



## ***Learning Topic: Flag Ceremonial***

In this Learning Topic, you could

- raise the standard, hoist the colours and join a colour party
- learn about vexillology
- share your knowledge with your Guides and other Leaders

### ***Suggested Activities***

#### ***Learn about flags***

Learn about flags, colours, standards and their terminology:

- What are the components of flags and standards?
- Find examples of the difference between 'flags' and 'colours'
- Learn how to care for and store flags and standards. What are the procedures for disposing of flags and standards?

#### ***Symbols and legends***

Research stories and legends associated with flags and standards.

What is the composition and meaning of :

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| • Australian national flag                             | • World Flag   |
| • the State flags                                      | • the Chief Commissioner's and/or State Commissioner's Standards |
| • Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island flags | • Unit Colours   |

#### ***Flag ceremonies***

Visit the *It's an Honour* website <http://www.itsanhonour.gov.au/symbols/flag.cfm> to find out about flag protocol. Research the protocol for using flags and standards in different circumstances:

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| • at a Guide ceremony   | • at a funeral of a Guiding member                             |
| • at a committee meeting other than when the flag is on a pike or on a pulley | • on ANZAC Day   |
| • at the unveiling of a plaque  | • in a church  |
|   | • when several different national and Guide Flags are involved |

Train a colour party to

- understand their duties including the role of the bearer and escorts
- carry a flag on a pike
- raise and lower a flag on a fixed flag pole
- parade flags or standards at a Unit ceremony, a camp, a District, Region or State event, an ANZAC Day ceremony, a church or a community function

#### ***Add activities***

- Design and make a Unit or Patrol flag
- Make a flagpole for camp or a miniature for the patrol
- Look at flags of the world. How many have the Union Jack or the Southern Cross? What colours and symbols are used and why?



### Resources to help you

#### Websites

- It's An Honour  
<http://www.itsanhonour.gov.au/symbols/otherflag.cfm>
- Australian National Flag Association  
<http://www.australianflag.org.au/>

Ask your local Member of Parliament for information about the Australian or State flags.

Attend a training workshop

#### Books

- GGA Leader's Handbook pages 65, 74, 82-83
- GGA Guide Handbooks 2 and 5
- GGA Guide Handbook 3 page 71-73
- GGA Guide Handbook 4 page 46; 63 - the Chief Commissioners Standard
- GGA Guide Lines
- Bruce, Jill B (1991). Flags and Emblems of Australia. NSW, Kangaroo Press

### Record your Learning

What have you learned and how did you apply it in your Guiding role?

Record this in your Learning Log.

