



Our Flag Trail Badge Worksheet



Trailman Name: _____ Troop #: _____

Do all of requirements 1 through 6:

	Date Completed	Verification
1. Basic Flag Ceremonies:		
a. Demonstrate proper folding of the American flag.		
b. Demonstrate the proper placement of hands (and hats) while reciting the Pledge.		
c. Demonstrate displaying the colors for an outdoor flag ceremony.		
d. Demonstrate raising and lowering the American flag for an outdoor flag ceremony.		
e. Participate in a flag ceremony for your Troop meeting, award ceremony, or other indoor ceremony.		
2. Know the Flag Code and its history. Diagram the proper way to display the American flag in the following circumstances:		
a. When carried in a procession with another flag or flags.		
b. When displayed with another flag against a wall with crossed staffs.		
c. When a number of flags on staffs are displayed with the American flag.		
d. When state flags or other pennants are flown from the same halyard with the American flag.		
e. When flags of two or more nations are displayed.		
f. When a flag is displayed on a staff projecting horizontally from a windowsill or building.		
g. When the flag is not on a staff and is displayed flat against a wall horizontally and vertically.		
h. When used on a speaker's platform.		
i. When flown at half-staff.		
j. When used to cover a casket.		
3. Make a diagram of the American flag, labeling all its parts. Include and be able to define the hoist, peak, fly, staff, halyard and union (see attached worksheet).		
4. Learn the history of the Pledge of Allegiance.		
5. Learn the date, the conflict, the American flag's design, its physical condition, and the situation that prompted Francis Scott Key to write the Star Spangled Banner (see attached worksheet).		



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6. Read through the words of the National Anthem written by Francis Scott Key. Explain line by line in your own words what was going on and his views on it.		
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Do three requirements from group 7 through 15:

7. Participate in the color guard for a flag ceremony for a community event.		
8. Participate in the color guard for an outdoor flag ceremony.		
9. Find a script giving a meaning or symbolism to each of the 13 folds required to properly fold and American flag and use it in a flag ceremony.		
10. Find or write a special flag ceremony and perform it in front of an audience		
11. Teach a Woodlands Unit a flag ceremony and help them perform it at a Troop function.		
12. Find or write a respectful American flag retirement ceremony and perform it at a campfire program.		
13. Participate in a flag planting service project at a cemetery for their Memorial Day service honoring veterans.		
14. Learn the history and usage of the 21-gun salute.		
15. Research the origins of Flag Day and plan a special event celebrating the day for your Troop or community.		



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DIAGRAMS AND DRAWINGS

2. Know the Flag Code and its history. Diagram the proper way to display the American flag in the following circumstances:

Flag Code history:

a. When carried in a procession with another flag or flags.

b. When displayed with another flag against a wall with crossed staffs.



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c. When a number of flags on staffs are displayed with the American flag.

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f. When a flag is displayed on a staff projecting horizontally from a windowsill or building.

g. When the flag is not on a staff and is displayed flat against a wall horizontally and vertically.

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3. Make a diagram of the American flag, labeling all its parts. Include and be able to define the hoist, peak, fly, staff, halyard and union.

Hoist

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Halyard

Union

4. Learn the history of the Pledge of Allegiance.



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5. Learn the date, the conflict, the American flag's design, its physical condition, and the situation that prompted Francis Scott Key to write the Star Spangled Banner	
Date:	
Conflict:	
American flag's design	
its physical condition	
situation	



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Sample Scripts for Presentation/Recession of the Colors

Opening:

- 1) **“Color Guard, prepare to present the colors”** – WAIT until Color Guard is at the back of the room
- 2) **“Ladies and Gentlemen, please rise for the presentation of the colors”**
- 3) **“Troop, Attention”**
- 4) **“Color Guard, advance – Hand Salute”** – WAIT until Color Guard has arrived at the flag stands
- 5) **“Color Guard, prepare to post the colors”** – WAIT until the Color Guard is ready
- 6) **“Ready, post”** – WAIT until colors are posted
- 7) **“Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance”**
- 8) **“I pledge allegiance to the flag of the...”**
- 9) **“Ready, Two”**
- 10) **“Color Guard, dismissed”**

Closing:

- 1) **“Color Guard, prepare to retrieve the colors”** – WAIT until Color Guard is at the back of the room
- 2) **“Color Guard, advance”** – WAIT until the Color Guard has arrived at the flag stands
- 3) **“Ladies and Gentlemen, please rise for the recession of the colors”**
- 4) **“Troop, Attention”** – WAIT 1 second
- 5) **“Color Guard, retrieve the colors – Hand Salute”** – WAIT until the Color Guard has the colors in-hand
- 6) **“Color Guard, Forward March”** – WAIT until the Color Guard is at the back of the room
- 7) **“Ready, Two”**
- 8) **“Color Guard, dismissed”**



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The Star Spangled Banner, by Francis Scott Key

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

On the shore, dimly seen through the mists of the deep,
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream:
'Tis the star-spangled banner! Oh long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion,
A home and a country should leave us no more!
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave:
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation!
Blest with victory and peace, may the heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation.
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!