

WHAT IS A YOUTH REHABILITATION CAMP?

A Youth Rehabilitation Camp aims to provide rehabilitation and mentoring to young people aged 11 to 18 years who are demonstrating anti-social behaviour.

What does a Youth Camp aim to do?

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build self esteem and confidence; • Develop problem solving skills and coping mechanisms; • Develop personal attitudes towards challenging and negative behaviour; • Encourage re-engagement with education and youth services; • Improve life pathways and cease anti-social and criminal activities; • Improve team work and leadership skills; • Encourage achievable goal setting; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide fun recreational and educational activities; • Promote healthy lifestyles and community connectedness; • Build an understanding of cultural spirituality for Indigenous young people; • Improve family and community well being; and • Increase employment opportunities for young people. |
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What happens at a Youth Camp?

Youth Camps can include some or all of the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Educational and recreational activities; • Support and mentoring; • Environmental and outdoor activities that are physically challenging; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Animal husbandry; • Community responsibility activities; • Learning about traditional cultural values and skills. |
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How does a young person go on a Youth Camp?

To be eligible for a Youth Camp placement, a young person would have displayed anti-social behaviour (including truancy, disruptive behaviour, property damage or other criminal offences) and/or be subject to a Family Responsibility Agreement or Order, with attendance at a Youth Camp as one of the requirements.

A referral panel will share information about a young person who has been displaying antisocial behaviour and decide if a Youth Camp is a good idea for that young person.

How long is a Youth Camp?

The Youth Camp programs range from nine days to six weeks depending on what level of intervention is recommended for the young person.

What happens after a Youth Camp?

The Youth Camp provider and the Northern Territory Government provide some follow up services with the young person and their families by linking the young person to local youth service providers to continue the support and encouragement they received at the camp.

Who operates the Youth Camps?

Non-government and community organisations that have been assessed as suitable receive support from the Northern Territory Government to operate Youth Camps across the Northern Territory.