

# Ceremonies

Ceremonies are a significant part of Scouting. Ceremonies are important for Scouts and Scouters of all ages, from the youngest Tiger in the Pack, to the oldest volunteer Scouter in the District. Memories of meaningful, impressive ceremonies will last for years.

## Pack Meeting Ceremonies

### Opening Ceremonies

#### Recipe for Fun Opening Ceremony

We have for you a special treat,  
A recipe for fun!  
A special blend that can't be beat.  
In an hour or so it's done.

First you need a super leader,  
Not just anyone you seize.  
One who cares, not a retreator,  
Make no substitutions, please.

To help make this treat a real gem,  
Add loyal parents now.  
You know we couldn't do without 'em  
They deserve to take a bow.

Now add three cheers for the one  
That they call the Cubmaster,  
And his crew that plan the fun.  
Keep stirring, faster, faster!

Now most important of this all,  
The reason for the rest.  
The boys who will have a ball.  
They make this treat the best!

It doesn't matter where we're mixed,  
That always optional.  
But what you get when it is fixed,  
Is simply sensational!

#### 'I Made A Promise'

Cub #1: I made a promise. I said that whatever I did, I would do the best I could.

Cub #2: I made a promise to serve my God and my country the best I could.

Cub #3: I made a promise to help other people the best I could.

Cub #4: I made a promise to obey the Law of the Pack the best I could.

Cub #5: I have done my best. I will do my best, because I am the best. I am a Cub Scout.



Den Leader: Will everyone now join us in repeating the Cub Scout Promise.

## Recipe for Freedom

Cast: Narrator, 10 Cubs

Props: 1 large kettle, 1 American flag, 1 large wooden spoon, 1 table or tripod, strips of red, white & blue crepe paper.

Curtain opens: Narrator stands behind a kettle, stirring with a wooden spoon. An American flag is concealed inside the kettle. For a more steamy effect, put a piece of dry ice in a cup in the kettle. Each Cub steps forward and adds an ingredient.

Narrator: Tonight we commemorate the American Flag that was adopted by the Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, as a symbol of our independence from Great Britain. As an American, what special ingredient would you add?

Cub #1: (sifts confetti inside kettle): SIFT together the freedoms of religion, speech, and the press.

Cub #2: ADD 1 cup of courage to stand by your convictions.

Cub #3: STIR in generous amount of bravery in memory of our American soldiers.

Cub #4: SPRINKLE in loyalty for our country.

Cub #5: Season with a mixture of all colors and creeds.

Cub #6: MIX in peace, love and happiness for the brotherhood of man.

Cub #7: Fold in opportunity for an education for all people.

Cub #8: Add an abundance of rolling countryside, city skylines, sprawling deserts, and fields of corn.

Cub #9: Blend with spacious skies, majestic mountains, and shining seas.

Cub #10: Combine this mixture with 50 states and simmer slowly for 120 years.

NARRATOR: Ladies and Gentlemen, our recipe for FREEDOM! (Narrator pulls out the flag from the bottom of the kettle.) Please rise and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Prisoner Of War Flag Ceremony

(Although this is not theme-related, I love this ceremony)

Equipment: American Flag mounted to a blanket. Personnel: 2 Scouts to hold flag, and a reader.

Reader: On a summer day in a prison camp during World War II, the prisoners were just completing a talent show when, without any announcement, two soldiers stood up in front of the group holding a rolled up blanket. They looked quickly but carefully in all directions to make sure no guards were watching. Then, holding the blanket high, they let it unroll. Fastened to the inside of the blanket was the beautiful Stars and Stripes of the flag of the United States. (Scouts match actions to story.)

At the time of their surrender, one of the soldiers had taken down the flag and somehow managed to wrap it around his body. Covered by his uniform, it had not been discovered during the inspection of his personal belongings. He had been able to keep it hidden until he had arrived at the prison camp.

As the blanket was unrolled, the other prisoners saw the flag. A ripple of wonder and amazement ran through the group, followed by a deep silence that comes only when the heart is too full to permit words to be spoken. With their eyes still gazing upon this beautiful banner, the soldiers rose to their feet and began to sing softly, but with pride. They sang our National Anthem. Will the audience please rise and join in singing our National Anthem.

## Footprints on the Moon

As curtain opens a den of Cub Scouts dressed as astronauts are lined up across the stage. There are large astronaut footprints cut out of black paper and taped onto stage floor. These footprints lead from off stage to center of stage where there is a flag stand. A Cub Scout astronaut enters from side of stage following line of footprints and puts the flag in the stand and narrator at microphone at side of stage reads following:

The United States has much to be proud of. One of those many things is the fact that the United States was first on the moon where Old Glory was placed as evidence of this eventful day. This, indeed, is something for all of us



to be proud of, and as we all join together in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Let us be thankful for the courageous astronauts of our country who helped make it possible for our flag to be erected on the moon, so that someday some of our own Cub Scouts may be able to leave their mark on society by leaving their footprint on the moon, too! Please rise now and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Ladder of Good Citizenship Opening Ceremony**

**Personnel:** Narrator and a den of uniformed Cub Scouts.

**Equipment:** Cards with words printed on them for each Cub Scout, and an upright stand such as a ladder for each sign to be attached at the appropriate time.

**Narrator:** We think of Cub Scouting as a ladder of good citizenship. Let us show you what we mean.

**Cub #1 Friendship.** We make lots of friends in our school, church, neighborhood, den and pack.

**Cub #2: Teamwork.** We learn how important it is to work with others as a member of a team.

**Cub #3: Dependability.** We learn to be places when we promise and to do our part.

**Cub #4: Leadership.** We learn to lead games and help with other den and pack activities.

**Cub #5: Honesty.** We learn to tell the truth, to handle money, and to understand what honesty means.

**Cub #6: Loyalty.** We learn to be true to our friends, our parents, and our den and pack, and to honor our country and its flag.

**Cub #7: Good Will.** We like to help our school, church, neighbors and those less fortunate than we. Good will projects make us feel good.

**Cub #8: Responsibility.** We learn to be responsible for certain jobs, our own belongings, things about our home, and for the property of others.

**Narrator:** Good Citizenship. Through Cub Scouting experiences, boys learn things that help make them better citizens as they grow into manhood.

### **Adventure In The Sky Opening Ceremony**

**Preparation:** Have large pieces of construction paper with a picture representing each of the eight different aircraft of the inventors. You can then put the boys' lines on the back of each. Have the boys hold their paper down until it is time for them to say their part and then they should hold it up so everyone can see.

**Cub #1:** Leonardo DaVinci had a vision of man in the sky.

**Cub #2:** Orville and Wilbur built a plane, the first one to fly

**Cub #3:** The sound barrier was broken by Chuck Yeager they say

**Cub #4:** John F. Kennedy said we'd land a man on the moon one day.

**Cub #5:** The Shuttle Atlantis now soars overhead.

**Cub #6:** As I settle and snug in my bed.

**Cub #7:** I lay down to rest and sleep I do try.

**Cub #8:** But all I can dream of is "ADVENTURE IN THE SKY."

### **Seaside Opening**

Trapper Trails Council

**Personnel:** Cub Scouts

**Equipment:** A beach bucket and shovel with empty squirt guns for each Cub and Den Leader

**Set Up:** The Cubs come in and line up carrying their buckets and shovels. The squirt guns are inside the buckets out of view of the audience. It would also add to the effect if the Cubs rolled up their pants legs



(or wear shorts) and have bare feet. They could also pantomime actions.

Cub1: Here at the beach there is so much to see! Look on the ocean is a sailboat!

Cub2: Yeah! They're great. But the waves are really fun. I love to run into the water and let the waves push over me.

Cub #3: Do you know what I like? I think the seagulls are cool! They attack when you sit down to have lunch.

Cub #4: Yeah! But have you ever been able to find a starfish at the edge of the water. That's really cool!

Cub #5: Do you know what else is fun! Hunting for clams. They bury themselves in the sand and when you get close to getting them--they squirt!! (Cubs reach in their buckets and use their squirt guns to \*squirt\* the audience.

### Opening at a Swimming Pool

Daniel Webster Council

This opening is for use if you are having your pack event at a swimming facility.

Have all the boys stand around the edge of the shallow end of the pool or the side of the beach. On signal, they are to jump or wade into the water and make a circle in the pool.

Leader: "Now that we are all together, please repeat the following pledge after me:"

"As a Cub Scout:

I promise to be careful in the water.

I will observe water safety rules at all times.

When I am with a group around water I will encourage others to do the same. Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Sea Adventures

Gulf Coast Council

(can be used as closing also)

**S** - is for SCOUTING, a well-rounded activity.

**E** - is for EACH Cub Scout doing his best all the time.

**A** - is for AWARENESS of our duty to God and Country.

**A** - is for ALL people working together.

**D** - is for DEPENDABLE, which we always are.

**V** - is for VIGOROUS, what we are at work or play.

**E** - is for the EXCITEMENT of our activities.

**N** - is for our NATION, of which we are all proud.

**T** - is for THOUGHTFUL, which a Cub Scout strives to be.

**U** - is for UNITED, as we all work and play.

**R** - is for RECOGNITION, for jobs well done.

**E** - is for the ENTHUSIASM we have for our daily good turns.

**S** - is for SERVICE to our community.

### Pinewood Derby Opening

Santa Clara County Council

Have Cubs with each letter on posterboard with their part written on back

**P** A Pinewood Derby is fun for all,

But the whole family must answer the call.

**I** I will enter the competition real soon

To win or lose or whatever my doom.



**N** Neatly I painted my car with dad's expert help,  
 But please let me run it all by myself.  
**E** Excitement runs all though the night,  
 No matter who wins, it will be alright.  
**W** We would all like to come in first,  
 But if not, our bubble won't burst.  
**O** On with the races, don't hesitate,  
 For this Pinewood Derby can't wait.  
**O** Open the gates, down the track; then we can rest.  
 For, being Cub Scouts, we've done our best.  
**D** Don't mind tonight, where your car places;  
 Cub Scouting will help you through all life's races.

### **Pinewood Derby Opening**

Santa Clara Council

#### **Cubmaster:**

If you take a moment tonight to contemplate these cars, you will realize that an awful lot of painstaking work went into each one. There is much creativity and ingenuity represented here. I don't know, but I imagine that each car was designed to be the fastest. Of course, not all cars will win. As we begin our pack meeting, keep in mind that in Cub Scouting, as in life, the victors are those who put forth earnest effort. As a great marathon runner from Kenya, a country in Africa, once said "To win is to finish. To finish is to win." Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Many Sides Opening**

Santa Clara County Council

**Den Leader:** We will try to show you the many sides to little boys we proudly call son, but remember, these are all one boy.

**1st Cub:** I'm the one who lives in his dreams, always off on a cloud, at least that's how it seems!

**2nd Cub:** I'm the one all full of dirt, so very sure that soap and water will hurt.

**3rd Cub:** I'm the show-off and athlete; I just can't stand to get beat.

**4th Cub:** I'm the pouter, sensitive and shy, but I try to make people think I'm a real tough guy.

**5th Cub:** I'm the angel, neat and obedient. Mom wouldn't trade a day with me for all the money in the mint.

**6th Cub:** I'm the Cub Scout, the one we boys like best. That's 'cause I'm different from the rest. So everyone, please join us as we say the Promise we try to live by every day. (Audience and boys say the Cub Scout Promise)

**Den Leader:** They're all these boys and even more. There are lots of surprises for you in store. So love them. Protect them, and try to understand. It's a very hard job growing up to be a man.

### **Repair A Cub Scout**

York-Adams Area Council

#### **Props:**

Hammer with "Do My Best" sign on it.

Screwdriver with ""Do My Duty" sign on it.

Pliers with "to God and Country" sign on it.

Saw with "Help Other People" sign on it.

Block plane with "Law of the Pack" sign on it.

**Setting:** Cub Scout is on stage. He is about as scruffy as one can imagine. His shirttails are out, his face is grungy, his hair is a mess, he is slouching, and he has the most forlorn frown on his face.

Other Cub Scouts enter and proceed with the repairs...

**Cub 1:** Wow! This guy's in pretty bad shape. We'd better fix him up. I'll use my "Do My Best" hammer. He



"hammers" on the Cub Scout and the Cub tucks in his shirt and begins to stand straight.

**Cub 2:** Well, that's a start! Let me use this "Do My Duty" screwdriver. [He pretends to "make adjustments" to the lad and the Cub combs his hair and stands a little straighter.

**Cub 3:** That's getting him somewhere! Here, I'll give these "to God and Country" pliers a try. Again, the Cub gets tweaked a little more and he stands at attention.

**Cub 4:** Hey, he's just about there! Let me work on him with this "Help Other People" saw. Don't really use it! But as Cub 4 cuts away, the Cub Scout wipes off his face with a wash towel.

**Cub 5:** By Golly! I think we're about done! Just let me give him a little touch up with this "Law of the Pack" plane. [A little shave here and a little shave there and the Cub Scout responds by changing the frown into a great big smile.

**Former Grubby Cub:** Gee, thanks, guys! I guess I just needed to get with the program-the Cub Scout program, that is. Let's all stand now and join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

## Hard Work Flag Ceremony

Trapper Trails Council

Equipment: American Flag

**Cub #1:** When we think of the American Cowboy, we think of long, hard working days.

**Cub #2:** Americans built our country with hard work.

**Cub #3:** In Cub Scouts we learn about the importance of work and service.

**Cub #4:** All workers contribute to the good of society through their labors.

**Cub #5:** Each year our nation honors all workers on Labor Day, the first Monday in September.

**Cub #6:** Some Americans celebrate Labor Day with a rodeo during the day and fireworks at night.

**Cub #7:** Please stand now and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag in remembrance of the contribution of all workers in our country.

## Rodeo Trail Opening

Santa Clara Council

**R** is for Rodeo, a place where people challenge themselves.

**O** is for Old Glory to whom we pledge our allegiance.

**D** is for Doing our Best, the Cub Scout way.

**E** is for the Energy that we always have.

**O** is for Old West, the place where the Rodeo started.

**T** is for the Teamwork we find in our pack.

**R** is for Rounding up fun for everyone.

**A** is for Achievement that we all aim for.

**I** is for Ideals of Cub Scouting.

**L** is for Lasso. Let's catch a wild time.

### Rodeo Opening

Santa Clara Council

Dens are waiting outside the room. The boys are in western costume. Each den carries its flag. The color guard is in uniform.

**Cubmaster:** Good evening rodeo fans. Welcome to the Cub Scout Rodeo. Like any rodeo, we have thrills and chills, feats of daring, and best of all, we have a grand entrance. (Dens now enter and parade around the arena while recorded western music is played.) That's one of the best parts of the rodeo, with all the riders carrying their own flags. But the greatest flag of all is our own Old Glory. Let's show our respect now by rising to salute the flag of our county. (The color guards advance the colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.



## Detective Opening Ceremony

Trapper Trails Council

**Personnel:** Six Cub Scouts, Cubmaster, **Equipment:** Magnifying glass for each Cub, marbles

**Set up:** Cubs walk in bent over looking through magnifying glasses at the floor. They make their way to the front of the room and line up. Each Cub then repeats his lines. Cubmaster is outside of the room.

**Cub #1:** We're here to solve a mystery, we've come from far away.

**Cub #2:** It seems the meeting cannot start, the Chairman called to say.

**Cub #3:** The Cubmaster has gotten lost, his marbles he's left behind.

**Cub #4:** It's our only clue and so we'll search. Maybe another one we'll find.

**Cub #5:** Hey look you guys at this right here! A marble on the ground.

**Cub #6:** Get out your magnifying glass, I think he'll soon be found!

**All -** (Cubs bend over with the magnifying glasses and follow a marble trail out of the room picking them up as they go.)

**All -** (From outside of the room) We've found him! (The door opens and the Cubs come in with the Cubmaster.)

**All Cubs:** We've solved this case, but before we rest, know this: A Cub will always DO HIS BEST!"

## Another Detective Opening

Greater St. Louis Area Council

"Detective", wearing a trench coat, hat, etc., enters room and looks at audience.

I have gathered you together tonight to help solve a very important case. As the meeting progresses, I will be asking a few questions so that we can solve this case. And, by the way, no one is allowed to leave the room because you are all suspects. At this time, I would appreciate it if everyone would stand and give the Cub Scout Promise.

## Stop the Presses Opening

From the Trapper Trails Council

**Personnel:** Five Cubs

**Equipment:** A rolled newspaper for each boy

**Set Up:** The Cub Scouts run onto stage. As each Cub Scout repeats his part, he opens the paper to "read".

**All Cubs:** Extra! Extra! Let us read to you all about it!

**1st Cub:** Wow! The headline says there's going to be a great Pack meeting for Pack (number) tonight! Sounds like fun!

**2nd Cub:** Hey! The Who's Who page says there's going to be some advancements and awards given out. That sounds neat!

**3rd Cub:** Would you look at the sports page? It says there's going to be fun games and activities for everyone. This is sounding exciting!

**4th Cub:** Cool! The food section talks about the great refreshments that will be served. I know I can't wait!

**5th Cub:** Hey Guys! In the comic section it says there's going to be some hilarious and funny skits and jokes. You know, that reminds me of a joke. What's black and white and black and white and black and white and black and white and read all over? A zebra, skunk, and Dalmatian reading a newspaper! Great joke, huh?!

**All Cubs:** Now that we've let you know what's going on we hope you'll enjoy the pack meeting as much as we will!!





## Closing Ceremonies

### Rodeo Closing

Santa Clara Council

Cubmaster: (show two strands of cord in different colors like blue and yellow.) By itself, neither of these strands is very strong. I think a couple of strong Cub Scouts could break either one. (Call forward two Cub Scouts and ask them to wind cord into a single rope.) Together the two strands make a rope.) Together the two strands make a rope that is more than twice as strong as either one alone. There's a lesson in that for us: If our pack is to be strong, both boys and parents must do their part.

### Cub Scout Garden Closing or Skit

Have Cub Scouts make signs and carry them out as the vegetable are announced.

Narrator: First plant five rows of peas.

1. Preparedness
2. Promptness
3. Perseverance
4. Politeness
5. Praise

Then, plant five rows of lettuce:

1. Let us be Faithful
2. Let us be Unselfish
3. Let us be Loyal
4. Let us be Truthful
5. Let us help one another.

Next to them. Plant three rows of squash

1. Squash impatience
2. Squash criticism
3. Squash indifference

No garden is complete without turnips:

1. Turn up for pack meetings.
2. Turn up with a new idea.
3. Turn up with determination.

Without the help of every person in our pack, our garden will turn to weeds. So help us build the background, work the soil, pull the weeds, and spread the sunshine so that in the garden of Pack we can say: "We have done our best."

### An Ace Cubmaster Minute

In ancient Rome 'as', spelled A S, was a pound weight. In the markets, goods sold by merchants that weighed an 'as' were considered good for selling. Latin influenced the French language. When 'as' became a French word it no longer had anything to do with a pound, it just meant 'terrific.' In WWI, the French called a victorious pilot, an 'as.' The English translated this into 'ace,' spelled A C E.

As I look over the audience I see many terrific scouts, Cub Scouts who do their best. I see Cubs who serve God, Country and community---family and friends. What I see are 'ace scouts' of whom I'm proud.





### **Closing (Prayer from Apollo)**

Have the pack form a large brotherhood circle (arms over each other's shoulders) and then read the prayer that was broadcast from outer space by Frank Borman from the Apollo in March of 1968.

"Give us, O God, the vision which can see Thy love in the world in spite of human failure. Give us the faith to trust Thy goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness. Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts, and show us what each of us can do to set forward the coming of universal peace..."

At this time, ask for a moment of reverence, then dismiss the pack until next month.

### **Three Important Things**

(A Closing Thought)

Gulf Coast Council

To the sailor, three things were essential - a compass, a sextant, and a flag to tell which way the wind blew. To Cub Scouts, these three things are important - (show items) a badge, a handbook, and a candle. The badge tells who you are and where you are going' the handbook tells how to get where you are going, and the candle is a symbol of the light of Scouting. It is a light that must be kept burning in the heart of every Scout.

### **A Closing Ceremony for Fathers**

Daniel Webster Council

Personnel: 7 Cubs, 3 Fathers

Equipment: Game, Jackknife, book or pet, fishing pole

1st Cub: "What shall you give to one small boy? A glamorous game (holds up game), a tinsel toy,"

2nd Cub: "A barlow knife (holds up jackknife), a puzzle pack, a train that runs on curving tracks?"

3rd Cub: "A picture book (holds up book), a real live pet... No, there's plenty of time for such things yet."

4th Cub: "Give him a day of his very own - Just one small boy and his dad alone (looks up at his father)."

5th Cub: "A walk in the woods, a romp in the park, a fishing trip (holds up fishing pole) from dawn to dark."

6th Cub: "Give the gift that only you can - The companionship of his Old Man" (looks up at father and takes hand).

7th Cub: "Games are outgrown, and toys decoy - But he'll never forget if you give him a day." (Takes his father's hand and walks off with all boys).

### **Cubmaster's Minute**

Thanks Janie K. for sending this to me

"I'm throwing these starfish back into the ocean. You see, it's low tide right now and all of these starfish have been washed up onto the shore. If I don't throw them back into the sea, they'll die up here from lack of oxygen."

"I understand," my friend replied, "but there must be thousands of starfish on this beach. You can't possibly get to all of them. There are simply too many. And don't you realize this is probably happening on hundreds of beaches all up and down this coast? Can't you see that you can't possibly make a difference?" "The local native smiled, bent down and picked up yet another starfish, and as he threw it back into the sea, he replied, "Made a difference to that one!"



## Clues Closing Ceremony

Trapper Trails Council

- 1 - We look in the sky each morning for clues about the weather to tell us what to wear.
- 2 - We look at our friends' faces and bodies to find clues about how they are feeling.
- 3 - And we also look very carefully at the stew served at school, for clues as to its real identity.
- 4 - The animals and the birds, and insects give us clues in the outdoors.
- 5 - But most of all we like the clues we find to tell us the treat is almost ready to appear.

## Look For The Best Cubmaster Minute

Trapper Trails Council

Detectives are trained to look for things that the average person might not notice. They need to practice the skills they learn. They are always noticing the smallest details.

We can be detectives, too. We can start noticing the little things about people. The good things about them. The longer you practice looking for the good in people, the easier it becomes to find it. When you constantly look for the good in your parents, brothers, sisters, friends and neighbors the good things about you are easier for them to see. Another great thing that happens when you work at being a "good" detective is that you become happier! Finding the good in others makes us better people.

## The Detective Closing

Greater St. Louis Area Council

"Detective" enters room and addresses the audience.

This was a difficult case to solve, but the clues are all around you. And I am proud to admit that the case is solved. Once you see these clues, you will understand. The first clue was several boys and adults dressed in uniform. The second clue was the meaning of the animal tracks and the awards that were given. Then, of course, there were the songs, skits, and games that were played. Using my deductive reasoning skills I learned in Detective School, I concluded that the only crime committed here was anyone not having a good time.

At this time, you are all released from the investigation. Good night and thank you for your cooperation.

## Just Imagine Closing Ceremony

Trapper Trails Council

1 - Rudyard Kipling, the famous English author, who wrote the story of the Jungle Book, wrote a little poem. It begins like this:

I keep six honest serving-men  
 (They taught me all I knew)\_;  
 Their names are What and Why and When  
 And How and Where and Who.

2 - If you make these six your servants, imagine the things you could do! Just imagine for a minute that a little green man from outer space lands in your backyard. Now he wants to know how the picture gets in the television? What causes thunder? Why does night come? Where did your parents live before you were born? Could you answer his questions?

3 - From this moment on you can decide to be an investigator. Ask questions about everything that you have ever wondered about. What are clouds made of? Are all of the lights in the night sky stars? How would I take care of myself if my parents were gone all day? What can I make by myself? How old are my pets compared to me? What kind of insects live in the field behind my house? How do they protect themselves? What is the street made of? Why is it cooler in the mountains than down in the valley? If



the mountains are closer to the sun shouldn't it be hotter? If your parents, teachers and leaders can't give you the answers, then look to books and computers. Just imagine!

4 - Look around and you will find hundreds of things waiting to be investigated. You've only one life and future -- make the best of both!

### **Stop The Presses Closing Ceremony**

From the Trapper Trails Council

**Narrator:** Stop those presses. Some of the stories we've been hearing for years aren't quite right. Did you know...?

- 1 - An apple did not fall on Newton's head, he saw one fall from the corner of his eye.
- 2 - In old England, coins were saved in "pygg" banks, which were dishes, or jars made from a clay called "pygg". In 1600, a potter started the craze of making them into pig shapes.
- 3 - French fries are really from Belgium.
- 4 - Walt Disney started drawing characters with three fingers to save time.
- 5 - Napoleon started the tradition of buttons on uniforms so soldiers would not wipe their noses on the coat sleeves.
- 6 - The 4 and 20 black birds baked in a pie was actually a huge pie crust with 24 African musicians hiding inside to surprise a King Charles VII of France in the 1400's.
- 7 - Mice might eat cheese, but they like peanut butter and fly stuffed celery better.
- 8 - Elephants are not afraid of mice, which they can't even see or smell.
- 9 - Antidisestablishmentarianism is not the longest word, it is pneumonoultramicroscopicsilicovolcanoconiosis.
- 10 - Ostriches don't bury their heads in the sand. They eat rocks to help their digestion.
- 11 - The British arrested and took Paul Revere's horse before he finished his ride. He had to walk home.
- 12 - Camels store fat not water in their humps.

**Narrator** - So stop those presses, we need to make a few changes.

### **Thank You**

From the Viking Council

Let the Cub Scouts prepare eight large placards, each with a large letter painted on it to match the initial letter of each verse. As each verse is recited by a Cub, the proper letter is displayed so that at the end of the eight verses, the words "Thank You" are visible to all.

**T** - stands for teacher, ours bear the test, as a Pack - we promise "We'll do our best".

**H** - is for helpful, which we try to be as each helps the other in the highest degree.

**A** - for advantages we all enjoy, we try to be grateful and wisely employ.

**N** - is for nation whose future depend, on all of us in the pack who want to be friends.

**K** - is for knowledge we're going to need. We'll work hard to gain it and hope we succeed.

**Y** - is for youth all over the land. God bless and keep us and steady our hand.

**O** - for opportunity around everyone. We'll grasp and hold tightly until we have won.

**U** - stand for usefulness, we like to serve. We do what we can all praise to deserve.

### **Snowflake Closing Ceremony**

Santa Clara County Council

Have Cub Scouts and family members cut out snowflakes when they enter the pack meeting, and put their names on them. (Six sided snowflakes can be made by folding a square sheet of paper in half, and then



into thirds.) Tape or fasten to a wall, curtain, blackboard or window.

Have you ever caught a snowflake on a black piece of paper and studied it? It is so delicate and fragile that it melts almost before you can pick out its unique shape and structure. And it is unique, because each snowflake forms its own pattern of crystals in a six-sided shape. No two are exactly alike. There may be some that are similar, but none are the same.

Each of you created a snowflake tonight. Look at the variety and differences. Each of you started out with the same materials, but you created something that is truly unique.

Every person is unique, too. You may have your Mom's eyes, or your Dad's sense of humor. You may even be a twin and look so much alike that people have trouble telling you apart. But you are different in the things you like, the things you think, and the way you live your lives. You have your own unique contribution to make to the world. You have your own unique gifts and talents that will benefit you and those around you. You have your own unique style, laugh, dreams, and strengths.

One snowflake will melt in an instant. But think of what happens when all those snowflakes are together in one place at one time. A pile of snow can make a ski jump, block a highway, or collapse a roof. A mountain of snow can provide water for a town for the whole summer, or carve the sides of a canyon. A lot of snow can accomplish things one snowflake can't, but it takes all of them working together to be successful.

Let's unite ourselves, each unique individual, and work towards the common goals of citizenship, service, physical and spiritual strength, and brotherhood, and see what a contribution we can make to the world. Let's stand and repeat the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack.

### **Year's End Closing**

San Francisco Bay Area Council

Staging: House lights are dimmed. Ceremony board or log containing 7 small candles and 1 tall candle representing the Spirit of Cub Scouting.

Cubmaster: (Lights candles) This last ceremony for 1998 is one of rededication. Tonight 4 candles represent the Cub Scout Ranks--Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos. Will all Bobcat Cub Scouts and their parents please stand. Bobcats, do you promise in 1998 to do your best to help other people and obey the Law of the Pack, and to advance in rank?

Bobcats: We'll do our best! (Extinguish Bobcat candle).

Cubmaster: (Follow same procedure for Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts).

Cubmaster: Will all Webelos and their parents please stand. Webelos, do you promise in 1998 to do your best to help other people and obey the Law of the Pack and to earn the Arrow of Light Award if you have not already earned it?

Webelos: We'll do our best!

Cubmaster: Three candles and the Spirit of Cub Scouting candle remain burning. Those three candles stand for Follow, Helps, and Gives, which means, "We'll be loyal". Will you be loyal Cub Scouts in 1998? (All respond) (Three candles are extinguished). The Spirit of Cub Scouting will burn as it does in the hearts of Cub Scouts everywhere. May it continue to burn brightly in your hearts during the year of 1998 as we go upward and forward in Pack. Good Night, Cub Scouts.

### **Pinewood Closing**

Santa Clara County

Form a circle around a the derby track

**Cubmaster:**

"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success"

This is a quote from the famous carmaker, Henry Ford. All of the dens come together to form the



beginning of our pack.

Keeping together at our monthly pack meeting is progress.

Working together in Cub Scouting is surely a success story of which you can have a great part.

Let's remember this in the coming months.

Please repeat with me the Law of the Pack.

Thanks for coming out for our Pinewood Derby tonight. We've worked together and made ever boy in Pack \_\_\_\_ a winner!



# Tiger Ceremonies

## Tiger Cub Opening Ceremonies

### T- I- G- E- R- S

Make letter cards for the boys to hold with words printed on back.)

T - is for Tigers -- that's us!

I - is for me - a tiger tool

G - is for greeting - a wish for you!

E - is for everyone - one and all!

R - is for right now - a pack meeting to see.

S - is for the show -- let's enjoy!

Our greeting to you, to welcome you tonight.

### Tiger Cubs

Search A Tiger Cub trip to see.

Discover - Learning about new things.

Share - Sharing with others in our group.

That's what Tiger Cub is all about.

### Flag Ceremony for Tiger Cubs

In many packs, Tiger Cubs are overlooked at flag ceremonies because the flags are too heavy for them to carry. The standard flag ceremony doesn't have to, and shouldn't be used at every pack meeting. Variety is the spice of life and it also adds sparkle to your pack meetings.

### Flag Ceremony #1

The Cubmaster or Group Leader goes to the front of the room and says, "Will the honor guard please come forward?" The Tigers march to the front and stand before the flag. Together they salute, then turn to the audience and say, "We are Americans and we're proud of it!"

First boys says, "If you're proud to be an American, please stand and say, "I'm proud to be an American."

Second boy says, "Hand salute. Pledge of Allegiance repeat."

Third boy says, "Two" after pledge is completed and then says, Honor Guard retire."

The boys march off the same way they entered.

## Various Tiger Ceremonies

### Tiger Tracks

This ceremony is design to welcome new Tiger Cubs into Tiger Cubs. It also introduces them to the Tiger Cub Promise. The Tiger Track ceremony prop can be made from wood. Paint a simple Tiger Track on it and mount the candles or lights as shown.

The Tiger Tracks Is an important symbol in the Tiger Cub program. As you progress throughout Tiger Cubbing and finish each Big Idea, you win be presented a Tiger Track to iron on your shirt.



The Tiger Track has a special meaning Listen carefully and you will hear about this special meaning. The palm in the track represents the spirit of Scouting (light the front candle). Each toe represents a point in the Tiger Cub Promise.

The first point is: (light first candle) I promise to love God. Your parents and religious leaders teach you to know and serve God. By following these teachings, you show your love to God.

The second point is: (light second candle) I promise to love my family. A tiger Cub should always be kind and helpful to his family. By helping your home to be a happy place, you show your love to your family.

The third point is: (light the third candle) I promise to love my country. This means being a good American. You help your community in any way you can. By being a good citizen, you show your love to your family.

The Fourth point is; (light fourth candle) I promise to learn about the world, The world we live in Is a big and beautiful place. There are many things to learn. As a Tiger Cub, you will learn a lot about your world.

Now, each time you see a Tiger Track, it will help you to remember the Tiger Cub Promise. Would all Tiger Cubs and their partners please stand and repeat the Tiger Cub Promise.

I promise to love God, my family, and my country, and to learn about the world."

You are all now officially a part of our Tiger Cub Group. Welcome. We are excited to have you in our group.

### **Tiger Stripes Induction**

Equipment: Eyebrow pencil

Cubmaster will say the following: When a boy becomes a Tiger Cub, he starts on an upward trail, I say upward because, as he grows older, he advances upward in Scouting. Tonight, we have

Tiger Cubs who joins us on this trail Will the following boys and their parents come forward? (Read names)

You Tiger Cubs are like the jungle tigers - you will stay on your trail until you have completed all your Big Ideas.

As a sign of your commitment you will now receive your "Tiger Stripes". Draw stripes on face with eyebrow pencil)

Lets give all these Tiger Cubs a big Tiger applause (claws pawing in air and loud growling).

### **Scarf Graduation**

Equipment: Wolf Scarf, candles for each inductee

Call Tiger Cub Den and their families to front, Introduce the new Den Leader and the Assistant. As each boys name is read by the Cubmaster, the Assistant Cubmaster places the scarf on each boy and welcome them into the pack Following behind the Assistant Cubmaster, the Den Chief; or new Den Leader hands each Scout a candle.

The Cubmaster then comes forward with a lit candle. The lights are dimmed and the Cubmaster proceeds to light each candle and offer the Cub Scout handshake.

Cubmaster: May the light of Scouting burn deep within your hearts, urging you always to "Do Your Best". Welcome Den to Pack

The Cubmaster might want to close by challenging the boys to be back as a Den to receive the Bobcat Badge at the next Pack Meeting.

### **Candle Graduation**

Equipment: Candle holder with spaces for 4 candles and a 5th candle is used to light the other 4





Call the 'Graduating' Tiger Cubs and their adult partners to the Front, (Dim the lights and proceed as follows:)

Cubmaster (light first candle on left): You and your adult partner have searched out in your home and community, new activities which have shown you how people work together and have fun together.

(Light 2nd candle): You and your adult partner have discovered that by doing things together with friends and family you feel a sense of being part of a great family, community, and country.

Light 3rd candle): The things you have searched out and discovered, have been shared with your friends, and fellow Tiger Cubs, which let them learn about, you and the things you saw and did. Now it is time to move along the scouting trail to the next part, of the program.

Light 4th candle): In Cub Scouting your family is still important as it is throughout your whole Scouting experience. Support in learning each badge comes from your family as well as from your Den Leader Your parents will help each step of the way.

(Boy's name) and (adult's name) on behalf of Pack \_\_\_\_\_, I'd like to welcome you. Will the Den Leader (name) come forward to welcome these members to the den with Cub Scout Neckerchief Den leader presents neckerchiefs to adults who puts it, around the neck of the boy.)

Den howls and applause from the Pack,

### **Painted Tiger Cub Graduation Ceremony**

Characters

Akela - Cubmaster

Baloo Assistant Cubmaster

Bagheera - Tiger Cub Group Coach

Drummer - A Cub Scout Assistant

Material: Orange paint, Cub Scout Shirts, Yellow Neckerchief (already rolled), Neckerchief Slide (Drummer begins slow, rhythmic beat.)

Akela: Would the following Tiger Cubs and their parents please come forward. (Bagheera reads the names of the Tiger Cubs. They assemble in a line with the Tiger Cub in front, parents behind holding the boys' Cub Scout shirts.)

Akela: For the past several months, you and your family have explored new and exciting things and places. You have taken each part of the Tiger Cub Motto: Search, Discover, Share, and have used it in your home, school, and neighborhood. You and your adult partner have searched out, in your home and community, new activities which have shown you how people work together and have fun together. With orange paint, BALOO draws footprints on right cheek.)

Akela: You and your adult partner have discovered that by doing thing together with friends and family, you feel a sense of being a part of the family, community, and country. (With orange paint, Baloo draws an open hand on the left cheek.

Akela: The thing you have searched out and shard with your family, and friends, and fellow Tiger Cubs, which let them learn about you and the things you saw and did. Now it is time to move along the Scouting Trail. In Cub Scouting, your family is important, just as it is throughout your whole Scouting experiences. Support in earning each badge comes from your family as well as from your den leader. Your parents will help you each step along the way. On behalf of our pack, I would like to welcome you into the next step of Scouting with your Cub Scout uniform shirt and the Cub Socut neckerchief. (Parents put shirt on Tiger Cubs, over their Tiger Cub T-shirts. Bagherra places the neckerchief around each Scout's neck and ties it with the neckerchief slide. (Akela, Baloo, and Bagherra then shakes each Tiger Cub's and his parents' hand.



### Tiger Bridge Crossing

(revised slightly)

Props: Bridge, Tiger Cub Graduation Certificate, Graduation Patch, Year pin for each Tiger

CM: Tiger Cubs, you have been working together, learning about many interesting things during the months you have been a Tiger Cub. The entire family has had a chance to be a part of that fun.

You have taken each part of the Tiger Cub Motto, "Search, Discover, Share: and used it in your home, school and neighborhood. Parents, on behalf of Pack, thank you for taking the time to "Search, Discover and Share" the Tiger Cub Program with your son. May you and your son experience the many wonders awaiting you as you climb the Scouting trail. Tiger Cubs, as you cross over the bridge and graduate from Tiger Cubs, I would like to present you and your adult partner the graduation certificate, graduation patch and one year service star with an orange backing. When I call your name, please cross over the bridge with your adult partner and begin your Cub Scouting adventures.

### Tiger/Webelos Ceremony

Personnel: Cubmaster, Webelos, Tiger Cubs, Parents, Akela, Den Leader

Props: Table with candles for each boy with their names in front of candles.

CM: Tonight we have the pleasure of welcoming new Cub Scouts into the pack. Parents and graduating Tiger Cubs, would you please be escorted forward by our Webelos.

ASST. CM: The Webelos Scout provided a path for you to follow into the pack and now he relinquishes his place in the pack to you. (Webelos Scouts hand lighted candles to boys and return to their seats.)

DL: You and your parents both were asked to come forward. This symbolizes that the family is a necessary base for Cub Scouting and that Cub Scouting supports a strong family unit. The candles you received represent the promise of every Cub Scout to "Do Your Best." Do you promise to Do Your Best?"

Tiger Cubs: We do. (Den leader instructs Tigers to blow out candles and return them to table.)

(At right of group Akela appears in costume.)

Akela: (To Cubmaster) My brother, have these new Cubs prepared to join our Pack?

CM: They have by completing the Tiger Cub program. As we call your name, please step forward to receive your graduation patch and certificate. You will also receive your one-year service star with an orange backing symbolizing your service as a Tiger Cub.

(Calls out names and distributes graduation materials.)

CM: Akela, members of the Pack, please welcome our new Cub Scouts.

### TigoMatic Graduation Ceremony

We tried something the last few years for Tiger Graduation, which went over very well. Basic idea came from others in this newsgroup, but with our own additions. It is called a TigoMatic. Get a refrigerator and a washer or dryer box from a local retail merchant. Remove the ends of the boxes. Lay the fridge box on its side. Set the dryer box on its end, behind and in the middle of the fridge box, so it supports the fridge box. Cut out panels in the boxes where they join. The idea is to give the adult volunteer sitting in the dryer box access to the fridge box passageway. As the Tiger Scout enters one end of the TigoMatic, the adult has access to the boy. This adult puts the Bobcat neckerchief on the Tiger scout all the while shaking the boxes slightly as the "machine" does its work. The Tiger Scout comes out the other end of the TigoMatic a Cub Scout. Here he is given his graduation certificate and whatever else the Pack decides to present to him and his parents.

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 New Bobcat Scout exit -->      fridge box      <--- Tiger Scout enters here



| | <- dryer box

Our TigoMatic was orange with Tiger Paws on it near the Tiger entry and blue near the exit. The adult "helper" in the dryer box was very funny as he constantly was shaking the box, and managed to pick up each boy so parts of them appeared to pop out the top of the dryer box. Thus the audience saw pieces of each boy as the machine was "agitating"! Of course, the boys loved it and laughed through the entire process.

Thanks to David Legler, Cubmaster Pack 6, Suwannee River Area Council

### **Tiger Cub Graduation Preparation**

Props - Three candles on left - two orange, one black

Three candles on right - two blue, one gold

One white candle in the middle (This candle should be lit before the ceremony starts.)

Pieces of orange, black, blue and gold construction paper cut out to be "paws". The paws should be placed in order and fairly close together and getting further apart and harder to follow as they continue. The paws should be taped to the floor so that the scouts will not slide on them. Each piece should have a word printed on it (in order) - Search, Discover,

Share, Sign,

Handshake, Salute, Motto, Promise, Law, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light.

Tigers and Parents -

Each Tiger should wear his Blue Cub Scout shirt under his Tiger Cub shirt. The parent with each Tiger Cub should have a Wolf neckerchief and slide. Pack -

The pack should have the Tiger Graduation patch and certificate for each Tiger Cub.

Scout Volunteers needed:

Cubmaster

Tiger Cub Leader

Wolf Scout

Bear Scout

First Year Webelos Scout

Second Year Webelos Scout

**SPECIAL NOTE:**

Adult Partner, Parent and Family are referred to in the ceremony. In using this ceremony please use the designation that is appropriate to ALL the Tiger Cubs in your pack. IE - use of the word parent may/may not be appropriate, etc.

### **Tiger Cub Graduation Ceremony**

Cubmaster - Tonight we honor our Tiger Cubs. Will the Tiger Cubs and their

Adult Partners please come forward.

Tiger Leader - For the past few months you and your family have explored all sorts of new and exciting things and places as Tiger Cubs. You have taken part in

The Tiger Cub Motto and used it in your home, school and neighborhood. This white candle represents the spirit of scouting, the ideals that you have begun to live this year.

(Light first Orange Candle) - You and your adult partner have searched out in your community new activities which have shown you how people work together and have fun together.

(Light Black Candle) - You and your adult partner have discovered that by doing things together with friends and family you feel a sense of being part of a great family, community and country.



(Light Second Orange Candle) - The things you have searched out and discovered have been shared with your family, friends and fellow Tiger Cubs, which let them

Learn about you and the things you saw and did. You will see the meaning of Cub Scouting with the Arrow of Light.

The trail is not an easy one. It will be easy to stumble. It will get more difficult as you go further on the trail. Do not expect to be able to be perfect on the trail tonight - it will take four years for you to gain the ability to follow the trail easily. As you follow this trail in Cub Scouting you will experience new things much as you did as a Tiger Cub.

(Light first Blue Candle) - You will learn that about the purity in living by following the scout oath and law

(Light Gold Candle) - You will learn about the unknown, the fear and the doubts, and how the Scout Motto will take these away.

(Light second Blue Candle) - You will learn knowledge, joy and confidence and how being a Cub Scout helps you to grow as a person. You are now ready to continue on the trail of Cub Scouting. It is not a trail that you can or will follow alone. Your family will be at your side at all times throughout your scouting experience. Support will also come from all members of this Pack. You will notice that there are members of the Pack along the trail you will follow tonight. There are Wolf Cubs, Bear Cubs, Webelos Scouts, the Cubmaster and other adult leaders. These people are there to help you at every step of the way on the trail. They are there to welcome you to the Pack. As you progress on the trail your family will help you grow into the uniform of Cub Scouting, which you will wear along the rest of the trail. Continue on along the trail, and ask those other Cub Scouts along the trail for help as you may need it- they will help you.

I ask that as your name is called that you and your family start on the trail. Please stop when the trail gets difficult. (This should be about the paw of salute or motto - Let the adult partners who will walk with the scouts know this ahead of time so they can stop their scout at this point and take their Tiger shirt off so they can continue on the trail in their blue Cub Scout shirt)

You will be given help to prepare you to continue along the trail. Each scout called by name

As each Scout completes the trail -

Cubmaster - (Scouts First Name), I would like to welcome you to the Pack. I am proud that you have completed your Tiger Cub and present you with this certificate and this patch that you can wear on your Cub Scout uniform to show this accomplishment. I welcome you to the Pack with the neckerchief of the Wolf Cub. Wear it as you continue on your scouting trail. (Adult partner will help the Cubmaster place the neckerchief around the scout's neck)

## **Tiger Closing Ceremonies**

(Have Tigers share lines or say all as one group.)

Ladies,

And Gentlemen

Thank you for Corning

And goodnight to you all.

### **Good Bye Tiger Cubs (closing song)**

(Tune: Good Night, Ladies)

Good bye, Tigers



Good bye, Tigers  
Good bye, Tigers  
We're going to leave you now,

## A Tiger Cub Graduation Ceremony

### Materials

Table with (non-burning) candles; matches; blanket ready. Neckerchiefs, Tiger patches, Mothers pins.

CM: Tells pack that this is the Tiger Cup Graduation

CM: Calls tiger cubs and adult partners to come forward and face the table.

CM: Tiger cub coach, would you continue.

TC: For the past few months you and your family have explored all sorts of new and exiting things and places. You have taken each part of the Tiger Cub motto, Search, Discover, Share, and used it in your home, school and neighborhood.

Candle 1: Roy

TC: tells first boy to light candle (give a match).

Boy does so.

TC: You and your adult partner have searched in your home and community for new activities that have shown you how people work together and have fun together.

Candle 2: Michael ...

TC: You and your adult partner have discovered that by doing things together with friends and family you feel you are part of a great family, community, and country.

Candle 3: Ariel ...

TC: You shared your searches and discoveries with your family, friends, and fellow Tiger Cubs, and that let them learn about you and the things you saw and did.

CM: Now it is time to move along the Scouting trail to the next part of the program.

CM: In Cub Scouting your family is as important as it is throughout your entire Scouting experience. Support in earning each badge comes from your family as well as from your den leader. Your parents will help you each step of the way.

Ariel.

TC: Ariel I present you with your tiger patch.

CM: Step on the blanket and lie down on your tummy.

CM: Den 6 and Wild wolves would you come and carry Ariel around to the other side.

Cubs carry boy. Adults walk over.

CM: Ariel and R., on behalf of Pack 6, I'd like to welcome you in Pack 6.

CM: R., I present you with Ariel's neckerchief; present it to Ariel.

Adult does so.

This mothers pin is for you.

Michael.

TC: Michael I present you with your tiger patch.

CM: Step on the blanket and lie down.

CM: Den 7 and wolverines would you come and carry Michael around to the other side.

Cubs carry boy. Adults walk over.



CM: Michael and S., on behalf of Pack 6, I'd like to welcome you in Pack 6.

CM: S., I present you with Michael's neckerchief; present it to Michael.

Adult does so.

This mother's pin is for you.

Roy.

TC: Roy I present you with your tiger patch.

CM: Step on the blanket and lie down.

CM: Den 1 and den 3 would you come and carry Roy around to the other side.

Cubs carry boy. Adults walk over.

CM: Roy and C., on behalf of Pack 6, I'd like to welcome you in Pack 6.

CM: C., I present you with Roy's neckerchief; present it to Roy.

Adult does so.

This mother's pin is for you.

CM: You are now a Wolf den. Wolfs, a pair of parents stepped forward and accepted the honor and the responsibility to be your den leaders, R. and J. [Applause] Young Wolfs, it will be up to you to ask your friends to join so you will become a large den. R., would you lead your wolf den to the other boys of the pack?



## Bobcat Ceremonies

### Bobcat Ceremony

Thanks to Kathy O'Leary, Piedmont Council

(This is a ceremony to bring a new Bobcat into an already existing den).

**Set up:** Cub Scouts from Den \_\_\_\_\_ join hand in a circle with the new Bobcat and his family in the center.

**Cubmaster** - You have come here tonight seeking to join the brotherhood of Cub Scouting. You have learned from your fellow den members and your family what is necessary to become a Bobcat. Will you now give the Cub Scout sign and repeat with me and your den members the Cub Scout Promise? (All say Cub Scout Promise.)

**Cubmaster** - Parents, we welcome you. Cub Scouting is for the whole family. Fun and friendship within the circle are ONE because we have all joined hands. As parents, you have a certain responsibility in Cub Scouting; by working with your son in his book and attending pack meetings and making the pack go. Will you accept this responsibility? (Parents respond.)

(Den Leader and assistant den leader hand the pin to the new Bobcat and badge to parents to present to son.)

**Cubmaster** - Congratulations! May you begin your trail upward.

Cub Scouts shout - "Do Your Best!"

### BOBCAT CEREMONY

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Equipment: Log to hold 8 candles (one tall one), Bobcat badges

Cubmaster: (Light tall single candle)

Before you are candles arranged to represent your goals in Cub Scouting. The lighted candle represents the Spirit of Scouting. This spirit is always bright in your Leaders, your fellow Cub Scouts, your parents and yourself.

The candle of the Spirit of Cub Scouting is used to light the three front candles, which represent (light each one as they are explained) the three points of the Cub Scout Promise: Your duty to God and your Country - Your duty to yourself and to help other people - Your duty to the Law of the Pack.

We now light the four candles across the top, representing the four parts of the Law of the Pack: (Light each in turn)

The Cub Scout follows Akela

The Cub Scout helps the Pack go

The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow

The Cub Scout gives Goodwill

(Replace the candle of Scouting Spirit)

You should try to keep these lights burning within you at all times. If, for some reason, you should slip and fail to keep one of the laws - for example, if you fail to show good will, and are unkind (blow out the candle for Good Will) - the Spirit of Cub Scouting will rekindle the light showing Good Will (Re-light the Good Will candle)

You will notice that the light is more easily lighted when it has been kept alive before.

We are very proud to welcome you new Bobcats and your parents into Cub Scouting, and ask that you keep the Spirit of Cub Scouting burning in your lives.

We present the Bobcat patch to the parents who in turn will present them to their sons in recognition of the parent's support as well as the work done by the boy.





Now, Bobcat Scouts, give the Cub Scout sign, and repeat the Cub Scout Promise with the other Cub Scouts of Pack . CONGRATULATIONS!!!



## Advancement Ceremonies

### Bubble Advancement Ceremony

(This ceremony can be adapted to be used in dens or packs)

**Equipment:** Bubble solution, and bubble wand, awards to be given.

**Personnel:** Den Leader or Cubmaster, boy receiving award (and parents, if appropriate)

**Set up:** Den Leader spends a few seconds blowing bubbles with the Cubs and then calls them around him/her.

Den Leader: Did you know that soap bubbles can only join at one of two angles (places or ways)? There are no other possibilities. So the number two would be important if you were a bubble. The number two is important to Cub Scouts also. Whenever you give the Cub Scout Promise you hold your right arm high with two fingers held out straight in the Cub Scout sign. The two fingers stand for the two points of the Promise; to help other people and to obey. They also stand for the two alert ears of a wolf. A wolf that is always listening to Akela.

(Name) has been listening closely and working with his parents and in our den. He is now ready to receive his first/next bead in his Progress Towards Ranks. (Award bead and help boy get it attached. Your Den Chief could do this.)

We'll now form a living circle and give the grand howl in (name's) honor.

### Animal Tracks Advancement Ceremony

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Have various "animal tracks" available as each of the following are discussed.

Cubmaster: (In a secretive manner). We are gathered tonight to study all the details of the scene of the crime. The first animal we need to identify has the following characteristics: It is striped, orange and black, stalks prey, and belongs to the cat family. From all the above details I believe we are describing the Tiger family.

The next animal track we found was a fairly fresh one. The items known are it is red in color, spotted, has a short stubby tail, and belongs to the Lynx family. Could it be a Bobcat that was spotted hanging around here?

The next track was harder to identify, as it belongs to the Dog family. It loves to eat game and livestock, but especially loves to howl. It is more commonly known as the Wolf.

This track was easy. It is larger in size than the other tracks. It is a mammal with long shaggy hair, and loves to eat fruit and insects. Our Bears are easy to spot.

This was the hardest of all the tracks. It has been here the longest so it was harder to identify. It made deeper grooves like it had more hanging on it. The identifying marks that made it easy to finally identify were its love of candy, sodas and junk food. And the evidence that it is tall and gangly. Of course, it could only be a Webelos.

It greatly relieves my mind that all tracks have been identified and classified into groups. Everyone loves to solve a mystery.

### Advancement Ceremony

San Francisco Bay Area

**Props:** Cubmaster dressed in a work smock wearing a carpenter's tool belt. Awards and mother's pins are taped to pieces of wood scraps that are hidden in his tool belt. Be sure to emphasize the "puns" though



out the ceremony.

**Cubmaster:** Tonight, we have some boys who "saw" the opportunity to "nail down" some advancements. At times these boys had to keep "hammering" on some of the tougher requirements, but, they kept on "drilling", "curving" and "sanding" and finally "cut" through. We "wood" like to honor them tonight.

Will Cub Scout \_\_\_\_\_ please come forward with his parents? \_\_\_\_\_ has "chiseled" through the requirements for the Wolf badge. (Cubmaster takes the Wolf award from his tool belt and holds it up.) We "wood" like to have his parents present him this award. (Cubmaster hands the award to the parents who present the boy the award.) "Wood" you please pin the mother's pin on your mother.

Other "puns" which could be used when making presentations include: "filed", "planed", "sharpened", "glued", "cut", "painted" or any other tool related name or adjective.

## **The Racetrack Advancement**

Santa Clara Council

**Personnel:** Cubmaster, Den Chief

**Equipment:** Racetrack Ceremony Board (instructions below), flashlight, badges pinned on small shapes (racing cars for Bobcats; green flags for Wolf badges or Arrow Points; red flags for Bear badges or Arrow Points; white flags for Webelos Activity badges, checkered flags for Arrow of Light Awards.)

**Setting:** Room is darkened. Den Chief stands with flashlight behind ceremony board. At the appropriate time, he illuminates the proper cutout with flashlight. Cubmaster reads script.

In an auto race, drivers must advance in position. Tonight we have a special way to honor our racing drivers who have advanced in Cub Scout rank. The first step in any race is to establish a qualifying time. Tonight we have some new Bobcats who have qualified as drivers on our Cub Scout advancement track. (Den Chief illuminates racing car cutout.) Will the following boys and their parents come forward? (Read names. Asks the boys to repeat the Promise and Motto, and tell them to remember them well)

The green flag symbolizes those drivers who have qualified for a Wolf position on our advancement track. Will the following boys come forward? (Call boys and parents. Den Chief illuminates green flag). Because your parents were helping you and cheering for you, we would like them to present the badges to you.

The red flag indicates that a driver is more experienced and skillful in handling his car and is moving up among the track leaders. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward? (Call them. Have the red flag illuminated) Just as pit mechanics help drivers to refuel and change parts, so your parents have helped you. They thus share in your honor. (Parents present badges)

The white flag tells us that the driver has but one lap to go to reach the checkered flag, the Arrow of Light. He has learned to manage the turns, jams, and upsets. Will the following Webelos Scouts come forward to receive their activity badges? (Call boys and parents forward. Have white flag illuminated) Many a driver wins because of the support given by his pit crew. Your parents have helped you in earning these badges and your Webelos leader has been an important part, too. (Webelos leader presents Activity Badges.)

The checkered flag announces the end of the race. It shows that the driver has reached the goal and has won the right to go on to bigger races - the Indianapolis 500 -, which is Scouting. Will the following boys come forward to receive the highest track award, the Arrow of Light? This is the only badge in Cub scouting which may be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. Your parents share in your achievement, since they have helped you do your best and have traveled the track of Cub Scouting with you.

**Congratulations to All!!**

**Racetrack Ceremony Board:** Cardboard or plywood rectangle. Flags and car shapes are cut out and backed with cellophane of the proper color. Flashlight illuminates cutouts at proper time.



## Recognition Ceremony

San Francisco Bay Area Council

Attach awards to card stock cut in the shape of wood working tools (i.e., saw, hammer, tape measure, etc.) Captions on the awards could match the tool:

"Way to measure up!"

"You really hammer down problems!"

"You saw us through!"

## Building Cub Scouts

York-Adams Council

This ceremony focuses on the boys' advancements as a true "building" of the Cub Scouts.

Note that this and other ceremonies should be reviewed and modified to suit the specific awards being giving at the meeting. This ceremony is written so that any particular award can be used or omitted without impacting the whole of the ceremony.

**CUBMASTER:** And now we get down to the essence of tonight's theme, Cubstruction. To me, Cubstruction is the building of our Cub Scouts! And haven't they grown! As we think back a year, a month, or even a week ago, we see that these guys have really grown. (And you parents who just got back from buying new clothes again this year, know what I mean!) And while they are growing physically, they're also growing in mind and in spirit. Tonight we look closely at how these guys have grown.

### (BOBCAT)

Any time you learn something new, you've grown! You don't have to add an inch to your stature, just learn something new and you've grown by it. Well tonight we recognize some of our Cub Scouts for doing just that. List names of Bobcat recipients and call them with their parents to the front of the room. The Bobcat award does not require you to build a birdhouse or to climb a rope, but it does require you to build yourself. These guys have been working hard to understand the basic requirements for being a Cub Scout. They have learned the Promise and the Law of the Pack. They have also learned and practiced the handshake, motto, Cub scout sign and the salute. They now know what the word WEBELOS means in Cub Scouting. And they have worked with their parents to be prepared should someone try to approach them improperly. They have really grow-and that's what Cubstruction is all about! Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them with the Cub Scout handshake. Offer applause and ask them to take their seats.

### (WOLF)

Next we have our Wolf Cub Awards. These guys are really building themselves. They started as new Cubs (and Tigers) and now they have done some really hard work to earn their Wolf awards. List names and invite them with their parents to come forward. When I look through the Wolf Book, I find many different Cubstruction activities. Even the first activity is all about building the Cub Scout. They do physical "Feats of Skill" like the crab walk and ball throwing. (Parents, when was the last time you tried to do the crab walk?) And then there are the "learning about making things" activities, like learning about how to use and care for tools. And finally, there are activities that help build these guys into better citizens. They have paid close attention to the neighborhood and their homes, seeing what they can do to make them a little better. Tonight we award these Cub Scouts their Wolf badge for truly showing us what Cubstruction is all about. Hand out badges to parents to give to the boys. Congratulate them and offer a suitable applause. Have them sit down.

### (BEAR)

When I started this ceremony, I pointed out that Cubstruction is more than just physical growth. It is also spiritual and mental growth. Tonight we recognize Cub Scouts who have earned their Bear badge. List



off Bear candidate names and invite them and their parents to the front of the room. The first requirement in the Big Bear Book is for them to grow in their faith by earning their Religious Award or by regularly attending and participating in their Church activities. These Cub Scouts are building themselves spiritually. They also pay special attention to our Country, completing requirements that focus on being good, solid citizens. And they have completed requirements that pay special attention to being a part of a family-these guys are learning (and that's building) more and more that they are not the center of the universe, but a contributing part of it. They have also completed requirements that they do for themselves-physical exercise and mental skills, for example. These Bear Scouts are solid examples of being Under Construction. Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them. Offer applause and ask them to take their seats.

### **(WEBELOS)**

A word about uniforms, now. A few years ago, the BSA changed the uniform to allow Webelos Scout to begin wearing the Boy Scout uniform pants and shirts. In part, this was to focus their attention on moving into Boy Scouts. But I can't help but think that part of the reason was that so many parents were yelling and screaming about having to buy a second (or third) blue Cub Scout uniform as these bean sprouts really started "shooting up" in size. These guys are really growing! But, again, the growth isn't all physical. Tonight we recognize some of our older Cub Scouts for having earned their Webelos badge. List names and invite them with their parents to come forward. These Webelos Scouts have done some physical building by completing their Physical Fitness Activity Badge. But they also have earned at least two other Activity Badges in areas outside of the physical development area. Maybe they've earned a Technology Group badge or a Mental Skills badge, but they have grown more than just physically. They also have started on their path to becoming Boy Scouts. They have studied the Boy Scout Oath and Law and have learned the basic elements for being Boy Scouts. (Much like our Bobcats learn the basic elements of being a Cub Scout.) Construction is alive and well with these guys. Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them. Offer applause and ask them to take their seats. Finally we come to the top of our Cub Scouting "growth curve." Some Webelos build themselves up to the point of earning the highest award offered in Cub Scouting-the Arrow of Light. List names and invite them with their parents to come forward. When these guys started out in Cub Scouts, they were building a foundation. For most, it starts in Tigers, others join as Wolf Scouts, and the rest join in Bears and Webelos. But they start with building a solid foundation. And then they add the superstructure or framing. This is where they earn their badges of rank. Finally, they put on the finishing touches-the hardest part of the job. It's the difference between "rough carpentry" and "finish carpentry." And these guys have done a great job in putting on the final touches. Hand boys the parent's Arrow of Light pins to present to their parents. Then give parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them. Offer applause and ask them to take their seats. And so there you have it! The building of a Cub Scout!

### **Akela's Arrow**

#### **Piedmont Council**

A tradition in a pack started many years ago. It is to present our graduating Arrow of Light recipients a real arrow with color (use plastic tape) bands for each of their ranks obtained while in Cub Scouts. This is to remember their Cub Scout years. The following ceremony shows the arrow's features.

**Cubmaster** - As we hold this arrow, we see it is a totem. This totem has many things to tell about our tribe.

When you look at an arrow, you see a long, sturdy and straight shaft. This shaft supports many tails. The color bands called the crest are orange, blue, brown, green, red and yellow. The crest stands for the ranks of Tiger, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light. This shaft is our pack, which will stay



true in flight by it fletching. These are the 3 feathers, which represent the leaders, parents and the Cub Scouts.

The notch at the end of the shaft stands for the support of the sponsor. The point of the shaft is symbolic of many things in Scouting. Cub Scouts are given arrow points for earning electives and the Arrow of Light award is the highest award in Cub Scouting.

So Cub Scouts, always remember, when you receive an arrow point or the Arrow of Light NEVER bend to wrong, because a crooked arrow always strays off target, but a straight arrow always stays true in flight.

(Present personalized arrows.)

Good Luck in Boy Scouting!

### More Advancement Ideas

1. Attach awards to small kites. Display on wall. With fluffy clouds, bright sun and/or rainbow. On kite write, "It takes high ideals to earn your . . ."
2. Attach awards to a Frisbee or plastic disc, small plastic paratrooper, or paper airplane. Throw for each boy to catch.
3. Attach award to airplane tickets. On airplane ticket write, "You are just the ticket. Congratulations on earning you . . ."
4. Put awards in balloons with a lightweight paper basket. Write the message, "You soar to great heights in scouting. Congratulations on earning your . . ."

### Advancement Ideas

1. Save old food containers and boxes that could hold awards. Put into large paper grocery sack. Use a shopping list as a prop.
2. Have each boy come up and put in ingredient for no bake cookies of peanut butter candy, or trail mix. Let each one stir, too. At end of presentation you have the pack treat.
3. Can the awards! Use one of those new can openers which removes the whole lid. Prepare in advance by saving cans for each boy and washing out. If you save the original label on the can the boys will be even more surprised when the first can is opened. Fill a can with awards for each boy. Re-glue lid. Let each boy open their award can.

### Halloween Advancement

Greater St. Louis Area Council

(Have the following items attached to the awards: black cat, moon, jack o'lantern, ghost. These can be pictures or small party type favors).

**Cubmaster** (dressed in costume):

Tonight's festivities include ghoulish prizes. Will the following ghouls and goblins please come forward? (Call forward scouts receiving Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos badges).

The black cats tonight are receiving their Bobcat badge. These cats are cunning and are ready to learn new tricks.

The werewolves tonight are receiving their Wolf badge. As the moon becomes full, these guys know how to sink their teeth into their next conquest.

Bears are ferocious looking creatures and like this jack o'lantern, they may look scary, but have a warm glow to them.

Ghosts are mysterious spirits. They appear to us out of nowhere, like these Webelos. They frighten us with their ability to grasp new ideas and disappear to the world beyond. Just like these Webelos who will



be leaving us soon to advance to Boy Scouting.

### **Parent Induction**

Greater St. Louis Area Council

Arrangement: Newly inducted Bobcats and their parents at front of the room.

Cubmaster: Parents of these new Cub Scouts, will you please give the Cub Scout sign and repeat after me:

As a parent of a Cub Scout,  
 I will do my best  
 To help my son  
 Live up to the Cub Scout Promise  
 And obey the Law of the Pack.  
 I will work with my son  
 On his achievements and projects.  
 I will attend the Pack Meetings  
 And help as needed  
 To make the Pack go.  
 Thank you and welcome to our Pack.

### **Den Advancement**

Indian Nations Council

Cub Scout (name) has opened his imagination and has begun a journey down life's long road of many adventures. We of Den (number) are proud to present this bead of advancement to (name). May he wear it with the pride of Scouting as he continues on his next adventure (present bead, ask Cub Scout to give the Cub Scout Motto).

### **Secret Message Recognition**

For each Cub Scout to be recognized, prepare a sheet of paper with a "Secret Message" on it, by writing on it in milk or lemon juice (as shown in the Wolf Cub Scout book). When the paper is held carefully over a heat source such as a light bulb, the message will appear:

Examples: Great job, Brian! Now aim for Bear. Congratulations, Chris, you have earned your Bobcat.  
 Go for the Arrow of Light, Michael!

### **Advancement Ideas**

Trapper Trails Council

Witches Cauldron - Pull awards out of cauldron. Dress like a witch or ghoul. If you put dry ice in empty milk carton in the cauldron and add a little water a few minutes before the awards are presented, it will be brewing. Pack awards outside the milk carton in the cauldron. Always use caution when using dry ice. Handle with gloves, do not put in your mouth and **KEEP AWAY FROM THE KIDS!**

Ghost - Attack awards to these ghosts or put in balloons. Blow up balloon and cover with white tissue paper. Tie with black and orange ribbon. Draw eyes.





## Webelos Ceremonies

### Bear To Webelos With Neckerchiefs

Props: Spirit of Scouting candle and holder, badges, colors and neckerchiefs.

Webelos den leader, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, will you and the den please come forward and join me on stage Tonight we have (number) Bear Cub Scouts who have entered the fourth grade and are joining our Webelos den, Den Chief \_\_\_\_\_, escort Bear Cub Scouts, and their parents to our awards table please. (Cubs' names) you have shown yourselves worthy of joining our, Webelos den by working hard through the ranks of Wolf and Bear. We would now like to present to you the new parts of your Cub Scout uniform. (Webelos den leader presents parts as they are explained.) Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, please remove their neckerchief and replace them with the Webelos neckerchief Next, place the Webelos badge of colors on their right shoulder. These colors will tell everyone that you are an older boy preparing for the adventures of Boy Scouting. The badge colors will hold the activity badges that you earn as you explore some of the 20 Webelos activities with your den. Mr. \_\_\_\_\_

Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ I know you have helped your sons along the Cub Scout trail this far. It is important that you continue to go along with your sons and learn about the Boy Scout trail in his Webelos den. We know that we will soon have the pleasure of seeing you present your son with activity badges, the Webelos badge, and finally, the Arrow of Light award, the highest in Cub Scouting, Congratulations I \_\_\_\_\_ and remember to keep the spirit alive in all that you do.

We have a very active Webelos den. Since our last meeting, every one of our Webelos has earned a new activity badge. As I call your names, would each boy and his parents please come forward. (Call all Webelos)

Each boy, in order to earn his Webelos badge, must earn three activity badges, be an active member of the Webelos den for three months, know and understand the requirements to be a Boy Scout, know the parts of and meaning of the Webelos uniform, and lead a flag ceremony in his den. We have (number) Webelos Scouts that have earned their badges this month.

Would their parents please come forward? List activity each boy has earned to qualify for badge, and present to parents.) Congratulations to all of you, and keep up the good work.

Pack, how about a cheer for the Webelos, their parents, and especially for Mr. or Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ their leader.

### Burning Of Scarf Arrow Of Light Ceremony

Props: Magic solution actually 6~A and 40% acetone, drum, candle of truth, Webelos scarf with the emblem removed, FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

Arrangement: The emblem must be removed off the scarf that you intend to burn. You cannot use a leaders' scarf The emblem and the cording around the leaders' scarf will soak up too much of the acetone. Clothes hangers are opened and a circle bent into the end, at least two feet long. Safety pins hold the scarf to the hangers. The magic potion should be put into large peanut butter jars, with a tight fining cover so it may be used again. The jar should be placed in a large basket or box. Have the scarf to be burned already in the basket, then when the boy's scarf is put in no one will be the wiser. The scarf you use must be squeezed out, until only damp. Immediately hold the damp scarf over the flame of the candle. Do this very quickly, as the acetone will evaporate. It will go into flames for a few seconds and then go out as the acetone is burned The flame is best seen in a dimly lit room.



Drumbeat.

Narrator: Many moons ago a Webelos brave started on the trail of the Arrow of Light. Much work and many hard hours went into preparation. After many council fires--Akela came forward.

Drum beats while Akela enters.

Akela: The great Eagle, bird of truth, has come to me with the name of a candidate for the sacred award of the Arrow of Light. (Drum beat) Will (name), and his parents please come to the Council fire. Will his Webelos Leader also come forward. Drum Beat)

Akela: Brave (name), I now ask your Webelos Leader if you have tried to follow the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack. Have you learned from the trail of the Bobcat, Wolf and Bear, and, from the tribe of the Webelos?

Webelos Leader: Yes, he has.

Akela: I now ask you one question. Have you TRIED to do your best?

Brave: Yes, I have.

Akela: This is indeed a proud moment for our tribe, when we can see you advance, It symbolizes the cooperation in your pack and in your tepee. You have shared many experiences and much knowledge. Without this sharing and caring along the trail of the Arrow of Light it would have been far more difficult. As your parents take the Webelos scarf from around your shoulders, I want you to think about the one question I asked you before, You answered Yes, that you had done your best. If this is true, after we dip your scarf into the magic potion and pass it over the flame of truth it will flame up but will not be consumed by the fire.

Akela and Webelos Leader should now take the scarf from the parents and dip it in the solution then pass it over the candle This should be done very quickly because the acetone will evaporate very fast once the scarf is opened up. Use coat hangers with safety pins already attached to the scarf with the emblem removed.

Akela: Welcome to the Brotherhood of the Arrow of Light. You have indeed done your best.

### **Crossing The Bridge Ceremony**

Read by Cubmaster: A bridge is a structure carrying a pathway or roadway over a depression. It is a means of connection or transition from one side to another, During the years you and your son have been in Cub Scouting, we have had numerous opportunities to work together along the trail. Now, Boys' name is leaving the Pack to follow the trail of Boy Scouting. I am sure you are going to find the same satisfaction there that you have found in Cub Scouting.

As a symbol of the growth of your son and his entrance into Scouting, may I ask that he stand before me where I will divest him of his Webelos Handbook and neckerchief (Take Webelos Handbook and Neckerchief from boy) You and he will slowly cross over the bridge into Scouting, pausing at each of the twelve steps. At the end of the twelve steps you will be welcomed by the Scouts of Troop # Dim the lights and have spotlight shining on a bridge as the boy and parents cross the bridge.)

(As Cub takes each step, the Scouts call out loudly each of the Scout laws.)

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| 1st | TRUSTWORTHY |
| 2nd | LOYAL       |
| 3rd | HELPFUL     |
| 4th | FRIENDLY    |
| 5th | COURTEOUS   |
| 6th | KIND        |
| 7th | OBEDIENT    |
| 8th | CHEERFUL    |



9th	THRIFTY
10th	BRAVE
11th	CLEAN
12th	REVERENT

Read by Scouts - We welcome you into Troop #. We meet each Day at Time at Place. We shall look forward to welcoming you at our next troop meeting.

Read by Scoutmaster - (Hands Scout Handbook to new Scout) This book now replaces your Webelos book. Read and study it. Keep it handy for it is your guide through many adventures in Scouting.

Done by Assistant Scoutmaster - Places Troop neckerchief around new Scout's neck and shakes his hand)

### **Graduation of a Cub Scout To Webelos**

This ceremony can be conducted in a den or at a pack meeting. All Cub Scouts in the graduate's den sit in a circle with the graduate in middle of circle. Props: Ten candles, ten cards with verse

Dim Lights - Candles are lit:

1st Cub: "We've played together and worked together"

2nd Cub: "Had maybe a fight or two"

3rd Cub: "We've taken trips and had some slips"

4th Cub: "And seen many projects through"

5th Cub: "You earned your Wolf and arrow points"

6th Cub: "You earned your Bear degree"

7th Cub: "But now you're earning your Webelos"

8th Cub: "A Boy Scout soon you'll be"

Leader: "We hope you remember Den (#) with delight"

Leader: "We salute you! Good luck! Happy Scouting!"

At this time, a den cheer is given in honor of the graduate, and den leader presents boy to Cubmaster who does the honors and turns boy over to his new Webelos leader.

### **The Lodge Of The Webelos**

Props: Ceremony board with four candles Webelos insignia, Indian headdress.

Cubmaster: Many moons ago you came to us seeking to be a member of the Bobcats. Is this true?

Scouts: Yes, it is true. (Cubmaster lights the first candle)

Cubmaster: Next, you followed the trail of the Wolf until you had gained his wisdom Is this true?

Scouts: Yes, this is true. (Cubmaster lights next candle)

Cubmaster: Next, you followed another trail until you were wise in the ways of the Bear. Is this true?

Scouts: Yes, this is true. (Cubmaster lights third candle)

Cubmaster: Tonight, is it your desire to be a member of the lodge of the Webelos?

Scouts: Yes, it is my desire

Cubmaster: Then you must pass the test. Have you been with the Webelos braves for three moons? Have you learned the ways of the Webelos and earned three badges? Say the Scout Oath. When the Webelos Scouts have answered all questions the Cubmaster lights the fourth candle.) I now present you with the Webelos badge, which you will wear with pride, and also ask that all the braves make you welcome as a full brother of the Webelos



## **Webelos Crossover The Rustic Bridge**

Props: Rustic bridge.

Cubmaster: Cub Scouting is the younger brother part of the great Scout movement, where boys are grouped together in den. During the last part of Cub Scouting, a boy learns the requirements for the Arrow of Light award. Then when he reaches the proper age, he graduates into Boy Scouting. Tonight's meeting has special meaning for some of our boys, for this is their graduation night. The night they cross the bridge from Cub Scouting into Boy Scouting. (Calls forward graduating boys and their parents.)

Cubmaster: Four years ago you boys became Cub Scouts. On that night a whole new world of opportunity opened to you through Cub Scouting. You have been loyal to your den and to your leader. You have learned to share, to assume responsibility and to discipline yourselves. Being a Cub Scout has helped you to understand the importance of being a member of a team. You have now reached another bridge in life, the end of Cubbing and the beginning of boy Scouting. I congratulate you in deciding to become a Boy Scout some day one of you may return to us as a Den Chief, to help other Cub Scouts learn to become Boy Scouts. We will miss all of you in our den and pack meetings, but we know you'll be having lots of fun and adventure in your Boy Scout troop.

You have earned the Arrow of Light Award, which is the only Cub Scout badge which may be worn on the Boy Scout uniform.

I'd like to congratulate you on a job well done. This is the last time you will give the Cub Scout salute (they exchange salutes). Now I'm happy to introduce you to Mr., (name), your Scoutmaster who will meet you with the Boy Scout salute (they exchange salutes)

## **Totem Pole Crossing**

Props: Cub Scout totem pole (a 5 foot 2X4 anchored in a base, with a large reproduction of Cub Scout rank emblems tacked to the front of it in ascending order with Arrow of Light at the top), Boy Scout totem pole (Same as Cub, only with Boy Scout ranks represented with eagle on top), troop neckerchief, bridge.

Arrangement: Cub Scout totem pole is left front, Boy Scout totem pole is right front, bridge is center front, Scout troop personnel are beside their totem, Cubmaster and Webelos leader beside theirs.

Webelos Leader: Oh great Akela of Pack (#), I beg your assistance in helping the Webelos Scouts of our tribe.

Cubmaster: How may I aid these young braves?

Webelos Leader: Akela, call upon the great master of the troop to accept these Webelos into his council fire ring.

Cubmaster: These Webelos Scouts and their parents are part of our pack. They have been good to us and we have been good to them. Why should I send them to another tribe?

Webelos Leader: It is true they are part of our pack. They have obeyed the Law of the Pack and kept the Cub Scout Promise with the aid of their parents. But, great Akela, they have grown much in the pack. They have tracked the Bobcat, the Wolf, and the Bear. They have learned well the ways of the Webelos. It is time for them to trail the Eagle.

Cubmaster: If it is true that these braves are ready to trail the Eagle; if you give your word that they know the Laws of the troop, and agree to the Oath of Boy Scouting, call them and their parents to the pack totem.

Webelos Leader: Will Webelos Scouts (names) come to the totem with their parents. (They do.) Akela, look with favor upon these braves. They have done well.



Cubmaster: Parents, I place great trust in the judgement of the leader of the Webelos. He lives by the Law of the Pack and the Law of the troop. We will miss your sons in our Pack. Look now upon the totem of the Pack and the mark your sons have made along the Cub Scout Trail. Just as they made these ranks with your help, so will they need your help and encouragement as they trail the Eagle and make their mark in the troop.

I will go now and call upon the Scoutmaster of the Troop and ask him to admit your sons to his council ring (Cubmaster walks to edge of bridge.)

Scoutmaster (name), hear the call of the tribe of Webelos,

Scoutmaster: Great Akela, what is it your desire?

Cubmasters The leader of the Webelos has prepared (number) young braves of our tribe for admittance into your council ring. They have made their mark on our totem and desire to trail the Eagle.

Scoutmaster: You are a wise chief, Akela. if you say these braves are ready to trail the Eagle, I will accept them. I send forward their new Senior Patrol Leader to help them across the bridge.

Senior Patrol Leader: (advances to Scout edge of bridge) Akela, let these braves leave their tribal dress of the Webelos behind and prepare to enter our council ring

Cubmaster: (returning to totem) Parents, remove the Webelos tribal dress from your sons (helps them remove Webelos neckerchief and colors from sleeves).

(To Webelos Scouts) I wish you well as you trail the eagle. Walk with your parents to the bridge that will take you to the Eagle Trail. (Give each Webelos Scout the Cub handshake).

Webelos Leader: (stands at edge of bridge.) Parents, these are young men now, and must walk the bridge alone (direct them behind the bridge to stand.) (To each boy) @4ame), I salute you. (do so to each boy and shake his hand) Cross the bridge to Scouting.

Senior Patrol Leader: Welcome, Scouts. We are proud to accept you. (Gives Scout handclasp to each boy and guides them to the Scout totem, and the Scoutmaster.)

Scoutmaster: Look well upon the totem of the Scout troop It is the way to trail the Eagle. To let all know of your new quest, I am honored to present you with the neckerchief that symbolizes your acceptance in the troop council ring (present each boy with neckerchief)

We welcome also, your parents. Please bring them to our totem. boys escort parents to totem).

Parents, the trail to Eagle is a steep one and these Scouts will need your support and encouragement.

Are you prepared for the task that is upon you? If so, signify by saying, "We are." Parents do so)

(to boys) Congratulations, Boy Scouts. (Give Boy Scout salute to boys, and give each the Scout handclasp.)

Cubmaster: Who will be next to trail the Eagle?

Webelos Leader: These fine young men will soon be ready, Akela. Q)ring Webelos den forward, enter remaining Scouts of new Webelos Scouts.) Already they have learned the yell of the tribe (boys give den yell.)

Cubmaster: It is good. let us all celebrate this special night with a special cheer. Lead cheer of choice).

## Arrow of light Ceremonies

### An Arrow of Light Ceremony from the Greater St. Louis Area Council

**CM:** The final and highest rank of Cub Scouting is the Arrow of Light. To earn it a boy must be a member of his den for at least six months since turning 10 years old and have earned the Webelos Rank. He must have earned the Fitness, Readyman, and Citizen Activity Pins and five more for a total of eight. He must know the Boy Scout Oath and Scout Law from memory as well as the Boy Scout slogan, motto, sign and salute. He must have participated in a Webelos overnight campout or a Webelos day hike. He must have



visited a Boy Scout troop with his parents and den and taken part in a Boy Scout outdoor activity.

**CA:** There are Webelos Scouts among us tonight who have earned Cub Scouting's highest award. Would (insert names) and their parents please come forward and stand here facing the audience. (Assistant Cubmaster escorts the Scouts and their parents to the stand next to the ceremony table, facing the audience, with the parents standing behind their Scout.)

**CM:** The Arrow of Light is much more difficult to obtain than a belt loop, an Activity Pin or even one of the other rank patches. To obtain this award, these scouts have met a number of requirements, including completion of eight activity pins, participation in camps, hikes and Boy Scout activities, the memorization of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law, and the commitment to live by the principles. Webelos Scouts will you please stand at attention, salute your audience and recite the Scout Oath and Scout Law in unison, (Cubmaster steps to the front to face the Scouts, salutes and leads)

On my honor,

I will do my best;

To do my duty to God and my Country and to obey the Scout Law;

To help other people at all times;

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.

Thank you. As you can see on the candle holder, the Arrow of Light symbol is made up of an arrow which points the way to a good life and a rising sun which symbolized the constant new challenges provided by Scouting and by life itself. The seven candles in the emblem represent the seven rays in the Arrow of Light symbol you see before you.

**CA:** (Cubmaster lights the first candle)

This first ray represents Wisdom. Having wisdom doesn't mean that a person is smarter than others. It means that he uses what he knows to live a better life.

(Cubmaster lights the second candle)

This ray represents Courage. Courage does not mean you have no fear of danger. It means that you can face danger despite your fear.

(Cubmaster lights the third candle)

The third ray stands for self-control. Self-control means being able to stop when you have had enough of something and being able to choose your own path instead of merely following others.

(Cubmaster lights the fourth candle)

The fourth ray stands for Justice. Justice means being fair with others we play and work with, regardless of who they are.

(Cubmaster lights fifth candle)

The fifth ray represents Faith. Faith includes belief in God, and in things we cannot see, but feel are true.

(Cubmaster lights the sixth candle)

This candle represents Hope. Hope means to look forward to good things you believe will happen. You hope for better things tomorrow, but at the same time you work hard today to make them happen.

(Cubmaster lights the seventh candle)

The last candle and the last ray of the sun of the Arrow of Light symbol stands for Love. There are many kinds of love. Love of family, home, fellow men, God, and Country. Every kind of love is important for a full and happy life.

**CM:** You will find that living by these seven virtues can lead to a happy life. The Arrow of Light is a significant achievement. The Boy Scouts of America recognize it as such. When you become a Boy Scout, you





continue to wear the Arrow of Light on your uniform. When you become an adult leader, you wear a square knot, which represents the Arrow of Light on your uniform.

You've completed all the requirements for your Arrow of Light Badge and have completed the Cub Scout Trail. It is my pleasure to award you your Arrow of Light badge to your parents, who have been your Akela in completing these requirements. Parents, please award this badge to your son and congratulate him on a 'Job Well Done.'

(Assistant Cubmaster awards boys their certificates, and presents the parents with the Arrow of Light badge. Parents pin it on their sons. Then present the mother's pin to the boy and have him pin his mother or father)

Receive now the mark of the Arrow of Light, a Yellow mark, symbolizing light from the blazing sun above us, lighting our way through life. (Assistant Cubmaster marks each boy with Yellow face paint).

## Miscellaneous Ceremonies

### World Conservation Award Ceremony

Persons involved: Akela (Cubmaster), Baloo (Assistant CM), and Cub Scouts receiving World Conservation Award.

(Akela and Baloo stand up front.)

**Akela:** As we all know, the land is very important to us. This desire to cherish the land goes back long before our time, to a time when the deer, wolf, and bear ran freely through our forests. To a time when the salmon and shad swam up our rivers to hatch their young in the clear waters. To a time when the eagle and other creatures of the air could fly in clear blue skies. We have been given dominion over the land by our Great Spirit. It is our responsibility to take care of what we have been given. In order to learn what we can do to preserve the land for our future generations, every Cub Scout has the opportunity to participate in completing the requirements for the World Conservation Award.

We have several Cubs here tonight who have done just that. As I call out your names, please come forward and stand with Akela and Baloo and receive your award.

(Cubs come forward and receive their award from Baloo)

Thanks to Steve Harter, Cubmaster, Pack 101, Martic Twp., PA





