

# 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 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 badges coupon for enrolment badges, and forward to DHQ.
- ☐ 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 from DHQ.
- ☐ Purchase a Bible (available from DYS) or age appropriate devotional booklet if a Bible is already owned.
- ☐ Explain to parents where the badges are placed on the uniforms. A diagram such as from page 47 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

**ADVENTURERS**

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.

Adventurer: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Date enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Salvation Army**  
Australia Eastern Territory

**Enrolment Certificate**

This is to certify that

was enrolled as a member of the

**SUNBEAMS**

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.

Sunbeam: \_\_\_\_\_

Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Date enrolled: \_\_\_\_\_



**Divisional  
Badge**

**Corps Name**

# stepping stones

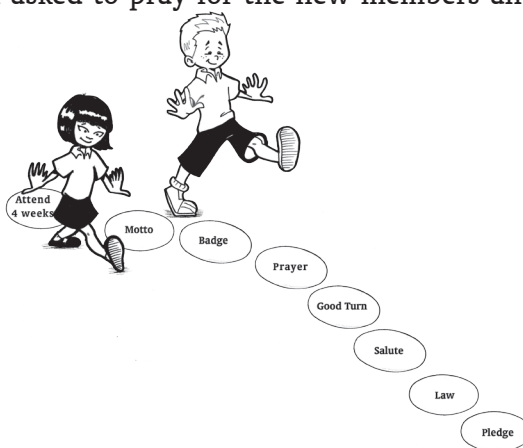
## ceremony



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 Patrol/Team Leaders are asked to bring forward the Recruit/s to be enrolled and to introduce them to the leader conducting the enrolment. The leader should respond to each introduction by warmly welcoming the new Recruit.
4. The Patrol/Team Leaders return to their place and the leader reminds all present of the significance of the occasion.
5. The Recruit/s are then asked to go to the first stepping stone and stand on either side of it.
6. The leader will ask one or more questions about the work learned in this part of the test, so that the Recruit/s can show that they are ready to be enrolled. When the question/s have been correctly answered the Recruit/s move forward to the next stone.
7. 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 questions about each point of the law, allowing the whole group to help answer so that they are reminded that this is a law that they, too, have promised to keep.
8. 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

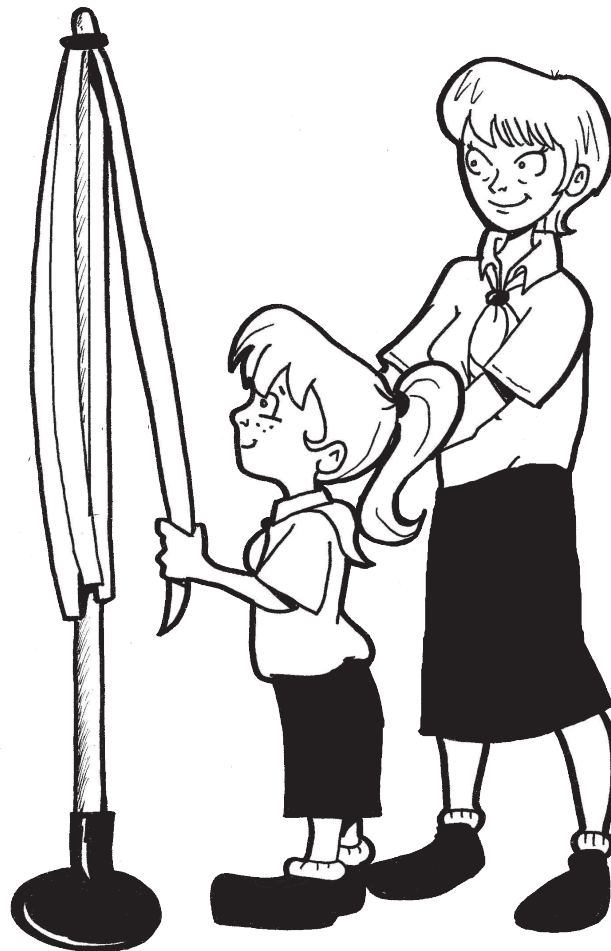
Make an enrolment totem pole by attaching long ribbons to the top of a pole. Stand the pole in a flag stand.

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, as well as the newly enrolled members, will be faithful to the promises they have made.



# streamers ceremony

## Sunbeam

This ceremony requires that sufficient yellow crepe paper streamers have been cut and rolled ready to give one to each of the Sunbeam.

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

Once the actual enrolment has been concluded, the leader of the ceremony then reminds the girls how Sunbeams, just like the rays of the sun, spread their light, brightening the lives of everyone around them. The Sunbeam is asked to hold one end of all the streamers in her hand as the Leader passes the streamers to the Sunbeams in the horseshoe. This may be done by asking Sunbeams to come forward and take a streamer, unrolling it as they return to their position in the horseshoe. The Sunbeam then holds the other end so that they fall in an arc. As the Sunbeams stand with these in their hands, a prayer is made that they too will make the world a better place as they do their best to keep the promises they have made.

## Adventurer

This ceremony can be adapted for Legion members using coloured streamers. The leader of the ceremony can attach the rolled-up streamers to the Legion flag at the front of the horseshoe. As each streamer is unrolled the leader would explain the meaning.

After following the enrolment procedure from page 1, the leader may say the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ has now joined the Boys' Legion.

- Boys' Legion is sponsored by The Salvation Army. (Hand the new members the red streamer.) This red streamer recognises that connection. \_\_\_\_\_ can you unroll that streamer and hand it to \_\_\_\_\_ (member) in our horseshoe.
- In Boys' Legion we have our motto 'Purpose with Honour'. Everything we do should have a purpose to honour God. Can you unroll this white streamer and hand it to \_\_\_\_\_.
- This gold streamer represents the Australian origin of our Boys' Legion. Can you unroll this streamer and pass it to \_\_\_\_\_.
- In SAGALA we have Star awards. This gold streamer represents the Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta and Epsilon stars that we earn. \_\_\_\_\_ can you unroll this streamer and hand it to \_\_\_\_\_.
- This white streamer stands for the cross where Jesus died. Can you unroll this white streamer and pass it to \_\_\_\_\_.
- The last streamer is blue and this reminds us of God who is pure, holy and good. We should also strive to live our life in a way that is pure, holy and good. Now unroll this streamer to complete our 'picture' of Boys' Legion.

Just like these streamers spread out from our flag we hope that Boys' legion will spread from tonight when you made your pledge into all parts of your life and continue for a very long time.

Ask the CO or chaplain to pray for the new member and all the members of Boys' Legion.





# 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.)

**Leader:** Tonight we have some new recruits who wish to become SAGALA members. Would \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, etc 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. Join hands and walk with me.

## 1st Patrol/Team

**Leader:** (This patrol leader would be standing in the first position in the circle.)

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 my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I am Patrol/Team Leader of \_\_\_\_\_ Patrol/Team. My question for you, is 'Do you know what a Good Turn' is?'

**Recruit:** 'Yes'.

## 2nd Patrol/Team

**Leader:** Can you tell me what 'Good Turn' you did today.

**Recruit:** 'Yes'. (example)

## 2nd Patrol/Team

**Leader:** Thank you, that was a good example of a 'Good Turn'. You may now continue on your journey.



### 3rd 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, help others, be a friend.)

### 3rd Patrol/Team

**Leader:** Good, 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, 'Can you repeat your Pledge?'

**Recruits:** (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.

### 4th Patrol/Team

**Leader:** You saluted very smartly. Can you be trusted to keep your pledge?

**Recruits:** 'Yes'.

### 4th Patrol/Team

**Leader:** Good, you may now continue your journey.

**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 Adventurer/Sunbeam 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.

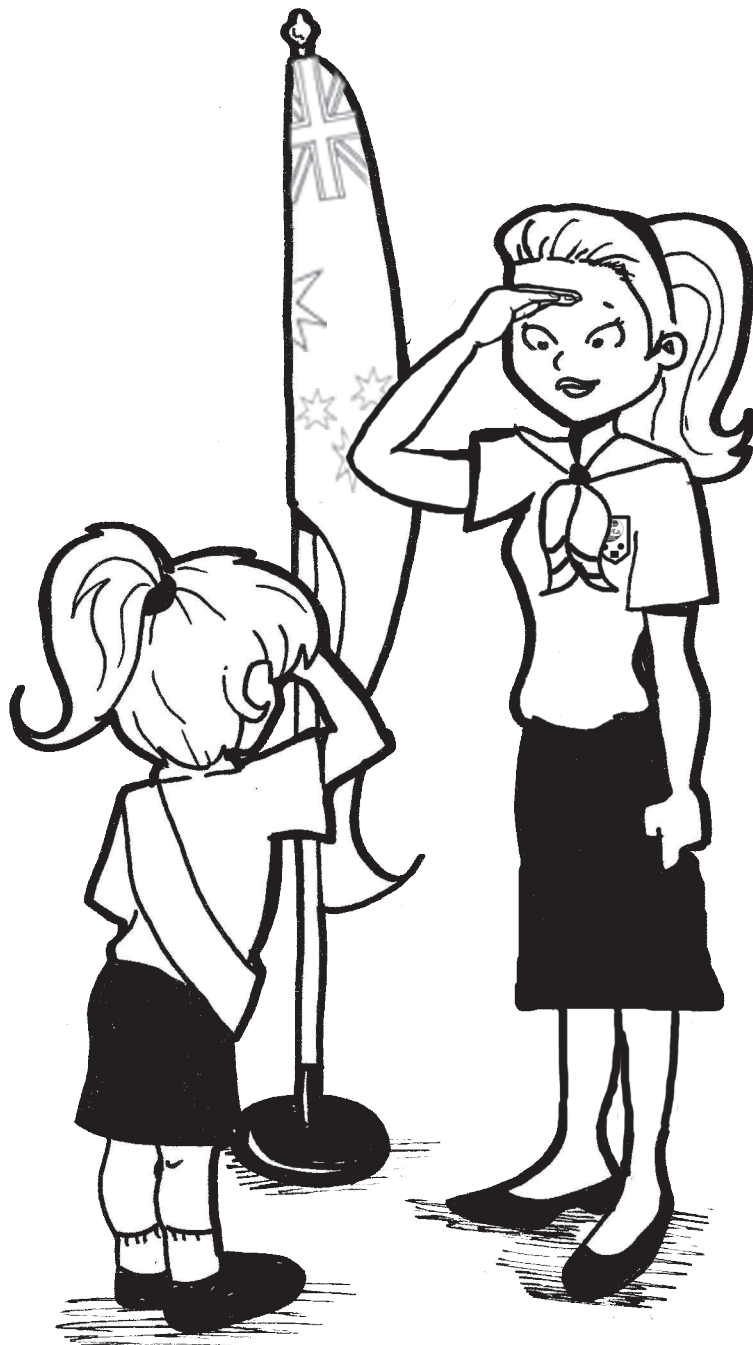
**Chaplain:** The best way to keep your promise is to ask God to help you. He is pleased to see you making these promises and you can be sure that He will help you if you ask Him. Let's ask Him right now. (All bow for prayer.)

We thank You God that You love each of these children. Please bless them and 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.



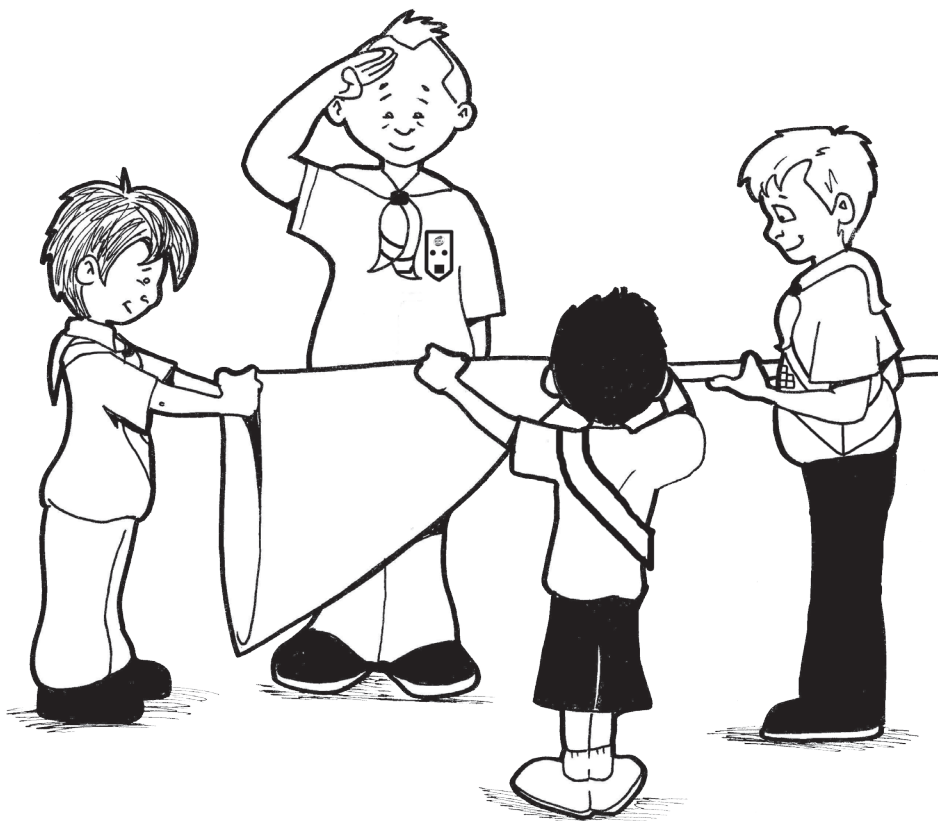


# Flag enrolment ceremony

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 Explorer/Moonbeam is being transferred to Adventurers/Sunbeams.

Whether a formal ceremony is being held or not, it is a good idea that one month before the actual transfer that the Adventurer/Sunbeam Leader and the assigned Patrol/Team Leader attend Explorers/Moonbeams and meet the members who will be transferring to their section.

The Explorers/Moonbeams may also be able to visit the Adventurer/Sunbeam 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.

## Badge Pathway

Have pictures or items representing badges that the Explorer/Moonbeam has done. Have members hold these along a pathway. As the Explorer or Moonbeam walks along the path the Leader pauses at each item or picture and may say for example, 'In Explorers Steven learnt how seeds grow in the Gardening badge. (Give Steven seeds). These seeds will remind Steven that like the plant he is growing physically where we can see and on the inside where only God sees.'

In the Health badge Steven learnt about keeping his hands clean to remove dirt and germs. (Give Steven a small motel style cake of soap.) This soap will remind Steven he will need to wash away Sin by asking God to forgive him. In God's Story Steven learnt about the Bible where everything about God is written. (Give Steven a memory verse card, e.g., Psalm 34:14, Proverb 3:5, 1 Thessalonians 6:17; Micah 6:8). This memory verse will help Steven to remember that 'God has written what we should do.'

This process may be extended or changed according to the badges that the Explorer/Moonbeam has achieved. Then have the Explorer/Moonbeam move along the line to the Adventurers or Sunbeams. The Adventurer/Sunbeam Leader would now take over. Have some Adventurers or Sunbeams with items or pictures ready for a similar procedure along that line. 'So now Steven is joining Adventurers.' 'In Adventurers Steven will learn in the Bush Survivor badge how to tie a Reef knot. (Give Steven a short piece of cord.) Steven will need to keep practising to remember the reef knot. Steven will learn how to serve a morning tea in his badge In the Kitchen. (Give a small packet of biscuits) its nice to have something sweet for morning tea. There will be many things that Steven will learn in Adventurers and one of the biggest things he will learn is that God loves him and has a plan for his life.'

Close the ceremony by welcoming the member to Adventurers or Sunbeams and having the Chaplain pray.