



# NEWS FROM TREK COUNTRY

*Stories and Events from the Cottonwood Gulch Foundation*

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## Note from the Director

Welcome to the busiest spring season in Trek history!

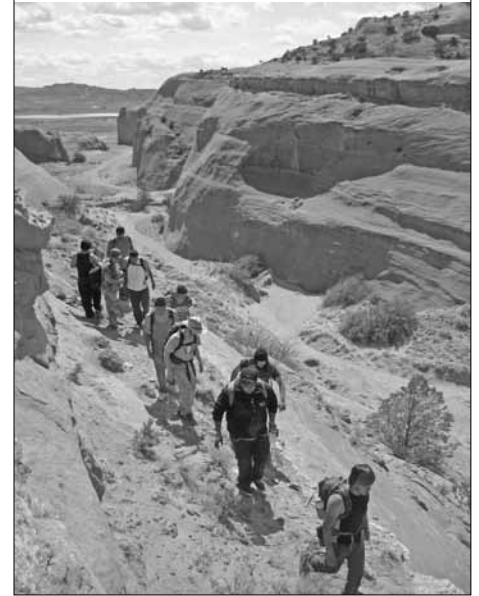
We have successfully worked with a variety of schools for many years but nine expeditions in three months is a first. At this time, Gulch staff members are leading the last of our spring school group expeditions throughout the Land of Enchantment, serving students from Rio Grande School (Santa Fe) and Escuela del Sol (Albuquerque). Starting in March, we led a boisterous group of 6<sup>th</sup> graders from Albuquerque's Bosque School on a loop that included rock climbing in Socorro's Box Canyon and dune jumping at White Sands National Monument. The group also camped in a pecan orchard on the Calhoun Family Farm near Las Cruces and even spent one blustery, hail-storming night in the New Mexico Tech Observatory, where the lead astronomer, Dr. Klinglesmith, kindly invited everyone to sleep on the floor following his presentation.

In early April, we hosted Jeff Zemsky and his

students from York, PA on a weeklong trek throughout the Four Corners region, including a stop at the Notah Ranch, where students assisted with docking lamb ears and tails. The students also enjoyed a beautiful 3-day, 2-night backpack through Grand Gulch in southeastern Utah and a cozy stop at Base Camp on their final night.

We are thrilled to lead annual treks for schools like Bosque and York Country Day, but we're also excited to be building new relationships and planning new expeditions with public charter schools such as Sidney Gutierrez Middle School (Roswell) and Montessori of the Rio Grande (Albuquerque). In late April, we hosted two groups of 9<sup>th</sup> graders from a new charter school in Albuquerque called the Native American Community Academy. Board member Tom Henio visited NACA students at the Gulch and remarked with interest and pride that this was the first "all-Native" student group to visit Base Camp. Tom's wife, Irene, accompanied him and they both shared stories about cabins, kinaldas, railroads, and "chicken pulls," noting with deep respect how it all began with Mr. Howie and Grandpa Tom in the 1930s.

The growth in our ability to host more school group expeditions depends on the recruiting, hiring, and training of more staff members in New Mexico. In the last few years, I have enjoyed working closely with many qualified educators from Gallup, Albuquerque, and Las Cruces. Not only are these individuals more available to lead regional expeditions in the fall and spring, but they also



NACA boys at Coyote Canyon near Gallup, NM

provide a great deal of local wisdom and experience during summer programs that frequently feature out-of-state staff and students. As an Albuquerque native, Tallie Segel represents the first New Mexican to work full-time for Cottonwood Gulch but this is only part of the reason why she has been an invaluable Assistant Director for the Foundation. Although she is stepping down in June to enroll in the MBA program at UNM, Tallie will remain an elite member of the local staff pool. Whenever she needs a study break, Tallie is always welcome to assist with an expedition – during *any* season!

In closing, I wish to thank Tallie for all that she has done for Cottonwood Gulch. Her skills as a Naturalist and Group Leader have been as crucial to our success as her ability to manage massive recruiting campaigns and multiple road loops. I have depended on Tallie's problem-solving skills as much as I've appreciated her creativity and thoughtfulness. The Foundation is much stronger for all of her hard work and I am very grateful for her commitment and friendship. Tallie is currently training our incoming Assistant Director Jordan Stone, who is very excited about his recent return to New Mexico. In the following pages, please enjoy reading more from Tallie and Jordan.

We're expecting to have another awesome season at the Gulch (#84!) so if you're not enrolled on an expedition yet, then be sure to sign up or swing by this summer.



York Country Day School at Muley Point, UT



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**Note from the Board Chair**

It's hard to imagine that it is already the summer of 2010. For those of us who started our Gulch experience in the late 1960s, and who still cherish our adventures and friends from those weeks on the Trek, the thought of 40+ years of connection with the sacred ground of Base Camp is a bit overwhelming!

It's also hard to imagine that in 16 years we will be celebrating our 100th anniversary. This reminds me that I need to get working on Larry Barker and Henry Berman to start the research for the complete biography of Hillis Howie and the first century of Gulch History. The film and book are expected to be best sellers!

In this newsletter, we are delighted to announce an official welcome to three new Board members. All are familiar faces with strong CGF connections and I am excited that each of them represents a younger generation. Additionally, each of them has been a Trekker and a staff member – more recently than the rest of us! Jill Peters and Greg Barker bring youthful energy and perspective to the Board, and you can read more about them in the coming pages. We are particularly pleased that former Gulch Director Jeff Zemsky was also willing to return to a new role with the Foundation. It's quite a remarkable situation that both of our former Executive Directors (Congressman Heinrich and now Jeff) have been willing to join the Board and support their successors.

We are also happy to welcome our new Assistant Director Jordan Stone, who you can read more about later in the newsletter. But at the same time, we must bid farewell to Tallie Segel, who has been a great asset during her two years with the Gulch. Tallie has been a great recruiter and a solid team player for Mike and for the Board. Thank you, Tallie – we wish you all the best with your upcoming adventures.

The Board will be meeting at the Gulch over the weekend of July 16th. After the great success of the Board mini-loop to Ah-shi-sle-pah last summer, we have decided to continue the tradition of a Board overnight. This year, in the spirit of minimal fuel consumption, we will just head to the alpine meadows and aspen groves of Rice Park, seven miles up Sawyer Creek from the Mess Hall. If any alumni are in New Mexico in mid-July, please join us at Base Camp during this weekend.

Again, thanks to all of our Alumni whose generous support of the Gulch makes these magical summers possible for more Trekkers every year. Some of them will even stick around for over 40 years.

Jameson French



**A Report from the Recruiting Loop**

Mike and Tallie covered a lot of ground this winter presenting Trek slideshows in various classrooms and living rooms from California to Vermont. Returning to hotspots like Boston, Philadelphia, and San Francisco and visiting some new ones like Sandy and Logan UT, Athens, GA, and Brattleboro, VT; each event was a wonderful opportunity to introduce new people to Cottonwood Gulch and for former Trekkers to reunite. Thank you very much to everyone who welcomed and hosted these events. Your generosity is a testament to the powerful relationships brimming throughout the Gulch community.

Thank you for inviting us to your campfires!

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We'll be setting the recruiting calendar for the year in October so if you're interested in hosting a recruiting or an alumni event in your area, please do let us know!

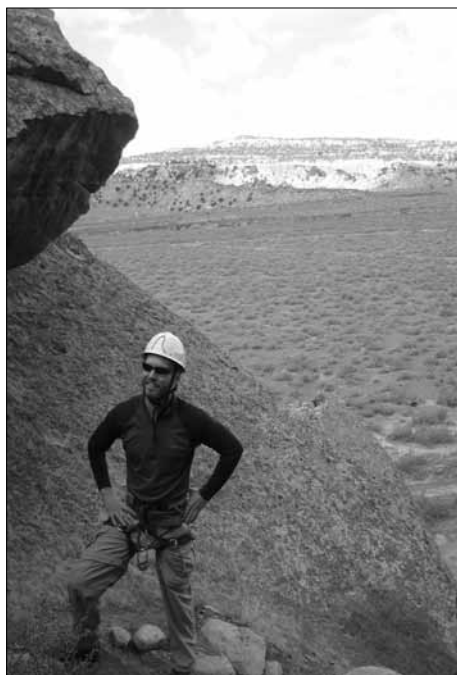
**From Jordan Stone**

*Hello Gulch World!*

Three years ago, having little idea what I was getting myself into, I accepted the job of PT Cook for the summer. Before I knew it I had entered a land of horsengoggles, magical sticks and a two-story, four-seat latrine. Not to mention I had to learn how to cook for a group of bottomless pits disguised as teenage boys. All of this was a bit surprising, but it didn't take long for me to comfortably settle down in this new place. In fact, the best surprise of all, which I didn't realize until after I left New Mexico that first summer, was how much Cottonwood Gulch felt like home. The connections I made to the land and to the Gulch community were so strong that I knew I would be returning again and again. And now I am thrilled to begin a new chapter of my life as Assistant Director with the Gulch.

I originally come from Iowa, and against all odds, I did not grow up on a farm. This may come as a surprise to some, but there are cities in Iowa, and I am proud to call Cedar Rapids my first home. However, my lack of farm experience left a bit of a void in my life, so after graduating from Pomona College I became fascinated with food. In a way this is what led me to the Gulch—there aren't many summer camps with a Road Cook position. Cooking was only part of it, though. I wanted to learn how to grow food, too, which led me to Growing Power, an urban farm in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I spent the last two years (except for summer 2008 when I returned to the Gulch as the PT cook) raising chickens, goats, and fish, building hoop houses and community gardens, and learning as much as I could about growing quality food in a sustainable way.

Consequently, I am thrilled to see the emphasis Mike is placing on the Gulch Gardens. Clearly this is a new venture but one that is consistent with the overall vision of this organization. If done well, farming goes well beyond the necessary task of feeding people. It acts as a bridge between humans and the land on which we depend. It teaches us the benefits and necessity of hard work. It cultivates healthy communities and shows us how to function as a team. Those were precisely the things I was seeking when I first stepped into Gulch Country, and they continue to drive me as I start this new job. Another aspect of this position that intrigues me is the list of responsibilities for the "off-season." As Mike has pointed out, that is an odd word choice. I too wondered, "why should the Gulch even have an off-season?" Obviously, planning for the summer and following up on the summer are our principal tasks. I welcome those responsibilities—in fact, I'm looking forward to them! But the Trek need not lay low between September and May. Thanks to the ongoing efforts of Mike, Tallie, and Lezle, we have more opportunities to share the Gulch experience



with local schools year-round, and I am excited to continue that meaningful work. Developing a connection to the land is important in all seasons, and I can't wait to share the wonder of a sunrise hike up Mount Taylor with students throughout the school year.

Everyone's experience at the Gulch is unique, but when we describe this place to others we all seem to focus on the same things: the close-knit community and the connection we feel to the history, culture, and beauty of Trek Country. But that portrayal seems too vague. After all, the genius of a horsengoggle is hard to explain without experiencing it yourself. But I think it's enough for us to know that the Gulch is a place that will give us the summer of a lifetime. It's a great place to call home, whether you're there for one summer or forty summers, and I can't wait to return to a place I love so dearly.

**Paleontology Trek, 2010**

Do you love dinosaurs as much as we do?

One of the most memorable part of anyone's summer at the Gulch is discovering a new animal. There are plenty to be found in the Four Corners region, from hummingbirds and red-tailed hawks to rattlesnakes and coyotes. Walter and Nick Cloud even spotted a mountain lion at Base Camp over the winter! But this summer some of our Trekkers will have the opportunity to see something even more rare: an Alamosaurus. In fact, not only will they get to *look* at the remains of this 50-foot long, 30 ton dinosaur, they will help dig it out of the ground where it's been resting for the last 70 million years!

This is a new program for Cottonwood Gulch. We are partnering with two professional paleontologists who will show the Trekkers how to excavate this enormous plant-eating dinosaur. Dr. Robert Sullivan, Senior Curator in Paleontology and Geology at the State Museum of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Axel Hungerbuehler, Professor of Vertebrate Paleontology at Mesalands Community College in Tucumcari, New Mexico, will lead the group during this week-long dig not far from Chaco Canyon. By assisting the excavation team, participants will earn four college credits from Mesalands Community College.

And like any expedition at the Gulch, Trekkers will spend their evenings around the campfire singing songs and forging lifetime friendships—although this group might spend extra time cleaning out red rock sand from underneath their fingernails. It seems like we all want to be a paleontologist at some point in our lives, and now here's your chance to see what it's really like to dig into "deep time."

**There are still five spaces available in the Paleontology Trek (ages 13 and up), from July 11<sup>th</sup> - July 18<sup>th</sup>. Give us a call to learn more. We would love to talk dinosaurs with you!**

**In Memorium:**

*Mildred Joan Elkins*

December 19, 1924 – February 3, 2010

Ms. Elkins was born in Prewitt, NM, just a few miles from Base Camp. She attended schools in Prewitt, Thoreau, Grants, and Gallup, and during this time she was a member of two of the earliest Turquoise Trail Expeditions in 1940 and 1941. Luckily for Mildred, and for all of us, Mr. Howie understood the importance of establishing strong connections with local families like the Elkins. Tom Elkins, Mildred's father, became a good friend of Hillis Howie—he even provided Mr. Howie with horses for the Trek! Through this relationship local girls like Mildred had the opportunity to join the TT. This Elkins' connection to the Gulch remained strong throughout Mildred's life, and in the 1960s she returned as the Base Camp cook while her children, Luther and Joy, worked as staff.

Like so many of us, Mildred felt a strong connection to the land of New Mexico. Her cabin in Water Canyon on Mt. Taylor was one of her most treasured spots, a place to spend precious days with her good friends and family. At her request, she was cremated and her ashes were returned to the earth on that same mountain where most of us have enjoyed the sunrise of a lifetime.

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**Jill Peters**

My first experience with the Gulch was in 1999 as a Group 3 Trekker. Fresh off the plane from the suburbs of New York City, I was caught red-handed, closely inspecting a piece of tree bark, which turned out to be a dried cow pie. (I won't make that mistake again.) Other highlights from that first summer: altitude sickness that led to me getting sick all over my tent partner's brand-new sleeping bag in our baker tent, learning to eat all my meals with a spoon, and, of course, falling in love with the desert. I was fascinated by the landscape of the Southwest and the people who called it home. When I look back, that was the summer I began to understand myself in relation to my surroundings, and truly appreciate the group-euphoria of peaking a mountain with friends.

I was lucky enough to work with the TT in 2003 and after graduating from Connecticut College with a degree in Anthropology the next year, I returned to New Mexico for yet another fantastic TT summer. That fall, I moved to New York and began working for a media company called Meredith Corporation, where I am currently a Manager in Human Resources. Although I live in what seems like a world away from Thoreau, NM, the curiosity and life lessons that the Gulch instilled in me remain a large part of my life and work every day.

I am grateful for this opportunity to join the Board and I am excited to be involved with the Gulch in a new way. I'm looking forward to returning to that red dirt again this summer!

**Greg Barker**

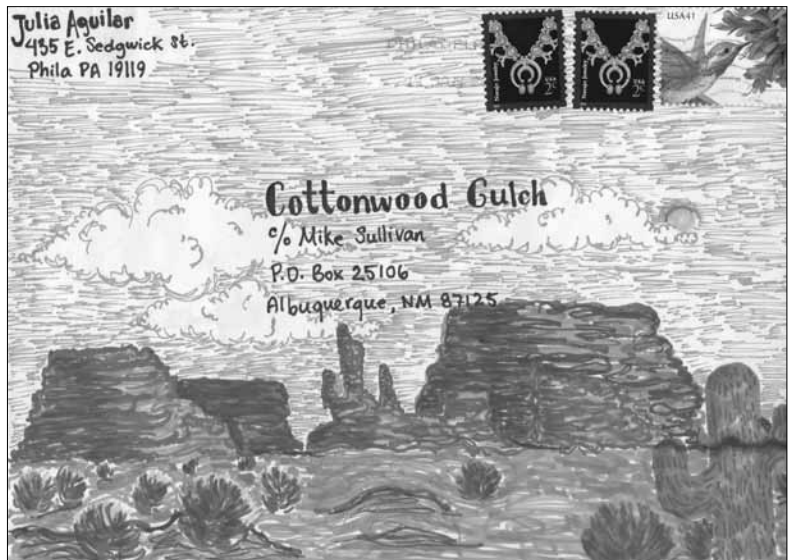
Greg grew up in Wayland, Massachusetts and now lives in Berkeley, California, with his wife, Ali. He works for a small consulting, research and engineering firm that promotes energy efficiency. After work, he's often busy tending the backyard vegetable beds and fruit trees, and cooking. He loves spending time in the Sierra Nevada in any season.

He first signed up for the Trek after seeing Monty's recruitment slideshow, and was in Groups 1 and 3 from 1992 through 1995. He was back at the Gulch in 2003, cooking for the well-oiled machine that was Group 1 under Seth Battis. Greg is happy to be joining the board, and looks forward to helping an organization which fostered his great love of the outdoors.



**Rendezvous with Douglas Preston**

For his latest book tour in support of *Impact*, Douglas Preston made two stops in New Mexico, where Gulch staff members were able to meet up with him in Albuquerque and Taos. On back-to-back days, Preston charmed audiences as if he were telling stories around a campfire. His many fans heard the prolific and adventurous author describe his connections to New Mexico and his fondness for Cottonwood Gulch. Preston toured through the Land of Enchantment with his good friend and colleague, Walter Nelson, with whom he trekked far and wide in the book *Cities of Gold*, which is included on the Gulch reading list along with Preston's *Talking to the Ground*. His daughter, Aletheia, joined Gulch expeditions in 2006 and 2007, and we're still hoping to persuade Preston to find time in his busy schedule to return to the Gulch on "All Star" Family Trek. Thanks for swinging by, Doug!



an artistic envelope from Julie Aguilar - summer intern 2010

**The Native American Community Academy**

Cottonwood Gulch has a long and storied history with the Henio family, in fact, it's fair to say that the Gulch would not exist without their help, and in recent years it has been an honor to see several Kinaaldas take place at Base Camp. But when Tom Henio stopped by the Gulch last weekend he was greeted by something he had never seen in all these years: we were hosting the first all-Native school group to visit Base Camp. Ten boys and seven girls from the Native American Community Academy (NACA) challenged themselves on the low-ropes course, on the rocks at Mentmore Climbing Area, and on a tricky hike through a slot-canyon (which is itself a new and exciting local destination for us!) We returned to Albuquerque Sunday afternoon exhausted but thrilled at the prospects for this new partnership.

NACA is a young public charter school located in Albuquerque's Southeast Heights. As an urban school, they readily take advantage of all the resources a city has to offer, but they also recognize that education goes well beyond the classroom. An expedition with the Gulch allows their students to connect with aspects of their own culture, and other cultures, that are rooted in the natural environment, while at the same time watching them strengthen the bonds of their own school community. In addition to the ropes course and rock climbing, the students took a silent hike around Base Camp, listened to Tom Henio talk about his family's connection to the Gulch, and at the end of the trip reflected on all their experiences with some solo time, alone among the trees and the birds.

All in all, it was an exciting beginning to what will certainly be an important relationship for years to come!



Tom Henio



Chet Kubit

**Family Trek 2**

*From Conquest to Casinos: Continuity and Change in the Southwest.*

Last year's "All-Star" Family Trek was so successful we decided to do it again! This year, it will run from Sunday August 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and participants will be accompanied by one Trek legend and two visiting scholars. Returning to his role as a road loop expert, the mighty Chet Kubit will join the Family Trek this August, as will David Salmansen and Levi Van Sant. Chet celebrated his 45<sup>th</sup> summer at Cottonwood Gulch last year! As a former Group Leader and Base Camp Cook, Chet will be a great asset to this expedition, as will his stories and magic tricks!

Dr. Salmansen is a longtime Trekker and staff member who earned his Ph.D. by studying the history of the Zuni Mountain region. As a history teacher at the Springside School in Philadelphia, Dr. Salmansen is a scholar of many things past and present, but on this expedition, he is interested in exploring the interactions between modern cultures (Native, Hispanic, Anglo, Mormon, etc.) and the wider world in the Southwest, especially as it relates to tourism, resource development, and environmental conservation.

Levi Van Sant is the Farm Manager at the Gulch. He has been living and working on organic farm in Athens where he plans to pursue a Ph.D. in the fall at the University of Georgia. His interest in environmental history makes him a great fit at the Gulch, both as a responsible steward of our organic gardens and as an ecological resource on the road.

Trek Country has changed dramatically over the years, and what better place is there to learn about these changes than the ruins of Chaco Canyon or the sacred peak of Mt. Taylor? The Family Trek 2 expedition will be an opportunity to stretch your mind and legs on a classic Zuni Mountain loop that will also feature visits to El Malpais, El Morro, Zuni Pueblo, and, of course, the Gulch. Be prepared for plenty of horsengoggling and mudgie-playing. If you haven't been back to New Mexico recently, or if you're looking for an excuse to see what your friends and family members have been raving about for years, this is a *great* opportunity. The land is enchanting!

**In the News:**

By Leslie Linthicum  
Journal Staff Writer



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**Refugees Find New Meaning in Words**

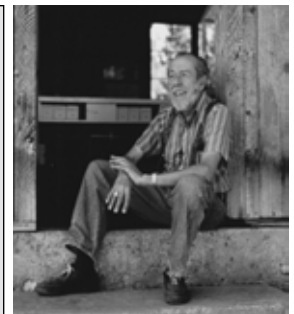
Language is only one of the difficulties faced by immigrants as they make their way in a new country, but it can be a major stumbling block.

*Let's look at the word "camp..."*

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**Correction:**

In last year's obituary for Mr. Van, we included this wonderful photograph. It was taken by Bruce Kluckhohn, a professional photographer based in Minneapolis who has a rich family history with the Gulch. Bruce was a Trekker for three summers and a staff member for five summers. His mother, Lucy, has been leading Family Trek expeditions for decades and we're excited that she'll be back again this July. Bruce's image of beloved Mr. Van hangs in a frame in the Mess Hall.





Stuart and Natash Slavin, Lucy French

### Lucy French

*Many of you can relate to the story below. Please feel free to share your random rendezvous stories with us, too. Trekkers are everywhere!*

As an undergraduate at Washington University, I have had the pleasure of working for and getting to know a wonderful family of four in the St. Louis community. Stuart, Helene, Alana and Tasha Slavin have become dear friends of mine since the day we met two years ago. I have always felt a familial bond to the Slavins and just recently discovered that our connection runs much deeper than I ever expected.

It was a bitter cold February day in St. Louis and we were heading 130 miles west for a weekend getaway at the Slavin family farm in Folk, Missouri. Squeezed between Tasha and Helene in the back of their Subaru, the three of us hummed along to the radio and gazed at the looming traffic jam up ahead. Eventually the conversation shifted towards the date of my graduation from Wash U and my plans for the summer after leaving St. Louis. When I casually mentioned that I might be working at a summer camp in New Mexico, Tasha's eyes popped up from the depths of her book and met mine in curiosity.

That's funny, my Dad went to camp in New Mexico. Didn't you, Dad? What's it called again?" she asked her father, who was in the driver seat.

"Oh yeah," smiled Stuart through the rearview mirror. "The Trek. I loved that place."

I froze, convinced that I had misheard him. "Wait, wait a second," I stammered in disbelief. "You went to the Gulch?"

The next two hours of the car ride flew by as Stuart and I shared stories of mudgie tournaments and the Alamo, all the while forming a long list of Trekkers that we both know. We couldn't stop smiling. It turns out that Stuart and his brother Phil both knew my father back in the early 70s. How on earth did it take us two years to figure this out?

*Lucy was a Trekker between 2001 and 2003 and she will be on staff with the Outfit Expedition this summer. Her brother and sister were also Trekkers and her father is currently Chair of the Board of Trustees*

Gulch connections are incredibly special, and now I'm *sure* that I was destined to meet the Slavins in St. Louis. Although I am dreading our goodbye in June when I begin my drive out West, I will be fortunate enough to greet Tasha at the Albuquerque airport when she starts her first summer in the Outfit!

### Letter from Tallie:

About a month ago, a caravan of Gulch vehicles carrying the gear, food, and upper school students of York Country Day School (of York, PA) rumbled through Comb Ridge of southern Utah, up the switchbacks of the Moki Dugway, and to a camping spot along Muley Point. The sun was setting and the air was so choked with sand and dust from the April winds that the majestic monuments of the Valley of the Gods were vague outlines in the distance; the snaking Gooseneck canyons sheltering the San Juan River rendered hazy and difficult to make out. Taking a moment to run out to the slick-rock rim and shout elations into the wind, we retreated into the scrubby Utah juniper trees to set up camp before nightfall. I felt a certain amount of *déjà vu* as we battled the wind with our tents, thinking back to last summer's visit to Muley, and further back to my first visit with the 2006 Mountain Desert Challenge. With our eyes barely open, and skin covered for protection from the biting particles of sand, we ate a dinner that was a testament to the skill of our cooks. We abandoned the idea of tents, hunkered down amidst the trees and KP area, and buried our heads in our sleeping bags. In the morning the wind had abated and we let the clarity sink in looking out over a clear sky and Monument Valley. In the days that followed I kept thinking back on how incredible an opportunity it is to visit, share, teach about a place and experience the processes that shape it.

As a recruiter, an instructor, and a leader for the Gulch I have waxed at length about how the Gulch is place where we focus on the process. The benefits that we have all reaped from the Trek are not just in the satisfaction of visiting beautiful places, but in the challenges and adventure in getting to those places, or in understanding the processes that make those places interesting. We visit Muley Point because it is beautiful and dramatic, but invariably during our stay, we live through the processes- the spring winds or the summer thunderstorms- acting upon the sandstone that shape that beauty. It is an experience I find to leave a greater impression, to be much longer lasting.

These processes we are exposed to inspire creativity, originality, cooperation. They demand of us patience, sacrifice, and ingenuity. These places put us through our paces, churn us around, and help us to become the better versions of ourselves. And what I've learned in working full time for the organization is that the Trek is malleable and the process is what keeps us all connected to it.

As I wrap up my time with the Gulch, I am filled with a great deal of gratitude to the Trek Community. To the incredible Trekkers and summer staff I have had the pleasure of working with; my favorite stories are about you- there is no end to your awesomeness! And to the greater alumni community; you have been inspiring in your commitment and value for the experience of learning through wilderness adventure.

It has been a treat to be at the front line of newly inquiring Trekkers who have interests and passions they are eager to grow. It is equally a treat to hear reflections from the 84 years of Trek Alumni with stories of the influence the Trek has made on them. I am enthused by the generosity of families and individuals who make contributions to the operations of the organization - our long term health, to ensuring the opportunity for scholarship. Thank you for hosting me in your homes, for the pizza and fry bread, and tours of your respective cities, and for the opportunity to share the magic of the Gulch with your family, friends, and sometime strangers. And thanks of course, to Mike and Lezle for their friendship and much more.

I am heading back to school to begin a graduate program in Policy and Planning at the University of New Mexico this fall with a backpack full of tools and skills you have helped me assemble. I am thrilled to hand the reins over to Jordan Stone. He will bring and energy and enthusiasm to the organization that will be enjoyed by all, as well as a diversity of experience and resources to help us continue to grow in the direction of sustainability and multi-season operations. And I know that he will enjoy you too!





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**We still have a few openings in these groups:**

Outfit Expedition 1

Outfit Expedition 2

Wild Country Trek 2

Paleontology Trek

Trek Institute

Family Trek 2

*Call now to sign up!*

**New Gulch Website and Video**

Consider the ribbon cut!  
 This month, we are very pleased to announce the launch of the new Cottonwood Gulch website, which features interactive maps, archived materials, and clips from the equally-new Gulch video. Many thanks are owed to Lezle Williams for building the new web pages and to Seth Battis for his invaluable consultation. For many months, Shane Woodford and Emily Williams combined their filming and editing skills to produce the latest version of the Cottonwood Gulch marketing video. Go to: [www.cottonwoodgulch.org](http://www.cottonwoodgulch.org) to check it all out!



**2010 Summer Calendar**

**Prairie Trek**

June 27th to August 1st

**Turquoise Trail**

June 27th to August 1st

**Outfit Expedition**

Session 1: June 27th to July 11th  
 Session 2: July 18th to August 1st

**Wild Country Trek**

Session 1: June 27th to July 15th  
 Session 2: July 18th to August 5th

**Trek Institute**

July 11th to July 29th

**Mountain Desert Trek**

June 27th to August 5th

**Adult/Family Trek**

Session 1: July 11th to July 18th  
 Session 2: August 1st to August 8th

**Paleontology Trek**

July 11th to July 18th