

Tattoos and their Meaning:	
Clock faces without hands	Doing time
Tombstones with numbers on them	The years they were inside
Tombstones with numbers and RIP	Mourning the death of a friend
Spider or cob webs on elbows or shoulders	Doing time
Eight balls	Behind the eight ball or bad luck
One laughing face, one crying face	Play now, pay later or my happy life, my sad life
SWP	Supreme white power
Peckerwood	White pride (males)
Featherwood	White pride (females)
Viking themes	Common Caucasian tat
Granite block walls	Time in Old Folsom Prison
100 % pure	Pure white or Anglo
Cell window with sun or bird showing	Waiting to get out
Face of female crying	Has someone on the outside waiting
SUR	Southerner
Norteno	Northerner
Prison block wall with bricks falling outward	Inside wanting to get out

What are the solutions for the current gang situation?

Intervention programs, education, prevention programs, along with law enforcement, all are necessary elements in the solution.

- ◆ Parents must be involved in the lives of their children.
- ◆ Keep young people busy in activities such as school , sports, community activity, and church.

Where to go for help

Call the Butte County Sheriff's gang hotline
(530) 538-6544

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FACTS ABOUT GANGS IN BUTTE COUNTY



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Gang Problem in Butte County?

- ◆ There are at least 25 gangs known to exist in Butte County.
- ◆ There are at least 15 other gangs known to frequent Butte county communities.
- ◆ Age groups range from 8 to 24 years old.
- ◆ There are more than 2,000 known gang members and associates in Butte County.
- ◆ Gang membership and activity is increasing in Butte County.

Numbers Related to Gangs

1. 13, XIII, X3 = Sureno
2. 14, XIV, X4 = Norteno
3. 18 = Brown pride
4. 21 = La Familia
5. 88 = Heil Hitler
6. 214 = ABP/VHCL
7. 227 = ABP (Aztec Brown Pride)
8. 301 = MOD (Masters of Destruction)
9. 311 = KKK
10. 313/323 = MBC (Menace Boy Crew)
11. 396 = MPG (Mien Pride Crew)
12. 420 = Hitlers Birthday/drugs
13. 475 = HNS (Hmong Nation Society)
14. 530 = Area Code
15. 2316 = WP
16. 81 = Hells Angels

Definition of a Criminal Street Gang

Any ongoing organization, association, or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, having as one of it's primary activities the commission of one or more of the criminal acts enumerated in paragraphs (1) to (25), inclusive, of subdivision (s), having a common name or common identifying sign or symbol, and whose members individually or collectively engage in or have engaged in a pattern of criminal activity. (California Penal Code Section 186.22(f))

What are some warning signs that my child is in a Gang?

- ◆ Change in attitude to include violent reactions, disruptive behavior, dislike and refusal to submit to authority (parents, schools, and police)
- ◆ Associates with members of a street gang on several occasions.
- ◆ Becomes secretive regarding whereabouts and activities.
- ◆ School attendance becomes sporadic and grades begin to decline.
- ◆ Uses gang-related hand signs as a form of communication.

- ◆ Increase in gang-type graffiti on school books, notebooks, or other papers. This may also be found on bedroom walls or other locations in their room. They also may mark graffiti on themselves in the form of a tattoo.
- ◆ Change in clothing selection, such as style, color or type. Friends or associates will dress similarly. Clothing such as hats and T-shirts may be altered with gang writing.
- ◆ Son/daughter receives calls from subjects who refuse to identify themselves or they identify themselves with a nickname only. They may also refer to your child by a nickname.
- ◆ Changes in friends and will not bring them home.

Why youth join gangs?

Youth join gangs for a variety of reasons that are influenced by conditions in their family, school, and neighborhood.

Some reasons include:

- ◆ Excitement
- ◆ Physical Protection
- ◆ Peer Pressure
- ◆ Family Tradition
- ◆ Perceived Financial Gain
- ◆ Seeing gangs as an avenue to gain respect and notoriety.
- ◆ They are bored