We spent three days hiking around this area, including one night in a mountain cabin powered entirely by solar generation:
The cabin also had a large battery to store the solar energy it captures during the day, but the powers that be wouldn’t let us see the battery. We did, however, notice this sign informing visitors of the approximate costs of their various energy-consuming behaviors and encouraging them to keep energy use to a minimum:

ZUM NACHDENKEN !!

Liebe Hüttenbesucher,
die Bewirtschaftung von Hütten in dieser Lage erfordert von den Hüttenwirten und der Sektion höchstes Engagement.

Wir haben nachgerechnet:
Die Investitionskosten für 1 WC-Spülung betragen ca. 3,-- €
1 KW-Stunde Strom kostet ca. 4,-- €

Darum lieber Wanderer,
sei sparsam mit Wasser und Energie.
Der Umwelt und unseren Kindern zuliebe.
At the IGSSE Forum, the IGERT students and I became friends with a TUM student who offered to take us hiking near Munich; we took him up on the offer and had a large group outing in Garmisch:
Bonnie Roberts and I took a hike to an incredible cabin called the Tegernseeer Hutte, just south of Munich. Some views from the cabin:
And finally, on my last full day in Germany, I went hiking with two TUM IGSSE students, again near the Tegernsee:

![Photo](image_url)

Overall, I am incredibly grateful to have had this opportunity to expand my horizons, both professionally and personally.