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STOP! LOOK! And LISTEN! Eugene Safety Town Teaches Kids Accident Prevention

Roll out the new mats and cars for Eugene Safety Town! Eugene Police will be holding Safety Town, a popular, two-week accident and safety program for children entering kindergarten. The camps are weekdays from July 15 – July 26, either, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m., or 12:30 – 3:00 p.m., at Eugene Christian School, 2895 Chad Dr. (across from Costco), Eugene 97408. This year, the program has new mats courtesy of AAA of Oregon.

The comprehensive educational program introduces pre-school children to safety awareness. It teaches children who will be entering kindergarten in the fall some basic safety awareness and accident prevention through hands-on learning activities.

The life-saving lessons covering topics such as pedestrian, bicycle, school bus, poison, basic fire, gun, home and water safety are presented in age-appropriate fashions through instruction, song and hands-on activities. Safety Town students will have an opportunity to explore a police car, police motorcycle, fire truck and school bus and will receive a T-shirt for participation in the program.

Camper registrations are accepted on first-come, first-served basis. The registration deadline is June 24th. The camp does fill up quickly, so sign up soon at www.eugene-or.gov/safetytown

Safety Town also offers a unique volunteer opportunity for area teens, 13-19 years of age. The Teen volunteers are used as the camp “counselors.” Not only do they have the opportunity to help the pre-Kinder campers learn important safety lessons, but they get to learn leadership, team-building and job skills. Teens will be required to pass an interview and background check. They are not required to be City of Eugene residents.

The teen volunteer applications are due by June 1. Register at: www.eugene-or.gov/safetytown

Safety Town is not possible without generous donations/sponsorships by area businesses and residents. There are a variety of ways you can help make this great program happen.
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*Eugene Residents given first priority for camper spaces.

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