
Cub Scout Roundtable

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Monthly Ceremony Feature



The Gadsden Flag Historic Flag Presentation Ceremony

Historic flag presentations are an easy tool that Leaders can use to develop a sense of history and interest in the history of our Country amongst the Cub Scouts of their Den and Pack. Information regarding historic flags is available through many internet sources, and making replica flags can be a simple Den level Citizenship project.

Cub Scout 1:

(Part I of Presentation)

In the earliest days of our country, there was no "official" flag that was used by all of the original 13 Colonies. Many colonists chose to fly the a flag consisting of a yellow field and a coiled rattlesnake containing the motto "Don't Tread On Me". The rattlesnake, very common in the North American Colonies, and was feared by the British Soldiers. The correct name of this flag is The Gadsden Flag.

Cub Scout 2:

(Part II of Presentation)

The Gadsden flag is often believed to have been created by Benjamin Franklin, but that is not totally true. While Franklin created many images similar to this flag, many other people helped to create this flag. The Gadsden flag and other rattlesnake flags were widely used during the American Revolution. Colonel Christopher Gadsden of South Carolina was the first to present this flag to the Continental Congress and use this flag as a *standard*.

Cub Scout 3:

(Part III of Presentation)

Considered one of the first flags of the United States, There was even a Naval the Gadsden flag was later replaced by the current Stars and Stripes (or Old Glory). Since the days of the War for Independence, the Gadsden flag has been viewed as a symbol of American patriotism.

All Cub Scouts:

(If used as part of an opening ceremony of a meeting, the following can be read together by all Cub Scouts presenting the ceremony:)

Please join with us to show our commitment to Patriotism by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.