



Campfire

Program



GIRL GUIDES
AUSTRALIA

A message from the Chief Commissioner

What do you feel when you hear the word 'campfire'?

Do you see the different colours in the flames as they dance and twist? Do you hear the crackling as the intense heat causes the gases trapped inside the timber to pop? Do you smell the smoke that drifts toward the stars? Do you feel the warmth of the heat from the fire and so you feel the friendship that is generated as you sit around the campfire with your Guiding family and friends?

Campfires have been important to Guiding for 100 years. Our Founder, Lord Baden-Powell, gathered the Scouts at camp each night and taught many skills through his yarns as they reminisced on the day's activities. Long before that, the campfire was an important part of village life as families sat around at night sharing the past and planning for the coming days. This focal point of village life became a place to tell stories and yarns and to make music.

As we celebrate the Centenary of Guiding it is significant that Guides all over Australia again share the excitement of campfire. One hundred years has produced incredible changes in the world in technology, economics, politics and communications, but the spirit of the campfire remains the same. This is a special time to make music, to sing, to dance, to tell stories, to share, to relax and to laugh.

Lord Baden-Powell and our World Chief Guide, Olave, dedicated their lives to serving others and to making the world a better place through teaching young people to believe in themselves and do their best. It is at a campfire such as this that the true Spirit of Guiding can be experienced—that immeasurable, intangible Spirit, as we unite in an activity that typifies all that is wonderful and good, and we celebrate the vision of our Founder and his belief in young people.

We have a very special tradition in Guiding which enables us to share the wonderful memories from one campfire to another. Ashes are taken from a campfire and sprinkled onto the flames of the next campfire. The following morning when the ashes are cold, they are collected and each Guide takes some home with her for her next campfire. The dates and places of all campfires are recorded and passed on.

These words can be shared as the ashes are sprinkled on to the rising flames: 'We carry our friendship with us in these ashes from other campfires with our Guiding Sisters. May the joining of previous fires with these leaping flames symbolise once more the unbroken chain that binds Girl Guides and Girl Scouts around the world and may the spirit and memories of those campfires join in the fun and laughter that will be created tonight.'

I feel privileged to be sharing this extraordinary celebration with you and wherever you are enjoying your Centenary Campfire tonight, I encourage you to **feel the magic!**

Lynne Price
Chief Commissioner

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Centenary Campfire Song 100 Years of Promises

Words and music Jen Barron

Chorus:

We celebrate we celebrate
100 years of promises
We celebrate we celebrate
100 years of changing lives
We celebrate we celebrate

Celebrate the past
Our heritage is our foundation
The Baden–Powells had vision
Look back and realise
It's because of them
Our lives are changed

Chorus

Celebrate the future
What is to come the opportunities
We can have dreams
Look ahead and realise
It's up to us
To keep changing lives

Chorus

Centenary Song 100 Years of Fun

Words and music Judy Rogers

100 years of Girl Guide history
100 years of fun
For 100 years
We've had victory
100 years of fun

Chorus:

100 years of Guiding promises
100 years of Guiding trefoils
100 years of Guiding challenges
100 years of fun
100 years of fun
100 years of fun

100 years of
Camping and hiking and running and biking
Swimming and floating and sailing and boating
100 years of fun
Indoor, outdoor, solar cooking
Earth care, nature looking
Bickie selling, fundraising
Service projects, star gazing
100 years of fun

Jamboree of the internet and jamboree of the air
International friendships
Guides are everywhere
Trusty, loyal helpful kind
Pure in word and deed and mind
Learn new skills, challenge
Do your best
Learn to rise above the rest

Chorus



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