

SING ONTARIO SING 2023 CHALLENGE



Girl  Guides

Ontario Council

For Guiding in Ontario and Nunavut

Introduction

Welcome to our Sing Ontario Sing 2023 Challenge brought to you by the Ontario Council Youth Forum. This year we are celebrating the creativity of our youth as we share an outdoors themed campfire.

We love the tradition of campfire and making music together. We also want to make space for creativity and having some fun with the songs. Consider a Unit's Own version of one of the songs or a campfire accompanied by handmade instruments. Take this campfire and make it your own.

Have fun!

Helpful Tips

- *Girl Guides is a youth focused organization. Please actively include the youth when planning and choosing the activities in this Challenge.*
- *We want to reduce unintended harm by using songs that the DEI team has validated. Please check out the [Let's Sing](#) Resource on GGC MemberZone.*
- *Don't forget the local environment and be sure all your activities are using reusable or recyclable supplies. For a bigger challenge, can you make the activities plastic free?*
- *All branch levels for activities and programs area are suggestions – please modify as you see fit to match the personal style of your unit.*

How to Earn the Crest

Sparks – 7 songs
Embers – 10 songs
Guides – 12 songs
Pathfinders and **Rangers** – 12-14 songs



All branches – Please also complete one Special Activity suggested below (or similar).

Don't forget to give everyone attending credit(s) for Experiment & Create: Art Studio

Planning for your Campfire

We would love this campfire to shine the light on the unique and amazing group of youth in your unit. Campfires are even better if you get a few units together and share the joy of music at a bridging event with others. This challenge can be run in one meeting or over a few meetings.

- Are you bridging with another unit? Make a plan and send them an invitation. Maybe they can come with a song about their unit too.
- Pick your place. Are you singing in your meeting place, or outdoors around a real campfire? Your activities might change depending on the venue.
- Pick your special activities or create your own. For ideas from the Program platform, see the Activities section:

Here are some of our suggestions:

- Make instruments to use in your campfire using recyclable supplies or something from nature. Don't forget to plan which songs you want to use the instruments in.
- Pick a favorite camp song and write new words that tells a story about your unit. We have heard versions everywhere from stories about a canoe trip to songs about rutabagas and everything silly and fun in between. How about a song about that random butternut squash you found during a forest hike? (Yup, it really happened).
- Check out the Recycle the Song activity that creates a whole new version of Little Green Frog. What song could your group recycle?
- Can you sing one of the songs in a different style... how about like an animated musical or rap or K-pop style. Karaoke anyone?
- Select your songs from the Song List.
 - Not every song in your campfire needs to have new words or creative versions. A blended version of traditional songs and creative versions is a perfect mix of making it fun without too much work.
 - Decide the order you want to sing them in and plan who will lead each song.
 - Figure out where the activities or unit's own versions fit in the meeting.
- After your campfire, consider sharing your fun.
 - If you wish, and if you have Image Release (IR.1) permission, you can show off your campfire fun using the hashtags: [#ontarionunavutgirlguides](#) or [#LetGirlsGuide](#) on all social media platforms. Tag us on Facebook [@GirlGuidesONNV](#), Twitter [@girlguidesonnv](#) or Instagram [@girlguidesonnv](#).



Song List

Campfires traditionally have a structure, starting slow, building to high energy songs, and then slowing down to reflection and farewell songs. We suggest you select at least one song from each section.

Many songs can be found in the [Let's Sing](#) Resource on GGC MemberZone.

Start

- Tall trees
- Make New Friends
- I Like the Flowers
- I Promise to Share and be a Friend (Sparks Closing Song)

Rise

- 40 Years on an Iceberg
- Alice the Camel
- Quartermaster Store (or Down By the Bay)
- Wadlee Atcha

Top

- Boa Constrictor
- Squirrel, Squirrel
- Thunderation
- Tree song
- Bear Song

Calm Down

- If You Should Meet an Elephant
- Three Sharp-Toothed Buzzards
- Fire's Burning
- Listen to the Earth
- Little Green Frog (Les Grenouilles)

Ending

- Say Why
- Barges
- Linger



Activity Ideas

If you need some other activity ideas, try one of these from the Program Platform. Any of them can be adapted for a different branch. Use your Creativity.

Sparks:

[Sound Orchestra](#)

[Kitchen Tunes](#)

Embers:

[Making Music](#)

[Recycle the Song](#) (Little Green Frog)

[Ember Song](#)

Guides:

[Making Music](#)

[Change the Words](#)

Pathfinders / Rangers:

[Sound Match](#)

[Rhythm Cups](#)

