



Dear Volunteer Applicant,

On behalf of the Redwood City Police Activities League, we would like to thank you for your interest in wanting to become a P.A.L. volunteer!

Redwood City P.A.L. is a non-profit community based organization that provides prevention, and alternative programs to “at-risk” and economically challenged youth in the southern San Mateo County area in an effort to keep them out of gangs and off the streets. The program depends on the generosity of individuals’ and their time to be able to offer the many programs that youth in this community need.

Redwood City P.A.L. offers various programs to the southern San Mateo community:

P.A.L. On Campus Program- Offering athletic programs and activities such as seasonal sports.

P.A.L. After Hours Drop In Center- A drop in center for youth under 18 that offers recreation, life skill workshops and counseling services.

P.A.L. Academic Program (Tutoring/Truancy in collaboration with the Redwood City the Redwood City School District)- Teachers refer students to us, who need extra help with schoolwork. We provide these students with a tutor.

P.A.L. Boxing Program- Offer weekly boxing training for youth under 18.

P.A.L. Karate Program- Offer weekly karate training for youth under 18.

In order for these programs to develop, we must rely on the members of our community and the time and energy they are willing to devote to the youth of Redwood City.

The P.A.L. Program provides alternative activities to drugs, gangs and “hanging out”. With the fact that juveniles commit 57% of all crimes, P.A.L. reaches “at risk” youth before they get into trouble and more importantly, before it is too late. P.A.L. realizes that most of these youth are good kids, but wrong people can easily influence them. P.A.L. uses athletic, educational and character building programs to gain the youths interest and time. P.A.L. then influences the youth to become good citizens and productive members of society by building up self-esteem, confidence and interpersonal skills through interaction with volunteer police officers and good citizens who act as positive role models. P.A.L. focuses on the long-term result by changing the character of the targeted youths and ultimately preparing them to be self sufficient in resisting those negative influences that encourage juvenile delinquency.

With your help and dedication P.A.L. can better service the community and the youth in Redwood City. It is important, for you as concerned members of our community, to become involved in and make a difference in the lives’ of youth in our community.

Thank you again for you interest in working with us to better serves the youth in our community. We look forward to working with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Officer Chris Rasmussen
Executive Director of PAL