



Sample Lesson: Girl Scout Patch Workshop

The Magic of Harmony Show Chorus sponsored a three-hour workshop for Girl Scouts who want to earn the Young Women in Harmony Girl Scout Patch. The workshop covered nine of the requirements so that most of the girls (Daisy, Brownie, and Junior) could earn the patch at the end of the workshop. Cadettes and Seniors will need to do one additional requirement to earn the patch.

Workshop Schedule

- Gathering and Opening: 15 minutes
- Four Sessions: 30 minutes each
 - Girls divided into age groups and rotated between the four sessions.
- Snack between sessions three and four: 15 minutes
- Performance for families: 30 minutes (including practice time)

Sessions

1. Music Basics -- Covered Requirements: *Discovery* #s 1, 2, 3, 4.
The girls learned about melody, harmony, barbershop harmony, various music styles, including rock and roll and classical, and about singing as a solo, duet, trio, quartet, and in a chorus. A combination of listening to music and singing helped them to learn these various concepts. We listened to a quartet sing a simple arrangement of *Old McDonald* in several different musical styles.
2. Sing Rounds -- Covered requirements: *Connect* #5.
The girls learned about what a round is and learned to sing several different rounds. They first sang *Meet New Friends* in a round, then sang several other rounds.
3. Barbershop Basics -- Covered requirements: *Connect* #s 7 and 8.
The girls watched several different YWIH videos and discussed the difference between up tune, ballad, and swing tune. They talked about other songs they knew that were up tunes or ballads. They also compared the performances with other choirs or choruses they have seen.

4. Sing Harmony -- Covered requirements: *Take Action* #s 10 and 12.

Three songs were learned with harmony. The girls were taught the barbershop tag *Mickey Mouse* and sang along with the quartet that lead the session. They also learned to sing harmony parts to *You Are My Sunshine* and *Kum Ba Ya*.

The oldest girls (Cadettes and Seniors) will need to complete one more requirement to earn the patch. They can choose *Connect* # 6, and try harmonizing with friends to other songs they know. Or they can choose *Take Action* # 9 or 11 by checking out the Sweet Adelines International website or the Sweet Adelines regional website. They could also visit a rehearsal of a Sweet Adelines chorus in the area.

The final part of the afternoon was a short practice, with all the girls together, of the rounds and harmony songs they learned during the sessions. Then they presented a short program to the parents.

A total of 22 girls attended: 7 Brownies, 9 Juniors and 6 Cadettes/Seniors. The four sessions were led by eight Sweet Adelines with six Girl Scout leaders who stayed with the groups as they moved from session to session.

The girls will sing at the Annual Awards Luncheon for the Girl Scouts council where they will also receive their patches.