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### **CAMP KULIN SUMMER SEASON A HUGE SUCCESS**

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The year has got off to a massive start for Camp Kulin, with the completion of its 2015 January Summer Camp Season.

During the month of camps held in Kulin, 44 volunteer camp counsellors contributed 2,992 hours of their time (that's nearly \$75,000 worth of time) to provide 13,860 minutes of activities for 110 campers from all around the state.

A number of camps were on offer for children aged 8-12, including general camps open to all children in Western Australia and scholarship camps for children affected by childhood trauma. Also included was the very first Camp Kulin teen camp for young people aged 13 -15. All camps were full to capacity with a waitlist.

The program included teambuilding and leadership activities, skunk, gaga dodge ball, giant human foosball, group challenges, low ropes elements, sensory walk, Quiz Night Tanya Style, My Kitchen Rules, talent show, drumming, swimming, waterslide, excursion to Tin Horse Highway and Jilakin Lake, capture the flag and lots more.

Campers learnt things like perseverance, confidence, trust, respect, self esteem, leadership, communication, expressing opinions, initiative, listening, problem solving, acceptance of others, positive and safe risk taking, dealing with fear, conflict resolution, goal setting and patience.

"My week at camp has been extraordinary, with lots of surprises and accomplishments. It has made me feel very special to be sponsored by someone who cares," camper Susan, 13, said. "I have made a lot of sensational friends that I will always remember. At camp I have learnt to be resilient, calm and helpful to my other peers and I have also become more trusting to others and more aware of other people's needs and privileges."

Campers came from Perth, Merriwa, Kulin, Kondinin, Williams, Wickepin, Narrogin, Kukerin, Corrigin, Bruce Rock, Wongan Hills and Bremer Bay to attend camp. Volunteer camp counsellors came from right across WA, with 3 travelling from interstate (Darwin and Brisbane) at their own expense to volunteer at Camp Kulin.

Food wise, campers and camp counsellors made their way through over 74 kgs of lasagne; 28 kgs of cheese; 645 bread rolls; 2,464 pieces of bread; 180 chicken burgers; 320 sausages; 40kgs of

salad ingredients; 20 kgs of cold meats; 12 jars of jam; 8 jars of vegemite; 12 kgs of cereal; 50 litres of milk and much more.

“It is sad to see our summer season end, but planning has already begun for school camps, school excursions and our April school holiday camps,” Camp Kulin Manager Tanya Dupagne said. “We are looking forward to another fantastic year as we continue to grow.”

For more information about upcoming Camp Kulin events and volunteer opportunities, visit [www.campkulin.com.au](http://www.campkulin.com.au)

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