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National Probation Week Marked by Five-County Probation Games and Juvenile Probationer Art Contest.

Sacramento County Hosts Neighboring Probation Officers in First Year of Probation Games

(Sacramento, CA) July 13th - 19th 2008 is National Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week, a time set aside annually to recognize the role Probation has within the justice system and the incredibly hard work that Probation and Parole officers do every day to protect public safety. Sacramento County has more than 20,000 probationers under its jurisdiction.

Sacramento County Probation officers are an integral part of the County's public safety structure, charged with the supervision of adult and juvenile offenders granted probation by the Courts. Probation operates the Youth Detention Facility (Juvenile Hall) as well as several juvenile commitment and monitoring facilities in Sacramento County. Officers also prepare the definitive investigative reports for both juvenile and adult offenders which assist the Sacramento County Superior Courts in making decisions on the disposition and sentencing of offenders. Probation works in concert with law enforcement, education, community organizations and the residents of Sacramento County to reduce crime and provide proven rehabilitation services for probationers. These efforts help sustain Sacramento County as a desirable, safe and economically viable community.

The Sacramento County Probation Department has planned several community activities in honor of the week:

Juvenile Probationer Art Show

Monday July 14th – Friday July 18th
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
County Administration Building
700 H Street Sacramento, CA 95814
Public Lobby

Several art pieces created by juveniles who are residing in the County's Youth Detention Facility (Juvenile Hall) will be on display. The theme "Life after Probation," was used to inspire the youth, both in writing and in art, to re-imagine how they will approach life upon release. The projects were done in coordination with the recreational therapy services that are provided to residents at Probation's commitment facilities and was sponsored by Chalk-it-up, a local non-profit that supports the arts in Sacramento. Information on the three winners, judged by peers and administrators, will be attached.

County Board of Supervisors Resolution Presentation

Tuesday July 15th 9:30 a.m.
700 H Street Sacramento, CA 95814
Board Chambers

The annual presentation of a resolution commending Probation officers for their work.

Habitat for Humanity Project

Friday July 18th
7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

More than 20 Probation officers, volunteering on their own personal time, will be working as a team on a local Habitat for Humanity house, pouring concrete, framing windows, painting, installing drywall and completing other construction projects.

Five-county "Probation Games"

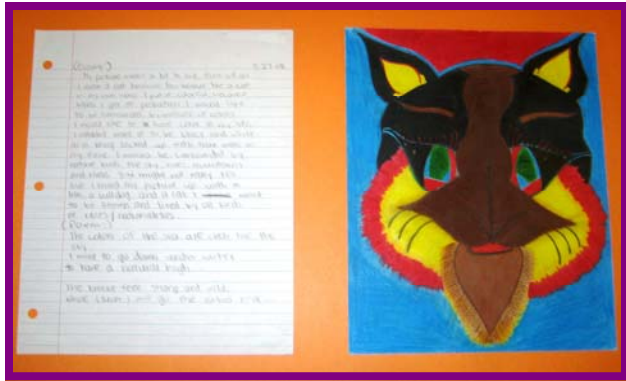
Saturday July 19th
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Johnson Park in Elk Grove

For the first time, the Sacramento County Probation Department is hosting "Probation Games," a sporting event with probation officers from Solano, Yolo, Placer and Stanislaus Counties participating in football, basketball, softball and volleyball tournaments. A BBQ lunch will be served.

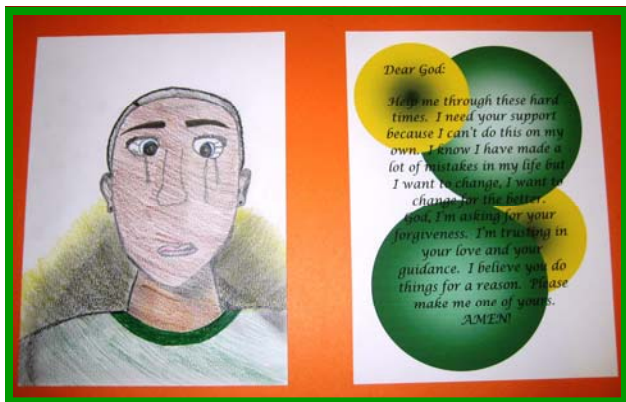
Funding for all activities has come from sponsorships by the Sacramento County Probation Association, Chalk-it-up, and proceeds from year-round fundraising efforts among staff such as T-shirt and snack sales.

ARTWORK COMPETITION PROJECT

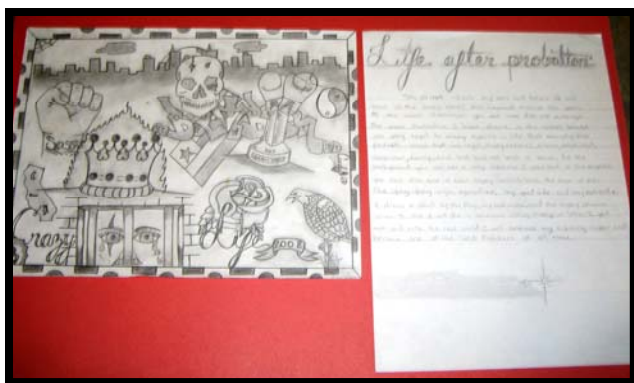
"LIFE AFTER PROBATION"



1st Place Winner



2nd Place Winner



3rd Place Winner

The artwork competition project was designed by Deputy Probation Officer (DPO) David Chan at the Youth Detention Facility. The goal of the competition was to allow juvenile probationers the opportunity to showcase their artistic and written talents by depicting the positive and/or negative side of their life after leaving probation and continuing on within their community. Over twenty five pieces of amazing artwork and written entries were submitted from the Youth Detention Facility, Warren E. Thornton Youth Center, Sacramento Boys Ranch, Juvenile Field Services and the Sacramento Assessment Center.

The competition was judged by three members of Chalk-It Up (a non-profit organization) and two Youth Detention Facility Administrators. These five judges selected the first, second and third place winners and seven honorable mentions. All ten of these pieces of artwork along with their written component will be displayed in the Sacramento County Administration Building at 700 H Street during the Probation, Parole and Community Supervision Week, and thereafter disseminated and displayed amongst the institutions and Probation administration buildings.