

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 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 book.
- 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.
- ☐ You will receive from DHQ:
 - ☐ Enrolment certificate
 - ☐ SAGALA membership badge
 - ☐ Sectional enrolment badge
 - ☐ Divisional badge
- ☐ You may also purchase scarf and woggle from 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 from page 46 of 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

EXPLORERS

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.

Explorer: _____

Leader: _____

Date enrolled: _____

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Australia Eastern Territory

Enrolment Certificate

This is to certify that

was enrolled as a member of the

MOONBEAMS

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.

Moonbeam: _____

Leader: _____

Date enrolled: _____



**Divisional
Badge**

Corps Name

stepping stones

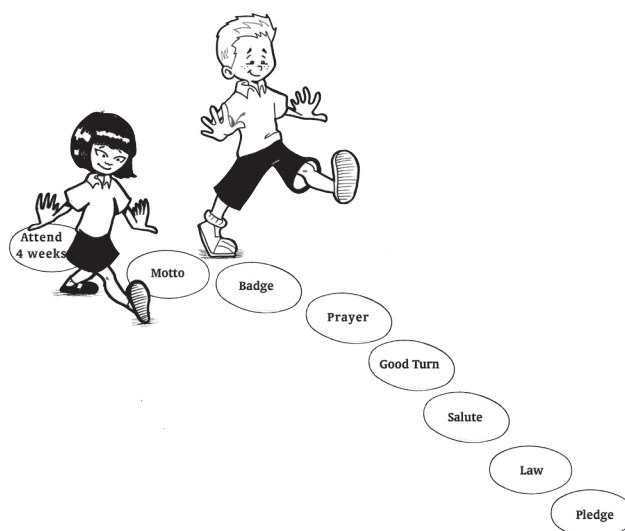
ceremony



To use this method you will need to have prepared beforehand a set of stepping stones (on cardboard). Each stone should have written on it the title of one test the Recruit/s are required to pass before the enrolment.

1. The group forms up in the horseshoe formation, with the National and section flags on parade.
2. Place the stepping stones out on the floor so that they come down towards the leader. The stones naming the law and pledge should be closest to the leader.
3. The Leader calls out the Recruit/s – an assistant may like to introduce each Recruit. A small group of three or so is more desirable than a large group.
4. The Recruit/s is then taken by the assistant to the first stepping stone and stand on either side of it.
5. The leader will ask a question about the work learned in this part of the test, so that the Recruit/s can show that they are ready to be enrolled.
6. At the law stepping stone, the group can be invited to join in by saying this with the new Recruit/s. The leader should then ask a question about the law, allowing the whole group to help answer so that they are reminded that this is a law that they have also promised to keep.
7. At the 'Pledge' stepping stone the leader reminds the Recruit/s that a pledge is a solemn promise that we make for all time, and then asks the Recruit/s if they are ready to make this pledge. The Recruit/s then salutes and says their pledge. The enrolment ceremony then continues with the presentation of the badges, Bible and the signing of the certificate. The Leader or CO may then conduct a devotion.
9. The CO or chaplain is then asked to pray for the new members and the group to conclude the ceremony.

NOTE: The stepping stones are gathered up at the conclusion of the ceremony.





Totem pole ceremony for younger sections

Make an enrolment totem pole by attaching long ribbons to the top of a pole. Stand the pole in a flag stand.

A basic enrolment ceremony following 'Procedure' (page 1) is held.

Once the enrolment ceremony is over, the newly enrolled members can be invited to sign their names and write the date on one of the ribbons.

This totem pole tells the story of the Recruits who have become SAGALA members.

Have someone pray for all the members whose names are displayed on the ribbons, that they, along with the newly enrolled members, will be faithful to the promises they have made.

