

Opening & Closing Ceremonies

1. The Scout Law itself could be used for 12 separate ceremonies. One ceremony could be devoted to the first point.
Troop: A Scout is Trustworthy
Leader: A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises (read entire paragraph from Scout-book)
(11 weeks later a Scout is Reverent)
2. Ask all Scouts who have been in the troop one year or less to take one step forward and then ask them to lead the troop in the Scout Law.
3. Ask the newest and the oldest Scout to come forward and then ask them to lead the troop in the Scout Law or Scout Oath.
4. One point of the Scout Law is assigned to 12 different Scouts. Each Scout in turn, takes a step forward and salutes, and gives his point of the Scout Law and then steps back in line.
5. The troop is formed in 2 lines facing each other. The flags are marched down through the lines, with the Scouts saluting. The flag bearers halt at the head of the lines and march about, whereupon the troop recites the Pledge of Allegiance together.
6. Troop is in a horseshoe formation, with the American Flag in the center. On command the entire troop takes one step forward and salutes the flag and then recites the Pledge of Allegiance.
7. Have Color Guard bring flags forward and march around. Next have lights in room turned out and have 2 – 3 Scouts with flashlights shine them on the American Flag. Now have a Patrol Member read from the back of the room (not sing), the first verse of “The Star Spangled Banner”.
8. Place the Troop Flag in the center of the formation. Ask each Patrol Leader to come forward and grasp the pole with his left hand and with his right hand give the Scout Sign. Now ask each Patrol Member to come up behind his Patrol Leader and place his left hand on the shoulder of his Patrol Leader and give the Scout Sign with his right hand. Once the entire troop is in this “spokes of a wheel” formation ask them to join in repeating the Scout Oath or Scout Law.
9. Place Troop Flag in the center of the troop formation. Now ask all Scouts to give the Troop Flag a salute and repeat after the SPL (or PL) a pledge along these lines.
“As a member of Troop 19.
I pledge that I shall always
strive to be a good member of my Patrol.
I will always take part in all troop activities
advance in Scout-craft
and act as a Scout at all times.
10. Form a circle and ask each member to give the Scout Sign and with his left hand grasp the wrist of the person to his left. Now ask all to repeat the Scout Oath or Scout Law together
11. Form a circle and ask each member to give the Scout Sign and with his left hand grasp the wrist of the person to his left. Now ask all to hum taps together.