

Lesson 7: Uke'an Practice

Lesson Date: Tuesday, Dec 20th, 2016

Course: Ukulele Instruction

Lesson Title: Uke'an Practice

Level: Intermediate

Arrival: 3:40 (for tuning & set-up)

Lesson Duration: 4:00 - 5:00

Lesson Objectives:

- Review rules of the class/handling the ukulele
- Review C, Am, F, & G chords
- Review each of the performance songs as a group
- Group will practice both performance back to back without Team Member
- Group will perform both songs in front of Club Director

Preparation:

- Arrive 20 minutes early to tune ukuleles & set up
- Print out extra copies of performance songs
- Bring Chord Handouts

Instruction Outline:

- Introduction:
 - Take roll call
 - Students claim ukulele bags
 - 1# Rule: "Don't touch the tuners"
- Review Chords
 - Go through chords & ask who remembers
 - Work one on one if members are confused
- Practice singing / playing chords in Jingle Bells
 - Group will sing in unison without ukuleles
 - Add ukuleles to their singing
 - Practice until:
 - Members feel confident with the song
 - Members are strumming in unison
- Practice singing / playing chords in Rudolph the Rednose Reindeer
 - Group will sing in unison without ukuleles
 - Add ukuleles to their singing
 - Practice until:
 - Members feel confident with the song
 - Members are strumming in unison
- Perform both songs back to back
 - Encourage Members to perform for you as if you were the audience
- Group will perform both songs back to back in front of Club Director
 - If Club Director is busy, perform in front of a parent or a handful of Members who aren't in the ukulele program
- Establish how Members feel comfortable performing
 - Determine their preferred order of songs

- Ask:
 - if they want you to perform with them
 - if they want to bow at the end of their performance
 - what they want to wear for the performance

Activities:

- Play both performance songs
 - Members can play C, Am, and F chords on sheet
 - C Chords = highlighted yellow
 - Am Chords = highlight pink (sometimes green)
 - F Chords = highlighted green
 - G Chords = highlighted blue
 - Some Members can play the G Chord, but it is very difficult for most
- Review Strumming Game from previous lessons if Members struggling to strum in unison
 - Say, "Who remembers the strumming game?"
 - Strumming Game: Members Strum on specific counts
 - "I'm going to count to 8 and when I say the number 8, strum down on your ukulele strings."

Key Vocab:

- Strumming
- Frets
- Chords
- C, Am, F, G Chords

Materials/Equipment:

- Ukulele Tuner
- 15 Tuned Ukuleles
- Chairs
- Ukulele Song/Handout Binder
- Pencil Bag (#2 pencils)

Additional Information:

- Lesson taught in Learning Center (large room)
- Attendance: 8 Members

Ukulele Tips:

- Ask if Members feel prepared and comfortable performing in front of an audience. Then ask when they think they need to practice in order to feel more comfortable with performing.
- Reassure the Members that are doing well when they perform. Recognize member achievements!