We ALL Have Stories!

I'm sure you agree that it is impossible to put two or more Guiders in the same room for five minutes before they are laughing and telling each other about their Guiding experiences. I want to capture some of those stories for all of us to enjoy. The stories can be funny, ironic, short or long, about your time as a youth or as an adult Member, about the girls you work with, whatever you like.

Here is one of my stories: My daughter was invited to go with her boyfriend's family to a weekend camping family retreat. It was rainy and cold but there was lots going on and everyone was having a great time. As evening approached, some of the guys decided to build a fire. My daughter and another young lady watched as they piled on wood and paper, vigorously fanned with a folded newspaper and tried to get it going without much luck. When they decided that adding wet grass would do the trick, my daughter put her foot down. The young lady who had been sitting with her stood up and said, "I'll take care of this", cleaned off the mess in the fire pit and started over. She made a "log cabin" using small branches, filled it with dry kindling, built a "tee-pee" of larger logs over top, put a match to the kindling and within minutes there was a nice fire burning. The guys watched in awe as she worked asking "Where did you learn to do that?" and "Can you teach us?" "I learned how to build fires in Girl Guides" she responded as she sat down in front of the now blazing fire. The two girls, long time youth Members of Girl Guides of Canada, looked knowingly at each other and laughed!

It's your turn now! Write a story and e-mail it to membership@albertagirlguides.com. I know you have one…or two…or ten!

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