

Piedmont Community Service Crew Newsletter

Upcoming events outlined in purple

Past events in blue

important info

Fill Out This [Member Profile Survey!](#)

Members and Parents!

Our VPs of Member Engagement want to learn more about you and help make attending events as easy as possible!

Please out this short [member interest survey](#) within the next month

Member Shout-out

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

As we reflect on a successful September, we're excited to shine a light on some incredible individuals who went above and beyond in their volunteer efforts. Your dedication makes a real difference—and we're proud to celebrate your impact.

A huge thank you to **Lucas Kim** and **Connor Sorensen** for each taking the lead in organizing and executing one of our standout last month! Their initiative, coordination skills, and positive energy set the tone for a memorable experience for everyone involved. Your leadership truly inspired those around you—thank you for stepping up making it happen!



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We're also proud to recognize these four newer members who logged the most hours in the month of September:

Noah Baldwin
Ella Bornkamp
Aiden Stewart

Your commitment consistency are nothing short of amazing. Thank you



and

for



your time, heart, and hard work. You exemplify what it means to be a dedicated volunteer!

Let's carry this momentum into the new season. We can't wait to see what we accomplish together next!

"I really enjoy going to events like the Friday College Ave dinner because it leaves me with a sense of great accomplishment. While bonding with others, I get to both expand my cooking, and make a real difference by helping feed the community!"

- Ella Bornkamp

How to find and sign up for events?

Did you know that events are now posted on the crew website, where you can sign up, in a private [events section](#). All members and parents should create their own personal log in (notify crew advisor Ken to get approved for access). Bookmark that link and check often for updates.

Follow our instagram for updates on upcoming events! Our username is [@pcservicecrew](#) and we post every week.

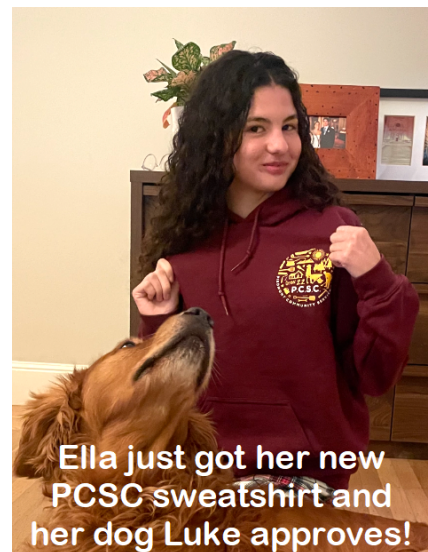
After you've done an event, if you like that, let us (especially the VP Program team) know, and help us to decide when to do future events so they align with your free time.

PCSC Hoodie Sweatshirts on sale!

With the cooler weather coming, this snug item will let you show crew spirit in style and comfort.

These are a bargain at just \$25 via the same payment options as for [membership dues](#)

Contact Ken to pick up yours.



Ella just got her new PCSC sweatshirt and her dog Luke approves!

Parent Party: Nov 14th

By: Evolette Mak & Priyanka Seshan, Co-VPs Parent Engagement and VP Assistants Noah Baldwin & Leela Sivakumar

We're excited to announce our upcoming Parent Party in November!

This fun and relaxed event is a great opportunity to connect with other PCSC families, meet our student leaders, and learn how your kids can make the most of their experience with PCSC. We'll be sharing the exact details soon, but **save the date Saturday Nov 15th, late afternoon.** We can't wait to see you there!



Please remember that PCSC parents are required to attend at least two PCSC events each semester, and this Parent Party can count as one of those required events.

Donate to the Tiny House Village Fundraiser!



PCSC proudly has taken on the full responsibility for providing the Welcome Office for the new Richmond Tiny House Village Farm and Garden. Since January we have been doing the construction planning and paying for the materials from the crew's coffers.

Sign up to help and see firsthand the impressive progress we have made. At the next work event, we hope to install the roof, windows, and doors in time to protect against the impending rain.

We would like to invite parents to make donations to help cover 50% of the estimated \$20k materials cost. We would appreciate your help!

Please donate via this [link](#)

1. Make sure to include a note “PCSC office project”. When you get a confirmation email, forward it to Crew Advisor Ken.I.Li@sbcglobal.net to help us track our progress. Thank you!

Tiny House Village project update

Almost every weekend PCSC has been making steady progress on our project at the Richmond Tiny House Village to construct their welcome center office. The past couple work days were spent covering the roof plywood with the waterproofing and shingles, and the first of two gutters.



In the next few weeks, we hope to reprime and paint the exterior a bold magenta hue. **If you would like to be a part of the painting team**, please let Ken know and you can help to set the date and time for that work.

PCSC is **seeking artists to design a mural** that will cover the village welcome center office that we are constructing. Contact Ken ASAP for info.

Join High Adventure Crew:

Explore the Great Outdoors and earn Venturing Awards



High adventure Crew (HAC) is a Venturing Crew with a greater focus on exploring the outdoors. Come and explore being in nature. HAC hosts fun and social monthly hikes and is organizing a backpacking trip in

December. Help us pick dates for hikes and other outings.

High adventure crew is not only a way to connect with the outdoors and join a new community but also provides many opportunities to earn venturing awards! There are four ranks you can achieve (Venturing, Discovery, Pathfinder, and Summit) that each have their own requirements.

If you are interested in joining HAC (or want to learn more) in venturing awards, contact chloe.koh256@gmail.com and Ken.i.Li@sbcglobal.net

Spring Break Service Trip: Sign up now!

By Ken Li

NEW SERVICE TRIP!! PCSC has a tradition of summer service trips, but for the upcoming April 2026 break, Ken is hoping to organize a trip to [Willow Witt Ranch](#), in Medford, Oregon. Willow Ranch is a working organic farm with beautiful hiking trails and animals. They are affiliated with The Crest Outdoor School which uses the site to provide educational programs for elementary school kids from all over Oregon.



Help build wood sheds to store firewood for future paying visitors, work in their barn and animals, and maintain their grounds. We may also go into Medford to cook a meal for 100 people in greater need.

We will stay in tent cabins warmed by wood burning stoves. We plan to cook our own meals and eat together. In addition, we will spend one day visiting other nature areas, hiking local trails, and touring nearby communities like Ashland.

Please contact Ken directly as soon as possible to get onto the “interested” list and learn more. Attendees will be selected based on participation in crew events, demonstration of being good team players and hard workers. We are aiming for about 10 members and will likely need 2-3 parent drivers. Sign up early to help plan our activities and other trip details!

Coastal Clean-up Recap

The Coastal Clean-up event on Sep 20th gave the crew a chance to gather a big crowd to collect trash from the bottom of San Leandro Creek where it empties into San Leandro Bay. Despite short notice, we were thrilled to have over 50 members and parents participate and the event ended up being a great opportunity to get to know new members!

Check out the pictures from this event, shown at the end of this newsletter.

Among those who attended was Emilia Angulo, a 9th grader at Piedmont High School and a first year in PCSC. Angulo said that “*the event was incredibly fun and fulfilling! I learned lots of valuable lessons such as giving back to my community and such*”. If given the chance, Angulo also expressed interest in

doing the event again. Another new member, Kaya Kothari, also recommended this event as the tasks were easier and a great way to integrate into the crew.

Additionally, we would like to say a special thank you to Edison Zhu's parents who donated and delivered lunch from their restaurant, [Chef's Experience China Bistro](#) in Hayward!

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

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

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 from Coastal Cleanup, Sep 20, 2025



