



One of the things our guests like best about staying at our Ely Minnesota resort is our nightly campfires.

It's our ritual. As day gives way to night, we gather around the fire ring that's centrally located behind our cabins. There is a time and place for serious conversation, but it's not when we're sitting around the campfire! Then it's a time for stories and sometimes skits and almost always s'mores. On occasion, Mark and friends will bring out the guitars and the singing begins.

Campfires give us the opportunity to unwind and unplug. Without the distractions of TVs and DVDs and cell phones and iPods, we're free to focus on the friends and family who have gathered with us around the fire, and the fire itself. We tell stories about fishing and hiking and trips to town that are enlivened by the giddiness we feel from the joy of being around the fire.

How often in our everyday lives do we tend to the preparation of food the way we do to the roasting of a marshmallow over an open fire? We carefully chose just the right spot over just the right color flame to toast our marshmallow to just the right shade of brown (or black for some!). Even the very young guests staying in our Ely cabins can participate, to their delight.

As the darkness of the night deepens, our voices become hushed. Our conversation dies down, as do the fire's flames. By then, we're entranced by the colors of the glowing embers.

This is why our guests choose our Ely Minnesota lodging. Up here, the fishing's always fine and the air is always fresh, but it's the fellowship around the campfire that calls us home.