

## Songs

Love to sing, but not sure how to start teaching others? Here are some great guidelines for the emerging song leader – no matter what age you are.

### Choosing Songs:

- Know the group that you will be working with. How old are they? How many girls are there? Have they sung in a group before? What are their song interests? How long is their attention span?
- Begin with simple songs or songs that the girls know. Choose songs that are short rounds, songs with tra-la-la choruses, call-and-repeat songs, or those that include repetition. Know the song words and the melody. Practice. Use note cards if you need them. Make a list of the songs you will sing, and know the order you will sing them in.
- If you are choosing songs for an evening program, start out with the rowdy songs and end up with the quiet songs to set the tone for bedtime.

### Leading Songs:

- Be enthusiastic.
- Sing the song through for the group. 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 there is a lot to memorize, teach a few verses, then repeat. Repeat once or twice.
- Sing the song all together.
- You give the starting note. Hum the melody or use a musical instrument. If you get it wrong, stop and start over. Avoid pitching too high or too low for girls.
- Make sure that girls follow your hand motions. Let them know that hand motions are used to keep the group together in the right tempo, and the motions will help them know where you are in the song.
- 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.

### More Resources:

- YouTube has a wealth of GS song videos that will assist you in getting the tune to some of the songs listed below.
- Visit the GSCTX Shop in-person or online to find CDs's of Girl Scout songs.

- Register for a Volunteer Enrichment course at the Volunteer Enrichment Conference (July) or Trailblazers (September) to take a workshop on GS Songs!
- To help your troop learn more songs reach out to older girls in your service unit and invite them to visit your meeting to teach songs. They will benefit from service hours helping the girls and your troop will benefit from learning new songs and gaining a role model for your girls!

**Girl Scout Greetings and Standards Songs:**

Make New Friends (Four-part round)

Make new friends, but keep the old;  
 One is silver and the other gold.  
 A circle is round; it has no end.  
 That's how long I want to be your friend.

Brownie Smile Song

I've got something in my pocket,  
 That belongs across my face.  
 I keep it very close to me,  
 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!

Buddies & Friends

You and me, we're gonna be partners.  
 You and me, we're gonna be friends.  
 You and me, we're gonna be partners.  
 Buddies and friends, buddies and friends.

You and me, we started as strangers.  
 You and me, we came from afar.  
 You and me, we started as strangers.  
 Now we are friends, now we are friends.

From now on, we're going to be partners.  
 From now on, we're going to be friends  
 From now on, we're going to be partners.  
 Buddies and friends, buddies and friends.

'Til the end, we're going to be partners.  
 'Til the end, we're going to be friends  
 'Til the end, we're going to be partners.

Buddies and friends, buddies and friends.  
Buddies and friends, buddies and friends.

### "G" For Generosity

Hooray for Girl Scouts, Hooray for Girl Scouts.  
Someone's in the stands yelling, Hooray for Girl Scouts.  
One, two, three, four, who you gonna yell for?  
Girl Scouts! That's us!  
She wears a G for generosity  
She wears an I for interest, too.  
She wears an R for real live sportsmanship,  
She wears an L for loyalty, for loyalty.  
She wears an S for her sincerity.  
She wears a C for courtesy, for courtesy,  
She wears an O-U-T for outdoor life, outdoor life,  
And that Girl Scout is ME.

### Girl Scouts Together

Girl 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, for o'er the sea  
Faithful to country, loyal to home  
Known as true Girl Scouts wherever we roam.

### Whene'er You Make a Promise (Two-part round)

Whene'er you make a promise,  
Consider well its importance.  
And when made, engrave it upon your heart.

### **Silly Songs**

#### Grey Squirrel

Grey squirrel, Grey squirrel,  
Swish your bushy tail.  
Grey squirrel, Grey squirrel,  
Swish your bushy tail.  
Wrinkle up your funny nose;  
put a nut between your toes.  
Grey squirrel, Grey squirrel,  
Swish your bushy tail.

Boom Chicka Boom (Repeat-After-Me song)

I said boom chick-a-boom!

I said boom chick-a-boom!

I said boom-chick-a-rock-a-chick-a-rock-a-chick-a-boom!

Uh huh!

Oh yeah!

One more time,

2. Underwater Style

3. Baby Style

4. Opera Style

5. Valley Girl Style

6. Your Own Style

(Make up your own styles and have fun!)

A Ram Sam Sam (Two-part round)

A ram sam sam, a ram sam sam

Guli, guli, guli, guli, guli, ram sam sam

A ram sam sam, a ram sam sam

Guli, guli, guli, guli, guli, ram sam sam

A rafi, A rafi, guli, guli, guli, guli, guli

Ram sam sam

A rafi, A rafi, guli, guli, guli, guli, guli

Ram sam sam.

Daisy On My Toe

I've got a Daisy on my toe, it's not alive it doesn't grow.

It's just a tattoo of a flower, so I look purty in the shower.

It's on the second toe of my left foot, just stem and flower ain't got no root.

Cuz that wouldn't look good.

I've got a Daisy on my toe, my right foot loves my left foot so.

**Restful Songs**

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 a reason above

My honor is to try, and my duty is to love

People don't need to know my name

If I hurt someone, then I'm to blame

If I help someone, then I've helped me

And that's the way that it should be

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  
There's plenty more where I come from

Come with me where a fire burns bright  
You can see much better by its own light  
You can find more meaning in a campfire's glow  
Than you'll ever find in a year or so

### Softly Falls

Softly falls the light of day  
As our campfire fades away  
Silently each Scout should ask  
Have I done my daily task?  
Have I kept my honor bright?  
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?  
Have I done and have I dared  
Everything to be prepared?

I have done my daily task  
I have kept my honor bright  
I have done and I have dared +everything to be prepared.

### Linger (please note: "Linger" is a **slow** song)

Hmmm, I want to linger  
Hmmm, a little longer  
Hmmm, a little longer here with you  
Hmmm, it's such a perfect night  
Hmmm, it doesn't seem quite right  
Hmmm, that this should be my last with you  
Hmmm, and come September  
Hmmm, I will remember  
Hmmm, our camping days and friendships true  
Hmmm, and as the years go by  
Hmmm, I'll think of you and sigh  
Hmmm, it's just good-night and not good-bye

### Green Trees

Green trees around us  
Blue skies above

Friends all around us  
In a world filled with love  
Taps sounding softly  
Hearts beating true  
As we all say,  
Goodnight to you.

Taps

Day is done  
Gone the sun  
From the lake  
From the hills  
From the sky  
All is well  
Safely rest  
God is nigh