



December 29th, 2015

Dear Members and Parents of PCSC,

I hope you have been having a very happy holiday break! This holiday season, the PCSC participated in many different and interesting events to support the community and raise cheer, including working at the Boy Scout Tree Lot, tutoring in Oakland, and leading Cub Scouts in holiday caroling for elderly residents at The Pointe at Rockridge. We are looking forward to many more events in the New Year. Members can sign up for these events on the [FB group](#). Check out our website at <http://pcservicecrew.org>

Events PCSC Participated in This Month

- **Scout Tree Lot** - Thanks to all crew member and parents for their help at this annual fundraising effort. We sold out so it closed early. The proceeds will help Piedmont Council BSA's operation for this year. Our Council was responsible for the formation of PCSC many years ago and promotes new crews too
- **Native Plant Nursery** - It's been a couple years since PCSC has helped here. Members that attended on Dec 26 felt that we should go back. Worked on helping and preserving native northern California plants.

Friends of Scouting

Support the Scouting community by making a tax-deductible donation to Friends of Scouting! Funds keep the Boy Scout Association functioning and able to fund boy scout troops, as well as venture crews like Piedmont Community Service Crew. They can be mailed to Colin Dixon at 6861 Estates Dr, Piedmont.

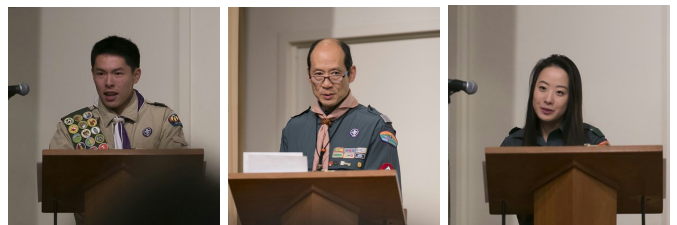
Rebuilding Together Oakland

PCSC's biggest and most popular project of the year, where we renovate the home of a lucky elderly Oakland resident, happens over two Saturdays at the end of Apr. We typically draw 100 volunteers, and it's mainly student-run, with a youth house captain and volunteer coordinator. We rely on crew family donations to reach our sponsorship goal of \$7500. We are several thousand \$ short, so please donate now! . See Chris Stuetz' letter. Contact Ken Li for details.

Venturing Awards

Did you know you can achieve awards for venturing? You earn an award for joining, another for becoming more involved, another for becoming a leader, and the final one for becoming a skilled, experienced mentor who has led a big project, similar to the Eagle Project. This final Venturing award is called the Summit Award and is equivalent to the honor of the Eagle Scout for Boy Scouts.

Update - On December 27, at a formal Court of Honor, Gates Zeng (who was also in Troop 1) and Elaine Qian, the last two PCSC presidents, were presented with the Eagle and Silver (now replaced by the Summit) Awards respectively!



Read more in the Piedmont Post! Dec 30th edition, and hear how big an impact PCSC had on these two members.



Upcoming Events

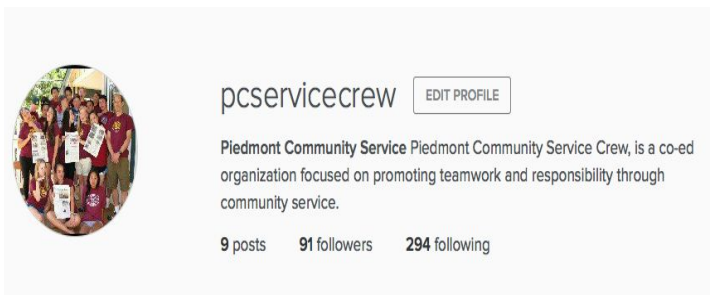
- **Spring RTO** - Our spring RTO event is coming up. A location will soon be picked for our project. More leaders for this event are needed! See *more under: [Rebuilding Together Oakland](#)*
- **Fall RTO follow up - plant trees at the Cohen Bray House.** In November, our crew worked with Rebuilding Together Oakland (RTO) to improve the curbside strip in front of the historic Cohen Bray house. We arranged with the Sierra Club to get 4 donated trees. Join our event on Jan 10 to plant those trees! .
- **College Ave Presbyterian Church dinner** - Show off your creative culinary skills and volunteer to be the event leader on Jan 29th to plan the dinner at the church on Jan 29th. We have mentors who will guide you through the process.
- **Tutoring** - An event that the PCSC has been regularly going to for about two years - Every Thursday night a small group of members will travel to a house in Oakland to tutor some students - mostly Burmese refugees - and help them with their homework. More signups for the new year are needed, because we still have an extreme lack of volunteers! You can sign up [here](#).

Website Updates

Skyler Liu, web designer, has updated the [PCSC website](#)! She recently added a debrief on the recent Food Bank event by Carole Parker with photos. 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.

Instagram

Follow Piedmont Community Service Crew on Instagram @pcservicecrew. Email or Facebook message a screenshot that shows you're following PCSC to Nina Adarkar and you'll get a piece of



candy! Or, find her at school and show her that you're following @pcservicecrew to get your piece of candy.

How Crew Members are Feeling About the PCSC - We've asked a few crew members what they think about the crew, and here are some of the replies...

- "I really appreciate the *variety of things* the crew officers both in the type of activities but also in the level of involvement." - Colin Dixon, 12th Grade
- "The crew really *makes public service more accessible* to PHS students, which I think is important because public service is *rewarding both to the students and to the community*." - Anna Fehr, 9th Grade
- "The crew is full of *positive people and positive influence* and helps me to appreciate all I have and can do for my community." - Sarah Stuetz, 12th Grade
- "For me, PCSC is so much *more than just a way to earn hours*. PCSC has given me the opportunity to meet so many new people, travel to new places, and allowed me to really *give back to the community*." - Maya Guzdar, 10th Grade
- "I have wanted to join PCSC since I was in elementary school, and it has lived up to all of my expectations. Everyone in the Crew is *very welcoming* and it is amazing to be able to help the community." - Elizabeth Winters, 9th Grade
- "PCSC has given me an outlet for connecting to my community and has brought together a way for people to *see what giving back to the community really is like*. In addition, I like how there's guidance given to people who are interested in *leadership* that are also specific to what position they like." - Tiffany Foo, 10th Grade



Thank you for continuing your interest and/or involvement in PCSC! Happy New Year!!!

Sincerely,

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