



Piedmont Community Service Crew Newsletter - Feb 2026

Upcoming events outlined in purple

Past events in blue

important info

Announcements!!!

Chocolate Dipped Strawberry Fundraiser

It is almost time for another PCSC fundraiser. Come join us on Friday, February 13th to dip strawberries in chocolate for Valentines Day! All and any help is appreciated for our goal to dip 45 dozen strawberries, and it's such an easy going event for you and your friends.

Plus, after all the strawberries are dipped we will need your help with the deliveries. For further details (time, location, ect.) check the PCSC website under events. And....

PARENTS: Please support the crew's endeavors by ordering a box to give to someone you care about on Valentines Day! [Order Link!!](#)



Community Service over Feb Break!

Our recent workday at the Native Plant Nursery in Joaquin Miller Park sparked some new crew project ideas. Claire Aubrecht has volunteered to lead a new project where we will design and construct a kiosk to be erected in front of the nursery. They want to have this so they can post information about what they do, why, and how volunteers can support their efforts to cultivate native plants.

We plan to set up some work days sometime between Feb 14-21. We'll buy lumber, and, working in Piedmont, cut pieces to fit together before delivering and installing at the nursery. Contact Ken & Claire if you want to help pick dates and do some wood working!



April Break Service Trip

Our April Service Trip is coming up and we are still looking for more attendees! It's such a great way to earn service hours and build new relationships with different crew members! We will be leaving in the morning of April 5th to drive up to Ashland, OR where we'll spend the week volunteering at [Willow Witt Ranch](#), a non-profit environmental farm and their affiliate, [The Crest at Willow Witt](#), that is dedicated to environmental awareness and educating youth. We plan to return on April 11th, giving everyone an extra day to get ready for school.

We will help them by building some fire wood sheds, working with their animals in their barn, doing some environmental work on their site, and more! Our activities will be varied, but all focused on team building with a mix of service and fun. We still have openings, and hope to fill our team of around 8-10 members soon, so please reach out to Ken ASAP if you want to learn more.

Tiny House Office & Mural

After many years of working on the Richmond Tiny House Village, PCSC has almost completed the most recent project, constructing the welcome center/office.



We'd love involvement from everyone for the final push! We will have work days coming up to install the insulation, interior walls & ceiling, flooring and interior paint. Let Ken know if you've got dates that you want to work on this.

Of course, there are many other ways to get involved. We'd love for our crew to have the honor of creating murals to decorate the four sides of the building, and we are actively seeking for members to create the mural designs. If you are artistically inclined or have any interest in making your mark on the Richmond Tiny House Village, please reach out to Ken ASAP at Ken.i.Li@sbcglobal.net.

Saint Marys Cooking Event Reflection

By Jaden Jones

Hello everyone! My name is Jaden Jones and I'm a Sophomore along with a VP Communications Assistant here at PCSC.

On the early morning of Sunday, January 18th, I led, and attended my first cooking event with PCSC and would have to say it was one of the best experiences I have ever had.

We had a total of around 8 kids along with 3 adults to prepare, cook and serve my creation of a meal including Mexican pork, beans, rice, Mexican street corn, and apple crisp. As I approached the 50 senior lunch guests at the Saint Mary's center to say my intro speech, I felt a sense of

accomplishment and excitement. You will never find that feeling unless you come to events with PCSC because the best thing you can do as a child is instate a core belief of compassion to help others.



I would recommend anyone join these cooking events, and if you're really interested, lead one!!! A leadership role is one of the most important qualities in life to prepare you for adulthood. The organization aspect is key when given a deadline to cook large quantities of food for people waiting on you (even if you never go into the food business).

From one teenager to another, the best way to experience and determine if you like new things is to try them. It would never hurt to take some time out of your day to help someone else!

Interview with PCSC VP Maddie Lee

Why did you decide to join PCSC?

I heard about PCSC from my older sister. She was telling me about all the events and the cooking ones stood out to me because at the time I was really interested in cooking. I also knew I wanted to do things to help people out, so being able to give back to the community was important for me.

What is your role now? How did you decide what leadership to take on?

I am co-VP of Member Engagement. I wanted to have this role because I felt that I could contribute meaningful change. A big thing for me is making everyone feel welcome and excited to volunteer and not be afraid to come because maybe they don't have any friends going. That is why I started up the buddy system as a way for people who need guidance [to] get it and build relationships with other crew members. I also love collaborating with other people and getting feedback on what can be better and what's working.

What is your favorite event and why?

I really enjoy the Tiny House because it is a lot of fun to be outside and also you can chat with people! It is also really interesting to see/know how a house is built. And putting on the paint is very satisfying.

What advice would you give to new PCSC members?

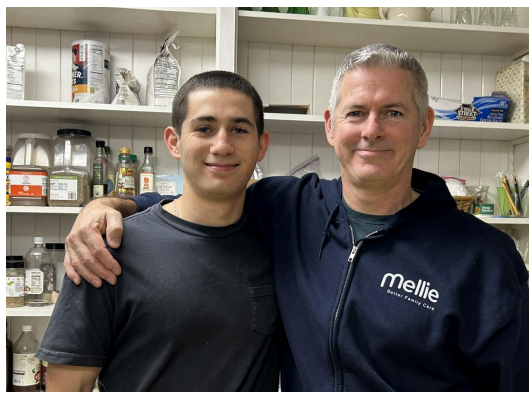


I would give new members the advice to try events out. It can seem intimidating at first but everyone is super nice and you will have a lot of fun. And don't limit yourself to just one thing! Trying everything out you might find something you wouldn't think you'd enjoy but you actually might.

Member Shout-out

By Toby Tsai, VP Member Engagement Assistant

We would like to shout out Noah Baldwin for organizing the Parents' cooking event last Jan



23rd on such short notice. When the original youth organizers ran into a last-minute conflict and had to step aside, Noah rose to the occasion without hesitation. Thanks to his initiative and hard work, it evolved into a successful evening where Noah directed 9 crew adults to prepare and cook a meal for 100 homeless people.

The adults had a great time making new connections while working together on this great cause.

Parents: watch for future events to help at! We need to have at least 2 adults at each event, so help us to fill that need.

Crew Members: Check the PCSC Website!!

You'll find lots of valuable information, including:

- Events page for members and parents to sign up for events
- Events calendar to view long term event plans
- Links to our social media
- PHS students: logging your service hours
- Meet our crew leaders
- How to join and renew your membership
- Newsletter archive. Read old issues to get important info!

**Thank you for reading and
for your continued involvement in PCSC!**

Sincerely,

Chloe Koh & Claire Aubrecht, co-VPs of Communications
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PCSC at the Native Plant Nursery, Jan 10, 2026:



