



Piedmont Community Service Crew Newsletter

Please familiarize yourselves with PCSC's plans during these uncertain times. In the coming weeks, please remember that homeless and low-income Bay Area citizens need your help more than ever before. PCSC is having an extensive fall program, so read more below!

Green = upcoming event

Orange = past event

Fall & Halloween themed Fundraiser

Fall is just around the corner and PCSC wants to help make this season special! Once again, the crew will be selling baskets with treats and activities you and your family can all enjoy! We will be selling two different baskets, an adult and a children's one! An adult basket will contain an apple pie making kit, spiced cider making kit, and an option to add on a pumpkin carving kit! The children's basket will have a caramel apple dipping kit, movie snack kit, and an arts and craft kit. You can also buy a ticket for a chance at winning a fall themed dessert. If you would be interested in purchasing a fun holiday basket that will enable the crew to continue our philanthropic projects, click the basket order form below! ORDER BEFORE SEPTEMBER 20TH FOR A DISCOUNT!! And please feel free to message the crews VPs of Fundraising, Sofia Prieto Black and Julia Banuelos (contacts below) if you have any questions at all!!

Remember that the fundraising proceeds are entirely for our philanthropic projects, so support this effort, have fun, *and* feel good about it too!

Here is the [order form!](#)

Signups and Renewals!!!

A reminder once again!! Throughout the COVID pandemic, our parent organization BSA has been working hard to contribute positively to the community. However, operating costs have risen, so BSA added a joining fee so our new member dues are now \$100. Here is the [link](#) to sign up as a new member.

To returning members: renewals were due last May 11! Go to the [renew page](#) on our website and follow the steps. Please renew ASAP!

Remember to make the two donations so that we are doing our part to provide funding for things that we benefit from!



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Harbor House Tutoring

PCSC is hosting another socially distanced community service event, virtual tutoring through Harbor House! Crew members will go through training on a live zoom session to prepare, and then be matched with a kid from Franklin Elementary School in Oakland. Tutors commit to providing online sessions 2-3 times a week throughout the semester in subjects that the kids are learning online for school. Many of these children come from families with lower incomes, where English is their second language, and where they don't have the ability to directly support their children's



education. Contact Crew Advisor for more information.

Speaker Series

PCSC is hosting its first online Speaker Series on September 6 from 5-6 pm! These zoom calls will feature speakers from a wide variety of our partner orgs

to deepen our understanding and empathy to each amazing organization we volunteer with as well as to facilitate meaningful conversations. Speakers include Pastor Monte McClain from College Ave Presbyterian Church and Julie Merrill from the St. Mary's Center. You will gain insights on how to better serve the people we do! This is open to the public - tell parents, friends and relatives. Please register for the event with this [link!](#) It will be a lot of fun and very informative!!

Monthly Crew Meeting - open to all

Join the monthly crew meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 5pm via Zoom. Crew President Bridget Bentley leads the discussion where the VPs bring up topics that are important for our being successful and having a rich program of events and projects. We discuss new ideas for things to do, ways to improve our member experience, and anyone attending can step up to get involved in the next big thing!

Tiny House Village

The crew is looking for 5-9 volunteers to help build the Tiny House Village this Saturday. We will be touching up houses, helping build a yurt, and working on a fence.



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This is a really fun outdoor event and is very COVID safe. Remember to wear a



mask, sunscreen, and bring your own water and a snack. interested, please sign up on our Facebook group!

PCSC TINY HOUSE #2

Last year, PCSC funded, planned, led and built a tiny house for Youth Spirit Artworks, and is planning to do this popular project again! During August, thanks to many supporters, we again raised \$12,500 to fund the material



cost for our second Tiny House project.

A project team led by Claire Lichty is organizing the project and plans to start working on Sep 6, a leaders' work day. Significant planning is going into our COVID mitigation plans to minimize transmission risks.

We expect to be building that house every Saturday and Sunday from mid Sept through most of Oct. Keep an eye on the Facebook Group for work day events to sign up on.

Leadership Opportunities

- this is *your* crew, so take control

PCSC is led by officers elected from the membership. Everyone is eligible to run for one of the officer positions, and freshmen are encouraged to get involved and then find some service activity or organizational role that is meaningful to them. Talk to any crew officer or the Crew Advisor to explore how to gradually help to run the crew.

Every event needs an event leader, and anyone is eligible to be one. This is a great way to start on your path to being a leader. More experienced members help new event leaders to understand what to do.

Talk with the crew advisor who will help you to find things in the crew that best fit your interests, personality and abilities,



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then **volunteer to be an event leader or an assistant to one of our VPs or in a project.**

Leadership Skills Training!

PCSC offers skills courses that are prepared by BSA and presented by our own crew members. Sofia Stahl, our VP Program, although busy working on college applications, school, and her own Venturing Summit Award Project, set aside time to present ILSC (Intro to Leadership Skills for Crews)



last weekend to several members who either are officers or aspire to help to run PCSC.

Thank you for your interest and involvement in PCSC!!

Sincerely,
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For further information or other questions, visit our crew website, www.pcservicecrew.org

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