

**Sonoma County Probation Camp
Inspection Report
May 17, 2021**

**Submitted by Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC)
Inspection conducted by Arnold Rosenfield, Commissioner**

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Introduction.

Melissa Segura, Director, requested that the JJC conduct an inspection of the Probation Camp because there are plans to use the facility during the coming months for summer programs. It is unclear at this time whether there will be any residents living there in the near future, but since a yearly inspection had not been done as yet, she believed it was important to have one done and available to meet any protocols in place for when there would be full time occupants even if unsure if it is required.

Inspection Report.

Inspection date: 5/17/21

Interview conducted with Superintendent/Director Melissa Segura

Last inspection date: 2/5/20

Last Date of Occupancy: 12/31/20. There were 3 residents.

Only W&I 602s were housed.

Facility capacity: 24 youth

Youth Housing. The dormitories were not occupied. Beds frames (24) were out and mattresses are available in storage.

Art books, personal possessions are allowed in the sleeping areas per instruction of parents. Camp has supplies available to distribute.

There was no graffiti present in the facility. Overall, the facility has not been used and is very clean. Some cobwebs on ceiling were pointed out.

Bathrooms were all clean and random tests showed fixtures all were functioning. No mold or mildew present. There was a small part of a base of one wall where there is a need for minor sheetrock repair and painting. Floors were clean. Vents are present.

Sleeping area with outside exposure has venetian blinds on windows, installed for privacy at night. No windows are broken or cracked.

Laundry and bathroom chemicals are stored in separate room off laundry which is not accessible to residents. Washer and dryer present and appear in good condition.

Security. There are no weapons on site. Pepper spray and handcuffs are locked up but available to staff if needed.

There is a **TV room** which has also been used as the virtual learning classroom and for disseminating programming information. It is clean and in good condition.

Hallways are cleared. **Doors** are unlocked during the day except the one providing ingress/egress to the separated staff area. It has a security lock on both sides. Doors are locked at 7 p.m.

Education/Classroom. The classroom on site is currently being used by Sonoma County Regional Parks as a place to design and make signs for use at parks. Probation Camp is hoping to eventually enter a partnership to allow residents to learn the skills being applied in this process.

The **vocational shop** which has equipment for teaching welding, metalwork and woodworking, fork-lift operation is clean and well organized. Safety precautions are in place. There are separated protected individual working areas where welding can be done.

The **grounds** are neatly kept up. A gardener comes 2x/wk to maintain. He/she is instructed to make the grounds look like people are living on the premises.

There is a **quiet area** for study. It is in good shape. It doubles as a separate private interview room. Staff offices are separate. As stated above, private access is secured

The **kitchen** is in use and kept up during the closure. It is clean. It is used by a non-profit to prepare meals for homeless and also by staff. There is plenty of freezer space available both inside the kitchen and outside in a locker. They are kept cold. All chemicals for the kitchen cleaning etc. are kept in a locked closet.

Temperature in facility was appropriate. **Heating and air conditioning** are available.

The Probation Camp is busily preparing for **summer programming** to allow day use by juveniles in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club and young adult probationers to work on learning to build and building mobile toilet and shower units with the help of Home for the Homeless to be used in homeless camps. The workers would be paid \$15/hr.

Additional Information.

Information Provided by Melissa Segura, Division Director I, Sonoma County Probation Camp.

Fire Inspection: 8/13/2020

Medical/Mental Health: 12/16/2020

Environmental Health: 9/24/2020

Nutritional Health: 9/18/2020

Facility Safety and Security: 1/13/2021

Our daily average in 2020 was 8 residents, ranging between 3 to 15 youth.

Number of escapes: 8

- Two of those 8 ran twice (counted twice), one of which returned to Camp for a third time and completed the program.
- On 5/20/2020, 4 youth ran together.
- No escapes after 5/20/2020. All the youth at that time completed Camp during the pandemic.

Most of 2020, Camp was run during a pandemic. We had to make many changes to the way we do things. Staff worked hard during that time, all the while wearing masks, and being concerned for their own family and friends. Staff did a great job taking care of the youth and helping them through unprecedented times.