

# Opening Flag Ceremony

The Den waits in the back of the room; caller stands in front of flagbarers, colorguards in two lines behind each flagbarer; the American flag is on the right-hand side.

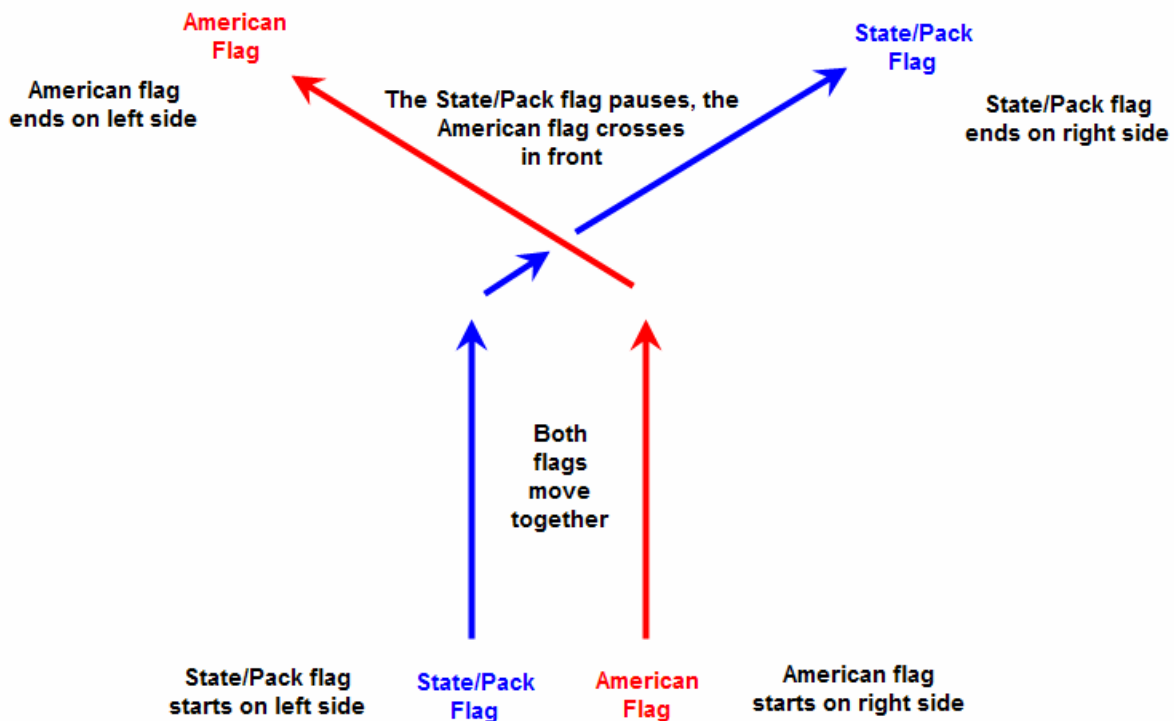
Cubmaster: Scout, front and center.  
(Caller leaves his Den and approaches the Cubmaster; caller salutes and Cubmaster returns salute)

Cubmaster: Prepare to present the Colors.  
(Caller turns around and faces the Pack)

Caller: Pack, **attention!** (say with authority)  
Will the audience please rise for the presentation of the colors.  
(Wait for Scouts come to attention and the audience to rise)

Caller: Colorguards, advance.  
Cub Scout Salute. Right hand over your heart.  
(Colorguards advance the flags. American flag should be held a little higher than the State or Pack flags. As the flagbarers approach the caller, the State or Pack flagbarer pauses and lets the American flagbarer and colorguards cross in front, going over to the left-hand side of the room; when clear, the other flagbarer and colorguards move over to the right-hand side of the room; each group stands beside their flag stand, facing the audience, but do not put the flag pole into the stand)

*Please note, the American flag is always placed on IT'S right when presented with other flags. This means that as the flags move from the back of the room towards the front, the American flag is on the right side as the audience sees it because it is currently facing with the audience. However, when the flags are in the front of the room, the flags are arranged to face towards the audience, and since the American flag must always be on IT'S right, the American flag has to cross over to the other side of the room. The labels in the image below were written from the audience's perspective, without explaining how the flag's perspective changes.*



- Caller: Colorguards, present the colors.  
(Colorguards dip the State/Pack flag so that it is slightly lower then the American flag. Colorguards stand at attention but do not salute the flag).
- Caller: Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
(Recite the Pledge of Allegiance)
- Caller: Two.  
(Drop your salute)
- Caller: Post the colors.  
(Colorguards place flag poles in standard)
- Caller: Please join me in the Cub Scout Promise.  
(Make the Cub Scout Sign; recite the Cub Scout Promise)
- Caller: Please join me in the Law of the Pack.  
(Hold the Cub Scout Sign; recite the Law of the Pack)
- Caller: Colorguards, dismissed. The audience may be seated.  
(Colorguards return to their seats; caller turns to Cubmaster and salutes. Cubmaster returns the salute)
- Cubmaster: Dismissed.  
(Caller returns to his seat)

## Closing Flag Ceremony

The Den waits in the back of the room; caller stands in front of flagbarers, colorguards are in two lines behind each flagbarer; flagbarer and colorguards for American flag are on the left, flagbarer and colorguards for State/Pack flag are on the right.

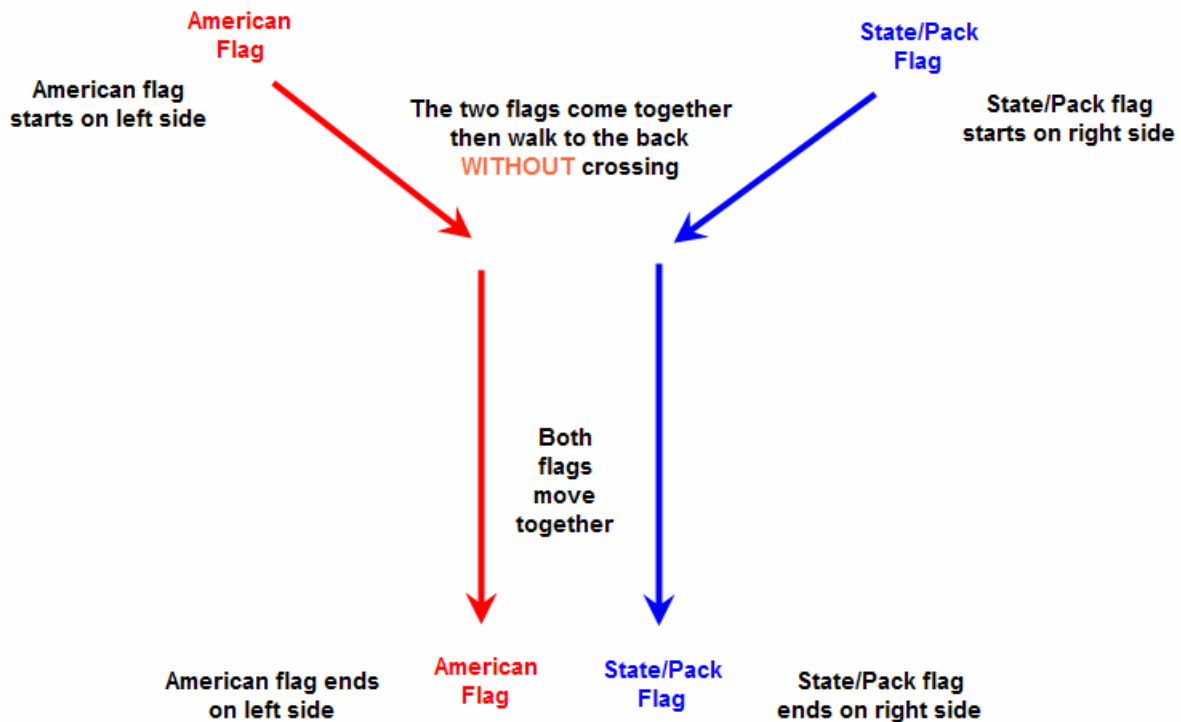
Cubmaster: Scout, front and center.  
(Caller leaves his Den and approaches the Cubmaster; caller salutes and Cubmaster returns salute)

Cubmaster: Prepare to retire the Colors.  
(Caller turns and faces the Pack)

Caller: Colorguards, advance.  
(Flagbarers and colorguards move forward together, staying in two lines; at the front of the room, they break off to their respective flags; flagbarers grasp the flag poles but do not lift; colorguards stand to the side at attention)

Caller: Pack, **attention!** (say with authority)  
Will the audience please rise for the retiring of the colors.

Caller: Retire the colors.  
Cub Scout salute. Right hand over your heart.  
(Flagbarers lift flags from their stands; flagbarers and colorguards walk back to the center of the room in front of the caller; reform two lines with American flag on right side – flags DO NOT cross; flagbarers and colorguards walk towards the back of the room, holding the American flag a little higher than the State or Pack flags)



Caller: Two.  
(Salute is dropped; caller turns to Cubmaster and salutes, Cubmaster returns salute)

Cubmaster: Dismissed.  
(Caller returns to his seat. Cubmaster ends the meeting)