to all the teachers and visitors that we had throughout the season, it was great to meet all of them and also for friends and family that came out to experience our little cosmos, they all participated and immersed themselves into our world without hesitation and the crew embraced them and helped them along the way. Thank you to all as we draw to a close, another season to remember and look back upon. Take with you all that you have learned, all the sights and sounds and the friendships that were made out here, the bond that keeps us together is all that we have.