Short & Snappy—Learning Opportunity for Volunteers

Girl Scout Songs

Traditional and fun Girl Scout songs will bring back memories of your Girl Scout days. If you are a new leader, Girl Scout songs are a great way to explore the proud musical traditions of Girl Scouts.

Since the days of Daisy Low, Girl Scouts and their leaders have been writing, singing, and playing songs that celebrate sisterhood and the fundamental ideals of Girl Scouting.

Whether your favorite Girl Scout memory is from the last day of summer camp, a meaningful troop ceremony, or a special event, chances are music was a part of it.

Leading Songs

Sing the song once through for the group. Introduce the song by telling where it is from. Sing the first verse and the chorus, so group members know how it sounds. Have those who know it sing with you.

Teach the song phrase by phrase. Sing a phrase, and have the group sing back to you. Then join phrases and sing the verse and chorus. If long, teach a few verses, then repeat.

Sing the song all together. If signing a round, a song with parts, or a descant, make sure each group knows its part well before putting the parts together. If you are singing a song with parts, have a leader who knows each part help out. Use simple hand motions to keep the tempo.

Give the starting note. Hum the melody or use a musical instrument. Avoid pitching to high or too low for girls.

Choose a variety of songs. Do songs that are fast and slow, songs that include hand motions, and songs that lend themselves to simple harmony, as well as funny songs. Avoid songs that might be offensive to religious or ethnic groups.

The internet is a great place to find songs. Use YouTube to demonstrate the melody of a song.

Activity:

Have some leaders (or girls) lead their favorite songs for the Service Unit group (or troop). Or invite an older girl troop to come teach songs to leaders.
Using the methods described on previous page, lead the group in the following song (or pick a Girl Scout song of you choice).

Suggestion: Have the words printed out or posted on an easel for all to see.

Once the song is learned, try singing in rounds.

**Make New Friends**

Make new friends, but keep the old.
One is silver, the other is gold.

A circle is round, it has no end.
That's how long, I will be your friend.

A fire burns bright, it warms the heart.
We've been friends, from the very start.

More verses to this song can be found on the internet.
GIRL SCOUT SONGS

WHENE'ER YOU MAKE A PROMISE
Whene'er you make a promise,
Consider well its importance
And when made,
Engrave it upon your heart.

ON MY HONOR
On my honor I will try,
There's a duty to be done and I say "aye",
There's a reason here for the reason up above,
My honor is to try and my duty is to love

1) People don't need to know my name
   If I've done any harm then I'm to blame.
   If I help a friend then I've helped me
   To open up my eyes that I might see.

2) I've tucked away a song or two,
   If you're feeling low there's one for you
   If you need a friend, then I will come
   And there's plenty more where I come from.

3) Come with me where the fire burns bright,
   You can see even better by firelight,
   You can learn even more by the campfire's glow,
   Than you can ever learn in a year or so.

4) We've made a promise we'll always keep,
   We'll pray so softly before we sleep,
   We'll be Girl Scouts together, and when we're gone,
   We'll still be trying and singing this song.

ON MY HONOR
(Tune: I'm a Little Teapot)

I'm a Daisy Girl Scout, Yes I am.
Here is my tunic, here is my pin.
When I do a good deed, here me shout,
"I'm a Daisy, inside and out!"

GIRL SCOUTS TOGETHER
Girls Scouts together, that is our song,
Winding the old trails, rocky and long.
Learning our motto, living our creed,
Girl Scouts together in every good deed.

Girl Scouts together, happy are we,
Friendly to neighbors far o'er the sea.
Faithful to country, loyal to home,
Known as true Girl Scouts wherever we roam.
**BROWNIE SMILE SONG**  
(Make appropriate hand motions)

I have something in my pocket  
It belongs across my face.  
I keep it very close at hand  
In a most convenient place.

I'm sure you couldn't guess it  
If you guessed a long, long while.  
So I'll take it out and put it on.  
It's a great big Brownie smile.

**SOMETHING IN MY POCKET**  
(Tune: Brownie Smile Song)

I have something in my pocket  
That I found behind a log  
My leader said to let it loose  
But I want to keep my frog.

It's cool and green and slimy  
And it squiggles in my hand.  
I also have a wooly worm  
And a pocket full of sand.

**MAKE NEW FRIENDS WITH VERSES**

Make new friends,  
But keep the old.  
One is silver,  
And the other is gold.

A circle is round,  
It has no end.  
That's how long,  
I want to be your friend.

You have one hand  
I have the other.  
Put them together  
And we have each other.

**A RAM SAM SAM**

A ram sam sam, a ram sam sam,  
A ram sam sam, a ram, sam sam,  
A ra-va, a ra-va,  
A ra-va, a ra-va,  

**GIRL SCOUT CHEER**

Hooray for Girl Scouts! Hooray for Girl Scouts!  
Someone’s in the stands yelling Hooray for Girl Scouts! 1-2-3-4 who you gonna yell for? Girl Scouts! That’s US!
Oh, I wish I were a little bar of soap.
Oh, I wish I were a little bar of soap.
I'd go slippy, slippy, slidey over everybody's hidey,
Oh, I wish I were a little bar of soap.

Oh, I wish I were a little mosquito.
Oh, I wish I were a little mosquito
I'd go bitey, bitey, bitey under everybody's nightie,
Oh, I wish I were a little mosquito.

Oh, I wish I were a little piece of orange
Oh, I wish I were a little piece of orange.
I'd go squirty, squirty, squirty, over everybody's shirtey,
Oh, I wish I were a little piece of orange.

Oh, I wish I were a little bottle of pop.
Oh, I wish I were a little bottle of pop.
I'd go down with a slurp and come up with a burp,
Oh, I wish I were a little bottle of pop.

Oh, I wish I were a little hunk of mud.
Oh, I wish I were a little hunk of mud.
I'd go ooey, ooey, gooey under everybody's shoey,
Oh, I wish I were a little hunk of mud.

Oh, I wish I were a little stripey skunk.
Oh, I wish I were a little stripey skunk.
I'd sit underneath the trees and perfume all the breeze,
Oh, I wish I were a little stripey skunk.

Oh, I wish I were fishy in the sea.
Oh, I wish I were fishy in the sea.
I'd swim nudey, nudey, nudey without my bathing suitly,
Oh, I wish I were fishy in the sea.

Oh, I wish I were a little foreign car.
Oh, I wish I were a little foreign car.
I'd go beepy, beepy, beepy down everybody's streety,
Oh, I wish I were a little foreign car.

Oh, I wish I were little girly scout.
Oh, I wish I were little girly scout.
I'd go tramp, tramp, tramp, over to the Boy Scout camp,
Oh, I wish I were little girly scout.

Oh, I wish I were a little radio.
Oh, I wish I were a little radio.
I'd go CLICK!
FOUND A PEANUT  
(Tune: Oh My Darlin' Clementine)

Found a peanut, found a peanut,  
Found a peanut last night.  
Last night, I found a peanut.  
Found a peanut last night.

Wasn't working, wasn't working,  
Wasn't working last night.  
Last night it wasn't working.  
Wasn't working last night.

Cracked it open, cracked it open,  
Cracked it open last night.  
Last night, I cracked it open.  
Cracked it open last night.

Operation, operation,  
Operation last night.  
Last night an operation.  
Operation last night.

It was rotten, it was rotten,  
it was rotten last night.  
Last night, it was rotten.  
It was rotten last night.

Died anyway, died anyway,  
Died anyway last night.  
Last night, I died anyway.  
Died anyway last night.

Ate it any way, ate it anyway,  
Ate it any way last night.  
Last night, I ate it anyway.  
Ate it any way last night.

Went to heaven, went to heaven,  
Went to heaven last night,  
Last night I went to heaven,  
Went to heaven last night.

Got sick, got sick,  
Got sick last night.  
Last night, I got sick  
Got sick last night.

Wouldn't take me, wouldn't take me,  
Wouldn't take me last night.  
Last night, they wouldn't take me.  
Wouldn't take me last night.

Called the doctor, called the doctor,  
Called the doctor last night.  
Last night, I called the doctor.  
Called the doctor last night.

Went the other way, went the other way,  
Went the other way last night.  
Last night, I went the other way.  
Went the other way last night.

Penicillin, penicillin,  
Penicillin last night.  
Last night, penicillin.  
Penicillin last night.

Kissed the Devil, kissed the Devil,  
Kissed the Devil just now.  
Just now I kissed the Devil,  
Kissed the Devil just now.
ACTION SONGS

I’m A LITTLE PILE OF TIN

Actions: honk-pull ears; rattle—shake head; crash—slap face with hand; beep—push on nose with flat of hand.

I’m a little pile of tin, nobody knows where I have been.
Got four wheels and a running board, I’m a four door, I’m a Ford.

Chorus:
Honk-honk, rattle-rattle-rattle, crash, beep-beep,
Honk-honk, rattle-rattle-rattle, crash, beep-beep,
Honk-honk, rattle-rattle-rattle, crash, beep-beep,
Honk-honk, honk, honk.

Got no bottom, got no top.
Throw out the anchor when you want to stop.
Got no window, got no brakes,
All I’ve got are small earthquakes.

Repeat Chorus

LITTLE BUNNY FU-FU

Little bunny Fu-fu, hoppin’ through the forest,
Scoopin’ up the field mice and boppin’ them on the head.

Along came the good fairy, and she said:

Little bunny Fu-fu, I don’t want to see you
Scoopin’ up the field mice and boppin’ them on the head.

I’ll give you three chances to change your ways, and if you don’t obey, I’ll turn you into a goon.”

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