

Flag Ceremony

- An example of a simple ceremony may be viewed [here](#). We recommend viewing prior to Camporee.

Flag:

Always give the flag of the United States the position of honor.

This means:

- Put the flag to the right of other flags.
- Put the flag in front of other flags.
- Put the flag higher than other flags.
- Never let the flag touch the floor or ground.

Salute:

Girl Scouts always use the citizen's salute even if they are in uniform. Stand at attention and place your right hand over your heart.

Salute:

- when the flag is being raised or lowered.
- when the flag passes you in a parade.
- when the National Anthem (Star Spangled Banner) is played.

To do a flag ceremony, select a color guard.

The color guard is composed of:

- 1) Flag bearer - One for each flag -- carries the flag.
- 2) Guards One or more for each flag -- helps to post the colors, if this is done and protects the flag's honor.
- 3) Caller Announces each part of the ceremony.

- Girls should be in full uniform, including white gloves, if this is a public (P.T.A., service clubs, parades, etc.) ceremony.
- Troop meetings and activities do not require girls to be in uniform for flag ceremonies. Red sashes are not worn with the uniform.
- The sash sets are used, especially at camp, when girls are not in uniform to give a "uniform" appearance.
- A public ceremony may be done as follows: Color guard stands ready at rear of room. Caller -- "Color guard, attention." "Audience, please stand." "Color guard, advance." (Remember right, front, higher!)
- Colors may be held during the Pledge of Allegiance or colors may be posted.
- Color guards stand at attention and are silent throughout the ceremony. They do not salute, say the Pledge or sing any song that might be included.

Definitions:

Color Bearer (Or Flag Bearer): Person who carries the flag.

Color Guard: Team that guards the flags. Any number can be used. 4 or 6 is sufficient.

Girl Scout in charge (or Caller): Person who calls out for each part of the ceremony

Commands

Opening Ceremony

Girl Scouts attention

Color Guard attention

Color Guard advance (*Walk with flags*)

Color Guard post the colors (*Put pole in holder*)

Closing Ceremony

Girl Scouts attention

Color Guard attention

Color Guard advance

Color Guard honor your flag

Color Guard honor your flag (*Salute flag*) Color Guard
retire the colors (*Remove from pole*)

Girl Scouts, the flag of your country
Color Guard dismissed
(Leaves in formation, with flag)

Please join us in saying the pledge of allegiance

Color Guard dismissed

(announcements)

Girl Scouts dismissed

Girl Scouts dismissed