The 10 JAM-mandments
(with thanks to Carolyn Pope)

1. **TUNE YOUR INSTRUMENTS.** JAM means playing together—ON THE SAME PITCH!

2. **LISTEN** to the others! If YOU can’t HEAR the LEAD, play softly!

3. **TAKE TURNS** choosing and leading the songs. Most jams follow a set pattern.

4. **Announce the KEY plainly!** Be sure everyone heard the same thing.

5. **PASS the breaks!** Each leader nods to pass the lead around.

6. **NO SPEEDING!** This is a JAM—not a solo! Play slowly the first couple of times.

7. **TRY NEW SONGS!** A Jam is one of the best places to find new material.

8. **WELCOME OTHERS!** Remember—you were new once.

9. **INCLUDE & ACKNOWLEDGE THE LISTENERS!** Say thank-you!

10. **HAVE A GOOD TIME!** This is not supposed to be work.

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