

# Scout Flag Raising Ceremony

**Leader:** "Fall In!"

*Troop Members/Audience take spots around ceremony. Spots may be designated based on specific ceremony. Members of the color guard will line up shoulder to shoulder away from the flagpole. The flag should be properly folded and placed in the hands of the middle person.*

**Leader:** "Attention!"

*Audience/Troop are attentive. All hats should be removed. The proper attention position is standing up straight with hands at sides and feet shoulder with apart.*

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

*Color Guard begins walking, they should march in unison and step off with left foot.*

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

*Color Guard takes one more step with left foot and then halts, should be called when Guard is close to the flagpole.*

**Leader:** "Color Guard, Prepare to Raise the Colors!"

*The Color Guard should space out and prepare to raise the flag. One person should prepare the flagpole by untying the knot and bring the clips down to a reachable level. The other 2 members should unfold the flag. The person who holds the blue end of the flag should attach the top clip to the top of the flag and the rest of the clips as necessary.*

**Leader:** "Color Guard, Raise the Colors!" "Scout Salute!"

*The audience members in uniform should salute the flagpole. Other audience members should place their hands over their heart. Members of the Color Guard should ensure that the flag does not touch the ground, one member should then begin raising the flag. After the flag is at the top, the member who raised the flag should re-tie the rope. The Color Guard should then line back up and face the flagpole.*

**Leader:** "Two!"

*The audience returns to the attention position.*

**Leader:** "Color Guard, About Face!"

*Color Guard turns 180 degrees clockwise in a smooth unison motion.*

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

*Color Guard begins walking, they should march in unison and step off with left foot.*

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

*Color Guard takes one more step with left foot and then halts. Called when Color Guard returns to the original position.*

**Leader:** "Color Guard, About Face!"

*Color Guard turns 180 clockwise in a smooth unison motion and faces the flagpole.*

**Leader:** "At Ease!"

*Everyone returns to a comfortable standing position. However, they should not leave where they are standing.*

# Scout Flag Lowering Ceremony

**Leader:** "Fall In!"

*Troop Members/Audience take spots around ceremony. Spots may be designated based on specific ceremony. Members of the color guard will line up shoulder to shoulder away from the flagpole.*

**Leader:** "Attention!"

*Audience/Troop are attentive. All hats should be removed. The proper attention position is standing up straight with hands at sides and feet shoulder width apart.*

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

*Color Guard begins walking, they should march in unison and step off with left foot.*

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

*Color Guard takes one more step with left foot and then halts, should be called when Guard is close to the flagpole.*

**Leader:** "Prepare to Lower the Colors!"

*One person of the color guard will step out and untie the flagpole and to lower the flag. The others should stay in line.*

**Leader:** "Lower the Colors, Scout Hand Salute!"

*The audience members in uniform should salute the flagpole. Other audience members should place their hands over their heart. One member should begin lowering the flag. When the flag is near the bottom, a member of the color guard should grab the flag to ensure it does not touch the ground. When the flag is at the bottom, the flag should be unclipped. The rope should then be retied around the flagpole. The flag should then be folded as tightly as possible. The Color Guard should then line back up and face the flagpole with the person holding the flag in the center.*

**Leader:** "Two!"

*The command should be given once the flag is completely unclipped and at the bottom of the pole.*

**Leader:** "Color Guard, About Face!"

*Color Guard turns 180 degrees clockwise in a smooth unison motion.*

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

*Color Guard begins walking, they should march in unison and step off with left foot.*

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

*Color Guard takes one more step with left foot and then halts. Called when Color Guard returns to the original position.*

**Leader:** "Color Guard, About Face!"

*Color Guard turns 180 clockwise in a smooth unison motion and faces the flagpole.*

**Leader:** "At Ease!"

*Everyone returns to a comfortable standing position. However, they should not leave where they are standing.*