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# The Purple Crew

## Welcome

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### **Goats?!**

The purple crew are Our Next Generation high schoolers that work together for the betterment of the community. This summer, the purple crew will be taking care of goats! There are three goats. Since there are all types of goats, we have two different goats that are all females. A white goat and her baby that are 100% Dairy Sonnen. A Beige goat that is 50% Dairy. Two Mamas and one baby. The beige goat seems to like people more and lets

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them pat her. The goat with the baby is more sensitive to people and rarely lets people touch her.



## **Greenery**

The goats are herd animals and eat a lot of greenery as herbivores.



Most of the vegetation that was present when goats arrived were no longer visible within 2 weeks of them being there.

The greenery areas that were present were gone.



These branches are called

Buckthorn. It's an invasive plant that the goats chew down.

## Hierarchy



The goats have a hierarchy system on who should eat the most food and due to that they tend to fight a lot. Since the goat with the baby has to feed her baby she always pushes away others in order to eat most of the food. The goat without the baby would just go to different places to find food. However this all changed when the baby started becoming independent.



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The baby started eating on its own after being denied milk from its mom. This led to the beige goat fighting without backing down with the baby and Mama.



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A pullerbear was used in order to pull out the tree of heaven. Tree of Heaven is an invasive plant from China. We as the purple crew pulled them out in order for other plants to grow and create a greenery that the goats can eat.



Mulberry- the goats love eating the leaves of Mulberry.



River bank grapes are native species that the goats eat the leaves of. River bank grapes are tart so they tend to avoid eating the grapes.



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The summer soon came to an end and so did our time with the goats. For the first time in all the summer with the goats, the dairy goats let people pat her. It felt like she knew our time together was coming to an end.



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Thank You for going on this journey with us and come again!



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