

# FLAGS

This section contains information about unit and special flags. For U.S. flag interpretation, consult *Your Flag*, No. 33188, Boy Scouts of America. U.S. flag protocol states that the direction of our uniform flag is proper.

The hand-to-forehead salute is correct for flag ceremonies for any person wearing a uniform of the BSA. This includes those wearing the dress uniform. The hand-over-heart salute should be used when not in uniform.

## Special Flag Decorations

**Memorial gold stars.** Gold stars, No. 11117, may be affixed to the unit flag indicating current and former members of the unit who died in the service of their country. The stars should be placed along the staff edge of the flag, parallel to the staff, with the first star 6 inches from the staff edge and 6 inches from the bottom edge; subsequent stars to be placed in vertical rows along the staff edge of the flag.

**Veteran insignia.** Veteran insignia may be ordered as part of a unit flag. The insignia is digitally printed as part of the flag. It is no longer available as a separate item and must be requested when the unit flag is ordered.

**Fringes, cords, and tassels.** Fringes, Nos. 11035 and 11036, and cords and tassels, No. 11037, may be used on local council, district, and unit flags (but not den or patrol flags) if desired by the persons or committee purchasing them.

## Special Flags

**Drum and bugle corps.** Local councils having a drum and bugle corps made up of youth from different units may put the lettering “Drum and Bugle Corps” in a line at the bottom of their council flag. A unit drum and bugle corps may carry its unit flag but without special designation.

**Boy Scouts of America flag.** Purple flag with silver emblem.

**Regional flag.** Purple flag with silver emblem and lettering. Name of state may be added if desired.

**Local council flag.** Dark blue flag with gold emblem and lettering, No. 618649. Name of council on the upper half, headquarters city and state on the lower half.

**District flag.** Dark blue flag with gold emblem and lettering, No. 618649. Name or number of district on upper half, name of local council on lower half. Headquarters city and/or state optional.

**Council camp flag.** Dark blue flag with gold emblem and lettering indicating name of camp and council, No. 618649.

**National Youth Leader Training flag.** First line: National Youth Leader Training. Second line: (special name of course, if desired). Third line: (council name) No. 618635.

**Lettering unit flags.** The standard format that must be followed does not permit variations in the location of the lettering on the flag.

### Top half of flag:

- Type of unit (pack, troop, crew, or ship)
- Unit number (such as No. 10 or just the numeral 10)
- Chartered organization (if desired)

### Lower half of flag:

- Location (town, community, school district, etc.)
- State (usually abbreviated)
- Council (if desired)

**Pack flag.** Gold and blue, No. 618636 (18 inches x 24 inches), No. 618637 (3 feet x 5 feet), or No. 618638 (52 inches x 66 inches).

**Den flag.** Gold on dark blue background, No. 622439. Den numbers are sold in pairs and may be attached on both sides of flag in upper corner farthest from staff; Nos. 11200 to 11209 (last two digits indicate the den number).

**Tiger den flag.** Orange flag with Tiger emblem, No. 620731.

**Webelos den flag.** Light blue and gold on dark blue background, No. 622440. Den numbers are sold in pairs and may be attached on both sides of flag in upper corner farthest from staff; Nos. 11200 to 11209 (last two digits indicate the den number).

**Troop flag.** Red and white, No. 618633 (18 inches x 24 inches), No. 618634 (3 feet x 5 feet), or No. 618635 (52 inches x 66 inches).

**Venturing crew flag.** White and gold, Nos. 618640 and 618641.

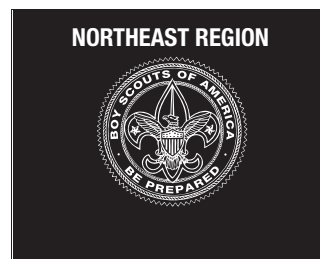
**Sea Scout ship flag.** Red and blue, No. 618650.

**Wood Badge course flags.** Pack 1 flag, No. 618638; Troop 1 flag, No. 618635; and Crew flag, No. 618641.

**Units in other countries.** Unit flags may be lettered with the name of the country appearing after the name of the community.



Boy Scouts of America flag



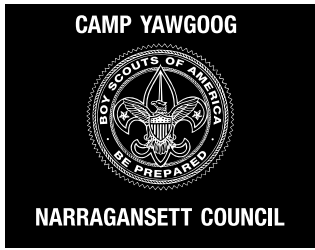
Regional flag



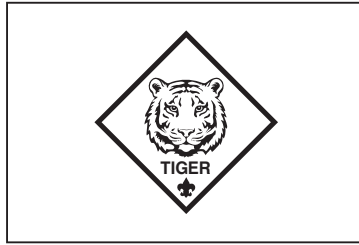
Local council flag



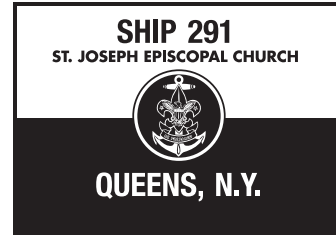
District flag



Council camp flag



Tiger den flag



Ship flag



National Youth Leader Training flag



Webelos den flag



Wood badge course flag



Pack flag



Troop flag



Units in other countries



Den flag



Crew flag