

Flag Ceremonies

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Basic Flag Opening Ceremony

Have the color guard in the back of the room, ready holding the flags. The US Flag is on the right, then State flag, then Troop flag on the left as the color guard is facing towards the front of the room - or, US Flag in front, followed by State, then Troop flag.

Leader: "Color Guard, Attention!"

Leader: "Audience, Please Rise!"

Leader: "Scout Salute! Those not in uniform, please place your right hand over your heart."

Leader: "Color Guard, Forward March!"

Wait for color guard to reach the front.

Leader: "Color Guard, Halt!"

Leader: "Color Guard, Cross the Colors!"

State and Troop flags stop. US Flag crosses in front of other flags to left-most flag stand (as viewed from the audience), then State flag advances, then Troop flag. Wait for flag bearers to move to the flag pole stands.

Leader: "Please recite the Pledge of Allegiance!"

Leader: "TWO!"

Everyone drops salute.

Leader: "Scout Sign!"

Everyone raises right hand making the Scout sign.

Leader: "Please join us in reciting the [Scout Law, Scout Oath, Outdoor Code, ...]"

This is where the ceremony can be customized by the scout in charge. Choose what to recite. Could sing a song such as 'America the Beautiful'...

Leader: "TWO!"

Everyone drops Scout sign.

Leader: "Color Guard, Post the Flag of the United States of America! "

Leader: "Color Guard, Post the Flag of the Great State of [your state name]! "

Leader: "Color Guard, Post the Flag of [Pack/Troop] 123! "

Leader: "Color Guard, Honor your Colors!"

Flag bearers salute the US flag.

Leader: "Color Guard, return to ranks!"

Wait for flag bearers return to formation.

Leader: "Audience, Please be seated!"

Basic Flag Closing Ceremony

Script:

(leader assembles color guard in back of room or offstage so they are ready. You may only have flag bearers, 2 or 3 scouts following, 2 in front and 2 behind, or any crisp formation depending on number of scouts in color guard.)

Leader: "Color Guard, Attention! "

Leader: "Audience, Please Rise! "

Leader: "Color Guard, Forward March! "
(wait for color guard to reach the front)

Leader: "Color Guard, Halt! "

Leader: "Scout Salute! Please put your right hand over your heart if you are not in uniform."

Leader: "Color Guard, Retrieve the Colors! "
(wait for flag bearers to pick up their flags)

Leader: "Color Guard, Return to Ranks! "
(Scouts not carrying flags turn around so they are facing the audience. Wait for flag bearers to return to formation)
(US Flag is on the far right facing the audience, then state flag, then troop flag on far left.)

Leader: "Color Guard, Forward March! "
(wait until color guard reaches back of room)

Leader: "Color Guard, Halt! "

Leader: "TWO! "
(everyone drops salute.)

Leader: "Audience, Thank you for joining us. "

Leader: "Color Guard, Dismissed! "
(flag bearers should immediately put the flags away before starting to play with the other guys.)