

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.

The Window

Chorus:

The Window, (point high/right and bring it back)
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The second story window, (point high/right and bring it back - twice)
High, Low, (point high/right, stoop down and point low/right)
Low, High, (point low/right, stand up, point high/right)
Threw it out the Window. (two-handed tossing motion to high/right)

The Window (Stand Up, Sing along - all join in chorus)

Chorus

Jack and Jill
Went up the hill
To fetch a pail of water
Jack fell down
And broke his crown
And threw it out the window

(optional but fun for a longer version)

Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall
Humpty Dumpty had a great fall
All the Kings horses
And all the kings men
Threw him out the window

Chorus

Little Jack Horner
Sat in the corner
Eating his Christmas pie
He stuck in his thumb
And pulled out a plum
And threw it out the window

Chorus

Yankee Doodle
Came to town
Riding on a pony
He stuck a feather
In his cap
And threw it out the window

Chorus

Little Miss Muffet
Sat on her tuffet
Eating her curds and whey
Along came a spider
And sat down beside her
She threw it out the window

Chorus

Mary had a little lamb
It's fleece was white as snow
And everywhere
That Mary went
She threw it out the window

Chorus

Old Mother Hubbard
Went to the cupboard
To fetch her poor dog a bone
But when she got there
The cupboard was bare
She threw it out the window

Chorus

Old King Cole
Was a merry old soul
And a merry old soul was he
He called for his pipe
And he called for his bowl
And threw them out the window

Chorus