

Girl Scout Games & Songs



There are many games and songs in the past handbooks that are no longer sung or played.

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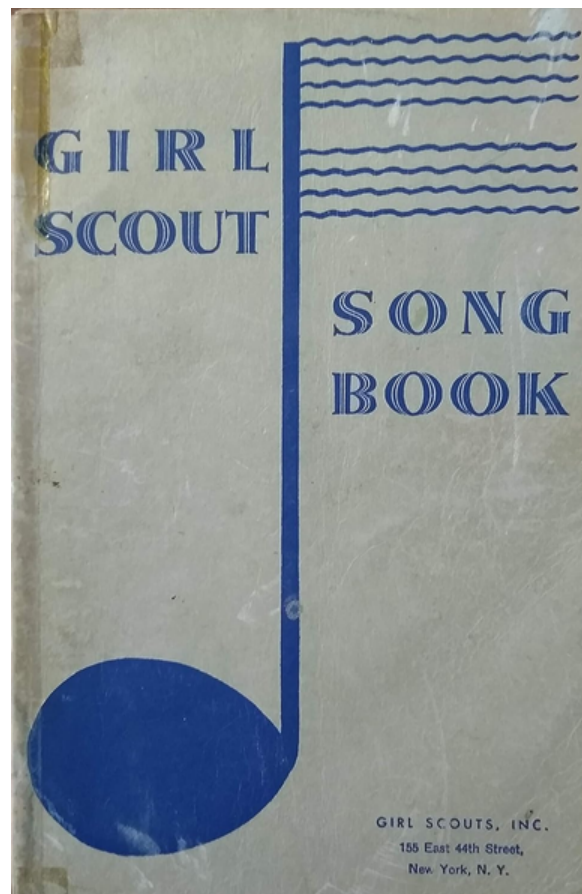


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Game of Graces



Materials:

- 4 wooden dowels
- 2 wooden hoops
- Ribbon

Directions:

- The ribbon cushions the hoop, making it softer to catch, and the hanging ends flutter in the breeze and slow the flight of the hoop through the air.
- Each player has two dowels. The players stand a few feet apart, facing each other. One player crosses her dowels in front of her like a pair of open scissors, hanging the hoop near the cross. When she pulls the sticks apart, the hoop flies off toward her opponent. The other player tries to catch the hoop on her sticks.
- It takes some practice to be able to aim the hoop correctly. (There are two hoops so as you get better at it- each player can toss a hoop at the same time.)
- Keep track of how many times you catch the hoop. The first person to catch the hoop ten times wins.

The Game of Graces is an outdoor game played by two people in the 1800's. Some people say that it got its name because it taught the players to make graceful movements. The game of graces was considered a proper game for young ladies, although boys sometimes joined in, too.



Parlor Games

Victorian girls and boys visited each other's home for evening entertainment. Parents were always there to chaperone and to see that everything was proper. For entertainment they played games, sang around the piano, and enjoyed refreshments.

Below are some games they might have played.

Change Seats, The King's Come

- Sit in chairs in a circle with "it" in the center with no seat.
- "It" says, "Change seats, change seats, change seats, etc." No one moves.
- When "it" says, "Change seats, the King is come," everyone changes seats but NOT with a neighbor, and "it" tries to find a seat.
- The one left standing is "it" for the next round.
- REMEMBER - do not move when the leader (It) says "change seats."

Spin The Trencher

- You will need a plate or a frisbee and a bare floor.
- Everyone sits in chairs in a circle.
- "It" stands in the middle of the circle and spins the plate and calls out a girl's name or something she might be wearing.
- The girl whose name was called must catch the plate before it falls down.
- If she fails to catch the plate she becomes the spinner.

Gossip / Telephone

- Send a message around a circle of girls. Sitting in a circle gives the effect of a parlor with chairs around the room.
- At the end, the last girl repeats the message.
- Suggested messages:
 - Juliette Low started Girl Scouts on March 12 in Savannah, Georgia.
 - All Girl Scouts enjoy camping, hiking and sleeping in tents.
 - We all sell Girl Scout cookies so we can go camping.

My Lady's Toilet

Toilet means dressing for an outing! You will need a plate or frisbee.

- Players take the name of a Victorian lady's toilet article.
- Sit on chairs in a circle with "it" in the center to spin the plate.
- "It" says, "My lady is going to dress for a ball and wants her (dress or shoes, etc.)" and she spins the plate.
- Player with that article name runs to catch the plate and "it" runs for that girl's seat.
- "It" can also say, "My lady is dressing for a ball and wants all her things", or you can substitute "wants her toilet". When this is said everyone changes seats and the one left is the spinner.

Suggested articles:

- Buckle shoes
- Bouquet or nosegay
- Fan
- Gloves
- Necklace
- Bracelet
- Belt
- Hat
- Pocketbook
- Rings
- Petticoat
- Dress
- Coat
- Corset

More than one girl can take the name of an article to change the game slightly.

Musical Chairs

- Chairs in a row with every other' chair facing the opposite direction.
- One less chair for the number of girls.
- Sing or clap hands while the girls move around the chairs.
- A leader can call stop and all girls try to find a chair.

Find the Thimble

- One thimble, penny or any small object.
- One person hides the object while the rest leave the room.
- The object must be hidden in a place that can be seen and nothing needs to be moved to see it.
- When the object has been found, that person must immediately take a seat and not tell anyone where the object is. The last person to find the object will hide it the next time.

Songs

**1910 - Taps**

Day is done, Gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hill, from the sky.
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh

1920 - We're All Together Again

We're all together again, we're here, we're here,
We're all together again, we're here, we're here.
Who knows when we'll be all together again?
Singing all together again, we're here,
we're here!

1930 - Brownie Smile Song

I've got something in my pocket that 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.

**1940 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 wherever
we roam.

1950 Barges

Out of my window, looking in the night
I can see the barges flickering light
Silently flows the river to the sea
And the barges too go silently
Chorus:
Barges, I would like to go with you
I would like to sail the ocean blue
Barges, have you treasures in your hold
Do you fight with pirates brave and bold?
Out of my window, looking in the night
I can see the barges flickering light
Starboard shines green and port is glowing red
I can see those barges dead ahead [Chorus]

