

Saskatoon Correctional Centre Urban Camp Program

The Saskatoon Correctional Centre Urban Camp Program is a reduced-custody community-based program that is outside the perimeter of the main centre. The Urban Camp can house up to 50 low-security offenders in a structured environment. The program is 31 years old and has been successful in helping offenders address their criminogenic needs, as well as helping community service groups and other government agencies.

Eleven Correctional Workers, an Assistant Manager and the Camp Manager operate the Urban Camp unit. On each working day of the week, three work crews of up to 10 inmates, with a Correctional Worker, conduct community service work. The remaining 18 inmates in the program participate in the daily upkeep of the Camp, while others participate in unsupervised crews to work for small projects or the Offender Employment Program. At times, offenders will stay back to take programs that are offered within the Saskatoon Correctional Centre that will assist them in addressing the issues that resulted in their incarceration. Some of the programs available to the inmates are:

- The Offender Substance Abuse Awareness Program
- The Saskatchewan Impaired Driver Treatment Program
- Alcoholics Anonymous Program
- The Cognitive Skills Program
- The Elder's Program
- The Anger Management Program
- The Alternative Program for Domestic Violence
- The Community Training Residence Program
- Urban Camp Corrections and Addictions Day Program
- Offender Employment Program

The Urban Camp mandate is to provide meaningful work for offenders without taking employment opportunities away from the general public. The Urban Camp objective is to assist the community sponsors with their projects so that they can achieve their standard of quality at each respective worksite.

Offenders at the Urban Camp need to meet certain criteria prior to being accepted in the program. These offenders are low security inmates serving a period of incarceration of less than nine months with no serious criminal offences. Offenders spend a period of incarceration in the main centre prior to going to Urban Camp to allow for a period of positive behavior or programming to address their criminogenic needs.