



Counselors - In -Training

We need you!

You can help make a difference in your community by assisting young children learn valuable safety lessons, and earn community service hours for your high school graduation requirement. **Volunteer applicants must be entering 7th grade or older and mature.**

Safety Town is a one week program that introduces safety awareness to kindergarten children in a fun, interactive, miniature town environment. **Volunteer hours are from 8:00am. -12:30pm., M-F**, for each weekly session. The 4 _ hour day consists of visits from community professionals, group safety lessons, songs, puppet shows, arts and crafts, driving pedal cars, and other hands on experiences to reinforce safety concepts. Our program is offered at 4 different school sites during various weeks in the summer. You must commit to working all 5 days of the session.

As a Counselor-In-Training, (CIT), you will be responsible for working closely with approximately 2 children, ages 4-6, teaching basic safety skills and concepts, under the direct supervision of Program Directors. You will also be required to set up and break down the miniature town, clean up, and assist as needed on a daily basis.

It is important that you genuinely enjoy being with children and have an interest in their safety. While this program is intended to be fun for both children and volunteers, your role, first and foremost, is to take your responsibility as a volunteer seriously, and conduct yourself in a responsible manner. It is essential that you are a team player, show respect to others, and are a positive role model. The children rely on you specifically, and it is imperative that you attend every day. Other guidelines of the program will be outlined at the **mandatory 2 hour CIT Orientation**, along with specific information that applies to that particular school site. **Even if you have volunteered in previous years, you are still required to attend.**

CIT Volunteer applications are available at local private and public schools, along with on our website. Positions fill quickly, so apply early to ensure your site and date preferences, as placements are filled on a first come, first served basis. **Please mark alternate site preferences as well.** You will receive confirmation as soon as your application is received. Deadlines are extended until all sessions are full.



Community Service forms are available through local junior high school counselors, high school career centers, and can be downloaded from some school websites. It is the responsibility of the volunteer to bring their form to the CIT director at the beginning of the session they are working. At the end of the session, the community service forms will be returned and signed with the number of volunteer hours completed. The student then turns in the completed forms to their school to receive credit for their hours.

Youth volunteers play a unique role in the Safety Town program. They serve as teachers, friends, big brothers or sisters, mentors, and positive role models to inquisitive and distinctive kindergarteners. Many volunteers were once Safety Towners themselves, and enjoy returning to the program as an instructor. Year after year, the overwhelming response from CITs regarding their community service at Safety Town, is that the most rewarding aspect of the program is the close personal relationship that evolved between themselves and their students.

For more information regarding CITs, please contact Anne Gould, CIT Volunteer Coordinator, 252-7998.



2011 Safety Town Counselor-In-Training Application

El Camino, Franklin, Foothill and Isla Vista Schools
Sponsored by Soroptimist International of Santa Barbara

**Apply early to best ensure your preferred volunteer spot!
DEADLINE: May 15, 2011 or until all sites are full.**

Volunteer

Mail completed application to:
SAFETY TOWN Volunteers, c/o A. Gould, 6915 Phelps Rd. # 10,
Goleta, CA 93117

Make a difference in the lives of young children. Volunteer to assist and teach safety education to pre/post kindergarteners, and earn community service hours. You will be responsible for working with 1-2 children, ages 4-6, assisting as needed and modeling appropriate safe behavior. **You must be mature and responsible.**

- Youth volunteers must be in 7th grade or above, and attend an orientation.
- Participants may volunteer for more than one session, but must work all 5 days of each session.
- Sessions are filled on a first come, first served basis.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY
Volunteer Information

			O Male O Female
Last Name	First Name	Age	
Street Address		City	Zip
Home Phone	Cell Phone	School Attending in the Fall	Grade (Fall)
Previous Safety Town Volunteer- _____ summers	Spanish Speaking? _____ Yes _____ No	Ticktocker? _____ Yes _____ No	

Session and Site Information

Thank you for your interest in becoming a Safety Town volunteer counselor. At this time, all volunteer spots are filled, in addition to having waiting lists. The application process begins in February for the upcoming summer. We hope to see you next summer!

Medical and Emergency Information

Parent/Guardian Name	Home Phone	Work	Cell
Emergency Contact- Name/ Relationship		Phone	
Allergies		Physical, Social, or Emotional Limitations	

SAFETY TOWN Waiver and Release of Liability

I, the parent/guardian of _____, (print child’s full name), for myself and for my minor child, do hereby fully release and hold harmless Safety Town, Soroptimist International, Goleta Union School District, Santa Barbara School District, any director, supervisor, volunteer, or member of such organization from any and all liability, loss, damages, or injuries arising out of participation in the SAFETY TOWN program.

I have read and fully understand this Safety Town Waiver and Release.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent Authorization

Photographs/Videos may be taken by outside agencies, (newspaper, television, etc.), during Safety Town activities for publicity purposes. These pictures are not to be used to commercially exploit the student. Do you give consent for your child to be photographed? _____ YES _____ NO

I hereby give permission for my child to participate in the Soroptimist Safety Town Program as a volunteer. It is my responsibility to make sure my child arrives on time daily and stays until the volunteers are dismissed.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent’s Email Address, (for application confirmation purposes only) _____

Volunteer Agreement

By signing this application, I commit to attend the mandatory orientation, be prompt, reliable, and abide by all rules and values of the Soroptimist organization. I understand that the Safety Town Directors and Soroptimist organization reserve the right to dismiss me as a volunteer, due to any unsafe/inappropriate behavior, or noncompliance to program rules on my part, (i.e. unauthorized cell phone use, etc.).

CIT Volunteer Signature

Date

Confirmation will be received by mail prior to May 30, 2011

For more information regarding CIT volunteers: Call Anne @ 252-7998, email Annegsb@cox.net, or visit our website at www.sbsafetytown.org