



Piedmont Community Service Crew Newsletter - April 2026

Upcoming events outlined in purple

Past events in blue

Important info

Crew Retreat

Apologies everyone for the late newsletter, but we still thought that updating you on these past and upcoming events would be helpful. I am pleased to inform you that all of us who attended the Crew Retreat had a blast. We had the privilege of being led through a leadership course, by our own crew officers, where I personally learned many aspects of great leadership and what it looks like effectively. Additionally, we voted and have now elected our new VP's and Presidents (make sure to check our instagram account on information about the new leaders)! We give great thanks to those of you who joined the zoom meeting, and voted on our crew leaders. To all of the crew members who ran, we deeply appreciate your effort and dedication to PCSC and sincerely hope you continue taking that attitude with you to all the events!

Thanks to the crew alumni family, the Yeh's, for again hosting our group!

List of New Officers!!!

- **Maddie Lee and Claire Aubrecht (Co Presidents)**
- **Nick Tam and Lucas Bekele (VP's of Fundraising)**
- **Jaden Jones and Mira Sen (VP's of Communications)**
- **Tobias Tsai (VP of Program)**
- **Noah Baldwin and Leela Sivakumar (VP's of Parent Engagement)**
- **Lucas LaForte and Allyson Huynh (VP's of Member Engagement)**
- **Amalia Angulo Sardi and Rose Reining (VP's of Accounting)**

Everyone Else Who Ran!!!

- **Lila Schwab and Elly Mak (for Fundraising)**
- **Olivia Bailey and Mina Herrgott (for Program)**
- **Tobias Tsai and Noah Sukeforth (for Member Engagement)**



Past and current co-Presidents Stephanie & Claire planning the retreat agenda



Oregon Service Trip

By Luca LaForte, Charlotte Zhang, and Amalia Angulo

In early April, a group of service members (9 teens, 4 parents, and Ken) headed up to Oregon to assist a non-profit education program based on Willow-Witt Ranch called The Crest. The crew stayed in Willow-Witt for 6 nights and slept in tents with their bunkmates. Every morning, the crew would work from 9am-4pm (with an hour break at noon), doing a variety of work, such as sawing, nailing, and measuring wood for the main goal of creating a wood shed to protect firewood from the unpredictable Oregon weather 🐾👍🔥. Alongside building, the crew engaged in multiple fun activities like disc golf, ping pong, hiking, visiting the nearby farm animals 🐶, and going to see *Come From Away* at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Every night, crew member duos cooked dinner such as fried rice, lasagna, and hamburgers, which taught them how to work together and cook for a group of people.

Photos at the end!

Piedmont Weavers Program

Piedmont Weavers will begin its start in the upcoming weeks with Allyson Huynh and Luca LaForte as its leaders. Since registration just closed there will be no opportunities to join, but it's still great to be educated and updated on ongoing and importantly new programs within PCSC. Just as a recap, Weavers is a program that lasts 6 weeks as teens are paired up with seniors living at home within Piedmont. They will be given tasks to help with around the house along with making meaningful connections with our elderly.

Shoutout

By Claire Aubrecht

In the evening of April 16, a group of crew members and parents attended the Piedmont Scouting America Annual Recognition Dinner to honor crew member Stephanie Lee for the William Peterson Award (the outstanding youth leader of the year) and crew parent Yoko Ichikawa (Distinguished Scouter award for her support in PCSC)



Donate to the Richmond Tiny House Fundraiser!

By: Nicholas Tam and Lucas Bekele, Co-VP's of Fundraising

PCSC can proudly say that we are nearing the end of building the welcome office in the Richmond Tiny House Village Farm and Garden. As of April 2026 the building has a full roof, compact wood framed structure, a covered entryway and it is built with durable material for harsh conditions. In the next few weekends, we are mainly going to spend time on painting the closet, installing window & door trim and painting the entire interior of the office building. The office building is not only meant for housing, but a place where it can foster a supportive community for the youth.

We have both been present in the building of the welcome office, and have seen the immense progress made firsthand since the project began. The Tiny House project can be a part of a larger goal to stop the global housing crisis, in which 2.8 - 3 billion people are affected. It is amazing to be able to help with a project that has a strong positive effect on a community of unsheltered youth.

We only have \$3,422 left to hit our donation goal for the Richmond Tiny House Project, which has been built through many years of fundraising. We welcome any amount of donations that can help towards supporting this cause.

Please donate via this link (Tax-deductible): [Richmond Tiny House GoFundme](#)

- **Make sure to include a note, which says “PCSC Richmond Office Project”. When you get an email, forward it to the PCSC’s Crew Adviser, Ken Li at Ken.I.Li@sbcglobal.net to help us track our progress in raising funds. Thank you!!!**

Donations can also be made directly to PCSC (non tax-deductible)

- **Via PayPal**
Send to PCSCOfficial@gmail.com (recipient appears as Emma Broening). Please select “Friends and Family” so we receive the full amount
- **Via Zelle**
Send to PCSC.zelle@gmail.com. Please include note “Richmond Office” so our VP’s Accounting can allocate the funds correctly
- **After you donate, please forward the acknowledgement email to Ken.i.Li@sbcglobal.net with the subject line “Richmond Proj Donation” and make sure that it shows the donor name and amount so we can help track our progress.**

If you would like to be a part of the event, Sign up on the Events Page on the PCSC Website via this link: [PCSC Events Lists](#). In addition to the member signups, PCSC is seeking at least 2 parents to be at each of the office building events.



Member Summer Availability Form

Tobias Tsai, our new VP Program has created a new form for all members to fill out for this summer! As it is very self explanatory we hope that you find it useful for communicating with the VP's, keeping yourself on top of your ability for summer events and being able to check out other people's availability as well. I will link it [HERE](#) so that everyone viewing the newsletter has easy and complete access! Once you click on it if your name isn't already provided in the document

make sure to just add it along with your availability for all the dates listed!! Save this link so that you can go back and update your availability if it changes.
Thank you!

REMINDER to 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!)

And....

Check PCSC's Instagram!!

Make sure to go on instagram, search @pcservicecrew, and follow our account to receive the most direct updates about all the crew has to offer!

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

Sincerely,

Jaden Jones & Mira Sen, co-VPs of Communications
Charlotte Zhang & Michelle Peng, VP Communications Assistants

Listed below are the emails of all of the PCSC leaders, feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns!

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PHOTO GALLERY

PCSC in Ashland OR during April break:

BUILDING A WOOD SHED







COOKING AND EATING OUR MEALS TOGETHER



VISITING THE FARM ANIMALS; A HIKE TO THE LOCAL WATERFALL; BOWLING ON THE DRIVE HOME

