

Harford District  
2016 Cub Scout Day Camp  
June 27 - July 1  
**Cubstruction**

## Citizenship



## Station Volunteer's Guide

Thank you for being a station volunteer! The stations are the heart of camp and truly provide our scouts with an opportunity to try out a new skill (or build on one they know) while having a great time. Our volunteers' knowledge and enthusiasm is what makes our camp great!

To make running the station easier, please take some time to read through the station guide. While, **what** is being covered at the station needs to remain as outlined so that the scouts earn the correct achievements, **how** it is covered is only one of many methods. If you find a better way to accomplish the requirements or if the method we have outlined doesn't seem to be working...please feel free to change it! This is only a guide...do what works best for you and the scouts coming to your station.

One other thing to keep in mind - some stations will be visited by all ranks. That means you may have 6 year olds through 11 year olds and may have to simplify or intensify the methods to meet the skills and knowledge of all the scouts.

Thanks again - we are glad to have you as part of Harford Day Camp!

## **Station Procedures**

- The first station begins at 10:15 on Monday and 9:15 other days...so you have some time! We've tried to only schedule 2 dens at a time (max. 24 boys) but, there may be times when you have 3. Consult your station schedule so you will know who to expect and when.
- Greet dens as they arrive. Many will have a den cheer, ask to hear it!
- Once all the dens arrive or the start time has come, begin going through the procedures for the station. It is very important that you start and end on time! Each time slot lasts 45 minutes. If a den arrives 10 minutes late, they CANNOT stay 10 minutes past the end of the station...that would make you and then late for the next station. If a den doesn't get finished, suggest they come back during a break or take the remaining activity with them to work on at the den.
- Execute the station with energy and enthusiasm! Let the scouts do as much for themselves as possible. It doesn't need to be perfect, they just need to Do Their Best!
- Don't forget the beads. Each scout earns a bead at every station for participating. Beads can be given to the den leader for distribution.
- Once the den is finished, begin resetting for the next group.
- Close the station at the end of the day by packing/organizing the supplies and cleaning and disposing of all trash. Let the Program Director responsible for the station (either Tiger/Wolf/Bear or Webelos) know if supplies are running short!

## Station Overview

Discussion and hands-on activities will complete this station. Flags for hoisting are located at the station. The scouts will have the opportunity to learn about flag etiquette, participate in a flag ceremony and they will learn the Boy Scout Law.

## Set-up:

Open Citizenship bins and:

- 1) Locate flags.
- 2) Locate the materials for teaching the Scout Law. If there are not enough supplies, please contact the TWB or Webelos Director for more.
- 3) Set up 2 tables with the materials.

## Break-Down

- 1) Return all materials to the bins.
- 2) Please assure that all bins are closed tightly and place under the tent for the night.
- 3) In the event that rainy weather is expected, please take the bins into the Crouse building for the night.

## Station Objectives:

Each scout will:

Discuss what makes America special to them, learn flag etiquette, learn how to fold a flag, learn how to hoist and lower the flag, participate in a flag ceremony and learn the Scout Law and Oath.

### **Activity 1: What makes America special and flag etiquette.**

Discuss as a group: What makes America special to you? ***Start with the den leader and have all the boys give at least one example of what makes America special.***

Tell the boys, "one way we can show that we think America is special is by respecting our flag" What is one way you can do this? ***Solicit answers from the scouts. (be careful not to let the flag get dirty, torn or touch the ground)*** "We also respect the flag by displaying it properly. Does anyone have any ideas about how to display the flag?" ***Again solicit answers and point out the proper way to hang the flag (use small flag to demonstrate; page 7), that the American flag should always be to the right, higher and in front of any others.***

**Divide the group into 2.** Explain that one group will be learning to fold the flag while the other group learns how to conduct a flag ceremony.

### **Activity 2: Flag Folding**

Folding the flag is much like folding a paper football. Hand out sheets of paper and lead the boys step by step in folding it. Next, have half the group do the same process with the flag. Remind them that they should hold it tightly and keep it from touching the ground. See detailed directions in the background section. Next, let the other half of the group practice folding.

### **Activity 3: Flag Ceremony**

**Explain to the scouts,** "The group that conducts the flag ceremony is called the "color guard" and they will all be part of the color guard. Today we are going to be hoisting the flag on the flag pole." "The person who carries the flag is called the "flag bearer" and the other scouts that follow are the "flag guards". **Choose one scout to be the flag bearer.** Have him come to the front and hold the folded flag." Explain that when you say, "Prepare to present the colors", the color guard should stand in a straight line, nice and tall. "The color guard follows my directions."

**When you are ready, say** "color guard advance". **The color guard does not salute or cover their heart. Members of the audience covers their heart if they are not in uniform. If in uniform you should always salute.**

**When they reach the flag pole, help them unfold the flag and have the flag bearer clip the start end first and then clip in the other end. The flag bearer then quickly hoists the flag to the top of the pole. Help him tie it off.**

"Will the audience please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?"

"Cub Scout Salute" (scouts salute)

All: (Recite the Pledge of Allegiance)

"Two" (Salute is dropped)

"When we raise the flag, it is fast. When we lower the flag, it is slow. **Have another boy slowly lower the flag and help him unclip it. The unfolded flag can go to the flag folding station for the next group to use.**

"Well done! You have properly completed a flag ceremony!"

*Activities up to this point should take about 20 minutes.*

1. "Let's move over to the tables for the next activity" Ask if they have learned the Boy Scout Law and Oath.
2. Explain to the scouts that June 1 began a new Scout Program year and the new program requires that they know the Boy Scout Law and Oath. If anyone can say it already, let them try.
3. **Say the Boy Scout Law and Oath together. (Posterboards in plain view)**

4. The Relay Game: (Turn the posterboards around so no one can see them) Their mission is to put the words of the Boy Scout Law in order as a team. Split them up in two groups and have them try putting the words of the Boy Scout Law in order. First they try as a group to put the words in order at the table. When they think they are done, the relay begins. Each boy goes up to the *magnetic board* and puts one word on it and comes back and the next boy in line takes another word up. The group that gets the words in order first, wins. (Everyone gets a bead for participating)

## Background that may be helpful....

### *American Flag Etiquette.*



Federal law stipulates many aspects of flag etiquette. The section of law dealing with American Flag etiquette is generally referred to as the Flag Code. Some general guidelines from the Flag Code answer many of the most common questions:

- The flag should be lighted at all times, either by sunlight or by an appropriate light source.
- The flag should be flown in fair weather, unless the flag is designed for inclement weather use.
- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
- The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard.
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.
- The flag should never have any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind placed on it, or attached to it.
- The flag should never be used for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.
- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.
- The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.

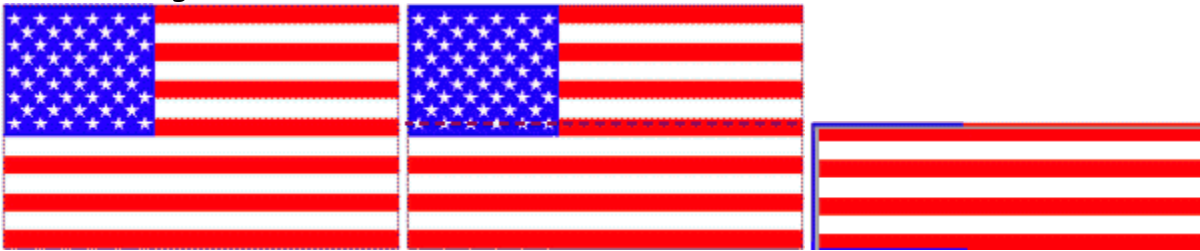
- When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.

## Flag Folding Procedures:

### United States Flag

Folding the flag correctly is much like making a paper football. See diagram below:

Fold the flag in half width-wise



Fold the flag in half width-wise again



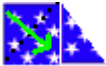
Fold up a triangle, starting at the striped end ... and repeat ...



... until only the end of the union is exposed.



Then fold down the square into a triangle and tuck inside the folds.



## How to Display the Flag

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1. When the flag is displayed over the middle of the street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north in an east and west street or to the east in a north and south street.



2. The flag of the United States of America, when it is displayed with another flag against a wall from crossed staffs, should be on the right, the flag's own right [*that means the viewer's left --Webmaster*], and its staff should be in front of the staff of the other flag.



3. The flag, when flown at half-staff, should be first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-staff position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day. By "half-staff" is meant lowering the flag to one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff. Crepe streamers may be affixed to spear heads or flagstaves in a parade only by order of the President of the United States.



4. When flags of States, cities, or localities, or pennants of societies are flown on the same halyard with the flag of the United States, the latter should always be at the peak. When the flags are flown from adjacent staffs, the flag of the United States should be hoisted first and lowered last. No such flag or pennant may be placed above the flag of the United States or to the right of the flag of the United States (the viewer's left). When the flag is half-masted, both flags are half-masted, with the US flag at the mid-point and the other flag below.



5. When the flag is suspended over a sidewalk from a rope extending from a house to a pole at the edge of the sidewalk, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.



6. When the flag of the United States is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from the window sill, balcony, or front of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff.



7. When the flag is used to cover a casket, it should be so placed that the union is at the head and over the left shoulder. The flag should not be lowered into the grave or allowed to touch the ground.



8. When the flag is displayed in a manner other than by being flown from a staff, it should be displayed flat, whether indoors or out. When displayed either horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right, that is, to the observer's left. When displayed in a window it should be displayed in the same way that is with the union or blue field to the left of the observer in the street. When festoons, rosettes or draping are desired, bunting of blue, white and red should be used, but never the flag.



9. That the flag, when carried in a procession with another flag, or flags, should be either on the marching right; that is, the flag's own right, or, if there is a line of other flags, in front of the center of that line.



10. The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of States or localities or pennants of societies are grouped and displayed from staffs.



11. When flags of two or more nations are displayed, they are to be flown from separate staffs of the same height. The flags should be of approximately equal size. International usage forbids the display of the flag of one nation above that of another nation in time of peace.





12. When displayed from a staff in a church or public auditorium on or off a podium, the flag of the United States of America should hold the position of superior prominence, in advance of the audience, and in the position of honor at the clergyman's or speaker's right as he faces the audience. Any other flag so displayed should be placed on the left of the clergyman or speaker (to the right of the audience).



13. When the flag is displayed on a car, the staff shall be fixed firmly to the chassis or clamped to the right fender.



14. When hung in a window where it is viewed from the street, place the union at the head and over the left shoulder.



The Boy Scout Oath & Law:

### Boy Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country  
and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.

### Boy Scout Law

A Scout is  
Trustworthy, loyal, helpful,  
Friendly, courteous, kind,  
Obedient, cheerful, thrifty,  
Brave, clean, and reverent.