

Lake County Juvenile Court

Judge Karen Lawson

Saturday Work & Academic Programs

Saturday Work Program

The Saturday Work Program was started to provide an appropriate consequence for traffic offenders and unruly juveniles. Often this program is used as an alternative to detention for minor delinquent offenders. Up to twenty boys and girls meet at the work site for a number of Saturdays. Work projects begin at 8:30 AM, and conclude at 2:30 PM. Included are various types of community service; usually manual labor. The workers must bring their own lunch and are not paid. The participants are supervised by Court personnel at the job site. As the Saturday Work Program is used as an alternative to detention, failure to attend or perform as ordered is treated as a violation of Court Order and is viewed very seriously by the Court. The Saturday Work Program is consistent with the Court's philosophy of using the least restrictive alternative to correct behavior.

Saturday Academic Program

The Saturday Academic Program is an alternative to detention. The Program holds juveniles accountable for their inappropriate behavior at school by having them attend study sessions at the court for a number of assigned Saturdays. Juveniles are required to bring their homework with them and have a teacher and other Court staff available to assist them. Those enrolled in online classes have laptop computers available to access their work.