

Simple Opening Flag Ceremony for Cub Scouts

Leader 1: "Will the Audience please rise?"

The audience rises

Leader 1: "Color Guard, Post the Colors. Scout Salute."

Those in uniform do a hand salute. Everyone else places their hand on their heart. Those in uniform do a hand salute. Everyone else places their hand on their heart. 3 Scouts carry the US flags walking double file - the third stands behind the lead. When the boys get to the pole, unfold it with the third holding his hands under the middle so it doesn't touch the ground. Clip the top to the first clip & the bottom to the 2nd clip.

Leader 1: "Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance. I pledge allegiance ..."

The audience says the Pledge of Allegiance.

Leader 1: "TWO."

Everyone stops saluting.

Leader 2: "Audience, show scout signs."

Leader 2: "Please join us in saying the Scout Promise..."

**I promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people and
To obey the Law of the Pack"**

Leader 3: "Please Join us in saying the Scout Law..."

**The Cub Scout follows Akela
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill."**

Leader 3: "TWO"

Leader 4: Let's bow our head in a word of prayer:

Father in Heaven we thank you for the blessing of our neighbors and friend. We thank you for the Program that unites us together in Scouting. Please bless us to cooperate for you good and the good of Scouting. Help us to look past our differences to welcome those who need the support that comes from the Brotherhood of Scouting. Amen

Leader 4: "Color guard, retreat."

The color guard walks back out double-file to wait at the back of the room.

Leader 4: "Color guard, dismissed."

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LOWERING OF THE FLAG:

Leader 1: “Color Guard, retire the colors. Audience Salute”

The same process as above takes place with the Flag Bearer lowering the flag, slowly. AS SOON AS THE FLAG STARTS DOWN THE FLAG POLE THE CAMPERS SALUTE (AS ABOVE) AND HOLD THE SALUTE UNTIL THE LAST HOOK IS REMOVED.

The Color Guard gathers the flag as it comes down to keep it from reaching the ground. As soon as the last hook is undone the bearer passes the flag to the Color Guard who takes it back to their original positions and pass the end of the flag to the other members of the Color Guard. Meanwhile, the Flag Bearer has secured the ropes and taken his original position, facing the flagpole. At this point, the Color Guard folds the flag, as follows.

FOLDING OF THE FLAG:

Open Flag is held by the Color Guard with blue field nearest flagpole. It is folded lengthwise in half, and depending on size, again lengthwise in half with blue field always on the outside. The last guards begin folding flag in a triangle toward the blue field. They continue to fold until they reach the next pair of guards. (See the the book for proper folding).The Color Guard resumes its original position. One member of the first couple steps up in front of the Flag Bearer, places the flag, with point away from Bearer, in his outstretched hands and returns to their position.

Leader 1: “Color Guard, retreat”.

Color guard leaves the circle.

Leader 1: “Color Guard, dismissed”.

Color guard leaves the circle.