

Opening Flag Ceremony (Outdoors)

Setup [note: this is for three flags and flagpoles]

9-person color guard (one flag bearer and two guards for each flag) line up outside the parade grounds in order of flags (camp flag first, then U.S., then state flag)

Leader: “Please join us for our opening ceremony”

Leader: “Scouts and Scouters attention”

Leader: “Color guard advance”

- Color guard marches in single file and carries flags to appropriate flagpoles

Leader: “Color guard, prepare to raise the colors”

- Flag bearers attach the flags to the ropes, ensuring that they are right side up
- Others separate and hold lanyards apart, ensuring that ropes are not tangled
- Once all flags are attached, the caller will say...

Leader: “Raise the colors, Scout salute”

- Flags are quickly raised, in unison, keeping U.S. flag higher than the others
- Once the flags reach the top of the flagpole and have been secured, the color guard returns to formation, facing the flags, and stands at attention

Leader: “Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance”

- Lead everyone in the pledge

“Please take the Scout Sign”

“The Scout Oath”

“The Scout Law”

Leader: “Two!”

Leader: “Color guard, right face [or left, depending which direction they exit]”

- The color guard does a crisp 90° turn

Leader: “Color guard dismissed”

- The color guard marches single file, away from the flagpole

Leader: “Troops at ease”

Closing Flag Ceremony (Outdoors)

Setup

9-person color guard (one flag bearer and two guards for each flag) go to appropriate flagpole

Leader: “Please join us for the retrieving of the colors”

Leader: “Scouts and Scouters attention”

Leader: “Color guard, prepare to retrieve the colors”

- The color guard unties the ropes
- Two people separate and hold the lanyards, ensuring that they are not tangled
- Once this is done, the caller will say...

Leader: “Retrieve the colors, Scout salute”

- The flags are slowly lowered, in unison, with the U.S. flag kept slightly above than the others.
- Once the U.S. flag is unhooked, the caller will say...

Leader: “Two!”

- All continue to stand at attention while the color guard properly folds the flags
- Once folded, the color guard returns to formation, facing the flags, and stands at attention

Leader: “Color guard, right face [or left, depending which direction they exit]”

- The color guard does a crisp 90° turn

Leader: “Color guard dismissed”

- The color guard marches single file, away from the flagpole

Leader: “Troops at ease”