

Flag Respect

Showing respect to the American Flag is a sign of true citizenship.



Let's all say the Pledge of Alliance together.

The American flag is a symbol of America and it stands for the past, present, and future of our country. This symbol represents our land, people, and our ways of life.

When we honor the flag, we are honoring what it means to be an American and how to make our country the best it can be.

When we start our Boy Scout meetings, we normally start off saying the Pledge of Alliance then say the Scout Oath and Law all together.

If you are wearing your Scout Uniform, you greet the flag with a Scout salute.

Always face the flag and salute it if you are in uniform. If you are not in uniform, you greet the flag by removing your hat if you are wearing one, and by placing your right hand over your heart.

Fact: The Pledge of Alliance was created in 1892 and originally called the Bellamy salute by Frances Bellamy.

Flying of the Flag

- The flag can be flown from sunrise to sunset and if in a well lit area, it can be flown at night.
- The flag should fly on all national and state holidays and other days proclaimed by the US president.

Right now, all flags are to be flown at half staff in honor of all the Covid-19 victims. When you fly it at half staff, it is a way to show sorrow for national tragedy, to mark the death of a president, or to honor those who sacrificed their life for their country. You are to hoist the flag all the way to the top, hold it there for a second, then lower it to the middle point of the pole.

On page 58-59 of your scout book, you can read on ways to raise, lower, and fold the flag.

Flag ceremonies are an important way to show respect to the flag.

A Simple Flag Ceremony is on page 61 of your scout book.

When a flag is worn and beyond repair it may be burned in a fire. The ceremony should be conducted with respect and no fooling around and the flag is burned completely to ashes.