

# Flag Ceremony

If you decide to include a flag ceremony in your club's opening ceremonies, follow these steps:

1. Gather clubbers at the Awana® Game Square.
2. Call club to "Attention"
3. Kids line up at attention on their team lines.
4. Call, "Present colors."
5. Flag bearers carry the national flag and the Awana flag to the center of the room (using the Awana flag is optional).
6. Flag bearers face each other, holding the Awana flag lower than the national flag.
7. Call, "Right-hand salute."
8. Leaders and children place their right hands over their hearts.
9. Lead the pledges to the national flag and then the Awana flag. You may use the Awana cheer in place of the Awana pledge.\*
10. Call, "Order arms."
11. Everyone place their hands at their sides.
12. Call, "Post colors."
13. Flag bearers return flags to their stands.

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## Pledge to the American Flag

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

## Pledge to the Awana Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Awana flag, which stands for the Awana clubs, whose goal is to reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ and train them to serve Him.

## The Awana Cheer

Some churches choose to say the Awana Cheer instead of pledging the Awana flag.

**Leader:** What does Awana stand for?

**Response:** Approved workmen are not ashamed.

**Leader:** What is the first goal of Awana?

**Response:** To reach boys and girls with the gospel of Christ.

**Leader:** What is the second goal of Awana?

**Response:** To train them to serve Him!

## Pledge to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian flag and to the Savior for whose king-dom it stands, one Savior, crucified, risen and coming again with life and liberty to all who believe.

## Pledge to the Bible

I pledge allegiance to the Bible, God's Holy Word. I will make (or keep) it a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. I will hide its words in my heart that I might not sin against God.

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\*Some parents may not want their children to participate in a pledge to a flag other than the American flag. Awana recommends substituting the Awana cheer in place of the pledge to Awana flag.