

## Girl Scout Flag Ceremony

PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE EACH DAY TO REMIND YOUR CAMPERS OF FLAG ETIQUETTE, SOMETIMES AS THE WEEK GOES ON WE BECOME COMPLACENT.

Audience will salute (put hands over hearts) when the flag is clipped to the pole and when it first comes down in the afternoon until the first clip is undone.

Please remove all hats and bandanas

### SUGGESTED COMMANDS FOR RAISING THE FLAG

Girls Scout-in-charge: **Girl Scouts Attention**  
**Color Guard, attention**  
**Color Guard, advance**

Color guard advances and turns together to face the audience. The flats should be carried either folded and held from underneath or flat with the stars first then other flags. The color guards and flag bearers are silent throughout the ceremony.

Girl Scout-in-Charge: **Color Guard post the colors.**

Color guard clips the American flag with the blue corner first and then the other flags. Then, the color guard raises the flags quickly.

OPTIONAL:

Girl-Scout-in-Charge: **Color Guard salute the colors.**

Color Guard steps back a step (left foot) and salute in unison.

Girls Scout-in-Charge: **Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance** (or other appropriate song or poem or the GS promise)

**Please join me in the Girl Scout Promise**

**Please join me in the Girl Scout Law**

Girl Scout-in-Charge: **Color Guard dismissed.**

**Girl Scouts at ease.**

Color Guard turns and quietly leaves the area.

### SUGGESTED COMMANDS FOR LOWERING THE FLAG (in bold):

Girl Scout-in-Charge: **Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance** (or other appropriate song or poem or the GS promise)

Girl Scout-in-Charge: **Color Guard retire the colors.**

Color Guard lowers the flags slowly, then fold it or carry it flat out of the area. The American flag leaves first, stars front, then the other flags.

### FOLDING THE FLAG:

Hold it open full length, stars nearest the flagpole. Fold the flag lengthwise in half, two times, always keeping the stars on the outside in a triangle). Guards, place the flag in the bearers arms and return to position, then march out behind. The people on the stripes end start folding it in a triangle. Fold until they can pass it to the next pair and so on until it is finally at the first pair (still in a triangle). Guards, place the flag in the bearers arms and return to position, then march out behind the bearer.

Girl Scout-in-Charge: **Color Guard, dismissed.**

Color Guard turns and quietly leaves the area.