

Fall Greetings Emily!

As the colors are changing in NH and the rain is starting to fall in Seattle, the National High School staff is wrapping up an amazing 2008 field season. We fielded 95 High School Crews and a record 10 Training Crews this fall and last spring. That translates to 236 crew leader positions filled by new and veteran crew leaders, 663 high school students whose lives will never be the same, and 77 different parks and forests all over the country. SCA Commuting Crews had a record year as well- 122 crews fielded in 10 different cities. That's over 1,000 urban students making a difference in their local communities and exposure to the phenomenal mentorship of our Community Crew Leaders. Cheers to yet another successful season! We know this is not an easy job- thank you for all of your hard work and help to shape the next generation of conservation leaders.

Now for a few updates....

Post program wrap up:

We are working hard to get our '08 programs closed out in a timely fashion, but we need your help! If you have not chatted with your cohort manager to do your **post-season evaluation**, please contact them. We also are in need of your **Crew Leader Handbook** that might be hiding in the bottom of your backpack. Please send them back to the NH office ASAP- **689 River Rd. Charlestown, NH 03603**.

Share your photos and stories!

Email your crew stories and photos to Emily ecoulter@thesca.org to be posted on the Crew Leader Website. Here's a chance to share your brightest crew leading moments... just don't give us a reason to create a new risk management policy!

Crew Leader Website updates:

Make sure you check out the Crew Leader Website www.scacrewleaders.org for news and info from the Conservation Crew Dept! Postings on the CL website include crew pictures and stories, full time position and Training Crew opportunities, Pro Deal info, and lots of other goodness. Please don't hesitate to contact us with comments and questions about the website.

Full-time Staff positions open now!

Ready to make the jump? We are currently interviewing for a National High School Program Manager (CA or TX) and a Community Program Manager (DC). Other full-time, 3-6 month positions available soon at the NH office are the Equipment Assistant and the National High School Placement Assistant. You can find *all* SCA employment opportunities by going to http://www.thesca.org/sca_employment/. You will find lots of other great positions posted there, so check it out! Also make sure you check out the Crew Leader website for the inside track, or contact Liz evogel@thesca.org or Sarah szablocki@thesca.org for more information.

Thinking ahead....

What?! 2009? That's right, the fun never ends. We will be jump-starting the interviewing and hiring season in December/January, so keep an eye out for the Crew Leader Update Form coming your way. In the meantime here are some dates for your calendars...

Veteran Crew Leader Training- 4/29-30 (WFA), 4/30-5/3 (Orientation/Workshops)

Note- this training is only for Vets, but Vets are welcome at any training

Training 1- 5/12-14 (WFA), 5/14-17 (Orientation), 5/17-22 (Workskills)

Training 2- 5/26-28 (WFA), 5/-28-31 (Orientation), 5/31-6/5 (Workskills)

Training 3- 6/16-18 (WFA), 6/18-21 (Orientation), 6/21-26 (Workskills)

Track Start Dates- 6/11, 7/6, 7/23

We are always thinking about ways to get other stellar crew leaders into the SCA family, and our best resource is you! Start spreading the word about applying for CL positions for '09- if someone

you recruit gets hired and successfully completes training, you get \$250. It's as simple as that, so get cracking!

Thanks again to you for a great season, and cheers to fall and the oncoming winter! Any questions, comments, stories, appreciations, feel free to give us a shout.

Best,

The National High School Program Staff