

**CEREMONIES**



***AND***



**CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS**

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# **Ceremonies & Campfire Programs Great Escape 2012**

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# **Basic Flag Ceremony Calls**

## **Posting the Colors**

Color Guard attention

Please stand for the flag of your country

Color Guard advance

Color Guard post the colors

Color Guard salute your colors

Will you please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance? ready begin "I..."

Sing patriotic song - optional

Color Guard dismissed

Please be seated or dismissed

## **Retiring the Colors**

Color Guard attention

Please remove all hats

Color Guard advance

Color Guard retire the colors

Sing Taps

Color Guard dismissed

Please be seated or dismissed

## The Campfire Ashes

Legend has it that Lord Baden-Powell would always take a small amount of ashes from the campfire and spread these ashes into the next campfire. The main purpose of these ashes is to bring to all Scouts and Scouters the International aspect of the world brotherhood of Scouting.

Ashes taken from a campfire are sprinkled into the flames of the next Campfire. The next morning, when the ashes are cold, they are stirred, And each scout takes some along to mix with his next campfire. If more than one Scout brings ashes to the same campfire, the lists are pooled, with the dates and places of all campfires recorded and passed on.

It is traditional that only those present at the ceremony carry ashes from that ceremony.

This is somewhat new to me also. Last May I watched a flag retiring ceremony, which was very moving. They added some ashes to the fire that have been traveling for over 40 years. That was the first time that I had heard of this "ash thing". :) They put the cooled ashes into film containers which they handed out to us with a list of where the ashes had been. My troop took these ashes and added them to a campfire that we had in July. For our campfire we all wrote a wish on a small piece of paper, we then did different things to our papers. Some of us folder them into planes, flowers, envelopes, etc. . Others tied theirs with grasses or ferns. We did this all on our own and in silence. We gathered around the fire until all were ready. We added the ashes that we had gotten and read the list of where they had been. We then put our papers in the fire one by one. As the smoke rose we hoped that our wishes bumped into wishes made in other parts of the world. When the fire cooled we gathered ashes and added our campfire to the list.

### Charge of the Ashes

May the spirits of past campfires be here with us tonight, carry fellowship in these ashes from other campfires, thus uniting us with friends and comrades in other lands.

(Now sprinkle saved ashes over fire.)

May the joining of the dead fires with the leaping flames of our campfire tonight symbolize once more the unbroken chain that binds Guides and Scouts around the world. Fond greetings to Girl Guides and Girl Scouts of all nations, everywhere.

## **CAMPFIRE ASHES**

LEGEND HAS IT THAT BADEN-POWELL WOULD ALWAYS TAKE A SMALL AMOUNT OF ASHES FROM A CEREMONIAL CAMPFIRE AND THEN SPREAD THESE ASHES INTO THE NEXT CAMPFIRE.

THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THESE ASHES IS TO SHARE WITH YOU THE MEMORIES OF PAST CAMPFIRES AND TO BRING TO ALL SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS THE INTERNATIONAL ASPECT OF THE WORLD BROTHERHOOD OF SCOUTING.

"WE CARRY OUR FRIENDSHIPS WITH US IN THESE ASHES FROM OTHER CAMPFIRES WITH COMRADES IN OTHER LANDS.

MAY THE JOINING OF THE PAST FIRES WITH THE LEAPING FLAMES OF THIS CAMPFIRE, SYMBOLIZE ONCE MORE THE UNBROKEN CHAIN THAT BINDS SCOUTS AND GUIDES OF ALL NATIONS TOGETHER. WITH GREETINGS FROM OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS AROUND THE WORLD, I WILL ADD THESE ASHES, AND THE FELLOWSHIP THEREIN, TO OUR CAMPFIRE."

WILL ANYONE WITH CAMPFIRE ASHES PLEASE COME FORWARD AND JOIN ME.

(Wait for others)

THE ASHES I SPREAD INTO THIS CAMPFIRE CARRY MEMORIES OF PAST CAMPFIRES DATING BACK TO 1907. THEY HAVE BEEN CARRIED AROUND THE WORLD TO OVER 917 SCOUTING CAMPFIRES IN 53 COUNTRIES WHERE SCOUTING FELLOWSHIP HAS BEEN SHARED.

I WILL NOW CHARGE THESE ASHES TO THIS CAMPFIRE.

# Ceremony Worksheet

Name of Ceremony: \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose or Theme: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Ceremony: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Ceremony: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_

Who will attend: \_\_\_\_\_

How will the ceremony begin? \_\_\_\_\_

What songs, poems, quotations will be included? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

What activities will be included in the main part of the ceremony? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Who will speak? \_\_\_\_\_

Will badges or other awards be given? \_\_\_\_\_

How will the ceremony end? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Who will do each part? \_\_\_\_\_

What decorations or props are needed? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Who will bring the items? \_\_\_\_\_

Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Item: \_\_\_\_\_

Item: \_\_\_\_\_

What refreshments will be served? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will bring them? \_\_\_\_\_

What will refreshments cost? \_\_\_\_\_

Who will pay for them? \_\_\_\_\_

When will a rehearsal be scheduled for the ceremony? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



# Flag Etiquette

## **Care of the U.S. Flag:**

- Do not use the flag as a drape or cover (Casket covering only exception, when burying a veteran)
- When flag is soiled, launder it.
- When flag is tattered it should be destroyed by burning it. This should be done with dignity.
- The flag should not be allowed to touch the ground.
- Do not place anything on top of the US flag.

## **Procession and Presentation:**

- ⌘ The American flag is carried on the right of or in front of other flags.
- ⌘ Flags should be posted on the right side - this should be the flag's right side (not necessarily the audience's right side).
- ⌘ If the flag is hung flat on a wall horizontally or vertically, the field of stars is always to the right.
- ⌘ Raise the American flag first before any other flags are raised.
- ⌘ Lower the American flag last as other flags are also lowered.
- ⌘ When carrying a flag on a pole the bearer holds it directly in front of his/her with the heel of the pole at her left side in left hand. Holding staff with right hand from the upper side supports the weight of the flag.
- ⌘ When it is necessary to fly the flag at half mast raise the flag up to the top then lower it half way down; when lowering the flag from half mast raise it up to the top then down the pole.
- ⌘ Taps can be played as the flag is being lowered. Otherwise, singing should be done before the flag is lowered.
- ⌘ If you are presenting flags from two or more nations: Poles must be the same height and displayed in alphabetically order. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation to be above another in time of peace.
- ⌘ The US states flags are arranged in alphabetically order or in the order in which the states joined the Union.
- ⌘ The flag should not be raised before sunrise or be left up after sunset unless it is lighted with a spot light.
- ⌘ The US Flag should be raised quickly and lowered slowly.
- ⌘ When carried the US flag should always fly free.



### **Color Guard:**

- The flag bearer/s should stand in front of the color guard.
- The number of the color guard will depend on the size of the flag and the number needed to fold it. It should be an even number if possible. The color guard does not speak or sing during the ceremony or put their hands over their hearts. They stand at attention guarding the flag until they are dismissed.

### **Outdoor Ceremony:**

- ⌘ Have the audience form a horseshoe in a single line between two designated markers around the flagpole or area where colors are being posted.
- ⌘ Be sure to have silence in the horseshoe even before the color guard is brought to attention.
- ⌘ Caller or Callers should stand at the open end of the horseshoe next to the flagpole.

### **Salute:**

- Civilians use the civilian salute of placing their hand over their hearts. The salute is done when the flag is attached to the first grommet when raising the flag until the flag reaches the top. When lowering the flag, salute when the flag first starts down the pole until it is removed from the last grommet. To "honor" the colors the color guard briefly steps back and salutes the flag after it has been posted. If the flag is being processed in place your hand over your heart as soon as the flag passes you.

### **Sashes & Gloves:**

- ⌘ The flag bearer can wear a red sash and white gloves and the color guard can wear red sashes for more formal flag ceremonies. The flag bearers wear the sash over their right shoulder draped down to the left waist and tied in a square knot. The color guard wears the sash around the waist and knotted on the left with a square knot.

# Closing Flag

Girl Scout attention

Color Guard attention

Please remove all hats

Color Guard advance

Color Guard retire the colors

Sing Taps

Color Guard dismissed

Girl Scouts Dismissed

## Dare to Dream Investiture Poem

Our Fire gives a friendly light  
It lifts the darkness of the night  
Its shining glow says this to me...  
A light to others I should be...

As we pass our light from one to another,  
our individual lights represent that we are  
all individuals in a world wide family of Girl Scouting.

Did you ever think how wonderful it is  
that with every new spring sap should rise in the trees?  
On one knows whence it comes,  
but it flows from roots to branch and  
makes a dead bear tree blossom with green leaves ...

And so it is with Scouting,  
it rises with in you and inspires you to put forth your best...  
Dare to Dream with Girl Scouting ... Dare to Dream...  
Dream of climbing a mountain,  
Dare to Dream to be free,  
for I've only got a moment and a whole world to see...

It is better to light just one little candle  
Than to stumble in the dark  
Better by far that we light one little candle,  
All we need is a tiny spark.

If we all say a prayer for the world to be free  
A wonderful dawn of a new day we we'd see.  
And if everyone lit just one little candle,  
What a bright world this would be.

So in search of love and laughter  
I'll be traveling across this land  
Never sure of where I'm going  
For I haven't any plan...

So in time when you are ready  
Come and join me, take my hand  
And together we'll share life Daring to Dream

At this time I'd like you to blow out your individual candles and hook arms with the members of your new family

We'll now sing 2 verses of "Make New Friends"

Let us keep the memories and friendship of today till we come together another day and as we do don't forget to Dare to Dream....

## End of Year Ceremony

G is for the color Green that Juniors wear with pride  
I is for the great Ideas that grow from deep inside  
R is for Respect we have for all of God's creations  
L is for our Loyalty and Love for our nation

S is for the Sisterhood that reaches 'round the world  
C is for the Changes that bring us to women from girls  
O is for the Oath we made that Scouts call Promise and Law  
U means that it's U's who will give service for a cause  
T is for the Teamwork that makes \_\_\_\_\_ act as one  
I is for Integrity and pride in what we've done  
N is for the Number of our troop \_\_\_\_\_  
G is for the Girl Scout way we do the things we do

Together this is Girl Scouting  
It was a great year to remember  
And to recall with fond remembrance  
What we've done since last September.

We wear our pins and badges  
To represent the work we've done  
We wear our vests and sashes  
To show that we are one

Although it seems we've just begun  
Fall will soon be here  
And so we'll add another star  
And start another year.

## Flag Color Poem

Today, as we gather, let us all keep in mind  
Our flag and the meaning it has for us.

The red is for blood of Americans true  
Who gladly would give up their lives for you.

The white is for purity, in both thought and deed,  
A rule of conduct, we all might well heed.

The blue is for justice, for all, not one –  
A tenet we fought for and so dearly won.

The stars are a symbol of God's guiding hand  
Over the Union in this mighty land.

There isn't a one our flag won't protect,  
Don't you think we could show it -- greater respect?