

# Safety Town – Santa Clarita

## FAQs

### ***What is your Disciplinary Policy?***

For the protection and well-being of all participants, children must be able to follow simple instructions. Inappropriate behavior and/or negative language and attitude may be grounds for dismissal from the program. A warning will first be issued, followed by removal from activity if negative behavior persists. Dependent upon the nature of the behavior, parents will be notified to discuss appropriate measures and possible dismissal of their child from Safety Town. The Safety Town staff and Santa Clarita Optimist Foundation reserve the right to make appropriate adjustments and/or dismiss any child or youth volunteer student for behavior that poses a safety risk to themselves or others.

### ***How do I know if my child is ready?***

To be eligible to attend, children must turn 5 years old by Dec. 1, 2019 (no exceptions), and be enrolled in kindergarten or first grade in the fall. Please give careful consideration when determining the readiness of your child to attend the Safety Town program. The positive, least distractive, learning environment is fast-paced, and transitions occur every half hour (transitioning from one activity to another occurs about 10 times daily). It is very important that your child be emotionally and socially capable and willing to participate. Children should be able to separate from parents, in addition to being able and to independently take care of their personal toilet needs.

### ***Can my child repeat the camp?***

We will no longer accept repeaters. Our goal is to provide students in the SCV with an opportunity to participate in Safety Town.

### ***How old do I need to be to apply to become a Counselor -In-Training(CIT) volunteer?***

Volunteer applicants must be entering 8th grade, eligible for community service hours, and must be mature to apply. The Director reserve the right to dismiss volunteers due to immaturity, inappropriateness, and/or noncompliance (overt/covert behavior, dress, and/or proximate attendance).

### ***When and how do I apply to be a Counselor-In-Training?***

In February, applications can be downloaded from [www.safetytownscv.com](http://www.safetytownscv.com). Completed applications must be mailed to the address listed on the form, and positions are filled according to experience, qualifications, and age to ensure balance of groupings.

***If I have served as a CIT at previous camps, can I miss the orientation on Friday, July 12 at 10:00 AM?***

No.

***I sent in my application before the deadline, but was not given a volunteer position. Why?***

We have limited positions available. You must apply early and give alternate choices to have a better chance of receiving a volunteer spot. Also, Safety Town – Santa Clarita reserves the right to deny an application based on prior noncompliance and/or negative behavior, as outlined in the volunteer agreement.

***How do I earn community service hours?***

If you have graduated from the 8th grade or above, you must bring a community service form from your school to the CIT Coordinator where you will perform your volunteer service. At the end of your service, the CIT Coordinator will return the form to you with the amount of completed hours and the required authorized signature. It is your responsibility to bring the completed form to your school office for credit.

***Will the Safety Town Staff administer medications to my child?***

No nurse on duty. Staff cannot administer medications, including asthma inhalers, epilepsy medication, etc.)