

General Flag Ceremony Etiquette

- We salute the US flag anytime it is in motion moving past us (as it is carried to, or from, the front of the room). This also applies at outings like parades- if a color guard carries a flag past you, you should stand and salute.
- Scouts salute when in uniform- just like members of the military, police officers, firemen, etc. (BSA Class A or B uniform counts) When in “civilian” clothing, we show respect by placing our hands over our hearts.
- “Two” is said to indicate that it is time to stop saluting.
- The Scout Sign is made by holding up the pointer, middle and ring finger on our right hand. It is held up with our right arm at a 90° angle.
- The Scout Sign is used during the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and the Outdoor Code. When the Scout Sign is held up, everyone is expected to be quiet and listen. This prevents us from having to yell "quiet!" at a large group.
- The Scout Salute is similar to the scout sign, but we hold it up to the edge of our eyebrow.