

Flag Ceremony

Pack 179 ~ Plano, Texas

Resources:

Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs - #33212C (\$8.95)

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Planning:

- Most den and pack meetings should include the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag. If you need a U.S. flag, you can always salute the flag on the Cub Scout uniform (sleeve).
- It is appropriate to have a presentation of the colors and the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of every pack meeting, with the retirement of the colors at the conclusion.
- When younger Cub Scouts are responsible for a flag ceremony, make sure the flags are not too heavy for the boys to carry.
- Check the ceiling height before hand to determine whether the flags will clear it. If they won't, post colors before the meeting
- Rehearse the ceremony. Make sure everyone knows their part and walking route.

Presentation of Colors – Indoors

(taken from page 4-4 of Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs)

Narrator	Actions
Attention. Will the audience please rise? <i>(Pause.)</i>	The color guard waits in the back (or side) of the room for the audience to stand and become quiet.
Color guard, advance.	See diagram. The Texas flag guards and bearer are on the left, and the U. S. flag guards and bearer are on the right. (This is while waiting for the narrator to say the “advance” command.) With the U. S. flag in the lead, they walk in and cross so that the U. S. flag will be on the left side of the room when you look toward the front. The bearers and guards take their positions near the flag stands, facing the audience and holding the flags vertically.
Scout Salute.	Everyone, except the flag bearers and guards , salutes.
Please repeat with me the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge. <i>(All join in.)</i>	The bearers and guards stand at attention and continue to hold the flags. The Texas flag is lowered slightly so that the U. S. Flag stands taller. All the flag bearers and guards do not salute or say the Pledge of Allegiance or Texas Pledge.
Two.	The pack drops its salute. The Texas flag is raised to its vertical position again.
Color guard, post the colors.	The Texas flag is placed in its stand. Its guards and bearers step back into place. The U.S. flag is then posted. Its guards and bearer salute it and step back into place.
Color guard, dismissed.	The U.S. flag guard leads the procession to the back of the room with the narrator following last.

Comments:

- When the U.S. flag is carried with another banner (such as the pack flag or state flag), it should always be on “it’s marching right” in the procession.
- If there is only a narrow aisle, the procession follows this order in single file: U.S. flag guard, U.S. flag bearer, pack/state flag bearer, pack/state flag guard.

Flag Ceremony continued

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Retiring of Colors – Indoors

(taken from page 4-5 of Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs)

Narrator	Actions
Will the audience please rise? (Pause.)	The color guard waits in the back (or side) of the room for the audience to stand and become quiet.
Color guard, advance.	The U.S. flag guard and bearer and the Texas flag guard and bearer walk down the aisle and to the flags. They stand behind the flags, facing the audience.
Color guard, salute.	The Guards and Bearers salute.
Color guard, retire the colors.	The U.S. flag is removed first (just slightly ahead of the pack flag). (After removing the flags from their holders, the guards and bearers stand at attention and wait for the next command.)
Scout Salute.	Everyone, except the flag bearers and guards , salutes. The U.S. flag stays on “it’s marching right” as the guards and bearers proceed down the aisle to the rear/side of the room.
Two. (said after the U. S. flag has passed by everyone, or left the room.)	Everyone drops the salute.