



## Boshack Eco Adventure Camp

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Our lakeside Eco camp is a unique experience for Outdoor learning and Nature play. Away from computers, iPods, and mobile phones in a natural environment children have freedom to create and enjoy the simple things

# Day 1 - Nature Play Farm

**10.30am** Arrive at Boshack

Sheep mustering on foot: Sheep were brought to this country from England by the early settlers and many farms were established in the wheat belt area. Part of the farmer's tasks was to round up the sheep to shear them. So today we need you to round up these sheep in the paddock and guide them into the pens near the shed. (Seasonal) There is only one rule to remember. To get the sheep to the shed the easiest way always keep the sheep between you and the shed.



BYO morning tea: Under the shade of a gum tree enjoy your snack



Boomerang Throwing: Before the white settlers came here the Aborigines used to hunt for their food using boomerangs. Learn about the types they used and how they used them by watching a demonstration. Then try your hand at throwing a boomerang.

Water Divining: Used for thousands of years water divining is an ancient art of discovering underground water streams known as 'aquifers'. Try your hand at this ancient art to see if you have a natural gift in water divining.



Feed farm animals: Have you ever wondered what cow horns are made of? Well while you are feeding our farm animals you will find out along with lots of other interesting facts.



Aboriginal Dreamtime and Didgeridoo Playing: Experience the ways of the early pioneers and from the aboriginals thousands of years ago. Sit in the oasis environment amongst the paper bark forest. Blow the didgeridoo.



Early Settler and Aboriginal History: The setting in the paper bark forest goes back thousands of years. It was the perfect relaxing area in early life when there was no air-conditioning in the hot weather.

Lifestyle and Culture of our Forefathers: A talk on how our ancestors lived and experienced the outback, then you will learn how to eat the local delicacies of the witchetty grub. Listen to how they survived in the harsh bush environment while enjoying the taste of honeycomb chocolate.

Paper bark forest walk and Historic Well: A 50 meter walk through the cleanest and freshest air one can experience. Visit one of the original settler's water holes which provided the freshest of water.



**12.30**            **BYO Picnic Lunch**

Yabbi Netting: The bush freshwater crayfish was an alternative to the meat diet in the bush. This crayfish is very similar to the ordinary crayfish that is caught from the sea.

**2pm**    **Arrive at Lakeside camp**

Introduction to Boshack and our environmental footprint, fire drill and orientation of the lakeside camp

**3pm**    **Free Time**

**430pm** **Showers**

**6pm**    **Dinner**

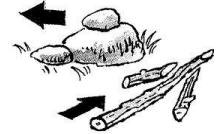
# Day 2 - Bush Tracks & Lake Springs

## Team Building, Survival Skills

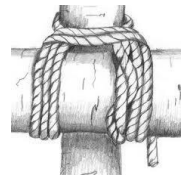
### 745am Bush Breakfast

**9am Orienteering:** Have a look at your mud map of Boshack. Being able to interpret from a map to the land and execute your route choice successfully without getting lost is very important.

Take a close look at the map and work out your position before leaving camp. Then with your team navigate your way along the fire breaks or roads to each marker in the bush, which is indicated by a dot on the map. Write down the letters you find on the markers at these numbered points. Our early settlers have left you a clue and your task is to find out what that is. When all 16 letters have been collected rearrange them to make 3 words.



When you arrive at point **B** on your map you will need to leave signs of life. Use a Tracking Signal anywhere in this area so others know where you have been. (Refer to tracking signs with your map). You could also be creative and leave your own ideas of signs of life



**OR**

**Raft Building:** Our early settlers built rafts to go fishing for food. Using the materials provided, your team must build a raft like the early settlers. This raft needs to be top-notch to float along the lake. Teams must work well together in designing the raft using knotting skills to build it and then see how well it sails.

1030am MORNING TEA

**Building a Mia Mia** Shelter is one of the keys to survival; it will protect you from the elements. The most common error in making a shelter is to make it too large. A shelter must be large enough to protect you. It must also be small enough to contain your body heat, especially in cold climates. Frame work is one of the main keys to a successful structure. Show us how to build a good **frame work** for a Mia Mia using only the equipment supplied in this area.



**12.30 LUNCH**

**Billy Balance** Cooking food or boiling water is another art to survival. In groups of 3, collect sticks to build a frame of your choice to hold a billy above your campfire (may not be lit) for boiling water. Under the frame collect the right type of materials and learn how to prepare a campfire.

*(lighting the fire will be seasonal)*



**1.30pm Net Fishing** Use our home made nets and a recycled , wade in our shallow freshwater lake to see what lives in the waters.

Make sure you keep the fish alive and bring it over to your teacher to show you can catch a fish.

*Please let all living creatures go afterwards to care for the environment.*

**3pm** Afternoon Tea

**330pm** Free time Showers

**6pm** Dinner

# Day 3 - Sustainable in Nature

## 745am Bush Breakfast

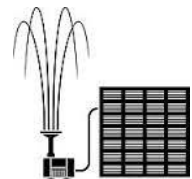
**9am Obstacle Course** Take a leisurely walk along the bush track taking in the smells and sights of our peaceful bush environment arriving at our obstacle course. At first glance it does not seem very challenging, but wait for a few twists which will get your heart pumping and test your coordination and fire up your competitive spirit.



## 1030 Morning Tea

**Solar water system** Early settlers had no electricity, but with new technology now we are able to use solar power, when no electric power is available on farms. Use teamwork and leadership skills and some intelligent thinking to design and build a solar pump.

The solar panel gets its power from the sun to run the pump which in turn sucks the water from the lake and pumps the water. It is essential to put a filter (mesh) on the suction pipe that goes in the water and then we will have a competition to see who can pump the most water in a given time.



**Art Sketching** Collect some paper and a pencil from the dining area. Take a seat somewhere quiet under the shade and absorb the tranquility of our environment. Use your artistic side to translate it onto your sketch paper.

## 1230pm LUNCH

