Song Leading and Song book

**Song Leading**

**A Skill That Can Be Learned**

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? What are their singing abilities? 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 simple, like short rounds, songs with tra-la-la choruses, repeat songs, or those that include repetition.

- **Know what you are doing.** 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. Know something of the history of the song so you can share it with the girls.

- **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.** 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. Repeat once or twice.

- **Sing the song all together.** If singing 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. Use simple hand motions to keep the tempo.
• **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.

### Traditional Girl Scout Songs

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**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, far o’er the sea  
Faithful to country, loyal to home  
Known as true Girl Scouts  
Where ever we roam

**She Wears a “G”**
She wears a G for generosity.  
She wears an I for interest, too.  
She wears an R for real sportsmanship.  
She wears an L for loyalty, for loyalty!  
She wears an S for her sincerity.  
She wears a C for courtesy.  
She wears an O-U-T for outdoor life, outdoor life.  
And that Girl Scout is Me!

(Optional intro)  
Hooray for Girl Scouts  
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Someone in the crowd shouted  
HOORAY FOR GIRL SCOUTS!  
1-2-3-4 who you gonna yell for?  
Girl Scout that’s US!

**On My Honor**

**Chorus:**  
On my honor, I will try  
There’s a duty to be done and I say I  
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 do any harm, then I’m to blame  
When I help another then I help me  
If I’ve opened up my eyes to see  

**Chorus**

I’ve tucked away a song or two  
If you’re feeling low, there’s one for you  
When you need a friend, then I will come  
There are many more where I come from  

**Chorus**

We’ve made a promise to always keep  
And the day is done before we sleep  
We’ll be Girl Scouts together and when we’re gone  
We’ll still be trying and singing this song.  

**Chorus**

**Taps**
Day is done, Gone the sun  
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky  
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh  

(Optional intro)  

**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, Good night to you
### Daisy Songs

#### DAISY HAPPY FACE SONG
**(Tune- Brownie Smile)**

I've something in my little hand that you just cannot see...  
It's very, very special and it's now a part of me.  
The Daisy Girl Scouts showed me how to put it into place...  
And when I clap my little hands you'll see my HAPPY FACE!

**Motions:**  
I’VE SOMETHING... Cup both hands together palms together, IT’S VERY... Bring cupped hands to chest over heart, DAISY... Open hands and cover face with open hands, CLAP "clap", and make a motion outward with palms up.

#### ALICE THE CAMEL

Alice the Camel has five humps,  
Alice the Camel has five humps,  
Alice the Camel has five humps,  
so go Alice go, boom boom, boom.  
Count down. After last verse “no humps”, sing: ‘Cause Alice is a horse, of course.

**Movements:** everyone stands shoulder to shoulder when number is mentioned, bend knees and dip down on boom boom, boom, move hips back and forth to hit others

#### It’s A Daisy World  
**(Tune: Bicycle Built for Two)**

Daisy, Daisy, you gave us Scouting true,  
You sure showed what one “turned on” girl can do  
With contagious ideas you bombarded;  
Just look at what you’ve started  
It’s a Daisy World for every girl, It’s a Daisy World today.

#### DAISY CLEAN UP SONG  
**(Tune: Jingle Bells)**

Daisy Scouts, Daisy Scouts.  
Let’s tidy up the room.  
Daisy Scouts, Daisy Scouts.  
Time to go home soon  
Daisy Scouts, Daisy Scouts,  
We’re picking up our things.  
Daisy Scouts, Daisy Scouts,  
Hear our voices sing

#### BUY SOME COOKIES  
**(Tune of “Pop Goes The Weasel”)**

Up and down the neighborhood streets  
Girl Scouts sell their cookies  
Ringing doorbells, asking you please  
Please buy some cookies!

#### I’M A LITTLE DAISY  
**(Tune: I’m a Little Teapot)**

I'm a little Daisy, dressed in blue  
I am a Girl Scout, you are too  
When I go to meetings, I sing and shout  
I love being a Daisy Girl Scout!

**Actions:**  
I'm a little Daisy, - hands together, at side of face, head tilted  
Dressed in blue - hands pick up hem of uniform smock  
I am a Girl Scout, - make 3 fingered sign  
You are too - point to neighbor  
When I go to meetings, - hands out, palms up  
I sing and shout - hands cup around mouth  
I love being a - point to heart  
Daisy Girl Scout! - clap 3 times, once on each word
# Daisy, Daisy
*(tune-Bicycle Built For Two)*

Daisy, Daisy Juliette Gordon Low
She founded the Girl Scouts, for every girl to know
The wonder of outdoor living
The fun it is in giving
It’s great we shout to be a Scout
And whistle it as we go

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# Strut Miss Daisy

Strut Miss Daisy
Strut Miss Daisy
Strut Miss Daisy all the day long
Here comes another one just like the other one
Here comes another one all the day long
(form two lines-girls two at a time dance down the middle of the two lines-the funnier the better)

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# Daisy Scout Song
*(Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star)*

Daisy Scouts are bright and happy
See us work and see us play
We can dance and we can sing
We can do anything
We have fun and help each day
Daisy Scouts are here to stay

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# Daisy Gathering Song

Take my hand and form a chain
Down a magic Daisy lane
Smile a friendly smile and say
May I help someone today?

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# Daisy Troop Song

I’m a Daisy,
You’re a Daisy
She’s a Daisy too
And if you want to be a Daisy
This is what you do...

You come to a meeting
You have a lot of fun
You do arts and crafts
And you cleanup when you’re done

We learn a lot of new things
We make a lot of new friends
We love being Daisies,
And we’re sad when it ends

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# Who’s that Girl?

Who is that girl they’re all talking about?
Why, don’t you know?
She’s a Daisy Girl Scout!

A Daisy is honest, she knows what is true;
She tries to be fair when she’s playing with you
She helps when she is needed – she’ll get the job done;

She’s happy and cheerful to everyone!
She’s friendly and kind whenever she’s out,
And acts like a sister to every Girl Scout

She listens to parents and leaders as well
She tries not to be wasteful and that you can tell
She takes care of her world and gives back what it needs

She shows others she cares through her words and her deeds
Now you don’t have to wonder who that Daisy can be
You knew all along that Daisy is ME!
# Brownie Songs

## Brownie Smile Song
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 guess a long, long while  
So I'll take it out and put it on  
It's a great big Brownie SMILE!!  
(motions optional)

## GOODBYE BROWNIES
(Tune: Goodnight Ladies)  
Good bye Brownies, good bye brownies  
Good bye Brownies, we're sad to see you go  
(Sing in **friendship circle**, hold hands right over left, turn out of circle)

## I'M A GIRL SCOUT
(Tune- Frere Jacque)  
I'm a Girl Scout. I'm a Girl Scout.  
Who are you? Who are you?  
Can't you tell by looking? Can't you tell by looking?  
I'm one too. I'm one too.

## THE MORE WE GET TOGETHER
The more we get together, together, together,  
the more we get together, the happier we'll be.  
For your friends are my friends,  
and my friends are your friends  
the more we get together the happier we'll be

## DOWN BY THE BANK
(A hand clapping game)  
Down by the banks of the hanky panky  
where the bullfrogs jump from back-banky  
with and Eee a poppa, O a poppa, I a poppa  
POW!

## The Grand Old Duke of York
(Tune: "A-Hunting We Will Go")  
The Grand old Duke of York,  
He had ten thousand men.  
He marched them up the hill,  
**Everyone stands up**  
And marched them down again.  
**Everyone sits down**  
And when you're up, you're up;  
**Everyone stands up**  
And when you're down, you're down.  
**Everyone sits down**  
And when you're only halfway up,  
**Everyone half-way up**  
You're neither up nor down!

## HE’S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD
**Chorus:** He's got the whole world, in his hands,  
He's got the whole world, in his hands  
He's got the whole world, in his hands  
He's got the whole world in his hands.  
*Replace “whole world” with:*
  - Darling Daisies  
  - Half-Baked Brownies  
  - Jazzy Juniors  
  - Crazy Cadettes  
  - Sassy Seniors  
  - Awesome Ambassadors  
  - Loudmouth Leaders
This Little Brownie Light of Mine

This little Brownie light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little Brownie light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
This little Brownie light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

Don't you (poof) my little light out, I'm gonna let it shine
Don't you (poof) my little light out, I'm gonna let it shine
Don't you (poof) my little light out, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

Hide it under a bush? Oh no! I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bush? Oh no! I'm gonna let it shine
Hide it under a bush? Oh no! I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

Take my little light around the world, I'm gonna let it shine
Take my little light around the world, I'm gonna let it shine
Take my little light around the world, I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, all the time, let it shine

Daisy

Tune: Bicycle Built for Two
Daisy, Daisy, we honor your memory true.
We are Girl Scouts all because of you.
We follow the path you started,
And live the law you charted.
We grow and grow, for Juliette Low,
America's proud of you.

The Law
(tune: Home on the Range)
I will do my best to be Honest and fair
Friendly and Helpful too....
Considerate and caring, Courageous and strong
and responsible for what I say and do and to
Respect myself and others; Respect authority too
Use resources wisely; make the world a better place
and be a sister to every Girl Scout!

Met a Bear
(Repeat song)

The other day, (repeat)
I met a bear (repeat)
A great big bear (repeat)
Away out there (repeat)
Sing the verse

He looked at me, (repeat)
I looked at him (repeat)
He sized me up (repeat)
I sized up him (repeat)
Sing the verse

And so I said (repeat)
That's a good idea (repeat)
So come on feet (repeat)
Let's get out of here! (repeat)
Sing the verse

The lowest branch (repeat)
Was ten feet up (repeat)
I'd have to jump (repeat)
And trust my luck (repeat)
Sing the verse

But don't you fret (repeat)
And don't you frown, (repeat)
'Cause I caught that branch (repeat)
On the way back down! (repeat)
Sing the verse

That's all there is, (repeat)
There ain't no more, (repeat)
Until I meet (repeat)
That bear once more (repeat)
Sing the verse
Deep and Wide

Deep and wide, deep and wide
There’s a fountain flowing deep and wide
Deep and wide, deep and wide
There’s a fountain flowing deep and wide

Motions: Passing game-pass a rock or shoe while you sing the song. When the song ends the girl holding the object is out.

Do your ears hang low?
Do your ears hang low?
Do they wobble to and fro?
Can you tie them in a knot?
Can you tie them in a bow?
Can you throw them over your shoulder
Like a Continental Soldier?
Do your ears hang low?

Chester
Chester (touch chest)
Have you (point to someone)
Heard about Harry (put hand on your hair)
Just got back (touch your back)
From the Army (stretch out arm, bend it back to touch your arm)
He knows (touch your nose)
He needs (touch your knee)
Not face (touch your face)
Defeat (touch your feet)
Hip hip (touch your hip)
Hooray (throw arms in the air)
For the Army (do same motion from above)

IF I WERE NOT A GIRL SCOUT

(Tune- I'm a Little Teapot)

If I were not a Girl Scout, I wonder what I'd be
If I were not a Girl Scout...
A bird watcher I'd be
Hark a lark, flying through the park, SPLAT!

2) Plumber ...Plunge it, flush it, look out below!
3) Carpenter...Two by four nail it to the floor!
4) Teacher...Sit down, shut up, throw away your gum
5) Flight attendant ...Coffee, tea, here's your little bag, BLEH!
6) Farmer...Here's a cow, there's a cow, and here's another yuck!
7) Doctor...Take a pill; pay my bill! I'm going golfing!
8) Electrician...Positive, negative, buzz zap
9) Politician...Raise the taxes and lower the pay, vote for me on Election Day!
10) Pizza maker...30 minute, fast delivery!
11) Preacher ...Well, well, you never can tell; you might go to heaven, or you might go to...
12) Lifeguard...Save yourself, Man. I'm working on my tan!
13) Lawyer...my client wasn't there
14) Engineer...Push the button, push the button, kick the darn machine.
15) Ranger...Get eaten by a bear, see if I care.
16) Leader...Do this, do that, I'm gonna take a nap.

Junior Songs

SARASPONDA
Sarasponda, sarasponda, sarasponda ret set set
Sarasponda, sarasponda, sarasponda ret set set
A door a oh, a door a boom day oh
A door a boom day ret set set
Atsay patsay oh

I LOVE THE MOUNTAINS
(Sing in a round)
I love the mountains
I love the rolling hills
I love the flowers
I love the daffodils
I love the fireside
When the lights are low
Boom-be-atta, boom-be-atta, boom-be-atta, boom-be-atta.
**The Austrian**
Once an Austrian went yodeling
On a mountain so high
When along came a turtle dove
Interrupting his cry
Oh lay Oh
Oh lee ah ka kee
Oh lee ah coo coo, coo coo
Oh lee ah ka kee
Oh lee ah coo coo, coo coo
Oh lee ah ka kee
Oh lee ah coo coo, coo coo
Oh lee ah ka kee ah...Oh

**KOOKABURRA**
Kookaburra sits on the old gum tree
Merry, merry king of the bush is he
Laugh, Kookaburra, laugh, Kookaburra
Gay your life must be

Other verses
Avalanche-swish, swish
Grizzly bear-grrr, grrr
Dairy cow-tsh, tsh
Two Girl Scouts-yak, yak

**I’m Proud to Be ME**
I’m proud to be me but I also see
You’re just as proud to be you.
We may look at things a bit differently
But lots of good people do.
It’s just human nature
So why should I hate you
For being as human as I.
We’ll live and let live and
We’ll get as we give and
We’ll all get along if we try.
I’m proud to be me, but I also see
You’re just as proud to be you ‘tis true!
You’re just as proud to be YOU!

**If You’re a Girl Scout...**
If you’re a Girl Scout and you know it
Clap your hands.
If you’re a Girl Scout and you know it
Clap your hands.
If you’re a Girl Scout and you know it
Then your life will surely show it
If you’re a Girl Scout and you know it
Clap your hands.
1. Clap you hand
2. Stomp you feet
3. Nod your head
4. Show your teeth
5. Say I am
6. Do them all...

**Music Shall Live**
All things shall per from under the sky
Music alone shall live
Music alone shall live
Music alone shall live
Never to die
(sing as a round)

**Simple Song**
I love to sing a simple song
A simple song
Cannot go wrong
Ping Pong
(sing as a round)
### Love Grows
Love grows under the wide oak tree
Sugar flows like candy
Tops of the mountains
Shine like gold
Gotta keep your little fella sorta handy

Dream, dream sweet dream
Under the wide oak tree Oh
Dream, dream sweet dream
All for you and me Oh

### Sing
Sing, sing, sing
Come my friends and sing with me
Round out your voices fill the air
With music free
If you like to hike and play
Help folks out along the way
Then you should come along my friends
And sing with me
(sing as a round)

### Happiness Runs
Happiness runs in a circular motion
Love is like a little boat upon the sea
Everybody is a part of everything anyway
You can be happy if you let yourself be
(sing in a round)

### Slap Bang
Slap, bang, here we go again.
Here we go again,
Here we go again.
Slap, bang, here we go again.
Jolly good friends are we.

We laugh, we sing.
We laugh "ha ha"
We sing "tra la"
Slap, Bang, here we go again.
Jolly good friends are we.

Bang, slap, here we go again
Here we go again
Here we go again
Bang, slap, here we go again
Jolly good friends are we

We laugh, we sing.
We laugh ha, ha
We sing tra la
Bang slap, here we go again
Jolly good friends are we

*p://Actions:
SLAP: Clap
BANG: Bang elbows on table
LAUGH: Hold belly and laugh
SING: Opera singer style*

### Barges
Out of my window looking through the night
I can see the barges' flickering light
Silently flows the river to the sea
And the barges they go silently...

Barges I would like to go with you
I would like to sail the ocean blue
Barges have you treasure in your hold
Do you fight with pirates brave and bold

Out of my window looking through the night
I can see the barges' flickering light
Starboard shines green and port is glowing red
You can see them flickering far ahead... Chorus

One of these days and it will not be long
You will look for me and I'll be gone
Face to the wind far out upon the sea
Where the whales and dolphins sing to me...
Chorus

So out of my window looking through the night
I can see the barges' flickering light
Silently flows the river to the sea
And the barges they go silently... Chorus