

PACK 729 FLAG CEREMONY (POSTING)

(Color guard should be at the back of the room with flags in hand. The speaker should be on the stage.)

SPEAKER: Will the audience please rise for the presentation of the colors?

(Wait until everyone is standing)

Color Guard, attention! (Pause)
Color Guard, advance!

(The Color Guard carries the flags to the front of the room and stands in front of the flag stand. The American flag always crosses in front of the Texas flag. The Pack flag follows the Texas flag. The American flag is on stage right and stands alone. The Texas and Pack flags are on stage left. The flags should fly freely, the end of the flag should never be held against the flag post.)

**SPEAKER: Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Hand salute!**

(Everyone except the Color Guard salutes or places hand on chest. The Color Guard remains at Attention during both Pledges. The Color Guard should also watch the flags to make sure they do not touch the floor.)

**SPEAKER: "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!"**

Please join me in the Texas Pledge.

**"Honor the Texas flag;
"I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible."**

Two! *(Salutes are dropped)*

Color Guard, post the colors!

(The American flag is placed in its stand, then the flag bearer and Color Guard salute it and step back into place. The State flag is then posted, its bearer and Color Guard salute it and step back into place. The Pack flag is then posted.)

SPEAKER: Cub Scout sign! *(Pause)*

Please join me in the Cub Scout Promise.

**"I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country,
"To help other people, and to obey the law of the Pack."**

Color Guard, return to post! *(Color Guard returns)*

You may be seated OR Please remain standing for the invocation.

(If no invocation is to be offered [for example, at the PTA meeting], then the audience should be seated after the flag ceremony. If an invocation is to be offered [for example, at the Pack meeting], the audience should remain standing for the invocation.)

PACK 729 FLAG CEREMONY (RETRIEVAL)

(Color guard should be at the back of the room. The speaker should be on the stage.)

SPEAKER: Will the audience please rise for the retrieval of the colors?

(Wait until everyone is standing)

Color Guard, attention! (Pause)
Color Guard, advance!

(Wait until the Color Guard has reached the flag stands)

Color Guard, honor your Colors!

(The Color Guard salutes the flag and returns to Attention)

Color Guard, retrieve the Colors!

(The Color Guard removes the flags from the stands, American flag first, then Texas, then Pack.)

Color Guard, return to Post!

(The Color Guard carries the flags, American flag followed by the Texas then the Pack flag, to the back of the room to be rolled up. The American flag should be wrapped in the navy blue material protector.)

Color Guard, dismissed!

(The speaker leaves the stage)

FLAG CEREMONY NOTES:

For Pack meetings:

- The American, Texas and Pack flags belonging to the Pack are used. The school's flags are placed behind the curtains on stage for the Pack meeting and are then moved back on stage after the Pack meeting.
- The flag ceremony requires a minimum of 5 people: the speaker, the flag bearers of the American, Texas and Pack flags and at least one person to accompany the flag bearer of the American flag.
- The Cub Scout promise is said after the flags are posted.
- An invocation will be offered so the audience should remain standing after the flag ceremony.

For PTA meetings:

- The American and Texas flags are posted but not retrieved. The Pack flag is not used nor is the Cub Scout Promise recited at the PTA meeting.
- The flag ceremony requires a minimum of 4 people: the speaker, the flag bearers of the American and Texas flags and at least one person to accompany the flag bearer of the American flag.
- No invocation is offered at the PTA meeting so the audience should be seated after the flag ceremony.
- The color guard's duties are complete once the flags are posted and the color guard returns to post.