

Simple Flag Ceremony Script

Setup:

- Flags should be placed or held “off stage.” We use the meeting flags that are already on flag poles.
- Flag stands should be placed in the front of the room (where you want the flag party to end up).
- Colour party will start from wherever they are in the circle/horseshoe.

Script:

- **Leader:** *“Colour party fall out”*
Colour Party leaves the circle/horseshoe – one step forward, two steps back, then walks smartly to flag (around the outside).
- **Leader** *“Colour party fall in”*
Colour Bearer takes the flag, turns so she is facing the way she wants to start.
Colour Guards position themselves, one on each side of the bearer (just touching, shoulder to shoulder with her).
Colour Party: Stand in position (wait for Leader command).
- **Leader:** *“March on the Colours”*
Colour Party begins marching in place.
This is the hardest part and they are tempted to march a couple of times and then jump forward. Require that they get it right. The goal is to get all three marching in step.
- When they are in sync, one of the colour guards becomes the **Caller**.
- **Caller Commands** move the colour party around the room. The caller should be outgoing and prepared to say her lines loudly and in public. Use whatever command suits your situation – *“Colour Party March”, “Colour Party Forward”, “Colour Party Stop”, “Colour Party Right Turn”, “Colour Party Left Turn”, etc.*
Colour Party makes their way to the flag stands. When they arrive...
- **Caller:** *“Colour Party Stop (Halt)”*
Colour Bearer put flag in the stand.
Colour Party step back. Stand facing the flag. Remain in this position until Leader gives “Fall Out” command.
If the National Anthem is sung, colour party stays in position during anthem, facing the flag. They should NOT sing the anthem.
- **Leader:** *“Colour party fall out”*.
Colour party takes one step forward, two steps back, then they walk back to their place in circle/horseshoe.
- Flag Ceremony Complete.