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Dear Members and Parents of PCSC,

Welcome to the new 2015-2016 crew year! On Tuesday, September 15, PCSC had a table at Piedmont High School's club day. Officers recruited potential new members, greeted old ones, and handed out renewal forms to make signups easier, avoiding printing problems. Around fifty possible new members wrote down their name at club day, and will hopefully become involved in the crew. Encourage your kids or friends to

1. Join or renew their membership. Forms can be found online (<http://pcservicecrew.org/signup>), or you can ask one of the officers for a packet.
2. Once the forms are filled out, attach a \$40 check made out to "Piedmont Community Service Crew", with additional donations to "Friends of Scouting" and "RTO".
3. Hand them to any of the 2015-2016 PCSC officers, listed at the end of the newsletter.

If grownups want to become involved also, register as an adult volunteer! Talk with Ken.

The year is already starting out great. We've had multiple events from the usual cooking at Hot Meals to creek cleanup - check them out below. Sign up for events on our [FB group](#).

### **Clausen House**

One of the awesome, new events we're starting is working at the Clausen House in Oakland. Founded in 1967, they provide residential, independent, and supported living, as well as employment and educational services to adults with mental disabilities. In addition, they give indirect support to those adults' families. Our crew has provided volunteers for two workdays, with a third coming up on October 3 (a fun event for new members to come to! Look for more information on the PCSC



Facebook page). Besides helping a wonderful organization, these events give members the opportunity to gain hands-on experience with gardening, painting, and moving furniture. In the future, we hope to keep supporting the Clausen

### **Tutoring on Thursdays**

If anyone is looking for a way to become involved in PCSC, come to tutoring on Thursdays, where 4-8 members join others to tutor Burmese refugee kids at a house in Oakland. We need parents to volunteer as a driver, bringing members to and from the house, which is 15-20 minutes from Piedmont.. The kids range from kindergarten to college-age, so you can decide to work with more difficult material and older teenagers, help first graders with addition, or anywhere in between. Sign up now through the SignUpGenius [link](#) in the Facebook group. The limited spots fill fast! If you are new to our tutoring events and a date looks full, still put your name on the waiting list and we may find a spot for you.

### **Friends of Sausal Creek: Cleanup**

If you don't like painting houses or tutoring kids, come to creek cleanups and trail restorations with environmental organizations, like Friends of Sausal Creek. Our crew wants all members to be involved, but also to enjoy what they do. That's why our VPs of Program (Ellie Coleman and Rose

House and the inspiration it provides to the community.

Eisenbach) work hard to keep the events everyone likes on the calendar.

Help us continue to help out the community in any of the following ways:

- Register as an official crew member
- Donate to support our Rebuilding Together Oakland (RTO) project, in which we revive a building in Oakland that would not have the funds to, otherwise.
- Sign up for our Fall RTO project, happening October 26-27, on the Facebook Group. Waivers and project details will be emailed to you.
- Parents! Come to **Oktoberfest** to support Piedmont BSA on October 17, at the Lake Merritt Boathouse. There will be a DJ, beer, dancing, German food, and free gondola rides. There will be an auction to fundraise for BSA, including amazing prizes such as: 7 nights at a Lake Tahoe home, a BBQ/beer/ping pong party, dinner for 4 at acclaimed AQ Restaurant, and a free dessert every month until May, baked by PCSC members. Support scouting and buy your tickets now at [www.piedmontbsa.org](http://www.piedmontbsa.org)
- donate to Friends of Scouting (FOS) which supports programs such as PCSC

Thank you for your interest and/or involvement in PCSC!

Sincerely,  
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