

# CEREMONIES FOR THE JOEY SCOUT SECTION IN NSW

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**NOTE: Joey Scouts *do not* take part in the flag ceremonies except by standing on the Parade circle and making responses where prompted.  
Joey Scouts do not touch the flags during Ceremonies.**

## Opening Ceremony:

- Leader running Opening Ceremony calls "Joey Scouts on parade"
- Joey Scouts form a circle with Leaders interspersed between the Joey Scouts.
- Leader calls "Joey Scouts alert" and Joey Scouts stand at the alert with hands by their sides and feet together.
- Leader asks Assistant to get the flag. Assistant gets the Australian flag and brings it to the Joey Leader in the circle.
- Leader takes the flag pole from the Assistant. The Assistant takes hold of the end of the flag and walks backwards, taking the flag with her/him, to prevent the flag from touching the floor.  
Note: If it is a long flag when unfurled, the Assistant Leader tucks the loose end around the pole.
- Assistant takes the flag and stands in the middle of the circle with flag pole touching the ground. Leader says "Joey Scouts salute the flag". Everyone except Assistant holding the flag, salutes.
- Assistant then takes the flag to the holder, places it in the stand, takes one step back, salutes the flag then returns to the circle.
- Leader calls "Joey Scouts at ease" and everyone stands with their hands behind their backs and feet apart.
- Leader then asks the Joey Scouts to either: do the Help Other People Hop, or say the Joey Scout Promise or the Joey Scout Law. It is best to rotate these so that two are done at every meeting with the third one done at the next meeting.
- Leader calls "Break off" and everyone turns to the right, comes to the alert, then moves off the circle ready to take part in the first activity.

## Closing Ceremony:

- Leader running Closing Ceremony calls "Joey Scouts on parade"
- Joey Scouts form a circle with Leaders interspersed between the Joey Scouts.
- Leader calls "Joey Scouts alert" and Joey Scouts stand at the alert with hands by their sides and feet together.
- Leader asks Assistant to get the flag. Assistant goes to the flag pole, salutes the flag and takes it to the centre of the circle.
- Leader says "Joey Scouts salute the flag".
- Assistant gives the flag pole to the Leader and the Assistant takes the end of the flag.
- The Leader rolls it up and hands it back to the Assistant who then replaces it in the stand and returns to the circle.
- Leader says "Joey Scouts at ease".
- Leader then
  1. leads either Help Other People Hop, Promise or Law (different to opening);
  2. says a closing prayer (or a Joey Scout reads from the prayer book);
  3. makes any announcements for outings or special events for next week ; thanks helpers; leads birthday Hop (use the Joey Scout Hop for these purposes)
  4. finally hands out notices and appoints Joey Scouts to have the prayer book and/or Mascot for the week (if the Mob uses these).
- Leader then reminds Joey Scouts to not leave the hall until their parent arrives.
- Leader calls "Dismiss" and everyone turns to the right, comes to the alert, salutes and moves off the circle.

### **Joey Scout Investiture**

Investitures may be performed at either the opening or closing ceremony depending on when parents can be present.

At Opening Parade, investiture is done *after* opening the flag .

At Closing Parade, investiture is done *before* closing the flag.

Prior to the day, give a Law and Promise Card to the new chum.

Uniform: The Joey Scout's family provides the woggle and the blue uniform shirt, which is worn for the first time at the Investiture Ceremony.

Australian and Joey Section flags are open but remain in their holders. Joey Scouts do not make their Promise on any flag.

- Leader asks the new Joey Scout to stand in front of him/her with both parents, if present, standing behind their child.
- Leader asks the new Joey Scout if he/she is ready to make their Promise. The answer will be "yes".
- The Leader asks the Mob to make the Scout sign (not the salute - sign is to the shoulder only).
- Leader asks the Joey Scout and parents to repeat the Promise after him/her, line by line.
- Leader/s then gives the Joey Scout:
  1. badges in this order: World, Australian, Region, Group Tape
  2. the Group scarf (and Group badge for scarf if the Group has one) which can be presented by the Group leader, if present. The Joey Scout provides their own woggle.
  3. Investiture Certificate (if used)
- Mob gives new Joey Scout a welcoming Joey Scout HOP. The new Joey Scout replies with the same.

### **Advancement Ceremony**

This can be done at a Joey Scout meeting, a Cub Pack meeting or some other suitable event e.g. Group picnic/camp. Prior arrangements must be made with Group Leader and Cub Scout Leader at Group Council.

The Joey Scout should have completed the Link Badge before going up to Cubs.

The Joey Scout wears their Cub uniform for the first time at this ceremony.

- If both Mob and Pack are present they should form two circles with Group Leader at joining point.
- Leader asks linking Joey Scout to stand in front of him/her. Leader calls everyone to the alert and to make the Scout Sign. The leader invites the linking Joey Scout to say the Joey Scout Promise for the last time.
- The linking Joey Scout then goes around the circle and says good-bye to each Joey Scout by shaking hands. The Mob gives him/her a final Joey Scout Hop and he/she replies with a 1-2-3 Wolf. The linking Joey Scout returns to the Leader who then takes him/her to the Group Leader and introduces them to each other.
- Circle opens and Group Leader takes the linking Joey Scout to the Cub Leader, who welcomes him/her to the Pack. Joey Scout circle closes and the Joey Scout has now formally left the Mob.

If the Joey Scout has received his/her Link badge he/she may then be invested into Cubs. If not, it must wait until he/she has completed pre-investiture requirements.

### **The Joey Scout HOPs**

<b>How to describe it</b>	<b>When used</b>	<b>How it's done</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
"Help Other People HOP"	Opening or closing ceremonies only	Paws up. Three jumps: First on the spot "Help"; second jump just in front of you "Other"; last jump is back where you started "People"	Ceremonial HOP to remind Joey Scouts of what they should try to do.
"Joey Scout HOP"	Any time in the program	Paws up, three hops on the spot while you say "Hop hop hop"	Congratulations Thank you Happy Birthday Good try Well done

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