



Saturday, October 31, 2015

Dear Members and Parents of PCSC,

Happy Halloween! The first quarter of the school year is over, and PCSC is in full swing, with nearly weekly events. Members can sign up for events on the [FB group](#). Still, some members have not yet turned in their forms. Service hours will not be logged until all forms and checks are completed. If you haven't already, follow the instructions below to join.

1. Fill the forms - they can be found online on the crew [website](#).
2. Once the forms are filled out, attach a \$40 check made out to "Piedmont Community Service Crew", with important additional donations to "Friends of Scouting" and/or "RTO". These help us keep our dues at a low \$40 for a whole year, and is tax deductible.
3. Deliver to Colin Dixon by November 8 at 6861 Estates Dr, Piedmont, CA, 94611.

If grownups want to become involved also, register as an adult volunteer! Talk with Ken ([ken.i.li@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ken.i.li@sbcglobal.net)) about how rewarding this is to help the teens in our community.

### **Fall RTO**

The weekend of October 24-25, the crew improved the exterior of the Cohen Bray House in Oakland. Along with other volunteer groups, members revived the outside of the house and its yard, mainly doing brick work. Rebuilding Together Oakland (RTO) is a great organization that PCSC has consistently



worked with throughout the years. In the Spring of 2016, another weekend will be dedicated to another house, also through RTO, where our crew will be the only group of volunteers. This event is the most highly attended event in the crew, and is great hands-on experience with tools, painting, and

### **Informational Meeting**

On Wednesday, October 14, PCSC led an informational meeting for members and their parents at the Student Center. Helpful information about specific events, benefits of the crew, how to become a leader, the crew retreat, venturing awards, and more. If you missed out on the meeting, check out the presentation below.

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/124ZKFHRnMjvY8OemnTug0akKI0uJ1AXhLeMNjw992\\_/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/124ZKFHRnMjvY8OemnTug0akKI0uJ1AXhLeMNjw992_/edit?usp=sharing)

### **PCSC Garage Sale**

To raise money for groceries for cooking events, tools for RTO, and snacks for tutoring Burmese refugees, PCSC is holding a garage sale on November 14 at 345 El Cerrito Ave. To help us to reach our goal of \$3,000, drop off your donations between 7am-9am, preferably, but we will accept donations throughout the day, 9am-3pm. If you have questions on the garage sale, contact Colin Dixon, Treasurer, at [colindixon5@gmail.com](mailto:colindixon5@gmail.com). Or sign up for a shift at the garage sale on the [Facebook event](#).

### **Tree Lot**

From November until Christmas, Piedmont Boy Scouts of America (BSA) will be selling Christmas



yardwork. The long all-day hours always leave the house-owners and PCSC members feeling happy 😊 .

### **Tracking Service Hours**

This year, PHS has a new system to track community service hours, which is online on [Track it Forward](#). Students log their own hours throughout the year, no authorization required, but are encouraged to still fill out the blue forms that can be picked up at the high school's College & Career Center, in case proof is ever needed. For PCSC members, instead of tracking each individual event you attend, you should log all your hours with the crew at the end of the year, so it's less of a hassle. Crew advisor, Ken Li, keeps a [spreadsheet](#) from May 2015-April 2016 to track the hours of all members and their totals. Each event has a column heading which is coded green when the hours have been entered. If the column heading is not shaded green, it's not completed yet. So, at the end of the crew year, go to Track it Forward, click Log Hours, and just say 30, 50, or however many are recorded on the spreadsheet. For the date, just type the date of the day you log the hours. Contact VP of Communications, Nina Adarkar, at [nina.adarkar@gmail.com](mailto:nina.adarkar@gmail.com) if you're still unclear.

### **PCSC Social Media**

To stay updated with the crew through photos, follow [@pcservice](#) crew on instagram. If you have a photo you'd like to post, email it to [nina.adarkar@gmail.com](mailto:nina.adarkar@gmail.com), and it'll be featured on the account! Feel free to attach quotes or a summary for the event as a caption.

trees at Coaches Field. All Boy Scout Troops and Venturing Crews are helping to run this fundraiser which keeps our BSA Council healthy and able to serve the youth of Piedmont.. Parents and members should [sign up for a shift](#), and help support Scouting!

### **Food Bank**



Future dates for helping out the Alameda Food Bank are shown on the [calendar](#). we are assigned dates every 3 months. Need parents to be regular attendees at the food bank: this allows PCSC to have a special status where members get to sign up up to the last minute without limits.]

### **Website news**

Skyler Liu, webmaster, has updated the [PCSC website](#)! Check out the "Crew spotlight" which acknowledges to members and families who have donated and displays testimonials of crew members past and present. Also, if you ever want to access the monthly newsletters and don't want to sort through your email, go to the website and click the tab all the way on the right, labeled Newsletters, and click on the month you'd like to see. Keep checking the website for new photos, articles, and general updates.

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

Sincerely,  
Nina Adarkar (VP of Communications)



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