

# 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 Boy Scouts of America. This includes those wearing the blue blazer 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 bottom star 6 inches from the staff edge and 6 inches from the bottom edge; subsequent stars to be placed proportionately on that line, up to the place assigned to the veteran insignia.

**Veteran insignia.** Veteran insignia, is affixed to unit and local council flags midway between

the top and bottom of the flag and midway between the pole and the flag emblem. Available in five-year year increments up to 100 years through the Supply Group. Must be requested when 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. 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, team, 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, Nos. 618637 and 618638.

**Den flag.** Gold on dark blue background, No. 11017. 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. 11114. 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, Nos. 618634 and 618635.

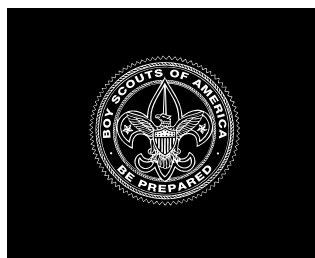
**Varsity Scout team flag.** Orange and brown with Scout emblem, Nos. 618642 and 618643.

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

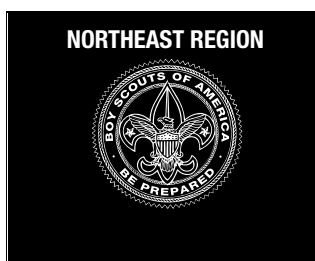
**Sea Scout ship flag.** Red and blue, No. 618650.

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

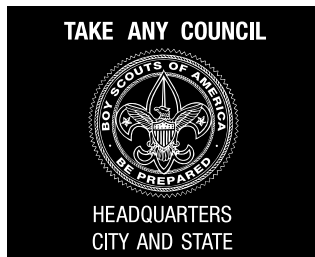
**Units in other countries.** Unit flags may be lettered with the name of the country appearing after the name of the community.



Boy Scouts of America flag



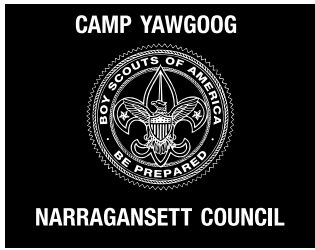
Regional flag



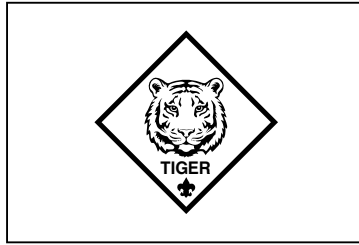
Local council flag



District flag



Council camp flag



Tiger den flag



Crew flag



National Youth Leader Training flag



Webelos den flag



Ship flag



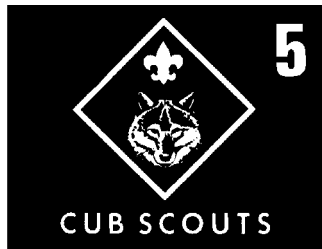
Pack flag



Troop flag



Wood badge course flag



Den flag



Varsity Scout team flag



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