

Basic Flag Opening Ceremony – Opening Script

(Have the color guard in the back of the room, in ready position, holding the flags)

The US Flag is on the right, then State flag, then Troop flag on the left as the color guard is facing towards the front of the room (... alternatively - - US Flag in front, followed by State, then Troop flag).

Leader: "Color Guard, Attention!"

Leader: "Audience, Please Rise!"

Leader: "Scout Salute! Those not in full uniform, please place your right hand over your heart."

Leader: "Color Guard, Forward March!" (Wait for color guard to reach the front)

Leader: "Color Guard, Halt!"

Leader: "Color Guard, Cross the Colors!" (Flag bearers alone approach the flag stands)

*(State and Troop flags halt; the US Flag then crosses in front of other flags to left-most flag stand (as viewed from the audience, and always to the right hand of speaker position), then State flag advances, then Troop flag)
(Wait for flag bearers to move to the flag stands; as "guard" stands guard, at attention)*

Leader: "Color Guard, Post the Colors" (...or "Post the Flag of the United States of America") ! "

Leader: (...if applicable) "Color Guard, Post the Flag of the Great State of Illinois! "

Leader: "Color Guard, Post the Flag of Troop 149 - Lemont! "

Leader: "Color Guard, Honor your Colors!" (Flag bearers salute the US flag)

Leader: "Please join us in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance!"

Leader: "TWO!" (Everyone drops salute)

Leader: "Audience, Please be seated!" (...wait for audience to be seated, while Scouts remain standing)

Leader: "Scout Sign!" (Everyone raises right hand making the Scout sign)

Leader: "Please join in reciting the Scout Law and Scout Oath (...Outdoor Code optional) !"
(...for this part of the ceremony the Scout in charge may customize the ceremony as appropriate - - choosing what to recite. (...can also elect to recite a song such as 'America the Beautiful'...)

Leader: "TWO!" (Everyone drops Scout sign).

Leader: "Color Guard, return to ranks!" (Wait for flag bearers to return to formation);

Leader: "Color guard about face;"

Leader: "Color guard forward march;"

Leader: "Color guard halt;"

Leader: "Color guard dismissed."

Basic Flag Opening Ceremony – Closing Script

(leader assembles color guard in back of room or offstage so they may assemble in ready positions. Flag bearers may consist of 2 or 3 scouts following, 2 in front and 2 behind, or any similarly crisp formation depending on number of scouts in color guard)

Leader: "Color Guard, Attention! "

Leader: "Audience, Please Rise and join us in our closing ceremony! "

Leader: "Color Guard, Forward March! " (wait for color guard to reach the front)

Leader: "Color Guard, Halt! "

Leader: "Scout Salute! Those not in full uniform please place your right hand over your heart."

Leader: "Color Guard, Retrieve the Colors! " (wait for each of the flag bearers to unpost their flag)

Leader: "Color Guard, Return to Ranks! " (...Color guard does not cross-over for this part in ceremony)

(Scouts not carrying flags turn around in unison so they are facing the audience. Wait for flag bearers to return to formation; US Flag is to be on the far right facing the audience, then State flag (if applicable), followed by Troop 149 flag on far left.)

Leader: "Color Guard, About Face! "

Leader: "Color Guard, Forward March! " (...wait until color guard approaches back of room)

Leader: "Color Guard, Halt! "

Leader: "TWO! " (everyone drops salute.)

Leader: "Color Guard, Dismissed! "

(flag bearers should immediately put the flags away before starting to joining in with the other scouts.)

Leader: "Audience, Thank you all for joining us."