

Piedmont Community Service Crew Newsletter

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MESSAGES FROM THE LEADERS

Summer Member Availability Form and Sheet

By Tobias Tsai VP of Program

Hey everyone! We have just finished creating a [Google form](#) designed to collect your interest in events for this coming summer. It was just sent out a few weeks ago by email and we would really appreciate it if you could fill it out as soon as possible. Once filled out make sure to check your email or texts because we will be in touch! And even better, we encourage you to also fill out the [Google sheet](#), especially if you're interested in doing an event with friends (it shows everyone's responses).

Looking For VP Program Assistant

By Tobias Tsai VP of Program

Behind every service event on the PCSC calendar, there's a lot of planning that makes it happen. I'm Toby, your VP of Program, and I'm looking for a few members to join me as VP Assistant in Program for this summer and the next school year.

As a VP Assistant, you'd join weekly calls with Ken and I, where we would plan to find and organize future events (like trail fence-building in Joaquin Miller Park, singing at Piedmont Gardens, and Tiny House), reach out to organizations, find event leaders, and explore fresh ideas for the crew. There is no experience needed, just

enthusiasm about our crew doing fun and rewarding activities and a commitment to show up.

What you'd be doing:

Help fill the weekly event calendar, learning technical skills such as managing and creating Google Sheets to optimize tasks, and networking with staff at events.

This is a great way to build real leadership experience, make a bigger impact in the community, and help shape what PCSC does next.

Interested? Reach out to Ken & me.

Toby: 510-213-9711

Ken: 510-410-4283

UPCOMING

July 4th - Pancake Breakfast

By Nick Tam and Lucas Bekele - Co-VPs of Fundraising

Annual 4th of July Pancake Breakfast

It is that time of year again! On Saturday, July 4th from 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM, PCSC will host our beloved annual Pancake Breakfast at Veterans Hall in Piedmont. Crew members will cook and serve pancakes, sausages, fresh fruit, coffee, and juice to our community



before they head out to the parade. It is a tradition as old as the crew itself, and this year it is bigger and better than ever.

This is one of PCSC's most important fundraisers of the year. Every dollar raised goes directly into funding the programs and service events that define who we are: cooking

meals for food-insecure families, building tiny houses for unsheltered youth, constructing community spaces, and so much more. Without this breakfast, we simply could not do what we do. Your participation as a crew member is what makes it possible.

Bring the Whole Family!

We want to see crew members and their families at Veterans Hall this 4th of July! Bring your parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and anyone else who loves a great breakfast. Eating together as a crew community is one of the best parts of the morning, and having families there to cheer us on makes the event even more special.

Tickets are available at the door (Cash, PayPal, or Zelle) or in advance online via (PayPal, Zelle, or Check):

Adults (15+): \$15

Youth (Ages 3-14): \$10

Children Under 3: Free!

Purchase tickets in advance at: forms.gle/iw5HtZ5LdcktxFDbA

Sign Up to Volunteer



Crew members, this is a huge opportunity to rack up volunteer hours while contributing to one of PCSC's most high-impact events of the year. Whether you are cooking in the kitchen, serving tables, selling tickets at the door, or helping with setup and cleanup, every role counts and every hour matters.

Please do two things right now:

1. RSVP on the PCSC website: www.PCServiceCrew.org
2. Sign up for your volunteer shift on SignUpGenius: [Sign Up Here](#)

Signing up early helps us plan staffing and makes the morning run smoothly for everyone. Do not wait until the last minute, spots fill up fast!

Why This Breakfast Matters

In its 22nd year, PCSC hosted roughly 150 community service events across the Bay Area. From cooking and distributing food to people experiencing food insecurity, to building tiny houses for unsheltered youth, to constructing community spaces like our recent Native Plant Nursery info kiosk, every project



we take on is made possible by fundraising like this.

When you volunteer at the Pancake Breakfast, you are not just flipping pancakes. You are helping fund the next meal we cook for a family in need, the next tiny house we build for a homeless youth, and the next project that makes our Bay Area community a better place. This is what PCSC is all about.

Thank You to Our Sponsors

A huge thank you to [Piedmont Grocery](#) and [Village Market](#) for their generous donations that make this breakfast possible. Community partners like these are essential to everything we do. If you shop there, tell the management how much you appreciate their support for PCSC!

July 12 - Alameda County Community Food Bank

By Charlotte Zhang, Communications Assistant

The upcoming Alameda County Community Food Bank event is taking place on the 12th. We have about 6 or so spots left if you would like to join us in one of the more popular PCSC events! I personally haven't



attended any of the food bank events since joining the crew (and frankly, since elementary school). I'm very excited to get the chance to lead my first event that is not only more social and laid-back, but is also one that I know will

have a positive effect on the community. Both members and parents are welcome to partake in the event, we hope to see you there!

If you want to join us, please RSVP on the [PCSC events page](#) and make sure to pre-register on the ACCFB website ([Individual Volunteer Sign Up](#)) and fill out the volunteer waiver ([Volunteer Liability Waiver and Agreement](#)). Thanks!

July 19 - REAP Climate Center

By Ken Li, Crew Advisor

REAP Climate Center is located along a narrow strip of land in Alameda. Lined with artsy structures made from upcycled materials, it's interspersed with eco-centric initiatives that demonstrate ways that our community can exist in better sync with our environment. These initiatives have been created in partnership with local businesses and groups, each showing unique environmental processes and cool ways that nature and engineering can blend. REAP needs different types of skill and labor (construction, art, composting, working with animals, and much more), which are all opportunities for volunteers to help.



The PCSC Program team is planning to set up regular dates at REAP because they offer such a wide range of things to do and don't mind if we switch around to try different things each time we visit. Jaden Jones volunteered a couple times and fell in love with REAP, so she

plans to lead future PCSC events and perhaps focus on a bioswale project there.

RSVP for the upcoming Climate Center event ([REAP Climate Center](#)) and fill out the waiver ([REAP Climate Center Waiver, Release, and Indemnity Agreement](#)) before you go!

July 31 - College Ave Cooking Event

By Luca LaForte, co-VP of Member Engagement



The College Avenue Cooking event aims to have volunteers (around 6-8 crew members and 2-3 parents) cook meals for around 100 people at the Presbyterian church. This is my first time leading an event, and although I am a little bit nervous, I know it will go great. I am glad I get to lead an event that I am passionate about, cooking, while

helping others. I am also glad that I am able to lead an event without needing past experience in leading events/PCSC gatherings. I am looking forward to leading this event and helping feed over 100 people.

RSVP for the cooking event ([College Avenue Cooking Event](#)) to attend!

Future Cooking Events

Our cooking events for the rest of 2026 have already been set. Here are the various days and times so you can save-the-date:

August 28th - Friday 3:45pm - 6:45pm	College Ave Dinner	No leader
September 20 - Sunday 11:00am - 2:30am	St. Mary's Lunch	Event leader: Allyson H. (Co-VP of Parent Engagement) Parent Mentor: Blair P.
September 25 - Friday 3:45pm - 6:45pm	College Ave Dinner	No leader
October 18 - Sunday 11:00am - 2:30am	St. Mary's Lunch	No leader
October 23 - Friday 3:45pm - 6:45pm	College Ave Dinner	No leader
November 1 - Sunday 11:00am - 2:30am	St. Mary's Lunch	No leader
November 13 - Friday 3:45pm - 6:45pm	College Ave Dinner	No leader
December 11 - Friday 3:45pm - 6:45pm	College Ave Dinner	No leader

If you're interested in leading a cooking event, contact Ken at (510)-410-4283 or ken.i.li@sbcglobal.net and Toby (VP of Program) at 510-213-9711 or tobiaswtsai@gmail.com.

PCSC IN THE NEWS

May 13th	<u>Piedmont Community Service Crew in Oregon</u>	By Ken Li
May 20th	<u>Community Service Crew Volunteers in Oregon over spring break</u>	By Amalia Angulo Sardi, Luca LaForte & Charlotte Zhang
May 2026 Issue of Piedmont Living	<u>Meet Ken Li - Volunteer Extraordinaire and Family Man</u>	By Mara Caparaz (not a PCSC member)

Interested in writing an article about a PCSC event for the Piedmont Post? Contact Ken at (510)-410-4283 or ken.i.li@sbcglobal.net.

REMINDERS

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 your continued involvement in PCSC!

Sincerely,

Jaden Jones & Mira Sen, co-VPs of Communications

Charlotte Zhang, Communications Assistant

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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