**Flag Ceremonies (Opening/Closing)**

***\*\*\* FLAG CEREMONY -- OPENING COLORS***

Color Guard, Attention! (\*\*when commanding the color guard, say the word “attention” in an authoritative way… like, “Aaa-tennnn-TION!!!!” – this will also help the audience realize that the flag ceremony is starting\*\*)

Audience, Please Rise!

Color Guard, Forward March!

Scout Salute! Those not in uniform, please place your right hand over your heart. (\*\*say this right away, as the audience will salute the flag as it’s being marched forward\*\*)

(>>wait for color guard to reach the front<<)

Color Guard, Halt!

Color Guard, Cross the Colors!

(>>wait for flag bearers to move to the flag pole stands<<)

Color Guard, Post the Flag of the United States of America!

Color Guard, Post the Flag of the Great State of Virginia

Color Guard, Proudly Post the Flag of Pack 685!

Color Guard, Honor your Colors! (\*\*Flag bearers salute the US flag\*\*)

Please recite the Pledge of Allegiance:

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 - and with Liberty and Justice for All

TWO! (\*\*Everyone drops salute\*\*)

Cub Scout Sign! (\*\*Everyone raises right hand making the Cub Scout sign\*\*)

Please join us in saying 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.

TWO! (\*\*Everyone drops Cub Scout sign\*\*)

Color Guard, return to ranks.

(>>wait for flag bearers return to formation<<)

Color Guard, About Face! (\*\*Color guard turns around to head back\*\*)

Color Guard, Forward March!

(>>wait until color guard reaches back of room<<)

Color Guard, Halt!

Color Guard, At Ease!

Audience, Please be seated.

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**\*\*\* FLAG CEREMONY -- CLOSING COLORS**

Color Guard, Attention!

Audience, Please Rise!

Color Guard, Forward March!

(>>wait for color guard to reach the front<<)

Color Guard, Halt!

Scout Salute!

Color Guard, Retrieve the Colors!

(>>wait for flag bearers to pick up their flags<<)

Color Guard, Return to Ranks!

(>>wait for flag bearers to return to formation<<)

Color Guard, About Face!

Color Guard, Forward March!

(>>wait until color guard reaches back of room<<)

Color Guard, Halt!

TWO!

Audience, Thank you for joining us. Color Guard, Dismissed!