

Basic Flag Ceremony

Purpose:

With a flag ceremony, Cub Scouts show respect for the flag of the United States, which symbolizes our country and our democratic way of life. A flag ceremony is often used to open or close a Den/Pack meeting and as a part of any other ceremony. A Cub Scout flag ceremony should be simple, impressive, and meaningful to everyone involved.

Flag Etiquette:

1. In order to honor the American flag, keep it higher than any other flag when using other flags.
2. Keep the American flag to the right of any other flag.
3. Do not let the flag touch the ground.
4. Do not wear the flag as a piece of clothing.
5. The American flag is posted last and retired first when more than one flag is used.

The Color Guard consists of:

1. **Caller** – who stands at the head of the room and gives the commands.
2. **Color Bearers** – who carry the flags.
3. **Color Guards** – two or four, walking in pairs directly behind each bearer and slightly to the side.

The Color Bearers may wear a red sash over their right shoulders, tied in a square knot on the left side of their waists. Color Guards may also wear red sashes around the waist and tied in a square knot on the left side. For very formal ceremonies, boys wear white gloves.

Opening Flag Ceremony

Color Guard Commander #1	Color Guard Commander #2	Color Guard Commander #3
Attention!	Scout Sign!	Color Guard, Return to Ranks!
Scout Salute!	Please recite the Scout Oath.	Please bow heads and remove hats.
Color Guard, Forward March!	Please recite the Scout Law.	READ PRAYER:
Color Guard, Post the Colors!	TWO!	For this time and this place, For Your goodness and grace, For each friend that we embrace, We thank Thee, O God. Amen.
Please recite the Pledge of Allegiance.		
TWO!		Scouts, be Seated!

Closing Flag Ceremony

Color Guard Commander #1	Color Guard Commander #2	Color Guard Commander #3
Attention!	Color Guard, Retrieve the Colors!	TWO!
Color Guard, Forward March!	Color Guard, Return to Ranks!	Scouts Dismissed!
Scout Salute!		