



Weekend Work Program

Objective

The Courts of Santa Clara County identify low-risk offenders and sentence them to the Weekend Work Program as an alternative to jail.

The Weekend Work Program (WWP) is an alternative program for jail sentences. WWP serves several purposes: Low-risk offenders do not have to go to jail, which reduces employment difficulties and related financial burdens for both the individual as well as society. Also, serving in the Weekend Work Program provides a valuable service to the community.

The Department of Correction oversees the WWP operation. The program is designed to have the citizens of our community, who have committed crimes, to serve their sentences in a productive and cost-effective manner. WWP participants have been thoroughly screened by the Courts and the Probation Department prior to being accepted into the program.

WWP participants pay to participate in the program. Therefore, the program puts no financial burden on the citizens of Santa Clara County or the Department of Correction. The participants serve their sentences on weekends, allowing them to retain their regular employment.

The DOC Programs Division has established approximately 67 locations throughout the County where participants can work. The weekend participants normally report to these sites to complete their sentences.

Some of the various agencies that utilize WWP workers are the City of San Jose (Christmas in the Park, Roads Department, Parks Department), County Roads and Airport Division, County Parks Division, California Department of Transportation and various baseball Little Leagues.

The great benefit from WWP is that participants can complete their jail sentences without entering the jail environment, and perform a valuable public service in the process.

Related Links:

→ [Weekend Work Program Rules](#)