

# FLAG CANDLE CEREMONY

( Lights are out when the flag enters. There must be a light on the flag held by another boy. The flag bearer must hold the flag straight until the candle lighting is over. Then post colors at the end. All boys are holding candle flickers.)

**Cub Scout 1:** Practically from the beginning of time, man has used symbols to express hope, ideals, and love of his own nation. Our Flag represents the ideals of science, commerce and agriculture. It symbolizes the sacrifices made by men and women for the future of America. It stands for your home and everything and everyone you hold dear. I light the red candle, which represents the red in our flag and stands for hardiness and valor. It reminds us of the lifeblood of brave men and women shed in our defense.

**Cub Scout 2:** I light the white candle, which is the symbol of purity and innocence, and which represents the white of our Flag.

**Cub Scout 3:** I light the blue candle, which symbolizes perseverance and justice. The blue in our Flag directs our view toward the heavens. It reminds us of a greater power than our own.

**Cub Scout 4:** The stars in our Flag represent the individual states. They indicate, that the heights of achievement for our nation, is as limitless as the heavens above us.

**Cub Scout 5:** Will the audience please stand and join me as we pledge our allegiance to the Flag. Salute. (Say pledge) (Count One silently) then say “Two”. Post the colors. The audience may be seated.

Closing

Lights are out. Light on the flag. All candles on.

**Cub Scout 1:** As I put out the white candle, which represents purity, may we be mindful that a Cub Scout is clean. He is clean in body and thought. He stands for clean speech, clean sports, and clean habits. He travels with a clean crowd.

**Cub Scout 2:** As I put out this blue candle, which represents loyalty, may we as Cub Scouts be ever mindful to be loyal to whom loyalty is due. We are loyal to our den leaders, our home, our parents, our country, and our God.

**Cub Scout 3:** As I put out this red candle, which represents courage and sacrifice, may we be mindful of the sacrifices that have been made for us by many others that we may continue to enjoy freedom, liberty and justice in the great nation of the United States of America.

**Cub Scout 4:** Will the audience please stand. Attention. Retrieve colors. (Then boys march out.)