



Meeting Opening Ceremony

“Our Flag Remembers Christmas”

This ceremony is ideally suited for a December or holiday Pack meeting. Due to the length of the reading parts, it should be conducted by the adult Leaders of the Pack, but can also be conducted by an Arrow of Light Patrol.

The set-up requires an American Flag be set up in a central location and illuminated by a single spotlight, or large flashlight. It will also require a lighting source for the readers, as this ceremony is intended to be conducted with the main meeting area lights dimmed.

Cub Scout Leader 1: Many people associate our flag with holidays like the Independence Day or Memorial Day. But let’s hear some thoughts from our Flag about Christmas.

Cub Scout Leader 2: My very first Christmas, I remember very well. I was in a boat with General George Washington, crossing the Delaware.

Cub Scout Leader 3: By Christmas of 1814, Francis Scott Key had written a famous song about me. That song became our national anthem.

Cub Scout Leader 4: Christmas of 1862 all men were free from slavery. I was particularly proud that Christmas.

Cub Scout Leader 5: Christmas of 1917 I was in France, on a cold and freezing battlefield, but I stayed on to give my men hope

Cub Scout Leader 6: In 1941, General Douglas MacArthur spent Christmas with me in Manila, leading our men during World War II

Cub Scout Leader 7: I’ve been to Korea, Vietnam, and the Middle East. I’ve even been to the moon. I’ve been almost everywhere in the world on one Christmas or another, since that Christmas long-ago time we crossed the Delaware.



Cub Scout Leader 8: I'll still be around this Christmas. I might not get as much attention as your tree or decorations, but I'll still be there, giving hope and courage to the men and women willing to stand with for me and serve our country.

Cub Scout Leader 1: Please join us in saluting our flag of our country which makes possible our way of life.