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by Young Authors
(Ages 5-13)

CAMPING ADVENTURES



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This anthology is composed of stories written by children and youth across Canada, between the ages of 5 and 13 as a result of our AUGUST 2022 creative writing contest. The task this month was to write a flash fiction story of 500 words, all about the greatest camping adventure they could imagine.

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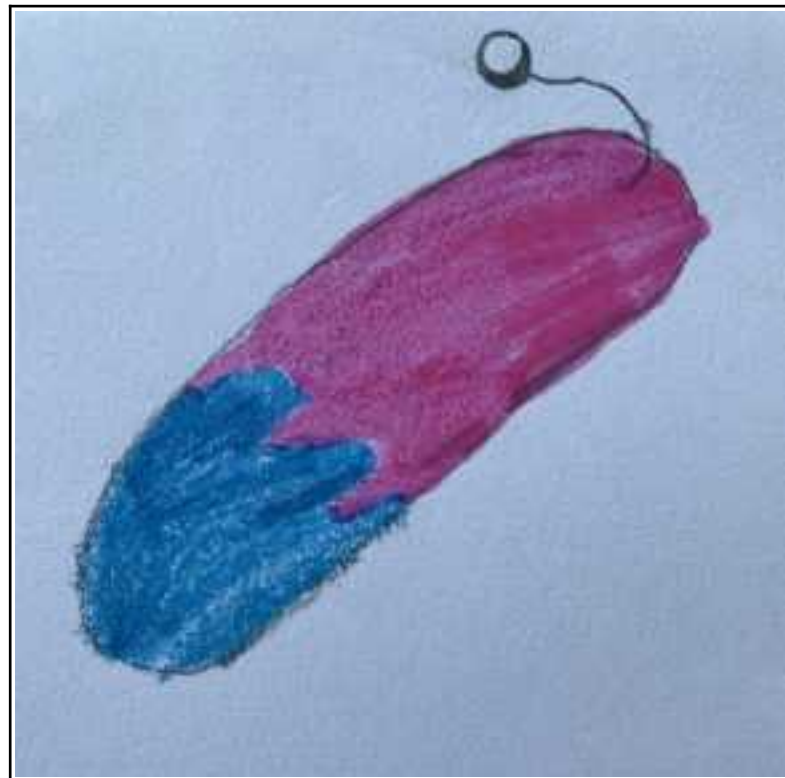
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THE NECKLACE

by
Emma

Mia and her family were packing up to go to Point Farm to camp.

When they were done setting their site up Mia decided to walk to the beach and surf with her brand new surfboard that she had just gotten the day before at the mall.



She walked for about five minutes up the road until she realized she was lost. She saw another girl nearby that was also camping with her family. Mia asked, “Hi, I’m just wondering if you know where the beach is? I’m lost.”

“Yeah, I’ll show you!” said the girl named Isla.

“Thank you so much!” said Mia.

“You’re welcome,” said Isla as she directed them to the beach down a couple paths from her own campsite.

They finally made it to the beach and Mia decided to ask Isla if she would like to go for a swim with her. But there was one thing that Mia didn't know about Isla. She was a mermaid.

Isla had a necklace that made it so that she could go from mermaid to human whenever she pressed the necklace.



Isla said, “Sure,” but with fear in her voice.

They went into the water together. While Isla was swimming she hit her necklace and it turned her into a mermaid. Mia saw a light shine and dove deeper into the water to see what it was. Then she realized Isla was a mermaid!

“Wait, I thought mermaids were fake!” Mia said.

“Yeah, that’s what everyone says,” said Isla. “Mia, can you promise me you won't tell anyone?”

“Of course, don’t worry, your secret is safe with me,” said Mia. Then she realized that it was starting to get late. “I have to head back to my site, why don’t you come with me?” she asked.

“Okay, sure!” said Isla.

Mia and Isla became best friends and spent their whole time camping together. But one day Isla had to go back to the sea

She gave Mia a shell before she left. Whenever Mia pressed the shell it would make a neon path so that Isla could find her through the water. Every summer they returned to the same camping spot to swim together.

THE END.

THE INJURED BEAR

by
Sarah

One day Jerry went to the forest to have a camping trip. When he was hiking up the trail in the forest he saw a cub that was injured. He ran back to his car and quickly drove to the animal hospital with the cub.

After a week the cub was healed, but Jerry couldn't find the cub's parents so he decided to raise the cub himself. He phoned a bear scientist and asked for the facts about bears. Then Jerry went to buy all of the supplies he would need. When he was finally done he fed the cub some salmon. He decided to name the cub Star.

Jerry showed Star videos of bears fighting and hunting and showed him how to do it. Jerry even brought Star to lakes to catch fish and even made him wrestle Jerry. When Star became five years old he was really good at doing those things. Jerry decided he should bring Star back to the forest so he could see his habitat again.

When they got to the forest, where the old campsite was, Star found a friend. Star's friend was a brown cub. The brown cub's parents saw that Star liked Jerry so they decided Jerry was a good person and they would let him pet them.

Star and his friend were play-fighting. Luckily Jerry brought his camping supplies and he decided he would stay there for the night. Jerry took a picture of the bears and fed Star and ate some bread. Then Jerry and Star went to sleep.

The next morning, Jerry started to pack up. When he was done he saw the family of bears that Star was playing with. He woke up Star, and Star played with his friend again. When the family of bears were leaving, Jerry and Star followed them to their cave. He decided he would camp there.

The bears went hunting, so Jerry and Star followed them and hunted with them.

When they came back and finished eating. Jerry decided to teach Star some basic words so he could tell Star what he wanted him to do, like: stay, wait, no, and okay. At the end of the day Star had learned the words. Jerry had to go back home and luckily he had brought a map and marked where the bears lived.

Two years later Star was too big to live with Jerry so Jerry decided to have Star live with the bears they had met. Jerry visited Star once a week. One day Star and the other young bear left the cave, luckily Jerry saw and followed them. They found a different cave and rested there. Jerry knew they had to live on their own because he had read books about it.

Five years later, Star's friend had three babies. Jerry got to keep one of the cubs when it was three years old. The cub turned out just like Star. It's name was Cheetah because she ran very fast.

THE END.



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