

Opening Flag Ceremony

Webelos I scouts carry in the flags and post the colors. *Scout: "Please bring the U.S. flag to center stage."

1	This flag is the emblem of freedom. The color red stands for the valor that many men and women through the years have shown, fighting to preserve this emblem of freedom.
2	There are 50 white stars on this flag – one for each state in the union over which this flag of freedom flies.
3	The stars are placed on a blue background, like the blue heavens for which we are ever reaching.
4	This flag is the emblem of a great country. It is great because the people who live in it are free to practice the four freedoms:
5	Freedom of speech (<i>sit in front of the flag and turn on flashlight pointed at the flag.</i>)
6	Freedom of religion (<i>sit in front of the flag and turn on flashlight pointed at the flag.</i>)
7	Freedom of the press (<i>sit in front of the flag and turn on flashlight pointed at the flag.</i>)
8	Freedom of assembly (<i>sit in front of the flag and turn on flashlight pointed at the flag.</i>)
9	If we fail to protect our rights, fail to help preserve these four freedoms, we will lose our freedom of speech (#5 turns off flashlight); freedom of religion (#6 turns off flashlight); freedom of the press (#7 turns off flashlight); and freedom of assembly (#8 turns off flashlight).
10	This world of darkness, which we can see now, would be our heritage, as it is in so many other countries. Let us be proud of this flag. Let us be thoughtful of the privileges we have in our great country.
11 *	(#5, #6, #7 and #8 turn on flashlight and shine on the flag) Let us be proud of this flag. Let us be thankful we live in the country it represents. Let us rise and together pledge our allegiance to the flag of the United States of America followed by "God Bless America". Salute; pledge.