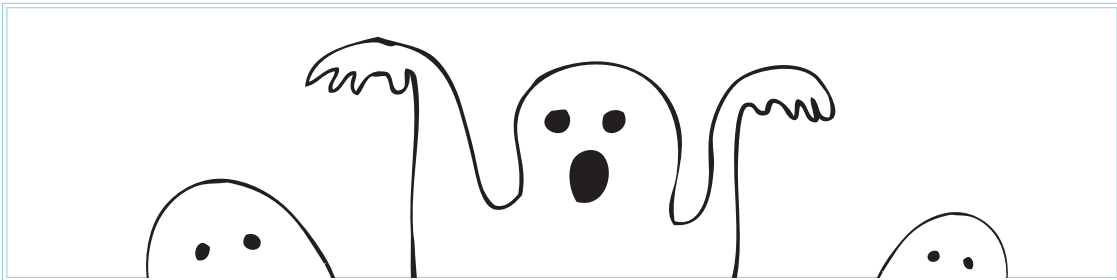


CLAUDIA'S GHOST STORIES

Whether you're outspoken and sassy or soft-spoken and shy, these tips will help you become the most gifted ghost story teller on the block. Soon, your ghost stories will be known around the neighborhood for being the most terrifyingly awesome!



ATMOSPHERE (FOR FEAR!)

To help make your story more real, add some appropriate props like suspenseful music (you know, the kind they play when something bad is going to happen in a scary movie) or the ghastly glow of a flashlight held under your face in the dark. Of course you'll want to dim the lights - you can't see ghosts in broad daylight! Tell the story inside if you need to, but the best place to tell (and hear) a ghost story is gathered in the woods around a campfire.

THE ART OF DELIVERY

How you tell the story makes a huge difference in how people receive it. Make ghoulish voices for the characters and pause at the most spine tingling parts of the story. Build suspense, intrigue and learn to play off the crowd. Extra points if you get a friend to jump out at an especially frightful moment (planned ahead, of course).

PERSONALIZE THE STORY

Make the location of your ghost story your hometown and personalize it by referring to well known landmarks in your city or neighborhood. You can even put yourself in the story and say that you saw the terror in person! The more personal you make the story, the scarier it will be to your audience.