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Online Resources:

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Plan:

- How will your Troop select the Duty Patrol and Duty Scout? Will you have a schedule?
- What does the Duty Scout need to know? Who can teach the Duty Scout the role?
- What do the other Scouts need to know? Who can teach them their role?
- Will you rehearse your ceremonies? When and where?

Do:

- Take turns in the role of Duty Scout, leading the Troop in its Opening and Closing Ceremonies.

Review:

- What do you know now that you did not know before?
- How did it feel to be the Duty Scout?
- How did the Troop support the Duty Scout and the Duty Patrol?
- How did the Duty Patrol work as a team?
- What would you do differently next time?

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Leadership



The Adventure:

While all Scouts take part in the Troop's Opening and Closing Ceremonies, some Scouts have bigger roles to play than others. Members of a designated Patrol (called the Duty Patrol) are responsible for raising and breaking the flag, and for lowering the flag.

Often, the Troop Leader calls the commands that take the Scouts through the Opening and Closing Ceremonies—but this doesn't have to always be the case. Any Scout who knows the Troop's Opening and Closing Ceremonies can keep the Patrol (and the Troop!) on track.

If your Patrol is the Duty Patrol, you can choose a Scout to be the Duty Scout. The Patrol Leaders and the Troop Leader can mentor every Duty Scout in how to open and close a meeting. You'll find that the very best way to really know your Troop's Opening and Closing Ceremonies is to lead them!



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