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National Best Friends Day

Writing about Girl Scouts last week reminded me of when I met my best friend. I was a Girl Scout and for some *insane* reason our leaders thought February was a great time for a camping trip. I don't know if you've ever been to Camp Congaree, but the tents all surround a small lake. The tents are raised off of the ground on wooden platforms & each hold around 18-20 girls.

I'm not sure what causes this particular weather phenomenon, but there seems to always be a breeze around a lake. Picture it. It's 20 degrees with a 10 mph "breeze". We're in the woods with only a small campfire and the only light for miles is coming from our flashlights. Did I mention that the wooden platforms were made with 1/2" gaps between the boards—for ventilation we were told. No matter how tightly we tied those tent flaps, we couldn't prevent the breeze from blowing off the lake, under our tents, & up through the floor! We were freezing!!! There were only six girls in our troop—hardly enough to create any warmth in those tents. We had a problem!

We discovered we weren't the only idiots on the lake that weekend. There was a troop from the other side of town braving the elements as well & they had something we didn'tnewspaper! They taught us that some well-placed newspaper under our sleeping bags would serve as great against insulation the breezes blowing up from the bottom. We also discovered that if we put both troops together in one tent that we could produce enough heat to keep us from freezing to death!

So, that's how I met my best friend, Felicia. Once you've suffered through something together you form a great bond. After a little redistricting in our school district we ended up at the same middle & high schools. The rest, as they say, is history. We were in marching band & chorus together and have stayed friends all these years! We were in each other's weddings & my kids have always called her "Aunt". We sometimes go months without speaking on the phone, but when we do, it's like we spoke yesterday. We all need a friend like that.

Ok, now on to important stuff!

The Week of February 19th-26th is:

-Texas Cowboy Poetry Gathering -National Sauna Week -National Engineers Week

The Daily Celebrations are:

19th-Best Friends Day Chocolate Mint Day National Lashes Day Arabian Horse Day Skate Shop Day **20th-**Love Your Pet Day National Comfy Day National Cherry Pie Day National Muffin Day **21st-**IHOP Pancake Day Fat Tuesday **Travel Africa Day** National Sticky Bun Day Pancake Day Race **22nd-**National Margarita Day **Pink Shirt Day** Woolworth's Day World Thinking Day Cook a Sweet Potato Day Supermarket Employee Day **Inconvenience** Yourself Day 23rd-International Toast Day National Chili Day National Banana Bread Day National Tile Day **Tootsie Roll Day** 24th-National Dance Day National Tortilla Chip Day Forget Me Not Day Skip the Straw Day Tartar Sauce Day

World Bartender Day

25th-Sword Swallowers Day Rubber Ducky Day Open That Bottle Day Chocolate Covered Nut Day National Clam Chowder Day

Have a great week & call me if you need a **ride to Pancake Supper on the 21st!**

Serving Him & Loving it!

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Me & Felicia at Kathryn's Wedding.