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Girl scout flag ceremony video

Stars and Stripes, the Starry Flag, The Old Glory —as you call it, the American flag is an important symbol for Girl Scouts in the United States. If you've ever been to a Girl Scout event, chances are you've seen or participated in a flag ceremony. Flag ceremonies are the perfect way to start and end a range of activities, from holidays like Memorial Day and Independence Day to the Awards Tribunal, bridge ceremonies, camping events or even service unit meetings, and you can host them anywhere: meeting rooms, outdoor environments, large auditoriums, on stage — even on horseback! There is no perfect recipe for a flag ceremony, but the only thing they all have in common is respect for the flag. From planning a flag ceremony to ceremony terms, flag rules and ceremony commands, here's what you need to know: Flag Ceremony Terms to Meet Color Carrier: The color carrier is the person who carries the flag and puts it on the pole or booth. There is a color bearer for each flag used in the ceremony. The color carrier should hold the team (pole) at the 30° angle in front of the body, or hold the folded flag (with point away from the body) in front of the body at waist level. Color Guard: The color protector is a team that protects and protects flags. Any number of guards can be used, but usually four or six girls are enough. As this requires full attention, members do not participate in any part of the flag ceremony (singing, speaking, etc.), but remain silently Attention Caller: The interlocutor is a designated Girl Scout who announces or calls each command or part of the ceremony. Line leader: Typically part of an outdoor color protector, the line leader will take the audience in/out of the desired formation (usually a horseshoe shape in Girl Scouts). When you start planning your ceremony, the best thing you can do is keep it simple. The emphasis needs to be on respect for the flag and not on commands or techniques. As your girls begin to think, you can use these guiding questions to help them plan a full ceremony: What tone are we trying to set? Who will carry the flag? Who will be the colored guards? Who will give the instructions for the ceremony? What song will be sung? Who's going to lead him? Will a poem or quote be included? Who's going to say it or read it? After the Oath of Allegiance, will the Promise of the Girl Scouts and the Law be spoken? In what order will the parts of the ceremony take place? When's the group going to practice? Where will the flags be placed at the end of the ceremony? You could go with something very simple like this troop, just marching the colors and proceeding with your event (the video starts at 3:32). You could add elements such as a greeting, a different song, and silent-colored guards who focus on flags instead of participating in the promise or anthem like Troop 105 (ceremony begins at 6:26). Or you can go with everything like the Great Girl Scout's Color Guard from Los Angeles did for this American Legion gathering. Proper American suitable Rules and Protocol The display of the American flag is governed by law to ensure that it is treated with respect due to the official flag of a nation. This is known as the United States Flag Code. Some of the most useful rules for Girl Scouts are: The flag should only be displayed from sunrise to sunset unless it is illuminated. The American flag should be placed in the center, and higher, when displayed with a group of state, local, or organizational flags flown from officials. It can also be positioned to the right of other flags. (If the girls held the flag while facing the public, their right side would be the right of the flag.) When displayed by a team in a public auditorium, the United States flag must retain the top position in front of the audience, and in the position of honor to the right of the speaker as they face the audience. Any other flag should be placed to the left of the speaker. The flag should be raised quickly and lowered slowly with dignity. Take every precaution to prevent the flag from getting dirty. It should not be allowed to touch the floor, nor brush against objects. The flag, when carried in procession with other flags, must be on the right or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line. Bonus information: Flag retirement ceremony When the U.S. flag gets tattered or worn, it should be eliminated by burning. Your local American Legion or Foreign War Veterans can teach their girls the proper protocol or help perform the flag ceremony if you want. This is a very solemn ceremony and must be done with the utmost respect and reverence for the flag to be removed. Explain this ceremony and its purpose to the girls so they don't go home and tell their parents that they burned a flag in the Girl Scouts! Flag Ceremony Commands A part of the flag ceremony is precision and formality, and traditional commands are part of it. Use commands that are relevant to your own flag ceremony, and feel free to mix them as needed. Here is a possible set of opening and closing commands. These are using as many commands as possible to show your options, but there is no right order, or minimum amount of commands required. Opening: Girl Scouts, Attention. Girl scouts are quiet and remove all headwear; this is a sign that the ceremony is about to begin. Color guard, attention. If the color protector is at ease, attention comes. Color protector, advance. The color protector carries the flag toward the flag pole or support. Color protector, post colors. The colored guard places the flag on its booth, or unfolds and hoists the flags to the poles in the proper order (the American flag always comes first, and the flag of the if you have it's usually next, with any flags thereafter going in order of importance.) Color guard, salute sings colors. The colorful guard salutes the flag and then returns to attention. Girl Scouts, honor honor Colors. Girl Scouts salute the flag. Now let's say the Oath of Allegiance. If you have a color protector, they should stay tuned and not participate, keeping all attention on the flag. Now we're going to sing the National Anthem. Similarly, the color protector, if you have one, should keep the focus on the flag. Color guard dismissed. The colored guard retreats to the back of the room, but keeps an eye out. Girl Scouts dismissed. Closing: Girl Scouts, Attention. Girl scouts are quiet and remove all headwear; this is a sign that the ceremony is about to begin. Color guard, attention. If the color protector is at ease, attention comes. Color protector, advance. The colored guard approaches the posted flags. Now we'll sing (insert appropriate music here, Taps or other relevant songs.) The color guard remains in attention and does not occur in any corner or speech. Color guard honors your colors. The colorful guard salutes the flag and returns to attention. Color protector, remove the colors. Flag is slowly lowered and folded; American flag first, and then in reverse order as they went up. Color guard, dismissed. The colorful guard takes the flag to an appropriate place at the back of the room. Girl Scouts dismissed. Whether you're adding some pomp and circumstance to your Awards Tribunal ceremony or celebrating the Fourth of July in style with your troop, a flag ceremony is a special Scout skill, and an honor. You can even get a patch for it! So what are you waiting for: start practicing! What to do next: Marissa Vessels — Marissa is marketing director for Girl Scout northern California and a Gold Award Girl Scout. Although she is originally from Southern California (Yay, Girl Scouts of the Council of San Geronio!), she moved to East Bay to attend UC Berkeley and never looked back. One of your favorite things about female Scouting in the Bay Area are all the amazing hiking and camping options available for girls who love exploring the great outdoors. Stars and Stripes, the Starry Flag, The Old Glory —as you call it, the American flag is an important symbol for the Girl Scouts here in the United States of America. We wear it proudly in our vests and bands, and if any of you went to a Girl Scout event, chances are you've seen or attended a flag ceremony. Flag ceremonies are the perfect way to start and end a range of activities, from special events to camp to Awards Tribunal or bridge ceremonies —or any other ceremony, for that matter! A flag ceremony honors the American flag as a symbol of our country and all dreams and people she represents. Learning how to perform a flag ceremony is a great troop gathering activity, and girls love to take on this serious responsibility. Use it as a chance for girls to learn about the of the American flag and all the rules around it. (Did you know that it is technically illegal to give yourself an American flag manicure? But I'm sure it's pretty much to get in trouble for...) To make it even more special, invite members of your local legion or VFW to come teach the girls how to perform one—they're experts in flag ceremonies! Learn about flag ceremonies and flag etiquette—including a useful script—in our Scout Celebration and Ceremonies package or on the GSUSA website, and watch our instructional video for an idea of what they look like. Once your girls are trained and ready to support the colors, check out this useful print out for an official list of official American Flag flight days for 2016, and contact your local service unit to see if they have any opportunity for colorful guards (this is how official flag carriers are called) in your area. Many service units have flags that you can borrow, or you can check them at our São Paulo service center. For an extra-VIP experience, your troop can even present the colors on center court in a Timberwolves game during their next season! Now that you're becoming flag experts, we hope you have a fantastic flag ceremony—sport that red, white, and blue in style! Natasha Brownlee – Natasha specializes in programs in River Valleys, where she develops and leads the amazing girl scout ing program – and runs the blog In the Loop! His background is in curriculum development, programming and creative writing. 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