

Piedmont Community Service Crew Newsletter- Dec 2025

Upcoming events outlined in purple

Past events in blue

important info

Come on the April Service Trip!

Planned for Spring Break (April 5-11), PCSC is excited to propose a new service trip envisioned for a group of 6 to 10 members, 2 to 3 parents and crew advisor Ken to drive to Ashland, OR and volunteer for 5 days at [Willow Witt Ranch](#) who will also provide housing for us. We'll do a variety of work which will also benefit [The Crest at Willow Witt](#), which provides environmental education for school kids. Our work might include constructing some fire wood sheds, environmental work, and taking care of their farm animals in their barn. We will work together as a team: cooking our own meals, and doing fun evening activities after our days of volunteering.

We hope to form our trip group by the end of Jan 2026 and then we will collectively decide on exact dates, and the specific activities.

Contact Crew Advisor ASAP if you are intrigued/interested in joining this trip!

Service opportunities over Winter Break?

If you are available over winter break and want to help on the Tiny House Village office project in Richmond, contact crew advisor Ken ASAP with your availability. We can set up work days if there are at least about 3 crew members and a parent available for >3 hours. Upcoming tasks: install door locks, trim around the doors, paint trim with accent color, add insulation.

Reminder: Parents Please Donate to Tiny House Village project fund!

Tiny house has been one of PCSC's core events for the past two years. The project helps provide homes for unhoused youth in the Bay Area while teaching crew



members construction skills as they build the houses entirely from scratch. We are asking that all parents please donate generously to help us cover 50% of the estimated \$20k materials cost for our current project of creating a village office for the Richmond Tiny House Village. We

are only at 18% to the goal to raise \$10k by the end of 2025.

Construction parts are expensive: for example, each window or door is almost \$1000! Suggested amount: \$100 to \$500 (more if your member has gotten a lot out of this project)

Any help is appreciated and all donations can be sent via this [link](#).

Please include a note “PCSC office project” and forward the confirmation email to Crew Advisor Ken.I.Li@sbcglobal.net to help us track out progress. Thank you!

Winter Break Backpacking Trip (HAC)



Backpacking is back! Last winter, High Adventure Crew hosted a backpacking overnight and after a lot of positive feedback, we are excited to announce that we are hosting another one. Overnights include hiking, camping, cooking, and socializing with others and are a great way to branch out and join a new tight knit community. The proposed dates are December 27-28 but are flexible based on member interest and availability. Please let chloe.koh256@gmail.com and Ken.i.Li@sbcglobal.net know if you are interested ASAP!

Tree Lot 2025 !

Thanks to all who volunteered at the annual Piedmont Scout Tree Lot, a beloved event within the crew as it provides trees for many families in our own community and allows members to create a social connection with others. This event is also important to the crew as the proceeds go towards the operating budget of our own nationally-ranked Piedmont Council of Scouting America to support youth activities year-round - including PCSC!

This event is not only fun for our youth members but also the parents who get the opportunity to volunteer by doing tree deliveries in teams! Crew members also volunteer alongside scouts within the Piedmont Council.

We've got [one more shift, Dec 13](#), led by Crew President **Elena O'Connell**. View photos (end of the newsletter) from the recent shifts.

PCSC Parent Party Recap

By Priyanka Seshan and Evolette Mak, Co-VPs of Parent Engagement

On November 15th, the VPs of Parent Engagement held their annual parent party, graciously hosted by the **Baldwin family**, with a turnout of just over 50 attendees. The event kicked off with a fun group ice breaker where parents and crew officers had the opportunity to discover things they had in common. Then, the VPs were able to provide parents with context about their roles and important information about the crew through a slideshow presentation. Afterwards, parents had the chance to mingle and talk with others, sharing their experiences in the crew.



New crew parent, **Anne Hawkins**, said that “it was a great opportunity to meet other parents and hear about their involvement in crew events. I appreciated hearing from the students themselves about the ways in which parent support is both needed and valued.” The night ended off with a successful dessert auction featuring an assortment of cookies, cupcakes, and banana pudding!

VP Parent Engagement is hoping to hold another parent party in the spring, making the event a bi-yearly occurrence. The date is currently planned for early April, so keep an eye out for updates!

Member Shout-out

By Maddie Lee and Noah Sukeforth, Co-VPs of Member Engagement

This month, we would like to highlight our new member **Kai Hsu**, who joined PCSC in late September, and recently led our trail maintenance event, where members help repair a hiking trail also used by Piedmont's mountain biking team.





We would also like to appreciate **Noah Baldwin** and his parents for hosting the parent party and for his and **Leela Sivakumar**'s dedication to the crew as the VP of Parent Engagement's assistants.

We're also proud to recognize these three members who achieved the rank of bronze in the month of November:

- **Adam Quibelian**
- **Ella Bornkamp**
- **Carly Kemp-Malone**

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

Sincerely,
Chloe Koh & Claire Aubrecht, co-VPs of Communications

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TREE LOT 2025:



