

Christmas, boot camp style

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Yesterday may have been a national holiday. But in most respects Dec. 25 was expected to be a normal day for inmates enrolled in the Oakland Sheriff's Boot Camp.

The 20 inmates who make up Class 1996-9 (the ninth class of the year) were to begin Christmas at 5 a.m. with calisthenics, just like any other day, according to Lt. Douglas D. Eader. Eader Monday talked about the boot camp and its expected routine on the holiday. The boot camp was initiated by Sheriff John F. Nichols in 1990 to save money and offer nonviolent offenders an alternative to regular jail.

"It's a program we should utilize more," said Oakland prosecutor-elect David G. Gorcey, guest speaker at the graduation

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of Class 1996-8. "It's helped a number of people turn their lives around."

Eader, who has been a drill instructor or commander since the program was started, said there would be no holiday lapse in discipline and no major changes in the routine.

Inmates wouldn't pull work details in nearby communities like they usually do, he said. But they will be required to clean the bathrooms and police their living area. They're rough-

ly mid way through the eight-week program, and by now each inmate knows the routine and what is expected.

No visitors, the lieutenant said. But inmates may be allowed to make one phone call providing the duty officer thinks the calls are warranted. "That's a rare privilege," Eader said.

Class 1996-9 is the 61st in the program that enables judges to give nonviolent offenders a choice: A regular sentence, as much as a year in jail, or eight intense weeks of military training.

So far, said Eader, 888 inmates have completed the eight-week program, and 381 have washed out.

The recidivism rate, or percentage of boot camp graduates who get in trouble with the law again, is about 11 percent, he said.

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