

# Typical Scouts BSA Flag Ceremony

Form the color guard in the back of the room, 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 flags.

**Scout Color Guard Leader:** "Color Guard, Attention! Scouts Attention!"

**Scout Color Guard Leader:** "Audience, Please Rise!"

**Scout Color Guard Leader:** "Color Guard, Forward March!"

Wait for color guard to reach the front.

**Scout Color Guard Leader:** "Color Guard, Halt!"

**Scout Color Guard Leader:** "Color Guard, Prepare 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) (state and troop flags should dip as the national colors pass in front), then State flag advances, then Troop flag. Wait for flag bearers to move to the flag pole stands.

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

**SPL or MC:** Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance  
"I pledge allegiance, to the flag..." [*Pause and End with "Two"*]  
(The State and Troop flags will dip during the US Pledge)

**Scout Color Guard Leader:** "TWO!" (Everyone drops salute)

**Scout Color Guard Leader:** "Scout Sign!"  
Everyone raises right hand making the Scout sign.

**SPL or MC:** Scouts will you please join me in the Scout Oath, Scout Law and Outdoor Code.  
"On my honor, I will do my best..." [*Pause and End with "Two"*]

**Scout Color Guard Leader:** "TWO!"

Everyone drops Scout sign.

This is where the ceremony can be customized by the scout in charge or follow local custom.

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

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

**Scout Color Guard Leader:** "Color Guard, Post the Flag of Troop 123! "

**Scout Color Guard Leader:** "Color Guard, return to post!"

Wait for flag bearers return to formation.

"Color Guard forward march." "Halt"

**Scout Color Guard Leader:** "Color Guard at ease, scouts at ease, audience please be seated!"