

## **BTP Camporee Flag Raising & Lowering Guidelines**

Each Union and International Division has been assigned a flag raising or lowering day and time, beginning Tuesday evening, August 6, through Saturday evening, August 10. All color guard teams are to arrive at the flagpoles no later than 6:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. for preparation and instructions. Event times are 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

We have 7 official flags, 12 feet by 18 feet, with a color guard team assigned to each flag.

A color guard team will be made up of at least 12 members, with one designated as the team leader. All color guard team members will be in full Class A Pathfinder Uniform.

The Camporee flagpoles are at the northeast edge of the Columbia Union camping area, beside the golf cart path.

White gloves will be loaned to all teams for flag handling. The color guard team will go to the assigned flagpole and a volunteer coordinator will give them instructions. Precisely at 7:00 a.m. and p.m., a cannon will be fired.

For Flag Raising, the U.S. National Anthem will be played, and the command will be given to "Present arms." The flag will be in the center pole of the array of poles. At the command of "Hoist colors," the U.S. flag will begin raising. Five seconds after the U.S. flag start, the other six Flags will be raised. At the flag peak, all flag ropes will be secured on the pole cleat. The command is then given to "Order arms," and the color guard teams will return to their initial positions by their flagpole. The command will then be "Color guard, dismissed." The color guard teams will then execute an "About face" and walk away.

For Flag Lowering, following the cannon firing, the command will be to "Present arms," then "Lower colors." "Taps" will then be played, and all flags will be lowered, with the U.S. flag beginning to be lowered five seconds after the others. Upon the U.S. flag reaching its lowest point and secured by the color guard, the command is given, "Order arms." The color guard teams will secure the flags from the clips of the flag ropes and secure the ropes on the pole cleat. The flags will then be folded according to proper flag etiquette, and, following instructions, returned to the Flag Coordinator by the color guard team leader. Upon return of the team leader to color guard ranks, the command will be given, "Dismissed." The color guard teams will execute an "About face," then walk away.

All color guard white gloves will be returned, and the color guard teams dismissed to their Conference/Union/Division leaders.

Flag Raising and Lowering Coordinator, Pastor Gene Clapp

Email [Pastor Gene Clapp](#) with any questions.