

# JUNIOR ADVENTURE TRAINING WEEK

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The now annual Junior Adventure Training Week was held in July 81 at Blue Range Station on the Burdekin River. The camp was again designed to teach the children how to survive in the field and to give them an appreciation of the Australian bushland. This year both boys and girls between the ages of eight and thirteen attended.

The camp included lessons on map reading, watermanship and survival. The area around the river had many examples of wild plants which were edible and no nasty side effects were noted. Bruce (of the Burdekin) Jollidge gave an expert lesson on native cooking and it was alleged that he personally gave lessons to Harry Butler in his earlier years. The pioneers, Fred Pyder, Stuart Reid and Bob McCabe were especially popular for their fine displays of "Mexican PT" in very trying circumstances.

As well as normal training activities there were several successful fishermen and many breathtaking displays on the flying fox designed especially to speed up entry into the cold waters of The Burdekin.

The camp was once again a success and a special thankyou must be given to Mrs. Di Edwards and Mrs Astrid Aspden who gave invaluable support as well as being the official chaperones.



Andrew Edwards (facing camera), Tim Roe (back turned).

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