

Meet **Your Village**



Tool Kit



**A Community Outreach Program of Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Safe Routes to School
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Building community is an important part of sustaining SR2S. Meet Your Village is an opportunity to connect neighbors and friends to share transportation to and from school. Individuals who know others in their neighborhood are more likely to encourage their child to walk, bike or carpool.

Project Cornerstone Asset Number 4 Caring Neighbors: Young person experiences caring neighbors.

Meet Your Village strives to build on that asset.

Here are few tips to get a group started

Location

Open up your home or find a local coffee shop or bakery to host the event. If kids are involved, meet at a park. Think small and friendly. Remember, the idea is to create an opportunity for people to get to know each other.

Select a date and time

During the week is easier for families to meet.

Do most parents work during the day? - Select an evening time and include the kids.

Are there more stay at home parents? - A week day during school time allows parents to get to know each other. An after school opportunity allows the kids to get involved and meet each other.

Invitations

Consider starting with families on your street or immediate neighborhood. If there are others interested, include them too. Keep in mind that the goal is small groups connecting.

Send an invitation with the details. There are plenty of electronic services or use the example included in this tool kit.

Starting conversations about active and alternative transportation.

Introductions

Have everyone do an introduction. They maybe neighbors, but not know each other. Name tags can be helpful too

Introduce walking, biking or carpooling to school. You will need to plant the idea to get people to talking about it.

SR2S has Walk & Roll Maps to help families plan routes and connect with others on the way to school. These are suggested routes. Parents are responsible for choosing the most appropriate route based upon their knowlegde of the conditions and experience level of their child.

The National Safe Routes to School Partnership has information on forming a walking school bus and bike train.

Step Into a Walking School Bus Program

<https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/resources/fact-sheet/walking-school-bus-handout>

How to Get a Bike Train Rolling at Your School

<https://www.saferoutespartnership.org/resources/toolkit/bike-train-toolkit>

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**Get to know your
neighbors.
Make some friends to walk,
bike and carpool
to school.**

**Wed. December 5
9:00-10:30am**

**Karen's House
123 SR2S Drive
Los Gatos, CA**



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