

Flag Ceremony

Presenting the Colors

Color Guard is composed of four Scouts in complete uniform. Two boys carry the flags. Two boys carry the stands. If this is a den/patrol presentation, there may be an Honor Guard marching behind each group. The Honor Guard should line up at a 45° angle between the audience and their respective flag.

Color Guard stands in the back of the room and the person "calling out" (the Leader) for the flag ceremony is in the front of the room.

When Color Guard is ready, the Leader gives the Scout sign to quiet the group.

Leader: Color Guard Attention!

Color Guard comes to attention

Leader: Troop Attention!

Troop Stands and comes to attention. If there are non-Scouts in the audience, the **Leader says**, "Will the Audience please stand"

When everyone is standing

Leader: Color Guard Forward March!

Color Guard Marches up the sides of the audience

When the Color Guard reaches the front of the audience Leader says...

Leader: Color Guard Halt!

Leader: Color Guard, Cross the Colors!

American Flag goes first and crosses from the Audience's right to the Audience's left. The Troop/Pack flag follows and moves from the Audience's left to the Audience's right. The Color Guard positions themselves on the side of the speaker's table and turns to face the Audience.

Leader: Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. Scout Salute!

All uniformed Scouts in the Audience give the Boy/Cub Scout Salute. The Color Guard does not salute, but does recite the pledge.

All: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America

And to the republic for which it stands

One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Leader: Two!

Scouts snap their salutes down to their sides.

Leader: Color Guard post the Colors!

The Color Guard places the flags in their stands.

Optionally the Scout Oath and Law may be recited by the Troop at this time.

Leader: Scout sign!

Uniformed Scouts give the Scout sign.

Leader: Scout Oath!

The Scouts recite the Scout Oath.

Leader: Scout Law!

The Scouts recite the Scout Law.

Leader: Two!

Scouts snap their salutes down to their sides.

Leader: Color Guard dismissed!

Color Guard returns to their seats.

Leader: Audience may be seated!

Audience sits.

Retiring the Colors

Color Guard gathers at the flags and the Leader gives the Scout sign to quiet the group.

Leader: Color Guard Attention!

Color Guard comes to attention

Leader: Troop Attention!

Troop Stands and comes to attention. If there are non-Scouts in the audience, the **Leader says**,
"Will the Audience please stand"

When everyone is standing

Leader: Color Guard Retire the Colors!

Color Guard removes the flags from their stands and marches down the sides of the audience.

Leader: Scout Salute!

All uniformed Scouts in the Audience give the Boy/Cub Scout Salute. All eyes should follow the American flag as it leaves the room. When the flag is at the back of the room, the Leader says....

Leader: Two!

Scouts snap their salutes down to their sides.

Leader: Color Guard dismissed! Troop dismissed!

Troop dismissed to break down meeting location.