

Enrolling new SAGALA members

There are a number of ways you could make the enrolment ceremony meaningful for your Recruits.

Prior Preparation

- Determine who is going to do the enrolment. You could invite a special guest – for example, the corps officer or Chaplain or the Divisional Youth Secretary. (Where a whole new group is being enrolled the ceremony should be conducted by Divisional or Territorial staff with the CO and YPSM present.)
- A leader who is not enrolled themselves should not conduct the enrolment.
- Invite the Recruits' families and friends to attend the enrolment.
- Explain to the Recruits what will happen at the enrolment ceremony and rehearse any special responses if needed.
- Set up a table with the enrolment badges, any extra uniform pieces to be presented, certificates and pens, and Bibles (or devotional book).

Procedure

A variety of enrolment ceremonies are included for you to adapt but make sure that you include the following essential elements in any enrolment.

- The National and sectional flags are displayed.
- The group forms a horseshoe or other suitable formation facing the leader.
- The Recruits, in uniform (without badges and sash) stand with their Patrol/Team Leader.
- The parade leader calls the Recruits' full names. Their Patrol/Team Leaders move forward with their Recruits, stopping one pace from the Leader.
- The leader and/or the whole group repeats the law with the Recruits.
- The Recruits repeat the pledge. The leader asks the Recruits: 'Can you be trusted to keep your pledge?' The Recruits reply together: 'I can be trusted.'
- Invite the Recruits to sign their enrolment certificates and then present their sash, badges and Bibles or devotional books.
- The leader then salutes the newly enrolled members who salute in return.
- The new members salute the National flag and are welcomed by the rest of the group. (Generally with a welcome clap.)





Enrolment Checklist

- ☐ Requirements for enrolment have been completed.
- ☐ Uniform purchased.
- ☐ Corps Name Tapes (purchased in bulk through Salvationist Supplies).
- ☐ Complete coupons for enrolment badges.
- ☐ Complete coupon for Link badge (if applicable).
- ☐ You will receive from DHQ:
 - ☐ Enrolment certificate
 - ☐ SAGALA membership badge
 - ☐ Sectional enrolment badge
 - ☐ Divisional badge
- ☐ You may also purchase scarf and woggle through DHQ.
- ☐ Purchase a Bible (available from DYS) or age appropriate devotional book if a Bible is already owned.
- ☐ Explain to parents where the badges are placed on the uniforms. A diagram such as page 48 from the *Guidelines* may be used.

The Salvation Army
Australia Eastern Territory

Enrolment Certificate

This is to certify that

was enrolled as a member of the

GUARDS

at

and promises to keep the SAGALA Pledge.

By God's help I promise to:

- * Love and serve God and my country
- * Be a friend to all
- * Respect my leaders and
- * Keep our law.

Guard: _____

Leader: _____

Date enrolled: _____

The Salvation Army
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Enrolment Certificate

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Corps Name Tape

Divisional
Badge

Link badge if applicable

Candle enrolment ceremony

(This ceremony is probably best reserved for the older groups because of the safety factor with lit candles and because there are several other options for younger groups.)

For this ceremony you will need a large candle in a candlestick holder, matches and one small candle for each member being enrolled.

After following the procedure for the enrolment of the Guard or Ranger on page 1, the leader conducting the enrolment ceremony explains to the group the need to keep the pledge and law in their everyday living, not just at parades. Hold up one of the new members' section badges and remind them of the symbol of light in the badge (stars for Legion and the lamp on the Guard badge). Remind members that every person trying to live by the pledge and law will make a difference in the place where they live. Just as one small candle can make a bright light in a dark place, so can those who live a life that pleases God.

The lights in the hall should then be turned off and the Section leader holds the large lit candle. Each of the newly enrolled members steps forward and lights his/her own candle from the leader's candle.

As the members stand holding their candles, the leader, corps officer or chaplain prays for the new members.

The lights are then turned back on and the ceremony completed.

You may like to vary the enrolment in other ways.

For example, give every member a candle and talk about how one candle by itself has little effect on the room but when there are many candles they light up the room a lot more. Refer to the new member and remind the whole group that they need to support each other, including the new member, so everyone realises that as they keep the law they make a difference.





A circle of friendship ceremony

Everyone should be standing in a half circle, facing the parents. The leader will have his/her back to the parents – It's the children they want to see! (If you only have two patrols/teams, use the assistant patrol/team leaders, or other members to ask the questions.) Allow the Recruits to respond naturally, without scripting them.

Leader: Tonight we have some new recruits who wish to become SAGALA members. Would _____, _____, please step forward.

This is a very important occasion for you each, because you are going to make a very important promise in front of your parents and the whole group. We know that when we make a promise, we have to do everything we can to keep it.

Are you ready to make your promise tonight?

Recruits: 'Yes'.

Leader: I know that you have all worked hard to pass your enrolment tests. To make sure that you have learned it well, I want you to walk around our circle of friendship with me. Along the way, you will be asked some questions about your enrolment work.

1st Patrol/Team

Leader: Hello, I'm _____ and I'm the Patrol/Team leader of _____ Patrol/Team.

My question is, 'What is our motto?'

Recruits: '(Motto for specific section.)'

1st Patrol/Team

Leader: Yes, that's right. Can you be trusted to keep your motto?

Recruits: 'Yes'.

1st Patrol/Team

Leader: Then you can continue on your journey.

(All the members salute the Recruits as they pass.)

2nd Patrol/Team

Leader: Hello, I am _____ and I am Patrol/Team Leader of _____ Patrol/Team.

My question for you is, Do you know your Law? Join with all the other members in saying it. (All say law.)

Can you each tell me something you are promising that you will do?

Recruits: (Taking turns) (Examples may include – care for God's world, be clean in thought, word and action, be considerate.)

2nd Patrol/Team

Leader: Thankyou for those examples. You may continue on your journey.

3rd Patrol/Team

Leader: Hello my name is _____ and I am Patrol/Team Leader of _____ Patrol/Team.

My question for you is 'Do you know what a 'Good Turn' is?'

Recruits: 'Yes'.

3rd Patrol/Team

Leader: Can you tell me what the 'Good Turn' was you did today?

Recruit: (example).

3rd Patrol/Team

Leader: Thankyou, that was a good example of a good turn.
You may now continue your journey.

4th Patrol/Team

Leader: Hello, my name is _____ and I am Patrol/Team Leader of _____ Patrol/Team.

My question for you is, Would you now repeat your Pledge?

Recruits: (All members standing at attention and saluting)

By God's help I promise to:

- Love and serve God and my country
- Be a friend to all
- Respect my leaders and
- Keep our law.

Leader: You have now been right around our circle of friendship. All of these members and leaders want to help you to be the best Guard/Ranger that you can be. I now present you with your badges as a sign that you are a member of the (corps) SAGALA group. (Shake hands with each member after you present his/her badges.) I am now going to ask you to sign your Enrolment Certificates. I hope that you will place it somewhere special to help you remember what you have promised.

Chaplain: The best way to keep your promise is to ask God to help you. He is pleased to see you making these promises and you can be sure that He will help you if you ask Him. Let's ask Him right now. *All bow for prayer.*

We thank you God that You love each of these children. Please help them each to remember the promises they have made. When they find it hard to please you, give them the courage they will need. We thank you because You are our great Leader and that when Jesus lived on earth He showed us that we can be loving and kind and spread some happiness wherever we go. Amen.

The new Recruits then salute the Australian flag and are given a welcome clap before being escorted back to their patrols/teams by the Patrol/Team Leaders.



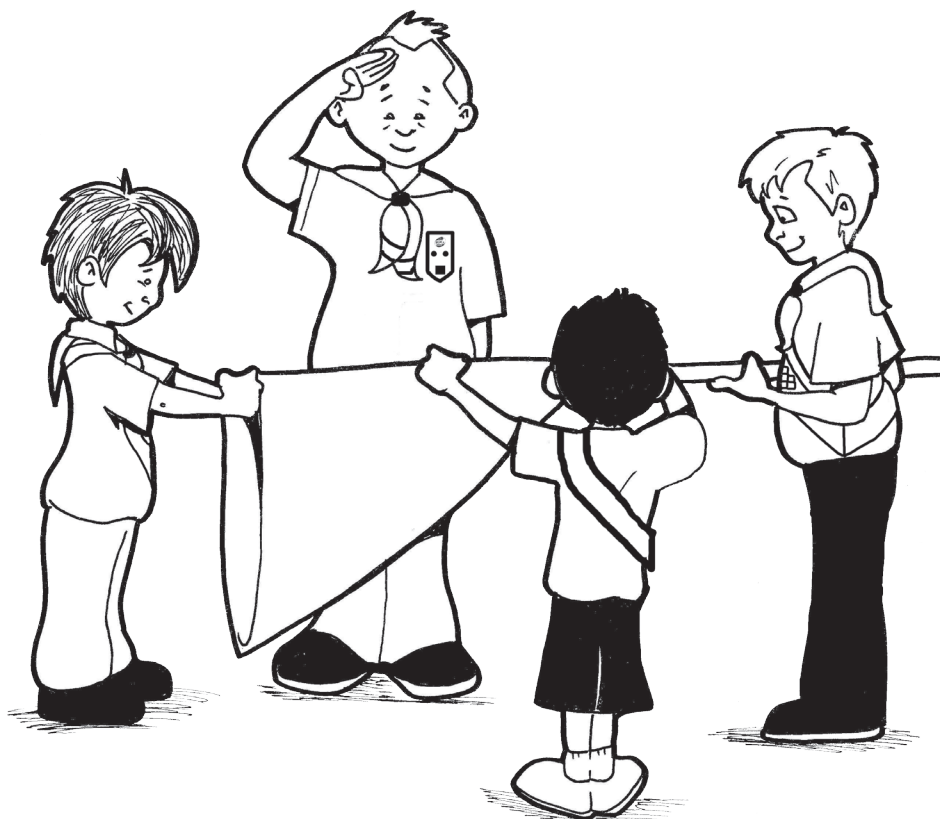


Flag enrolment ceremony

Two members hold the sectional flag pole horizontally between them, with the flag hanging. The flag's corner is draped over the pole so that the section logo can be seen by members. The enrolling leader stands behind the flag.

The Recruit is brought to the flag by his/her leader or Patrol/Team leader. The enrolling leader asks if the Recruit is ready and willing to be enrolled. The Recruit replies: 'Yes, I am.' The leader instructs the Recruit to place his/her left hand on the flag pole. The enrolling leader and Recruit salute while the Recruit repeats the SAGALA Pledge. The enrolling leader may ask the Recruit, or all members, to repeat the law.

The enrolling leader presents the new member with the enrolment certificate, badges and uniform pieces (i.e. sash, scarf and woggle). The new member then turns to face the group, who join in welcoming the new member.



The link/stepping up ceremonies



Link/stepping up ceremony

This ceremony can be used when an Adventurer/Sunbeam is being transferred to Guards/Rangers.

Whether a formal ceremony is being held or not, it is recommended that one month before the actual transfer that the Guard/Ranger Leader and the assigned Patrol/Team Leader attend Adventurers/Sunbeams to meet the members who will be transferring to their section.

The Adventurers/Sunbeams may also be invited to visit the Guard/Ranger section prior to their transfer.

If a formal ceremony is to be held make it known to all members that this is 'special' and that all leaders and members should be present.

Circle ceremony

This simple ceremony is suggested for the final Adventurer/Sunbeam parade of the members who are transferring.

In their patrols the Adventurers/Sunbeams form a circle/horseshoe and stand at ease.

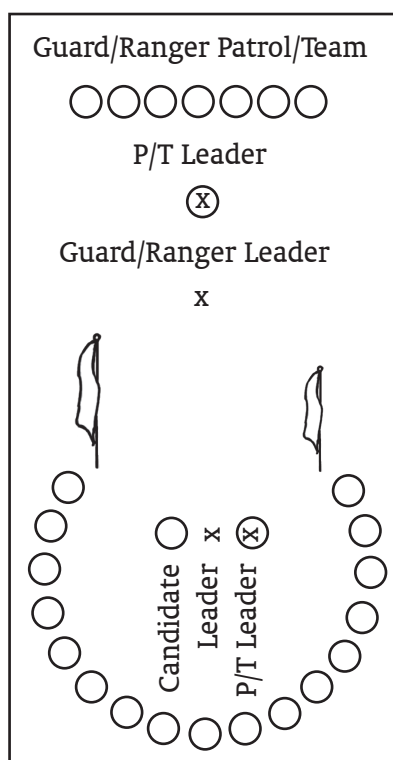
The Guard/Ranger Leader and the Guards/Rangers stand facing the open end of the circle. Stand the flags at the open end of the circle. (See diagram.) The leader calls the member being transferred to step into the circle with their Patrol/Team Leader. Together they walk around the circle to shake hands and say farewell to the other Adventurers/Sunbeams.

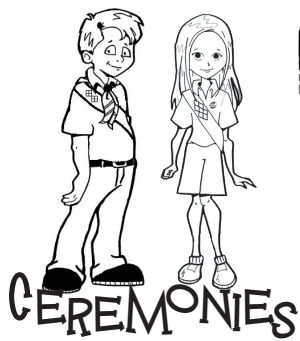
The leader returns the transferring member to the centre of the circle and brings the group to attention.

The transferring member salutes the National flag.

The leader then escorts the transferring member to face the Guard/Ranger Leader where they are formally introduced. The member steps forward and salutes the Guard/Ranger Leader. The Guard/Ranger Leader will introduce the Guard/Ranger Recruit to his/her new Patrol/Team Leader and assure them that the Guards/Rangers are looking forward to them joining the group.

The Link badge is presented at the enrolment ceremony of the Guard/Ranger Recruit when they are wearing their new Guard/Ranger uniform. It is worn on the sash.





Ribbon ceremony

Adventurer/Sunbeam section forms into a semi-circle with the flags at the centre behind the Adventurer/Sunbeam Leader.

The Guard/Ranger Leader and the Patrol/Team Leaders who are receiving the Recruits stand in front of the Guard/Legion flag facing the other section, allowing space for the 'ribbon ceremony' group.

Five members from Adventurers/Sunbeams and five members from Guards/Rangers stand alongside each other between the other two groups. A paper ribbon is stretched between each pair forming a barrier.

Each of the 'ribbons' represent part of the Guard/Ranger Law, and should be held in the following order:

Ribbon 1	Maroon	Awareness
Ribbon 2	Blue/Yellow	Citizenship
Ribbon 3	Maroon	Well-being
Ribbon 4	Blue/Yellow	Integrity
Ribbon 5	Maroon	Godliness

The Adventurer/Sunbeam Leader invites members who are being 'linked' to say farewell to the other sectional members. Standing beside the Adventurer/Sunbeam Leader, they move to the first of the 'ribbons' where the Adventurer/Sunbeam Leader explains the importance of moving from the younger to the older group.

The next stage is undertaken by the Ceremony Leader (normally a visiting SAGALA Leader or it the Guard/Ranger Leader).

Leader: Today (name) are taking a big step. In front of you are five 'ribbons', each one representing a valuable characteristic of a Guard/Ranger. When I have explained each one, you will cut the 'ribbon' and proceed to the next one. (Or you may like to have the members who are holding the ribbon explain.)

Ribbon 1: Awareness

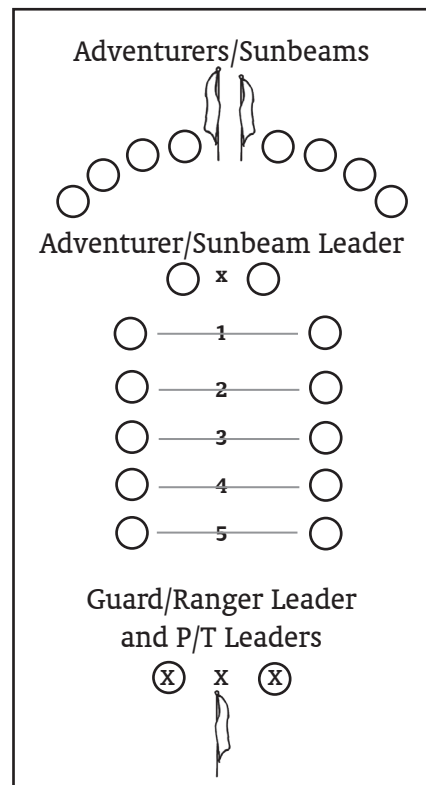
This ribbon speaks to us of the environment. The Guard/Ranger Law reminds us to care for God's world. This means we need to be aware that God created everything in the world and we are the caretakers on His behalf. (Cut the ribbon.)

Ribbon 2: Citizenship

The Guard/Ranger Law says 'I will be accepting and considerate of all people'. This ribbon represents our behaviour to other people; at all times we should be considerate and accept people for who they are. (Cut the ribbon.)

Ribbon 3: Well-being

This ribbon speaks of our consideration for ourselves and our bodies. Cleanliness is not just a physical state it also relates to our mind and our being. The Guard/Ranger Law says 'I will be clean in thought, word and



action' (Cut the ribbon.)

Ribbon 4: Integrity

This ribbon speaks to us of truth, honesty, purity and having the courage to stand up for what we believe even when there may be times when people tease us or try to make us break our promise. We need to remember to always be the best that we can be. The Guard/Ranger Law says 'I will show purity, courage and integrity in all circumstances' and 'I will aim high to reach my full potential'. (Cut the ribbon.)

Ribbon 5: Godliness

As a Guard/Ranger, we encourage you to have a relationship with God. The Guard/Ranger Law says 'I will put God first in my life', that means before everything else acknowledging God as our Saviour. You are encouraged to read your Bible and to know that you may talk with God in prayer at any time and anywhere. (Cut the ribbon.)

The Recruits are greeted by their new Patrol/Team Leaders who welcome them to the section. They are taken to the Guard/Ranger Leader and introduced by name. Recruits salute the leader and they move to their place beside the Patrol/Team Leaders.

The Guard/Ranger Leader then presents the Recruits with the Link badge. The Ceremony Leader asks the Guard/Ranger Leader to take charge of the Recruits. The proceedings are then handed back to the Adventurer/Sunbeam Leader to complete the parade.

Link Chain Ceremony

All members form a circle. Have each older member invite a member from the younger section to join them. Adventurers/Sunbeams are given strips of paper with items that have been learnt during Adventurer/Sunbeams, have staplers or sticky tape ready.

The leader then begins the ceremony by welcoming the new Guard/Ranger and calling them to the front say they have heard that _____(name) has learnt a lot of things in Adventurers/Sunbeams and now we are going to find out some of these things.

Proceed around the circle with the new member picking the strips from the Adventurer or Sunbeam commenting on them and then stapling the strips to form a chain. Strips could say 'Reef knot' and leader may say we are going to use the reef knot when we learn first aid; 'Pledge' leader may then say that Guards/Rangers say the same pledge and we all try to keep this pledge everyday. Have the last link say God or Jesus.

When all the links are joined the leader will comment that like these links form part of our chain the knowledge that we learn in SAGALA forms part of our life, linking each thing in our life together. The most important thing that we learn is that Jesus is our friend. In Guard/Rangers _____ will learn this more and more.

Close the ceremony by asking the chaplain to pray for the new Guard/Ranger.

The new member may write these strips themselves or suggest what they are to say if given preparation time before the ceremony.

