

## P.A.L. Frequently Asked Questions

- What is PAL?
  - P.A.L. is the Police Activities League. Our Temecula/Murrieta P.A.L. is a partnership between S.A.F.E. and our local police departments. We coordinate recreational, educational, and athletic activities for youth in the area, with the intention of uniting them with local law enforcement. These activities create an environment where youth and law enforcement are able to hang out and develop relationship with each other, in hopes that both parties would develop healthier and positive attitudes toward each other.
- What is SAFE?
  - S.A.F.E. is the agency that houses the P.A.L. program. S.A.F.E. provides other additional resources for families in need. For more detailed information please request a brochure or visit our website at [www.safefamiliesca.org](http://www.safefamiliesca.org)
- What ages do you serve in P.A.L.?
  - P.A.L. is for students between the ages of 5-17 years old. We typically do separate activities for students ages 5-12, and for students 13 and older. This separates our Young P.A.L. from Teen P.A.L. members.
- Can I go to the events with my son?
  - For the most part, activities and events are supervised by S.A.F.E staff and local law enforcement, therefore parental supervision is not needed or required. We find that kids have a better time when parents are not around, anyway!
- How much does it cost?
  - P.A.L. has an annual enrollment fee of \$20/child. This keeps the student enrolled from January of the present year to the following January. Every year, parents must re-enroll their child in order to continue participation in activities.
- Who is in charge of events?/PAL?
  - Most all our activities are coordinated by our P.A.L. Program Coordinator. Local law enforcement and S.A.F.E. staff also help supervise and coordinate events for/with the kids.
- When do the events take place? Daytime or nighttime? And how do I find out about them?
  - Both, it depends on the activity. On the P.A.L. enrollment fee there is a spot for parents to supply us an email address. Email updates are our *primary and most efficient way* to update all families at one time. If email access is not possible and thus not provided on the enrollment form, we will add the student's information to a call list to call when activities for their age group come up. From there parents can reply and respond back to us to let us know if their child will be attending. All events are on a first come first served basis, so once we let parents know about an activity, we highly encourage early commitment to attendance as it helps us plan accordingly.
- Is there a P.A.L. calendar we can just look at to see what our kid wants to do?
  - Unfortunately due to quick turnaround and frequency of our events, we do not have a master calendar for parents or kids to pick and choose which events they want to attend. As a general rule, P.A.L. students cannot attend an overnight trip as a first time event, so we highly

encourage students to get involved prior to these trips so that officers and staff can become familiar with the student first. The staff and officers are always looking to present fun and unique opportunities to our students, and sometimes, due to finances or limited availability, we are not able to take all kids enrolled. For this reason, we are always looking to give priority for some of these more desirable events to kids that are more actively involved and show a desire to participate. S.A.F.E. staff reserves the right to make the final decision regarding youth attending events to ensure that participation is fair and equitable.

- Where do the events take place?
  - Events can take place anywhere in Temecula & Murrieta. Sometimes we will have tickets or opportunities to take students to events occurring outside the area, in which case we usually will meet at our office on Pujol St. if transportation is being provided by P.A.L to the outside location.
- What is the purpose of PAL?
  - To unite youth with local law enforcement so they can develop healthy and positive attitudes toward police, society and laws upheld by our officers.
- Are the other kids “trouble makers”?
  - Students enrolled in P.A.L. come from all different backgrounds and participate in the P.A.L. program for many different reasons. P.A.L. does not discriminate against or segregate students based on these differences.
- How do I sign up?
  - Come to an open house enrollment or call our P.A.L. Program Coordinator to make an appointment.
- What if my child does not want to go even though I want him to?
  - If your child will be earning community service hours for participation in various events, his/her attendance is required. Many times we have kids that tell parents they don’t want to attend an event, and after attending the kids wind up having a great time.
- Will there be adult supervision?
  - Yes. Youth are always supervised by an adult during all events. See above.
- Can I enroll more than one child?
  - Yes, however we do not guarantee spots for siblings to attend together on all events. While a lot of our activities are on a first come first serve basis, due to limited seating and availability for certain events, we may not be able to accommodate siblings attending trips together, depending on the family size.
- Is there a multiple child discount?
  - Yes. It is \$20 for the first child, and \$10 for each additional.
- Am I responsible for getting my child to the events?
  - Yes, unless P.A.L. designates otherwise! We also require that parents sign their children in at events and sign them out. Parents are required to pick up their children on time after each event.