

## My experience at the Boys youth camp

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On 23<sup>rd</sup> June we left the Islamic centre of Darwin with 11 boys within the Islamic community and 3 boys within non-Islamic communities. I only knew around 2 - 4 boys at the start of the camp. There were 3 Facilitators that came from Sydney (Kuranda, Adam and Ibrahim). The camp was held at Base Camp Wallaroo.

Once we got there we had an explanation of the camp rules and facilities. Then we were put into 2 groups and had a partner for the rest of the camp and my partner was Jack. After that we got to know each other by making a name that started with our first letter (e.g. mine was merciful

Muhammad). The activity that we did the first day was team building. This is where we worked together in a team and had to do some challenges. We also played group activities together. (e.g. Swimming and cricket).

On the second day we did rock climbing, high ropes, low ropes and canoeing. We also had a lecture from Doug about bush survival. That night we had a camp fire. Our Imam (Adama Konda) gave us a talk on how to indentify our real identity within our hearts by going away from all the technology.

The third day we did flying fox, role plays. This was the first experience on the flying fox for me and it was a great experience and I will never forget it. The last day, we went

for a bushwalk 9-11 km, and we were given a compass and a map. We had to find our way to the given destination. I was chosen to be a leader of my group; there were 7 boys in my group. All of us did well.

This was a great experience for all of us. I learned new leadership skills, way to get around the folks, trusting others, believing in yourself and working as team. At the end of the camp I knew all of boys very well and we still are good mates. We had a lot of fun together. I would like to thank all the organisers and the volunteers to make this camp a great success.

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