

## 2013 Campfire Songs

These songs were performed at the Friday night pre-rafting campfire by Gene Cowen, accompanied by the karaoke version of the original songs.

Lyrics by Gene Cowen

Sung to the tune of the Schoolhouse Rock song "Unpack Your Adjectives"

### Unpack Your Adjectives

Got home from GSP camping.  
Saw people, places and things.  
We barely had arrived,  
Friends asked us to describe  
The people, places and every last thing.  
So we unpacked our adjectives.

I unpacked "gravy sucking" then  
Reached in and found "Bronsonian"  
Then I picked "Rambo" and  
Next I picked "sluglike" and  
Then I was ready to tell them my tale.  
'Cause I'd unpacked my adjectives.

Adjectives are words you use to really describe things,  
Handy words to carry around.  
Camp weather's dry or it's rainy  
River trees are high or they're strainy  
Adjectives can show you which way.

Adjectives are often used to help us compare things,  
To say how hoppy, how dazed, how drunk, how moist  
Boys who are drunk can get drunker,  
Girls who are moist can get moister,  
Till one is the drunkest  
And the other's the moistest of all.

We watched a campfire tune.  
It ended with a full moon.  
It was a hairy moon,  
It was a scary moon,  
I fear the image won't leave my mind soon.  
And I described it with adjectives.

[2<sup>nd</sup> voice, spoken:] Whoah! Boy! That was one scary, hairy moon!

[Girl, spoken:] You can even make adjectives out of the other parts of speech, like verbs or nouns. All you have to do is tack on an ending like "-ic" or "-ish" or "-ary". For example, this piglet can grow up to be a huge pig - but still have a pigletish face. "Piglet" is a noun, but the ending "-ish" makes it an adjective - pigletish. That describes the huge pig's face, get it?

[Sung:] Next time you go on a trip,  
Remember this little tip:  
The minute you get back,  
They'll ask you this and that,  
You can describe people, places and things...  
Simply unpack your adjectives.  
You can do it with adjectives.  
Tell them 'bout it with adjectives.  
You can shout it with adjectives.  
Adjectives

Lyrics by Gene Cowen

Sung to the tune of the Schoolhouse Rock Live song "A Noun Is A Person, Place, Or Thing"

### A Noun Is A Person, Place, Or Thing

Well every person you can know,  
And every place that you can go,  
And anything that you can show,  
You know they're nouns.

A noun's a special kind of word,  
It's any name you ever heard,  
I find it quite interesting,  
A noun's a person, place, or thing.

Oh Dan took a car, took a car to another state  
The ambers and the lagers that he tasted were really great  
But when he saw his sharpied face starin' in the mirror  
He was wishin' he'd had not quite so much beer.  
He took a car, took a car to another state.

Well, every person you can know  
(Like Dan or a brewer)  
And every place that you can go  
(Like West Virginia or a campground)  
And anything that you can show  
(Like ambers, lagers, or a sharpie)  
You know they're nouns - you know they're nouns, oh...

Kris, Jef, and Stacy have tales of woe to tell.  
Their GSP injuries caused parts of them to swell.  
(And even to yell.)  
But when their healing was all done,  
They'll be campfire fodder for years to come.  
Kris, Jef, and Stacy have tales of woe to tell.

Well, every person you can know  
(Kris, Jef, Stacy, or a doctor)  
And every place that you can go  
(Like a river or a hospital)  
And anything that you can show  
(Like a cast or RSK's shorts)  
You know they're nouns - you know they're nouns,

Oh, Mr. Hands took a ducky down the river Gauley  
Rescue ropes started flying if you know what I mean. (If you know what I mean.)  
I heard Rich and Darrel, they were laughin' with glee  
Now he'll be known as Throw Bag for eternity!  
Mr. Hands took a ducky down the river Gauley.

Well every person you can know  
(Rich and Darrel, Jim, a raft guide)  
And every place that you can go  
(Like the Gauley or the rapids)  
And anything that you can show  
(Like a throw bag or a ducky)  
You know they're nouns.

A noun's a special kind of word,  
It's any name you ever heard,  
I find it quite interesting,  
A noun's a person, place, or thing.

A noun is a person, place or thing.  
(doodle, doodleh; doodle doodleh...)

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Sung to the tune of the Schoolhouse Rock song "The Preamble"

### The Pigamble

Hey, do you know about the GSP's?  
Do you know about Gravy Sucking Pigs?  
Can you tell me about the Pigstitution?  
Hey, learn about the GSP's.

In 1981 I'm told  
Our founding pigs did agree  
To write a list of principles  
For being GSP's.

The GSP's were just startin' out.  
A whole new entity.  
And so our pigs spelled it out  
The things that we should be.

And they put those principles down on a bar napkin and called it the Pigstitution, and it's been helping us suck gravy ever since then. The first part of the Pigstitution is called the pigamble and tells what those founding pigs set out to do.

We the pigs,  
In order to form a more perfect summer,  
Do some rafting, insure general camaraderie,  
Provide for the common slush fund,  
Promote campfire antics and  
Secure the blessings of breweries  
To ourselves and all of our buddies  
Do ordain and establish this Pigstitution  
for the GSP's of America.

In 1981 I'm told  
Our founding pigs all sat down  
And wrote a list of principles  
That's known the campfire around.

The GSP's were just starting out  
A whole new entropy.  
And so our pigs spelled it out  
They wanted a land of Gary S. P.

And the Pigamble goes like this:

We the pigs,  
In order to form a more perfect summer,  
Do some rafting, insure general camaraderie,  
Provide for the common slush fund,  
Promote campfire antics and  
Secure the blessings of breweries  
To ourselves and all of our buddies  
Do ordain and establish this Pigstitution  
for the GSP's of America.

For the GSP's of America...

In addition to The Pigamble, Gene Cowen also performed an encore rendition of the 2012 campfire song "Ticket to Hico". See the 2012 campfire link for lyrics.