Pack 1776

Flag Opening Ceremony

*Have the Scouts in two single file lines, one arm’s length apart, shoulder to shoulder to the Scout next to him. The US Flag is on the right and the Pack flag on the left. Scouts can keep any official BSA headwear.*

**Leader: “Color Guard, Attention!”**

*Flag Bearers lift flag poles up. Color guard prepares to walk forward.*

**Leader: “Audience, Please Rise!”**

*Wait a moment for everyone to stand and be quiet.*

**Leader: “Scout Salute! Those not in uniform, please place your right hand over your heart.”**

*Flag bearers and Color Guards do NOT salute.*

**Leader: “Color Guard, Forward March!”**

*Color Guard begin together with their left foot. Wait for color guard to reach the front.*

**Leader: “Color Guard, Halt!”**

**Leader: “Color Guard, Cross the Colors!”**

*US Flag crosses in front of the Pack flag to the left flag stand, then Pack flag goes to the right flag stand. Wait.*

**Leader: “Color Guard, Post the Flag of Pack 1776”**

*US Flag remains held by bearer*

**Leader: “Color Guard, Post the Flag of the United States of America!”**

*Wait for the US Flag to go in the flag stand*

**Leader: “Color Guard salute!”**

*All flag bearers and color guard face American flag and salute.*

**Leader: “Please recite the Pledge of Allegiance!”**

**Everyone: “I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”**

**Leader: “TWO!”**

*Everyone drops salute*

**Leader: “Scouts, please join us in reciting the Scout Oath. Scout sign!”**

*Scouts raise right hand making the Scout sign.*

**Scouts: “On my honor I will do my best**

**To do my duty to God and my country,**

**and to obey the Scout Law;**

**To help other people at all times;**

**To keep myself physically strong,**

**mentally awake, and morally straight.”**

**Leader: “Please join us in reciting the Scout Law”**

**Scouts: “A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.”**

**Leader: “Please join us in reciting the Outdoor Code”**

**Scouts: “As an American, I will do my best to -**

**Be clean in my outdoor manners.**

**Be careful with fire.**

**Be considerate in the outdoors.**

**Be conservation minded.**

**Leader: “TWO!”**

*Everyone drops scout sign.*

**Leader: “Color Guard, return to ranks!”**

*Wait for flag bearers return to formation.*

**Leader: “Color Guard, about face!”**

*Wait for flag bearers return to formation.*

**Leader: “Color Guard, Forward March!”**

Wait until color guard reaches the back of room.

**Leader: “Color Guard, Halt!”**

**Leader: “Scouts, at ease. Audience, please be seated!”**

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Flag Closing Ceremony

Assembles color guard in back of room or offstage so they are ready.

**Leader: “Color Guard, Attention!”**

**Leader: “Audience, Please Rise!”**

*Wait for everyone to stand.*

**Leader: “Color Guard, Forward March!”**

*Wait for color guard to reach the front.*

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

**Leader: “Color Guard, Retrieve the Colors!”**

Wait for flag bearers to pick up their flags.

**Leader: “Color Guard, about face!”**

**Leader: “Color Guard, Forward March!”**

Wait until color guard reaches the back of room.

**Leader: “Color Guard, Halt!”**

**Leader: “Audience, Thank you for joining us.”**

**Leader: “Color Guard, Dismissed!”**

Flag bearers should immediately put the flags away before doing anything else.