



May 3, 2017

PCSC members and guardians,

Thank you for an awesome year! The crew year culminates in the annual crew retreat May 19-21. We especially encourage new members to come meet other people and the crew and begin to get more involved. We cook our own food, do fun activities for team building, and present training topics on leadership skills, a prerequisite for attending [National Youth Leadership Training](#). Additionally, PCSC's youth leaders will facilitate a review of our past year and strategic planning for the crew's future, creating a mission and vision for next year. Saturday night, we'll hold officer elections for the 2017-2018 crew year! We'll also watch videos necessary to qualify for your first venturing award! Check out this [music video](#) from last year's retreat to see a sneak peek of what it's like! RSVP on the [Facebook event](#) now! When you sign up, deliver the \$40 fee for food and gas to VP of Finance, Tiffany Foo as soon as possible.



### Member of the Month: Rachel Elliott

Congratulations to the member of the month, Rachel Elliot! Rachel served on the RTO Youth Leadership Team this Spring, and brought impressive organization and determination to the table. Throughout the year, Rachel has served as Environmental Events Assistant in the VP Program team under Lauren Young, and has inspired the team and



the rest of the crew to pursue environmental stewardship. Not only is Rachel a leader for PCSC, but she is running for High Adventure Crew president next year. Go Rachel!

### Renewals

Step 1



Renewing members: download the following document listed under "Forms".

Step 2



Review the Information Packet (listed under "Forms") and share it with your parents.

Step 3



1) Fill out the BSA Medical Forms, parts A&B. Make sure to attach a copy of your current insurance card.

The crew year ends May 10, when the PHS College and Career Center has set their year end deadline for logging service hours! [repeat the instructions and FAQ for Track It Forward]

[hours sheet

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In anticipation for the 2017-2018 crew year, we are collecting [renewal forms](#) and \$40 dues check (payable to Piedmont Community Service Crew).

Celebrate Mother's Day by inviting your mom to a family effort in helping the low income elderly lunch guests at [St Mary's Center](#) on May 14th, 11a-3p .

### Remember Tutoring!

As the end of the school year approaches, so does finals! Remember that it is not just you who is struggling to





### **Adult Crew Committee.**

Parents: do you appreciate the great things that PCSC offers for you teen? Join the Crew Committee and help our Committee Chair Tina Coleman to provide long term oversight to the crew's ongoing success. While the crew officers practice running the crew, the Crew Committee ensures that the crew also addresses the parents' perspective. It also recruits adult leaders and mentors who work directly with the crew members and leaders. The Crew Committee meets every other month and takes the summer off, so it's not a huge time sink, but we are seeking new adult members.

### **Summer service?**

Over the summer, PCSC will not shut down! We'll be serving homeless every 3rd Saturday of the month at St Marks' Episcopal Church in Berkeley's Hot Meals. If you're around and want to do service, make sure to tell Ken Li, who will arrange more events if you let him know.

### **New Venturing Crews**

Piedmont Council BSA is starting up 2 new Venturing Crews!

**Photo Crew** will be led by Rose Eisenbach, Lian Call (both PCSC members) and Dana Kumamoto.

The **Food and Cooking Crew** will be led by our VP Fundraising Josh Rogers.

Got an idea for a topic that could be the basis of a new crew? Contact our council VP of Venturing, Kathleen Winters, or your Crew Advisor, Ken.

### **Tracking Service Hours**

Last year, PHS implemented a new system to track community service hours called [Track it Forward](#). Students log their own hours online 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. The deadline for 2016-2017 hours is May 10 So,

remember everything from the entire school year. Share your knowledge, give back to your community and have some fun by tutoring with PCSC! Sign up on the [sign-up-genius](#) now!

### **Running for an Officer Position**

Interested in taking on a bigger leadership role within the crew? It's not too soon for active freshmen, sophomores and juniors to consider running! All who are interested should talk to the present officers, and have a conversation with crew advisor Ken. Elections will be during the [crew retreat](#) May 19-21. All members should vote for who you think will be the most effective leaders. Absentee voting: watch for instructions on the FB Group.

### **Donate!**



Thanks for friends of PCSC and crew families who helped us to reach our \$12,000 RTO sponsorship! We'd like to shift your attention to supporting our parent organization, Piedmont

Council BSA. We are a part of the smallest and oldest council in the country (yet one of the most respected!) The tremendous community support and resulting financial independence allows us to maintain a focus on providing innovative and excellent programs for our city's youth, including one of the strongest coed Venturing programs! This quality depends on donations from our members and families. PLEASE help us to show crew spirit with a tax deductible [donation](#) by May 11. Thank you to all who have [already donated](#), PCSC could not function without you!

### **High Adventure Crew**



HAC will be going backpacking a few times over the summer! To learn more about these trips, join the [HAC FB group](#) and contact Ken Li



go to Track it Forward, click Log Hours, choose Piedmont Community Service Crew as the organization, and type 30, 50, or however many hours were recorded as your total on the [spreadsheet](#), kept by crew advisor, Ken Li, from May 2016-April 2017. For the date of service, type the date of the day you log the hours. Contact President , Nina Adarkar, at [nina.adarkar@gmail.com](mailto:nina.adarkar@gmail.com) if you're still unclear.

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

Sincerely,

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