

“Goin’ to Cowpens!”

Chant to the rhythm of **“Goin’ on a Bear Hunt”**

Bold face: Leader chants Regular: Students repeat

Choose 4 students to be the “scouts.” After each verse, ask if they see any redcoats coming. Each verse is “No” until after you sleep. Then the scouts say, “Everybody up! Tarleton’s here! We’re gonna meet him!”

Goin’ to Cowpens! Goin’ to Cowpens!

South Carolina! South Carolina!

Morgan’s flying army Morgan’s flying army

Gonna fight for liberty! Gonna fight for liberty!

Scout, do you see any redcoats? Scout 1, “No!”

Look! Over there! It’s the Green River!

Can’t go over it Can’t go over it

Can’t go under it Can’t go under it

Can’t go around it Can’t go around it

Guess we’ve gotta cross it Guess we’ve gotta cross it

(Pretend to hold your musket up over your head with both hands to keep the powder dry. Act like you are walking through chest-deep water. “Unh, Unh, Unh” as you make exaggerated steps.)

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Scout, do you see any redcoats? Scout 2, “No!”

Look! Over there! It’s a swamp!

Can’t go over it Can’t go over it

Can’t go under it Can’t go under it

Can’t go around it Can’t go around it

Guess we’ll go through it Guess we’ll go through it

(March like you are in yucky swamp mud: “squish, squish”.)

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Scout, do you see any redcoats? Scout 3, “No!”

Look! Over there! It’s the Cowpens Prairie Grass!

Can’t go over it Can’t go over it

Can’t go under it Can’t go under it

Can’t go around it Can’t go around it

Guess we’ll go through it Guess we’ll go through it

(March through tall grass: rub palms together back and forth – “Swish”.)

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Scout, do you see any redcoats? Scout 4, “No!”

Teacher talking:**OK, everyone bed down for the night! Morgan says, “Give me three shots and you are free!”** Everyone pretend to sleep

All the scouts: “Everybody up! Tarleton’s over here! We’re gonna meet him!”

Everybody: BANG! BANG! BANG! Run!

Teacher: **Through the grass!** “swish, swish, swish”

Through the swamp! “squish, squish, squish”

Through the river! “unh, unh, unh”

Everybody: Huzzah! Huzzah! Huzzah!