

## Flag and Candle Ceremony

**Need the following:**    **Two Pillars of Silence**    **One Flag Bearer**    **Two Color Guards**  
**Announcer**    **Poem readers**    **Three Promise Candle lighters**    **Ten Law Speakers**

Pillars of Silence stand with hands joined high, forming an arch. Troop passes through them, maintaining complete silence upon entering the room, forming a horseshoe around table, facing audience. Announcer and audience are already in the room. Flag Bearer and Color Guard remain outside.

**Announcer:** Please stand    *Audience stands.*

**Announcer:** Color Guard Advance.    *Flag Bearer and Color Guard enters and stands in front of table, facing away from audience.*

**Announcer:** Color Guard, post your colors.    *Flag Bearer places flag in stand.*

**Announcer:** Color Guard Salute    *Color guard salutes flag with hand on heart.*

**Announcer:** Color Guard dismissed.    *Color Guard joins rest of troop.*

**Announcer:** Please join me in the pledge of allegiance. I pledge allegiance to the flag...

**Poem Reader:** I will now read a poem entitled: Keepers of the Flag

I am what you make me.

I stand before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol of your freedom.

My stars and my stripes are your dreams and your labors.

They are bright with cheer, brilliant with courage, firm with faith, because you have made them so out of your hearts.

For you are the keepers of the flag, and it is well that you hold her in all her glory.

**Announcer:** Please be seated.    *Audience sits, girls remain standing in horseshoe.*

**Announcer:** We will now light the candles, which represent the three parts of the Girl Scout Promise. First, let us recite it together. "On my honor, I will try to serve God and my country, to help people at all times and to live by the Girl Scout Law."

**Promise 1:** The first candle stands as a symbol that a Girl Scout's greatest desire is to serve God and Country.

*Lights the first candle.*

**Promise 2:** The second candle stands as a symbol that a Girl Scout helps people at all times in any way she is able.

*Lights the second candle.*

**Promise 3:** The third candle stands as a symbol that Girl Scouts are true to their ideals as stated in our Girl Scout Laws.

*Lights the last candle.*

**Announcer:** We will now recite our Girl Scout laws as we light the candles.

**Law 1:** I will do my best to be honest and fair.

This means we can be counted on to live up to our promises, always speaking and playing fairly.

**Law 2:** I will do my best to be friendly and helpful.

We will be helpful to our friends, our troop, our leaders, our parents, our teachers, and our community, state and country.

**Law 3:** I will do my best to be considerate and caring.

This means we will consider the feelings of others even when we are tired or cross.

**Law 4:** I will do my best to be courageous and strong.

A girl scout will always try to do the right thing, even when it means speaking out or defending others in difficult situations.

**Law 5:** I will do my best to be responsible for what I say and do.

This means that a Girl Scout is careful in her language and actions, accepts responsibility whether she is right or wrong, and strives to correct her mistakes.

**Law 6:** I will respect myself and others.

This means that a girl scout takes care of her mind, body, and spirit by choosing a healthy lifestyle, and encourages others to do so.

**Law 7:** I will do my best to respect authority.

When we respect authority, we will be cooperative and cheerful in following directions.

**Law 8:** I will do my best to use resources wisely.

This means we will not waste time, skills, ability, natural resources or the work of others.

**Law 9:** I will do my best to make the world a better place.

Girl Scouts everywhere strive to give service to the community, helping to build better relationships so that the world can be a peaceful and productive place to live.

**Law 10:** I will do my best to be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Being a sister means that we are friends with Girl Scouts in our troop, our neighborhood and all over the world. And in a larger sense, we pledge to be sisters to all women everywhere.

**Announcer:**

**Please stand.** *Audience stands.*

**Color Guard, Attention.** *Color Guard reassembles.*

**Color Guard, Advance.** *Color Guard approaches in front of flag.*

**Color Guard, Retire the colors.** *Color Guard removes the flag from stand.*

**Color Guard dismissed.** *Color Guard takes the flag out.*