

Cheers!

Cheers recognize contributions to a program. They should be enthusiastically given right after the performance they honor. If the audience is unfamiliar with the cheer, it should be demonstrated, then done by the group. Most cheers are not complicated, and new ones can be thought up as you go. Save derogatory cheers for staff or adult performers, and use neutral or humorous ones for younger actors.

1. **ROUND OF APPLAUSE** - Clap while moving hands in circular motion.
2. **GIVE A BIG HAND** - Hold out an open palm towards performer.
3. **THE ONE YOU NEVER HEARD** - Fake a clap and miss at the last moment.
4. **CLAM** - Put palms together, open and close hands.
5. **KETCHUP BOTTLE** - Slap top of fist with other hand.
6. **POLITICIAN** - Pat yourself on the back.
7. **RAINSTORM** - Start clapping with one finger against opposite palm, then 2, 3, 4, 5, and reverse, ending with one finger again.
8. **BARBER SHOP** - Make razor-stropping motion on palm of left hand with right hand, turning right hand over with each stroke.
9. **SEAL OF APPROVAL** - Put elbows together, open and close forearms and hands, and bark in a high-pitched "Arf!"
10. **STAMP OF APPROVAL** - Throw up handkerchief, boys stamp until it hits the ground.
11. **CRICKET OR FLEA** - Flick middle fingernail and thumb nail together.
12. **SNAKE OR LEAKY TIRE** - Hiss.
13. **COOKIE** - Crumby! Crumby! Crumby!
14. **GHOST** - Boo!
15. **CHINESE** - Foey! Foey! Foey!
16. **CORK** - Make motion imitating pulling cork from a bottle make noise like a cork popping.
17. **WATERMELON** - Pretend you're holding a watermelon ' run it past your mouth while slurping and turning head from rig, to left, then turn head back, spitting out seeds.
18. **CANTALOUPE** - Variation of watermelon; cup hand shorten time.
19. **BANANA** - Pull back peel in three strips, then smash down with the palm of other hand (SPLAT!).
20. **GRAPE** - Peel grape, throw into air, catch in mouth.
21. **AMERICAN** - A-M-E-R-I-C-A! Boy Scouts! Boy Scout: U-S-A!
22. **GRAND SALUTE** - Stamp feet four counts. Slap knees four counts. Clap hands four counts. Stand and give solute.
23. **HIP SALUTE** - Hip! Hip! Hooray! (swing hips to sides).
24. **OIL REFINERY** - Crude! Crude! Crude!
25. **TRIPLE DREADED POOBAN** - Divide audience into three groups; one shouts TRIPLE! one DREADED! and one POOBAN! (save this for Camp Directors).
26. **SUPERSONIC** - Wave arms wildly and open mouth as if yelling, then sit quietly several moments, then yell loudly.
27. **CHOO CHOO TRAIN** - Divide audience into two groups: have them clap in sequence as you motion with your right hand to one and your left to the other.
28. **TURTLE** - Fold arms, place in front of bowed head, spread arms and stick head out, saying "Nerk! Nerk!"
29. **2000 POUND CANARY** - Place right hand on left shoulder. left hand on right shoulder, extend elbows to form "beck", spread elbows, say "Chirp!" in deep voice.
30. **ARIZONA** - Yucca! Yucca! Yucca!
31. **KARATE CANTALOUPE** - Hold cantaloupe in one hand, split with a karate chop, saying "Canto-loupe!"
32. **CHEESE** - Grate! Grate! (Make grating motions).
33. **BEEHIVE** - Group buzzes. Changing volume as leader raise or lowers hand.
34. **TRAIN** - Half of group claps. Half says "shhh!" when leader points to them in turn. Increase speed. Pull whistle and run off.
35. **Bouncing Ball** - Using a golf ball (preferably) Have the group yell '**Pow**' every time the ball hits the floor when dropped initially from an outstretched hand above the head, or thrown up.
36. **Cheese applause** - Grate, grate, grate...

RUN ONS & SKITS

- 1) The first person calls from out of sight "Hey Fred, look! I'm in the top of a 100 foot tall tree." The second person: "But Joe, we don't have any 100 foot tall trees in camp. First person: "Oh noooo....", screams as he is falling.
- 2) 1st person: "Excuse me, but is that the sun or the moon?" 2nd person: "I don't know. I'm new to these parts too."
- 3) DRAG: Have two boys drag a third boy across the stage. The third boy says: "What a drag!"
- 4) Big Chief: Bring in 10 scalps, kill 5 buffalo bare handed and go into desert without water for a moon. Then I will pronounce you Big Brave. You understand?
Indian Brave: Yes. What do I do to get pronounced Little Brave.
- 5) A boy walks across stage carrying a car door. He is asked why he is carrying the car door. The boy answers so that he can roll down the window when it gets hot.
- 6) The three boys are in a line facing the audience.
Second Boy in Line: This story begins with "Once upon a time"
First Boy: Hey, wait a minute, I'm the beginning.
Middle Boy: I'm the middle.
Last Boy: That's nothing I'm the end.
- 7) A boy is sitting on the bake with a fishing pole in hand. There is a NO FISHING sign nearby. The game warden appears.
Fisherman: Are you the game warden.
Game warden: Yep!
Fisherman: Just teaching him how to swim (pointing to the worm on the pole)
- 8) (Boy runs on interrupting leader): "We interrupt this program for an important news flash." Turns flashlight on and off, shining it in the audience's eyes. Most effective at a campfire.
- 9) 1st Scout: Say wasn't there a rap at the door?
2nd Scout: I didn't hear anything.
1st Scout: Yes, I'm sure there was a rap at the door!
2nd Scout: I'm sure I didn't hear anything.
The first scout then goes to the door and brings in a coat and tells the audience as he holds it up for them to see. I knew there was a rap at the door.
- 10) 1st Scout: I went fishing last week.
2nd Scout: What did you catch?
1st Scout: Three bass and one smelt.
2nd Scout: It did? Which one?
- 11) First Scout: I bet I can jump higher than a house.
Second Scout: I bet you can't.
First Scout: Yes I can. Did you ever see a house jump.
- 12) Leader: I can make everyone in the audience into an old fashioned Indian. Audience: How?
Leader: (Leader raises right hand and then says, "How!")
- 13) Why are you pulling that rope for? Did you ever try to push one.
- 14) Wire for Mr. Jones. I'm Mr. Jones. The clerk hands him a piece of wire.
- 15) Two guys talking, first asks the second where he is going; second says fishing. First asks second what he has in his mouth and the first says worms. The first guy says good luck and slaps second guy on the back.
- 16) Radio Announcer: We interrupt this program for a spot announcement.
Dog (offstage): Arf! Arf! Arf!
Announcer: Thank you, Spot.
- 17) Scout 1:(running on stage) "They're after me!"
Scout 2: "Who's after you."
Scout 3: "The squirrels! They think I'm nuts!"
- 18) Librarian: "Please be quiet, young man. The people near you can't even read."
Scout: "Then what are doing in a library?"
- 19) Scout 1: "Did you hear how my mother strained herself."
Scout 2: "No, how did she manage to do it?"
Scout 3: "She ran through a screen door."
- 20) Fortune Teller: "That will be \$20 for two questions."
Client: "Isn't that a lot of money for two questions?"
Fortune Teller: "Yes, it is. Now what is your second question?"

Announcements, announcements, announcements.

What a horrible way to die,
What a horrible way to die,
What a horrible way to be talked to death.
What a horrible way to die.

Oh, How I Hate to Get up in The Morning

Oh, how I hate to get up in the morning.
Oh, how I'd love to remain in bed.
For the hardest part of all,
Is to hear the bugler call;
You've got to get up,
You've got to get up,
You've got to get up in this morning.