

# PCYC Blazers Great Aussie Camp Out



Starting on the 15 of October and finishing on the 16 of October Bundaberg PCYC Blazers participated in the Great Aussie Camp Out. Our chosen spot was at the Kelly's family property between Sharon and South Kolan. The campsite was right on the Burnett River and was perfect for the occasion.



Soon everyone had arrived and set up their tents. I could hear the Spit cooking the pork for that night's dinner. After a short while nearly everyone had had a swim in the river and some of the older kids were trying front flips and spins into the water from the pontoon. Later on, the ski boat came back with around six people as passengers all happy to have been able to ski. Next the boat was reloaded with new passengers and set off once again. Soon nearly everyone had been skiing with just a few having to wait till the next day.



Very quickly it became dark and the leaders and parents were preparing the food. We put the wrapped up potatoes and corn into the coals and waited around the campfire for them to cook. Soon enough dinner was ready and we were all enjoying our meal. 35 people enjoyed the evening meal. Once everyone was fed two of the older kids played guitar and sang songs for us around the campfire.

Then we began to see lightning flash and hear grumbling noises. Next it was on the edge of rain and luckily a couple of the leaders decided we should all move into the small, old shed nearby. Just as everyone was squeezed into the old shed it bucketed down with very heavy rain. This continued for quite a while and getting most people wet seeing how there was holes in the roof and the walls *did not* go right up to the roof, leaving the wind to blow in the rain. We were all curious if our tents were able to be slept in and not completely flooded!

By around 10:00pm the rain stopped and we wandered out of the shed and to our drenched tents. A few were flooded with about 3cm of water inside and were not able to be slept in although majority did end up sleeping in their own tents. Only three of us ended up needing to sleep in the shed so we were all feeling pretty lucky. In the morning many people got up and went fishing. We discovered there was a lot of catfish in this part of the river and caught around 20 fish each. One of the leaders caught the biggest catfish and one of the younger kids catching the second biggest that was by looks of it around 35 - 50cm.

That morning lots of people went skiing and a few of the lucky people got to go in the tube and some went knee boarding. All of the older kids (especially the ones who already knew how to ski) helped out the younger ones a lot and were very responsible.



Overall I think everyone enjoyed the camp and are looking forward to next one!

Special thanks to Trevor and the leaders for organising the camp and helping so much!!

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