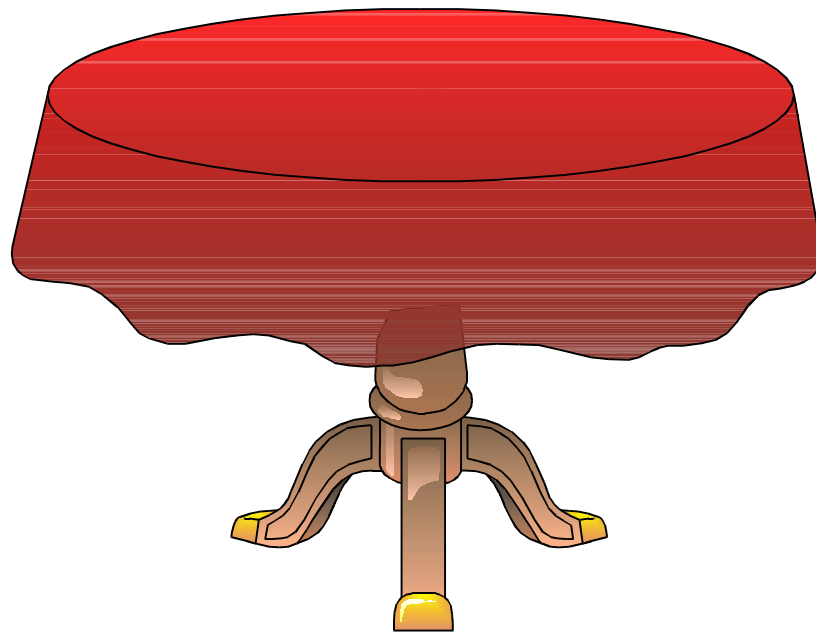


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ADVANCEMENT - THE SECOND GREAT STEP ALONG THE CUBBING TRAIL

Characters: Cubmaster, Den Chiefs, Advancing Cubs and parents, Den Leaders

CUBMASTER: Will the den chief who has Cubs ready to receive their Bear please come forward. (This is all arranged in advance). Now, will you please give the names of the advancing Cubs from your Den and bring them forward.

(Den Chief announce names and take boy to Cubmaster at front).

CUBMASTER: Cubs, we are happy to see that you have made the second great step along the Cubbing trail. You have completed the Bear Achievements, and you have proved yourselves worthy of membership in our Pack. The advancing Cubs will face their fellow Cubs and parents step forward two paces. Cubs, I'm going to ask Den Chief to lead your in a cheer for these new members of our Bear rank.

(Den Chief leads cheer and advancing Cubs return to their places in line but remain facing audience.)

CUBMASTER: Now, Den Chief, I understand the parents of these Cubs are present tonight, and I'm going to ask you please to bring them forward. (Den Chief brings parents to Cubmaster and places them so that each Cub is standing between his mother and father.)

CUBMASTER: These Cubs have done a splendid job in our Pack. They have climbed the Cubbing ladder well. But this could not have been possible had not interested parents helped. These Cubs have passed their achievements to their parents. Now I'm going to ask just the parents in the audience to stand and give these fine boys a hand.

(Cubs in audience remain seated, but all parents stand and applaud).

CUBMASTER: There are other people in addition to this fine Den Chief who have contributed to the advancement of these Cubs. I'm going to ask each advancing Cub to call out the name of this Den Leader: and as their names are called, I'd like them to stand while we all sing "They're Jolly Good Fellows".

CUBMASTER: And now we are ready to award the Bear badges to these Cubs. As Cubmaster, I do not claim the privilege of presenting the badge. I'm going to present the badge to each parent and allow them to present it to their son. (Present badges to their sons and congratulate them.)

ADVANCEMENT - EXPLAINING THE RANKS

Need: 11X14 cards picturing the rank badges. Tape these little explanations of rank on the back of the appropriate card. 5 Cubs represent each rank.

Have the 5 Cubs come forward, hold up the cards for the audience to see as they read the explanation on the back.

BOBCAT:

I had to make some promises,
To become a bobcat Scout.
To Follow, help, and give goodwill,
That's what Cub Scouting's all about.

WOLF:

The back and front rolls were easy,
Making games was fun.
But when it came to giving directions,
I almost didn't get done.

I had to earn the Wolf badge,
It meant a lot to me.
Finally I learned my directions,
And a Wolf Cub Scout I would be.

BEAR:

I never wrote a letter before,
Let alone a 100 word essay.
Or ever learned to throw a rope,
To hit a marker 20 feet away.

And now that I've earned the Bear badge,
All that and a whole lot more.
Makes me feel that much smarter,
Than I ever felt before.

WEBELOS:

Now that I'm a 9 year old,
I belong to a Webelos den.
Activity badges I'll try to earn,
Like Athlete, Forester, and Outdoorsman.

ARROW OF LIGHT:

The Oath and Law are memorized,
Graduation day is in sight.
I am prepared for what's ahead,
I've earned the Arrow of Light!

It's hard to say goodbye to friends.
Cub Scouting's meant a lot to me,
But it's time I start the upward trail,
For it's an Eagle Scout I want to be.

CUBMASTER:

Now that we have had the ranks explained,
we would like to recognize those boys in
our Pack who have earned those ranks.

(At this time you will have the advancing
boys come forward with their parents and
award the badges.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE MEANING OF THE COLORS BLUE AND GOLD

CUBMASTER: Blue and Gold, the Cub Scout colors stand for some of the good things Cub Scouts gain through the process of advancement as they make progress through the ranks.

Gold stands for Good Cheer. The boys here tonight who have learned the basics of Cub Scouting and have earned their Bobcat badge are full of the good cheer of Cub Scouting. Will these boys and their parents please come forward? (Call the names of the boys receiving Bobcats - give the award to the parents to pin on the boy.)

Gold stands for happiness, and no one seems to be more full of happiness than these bright young men, who have completed the twelve achievements necessary for the rank of Wolf. Will these boys please come forward with their parents? (Call names of boys receiving Wolf Badges and Wolf Arrows. Give awards to the parents and have them present them to the boys.)

Blue, the other color of Cub Scouting stands for truth. Truth begins to shine through strong on the faces of these Cub Scouts, as they have completed the achievements for the rank of Bear and have learned that Cub Scout Honor really is important and truth is always the best. Will these boys please come forward with their parents. (Call the names of the boys receiving Bear badges and Bear Arrows. Give the badges to the parents to present to the boys.)

The other meaning for the color Blue is loyalty. This is one of the most important traits a boy can learn in the process of becoming a man. Loyalty to family, God, country, friends, and the most important, loyalty to his beliefs and convictions. There are many adults who do not display this trait, but the boys who have progressed to the rank of Webelos have developed or are developing this trait of loyalty. The boys who have earned honors as Webelos are: (Call off names and at this time graduate boys into Webelos, award activity pins, and also the Arrow of Light and graduate boys into Boys Scouts. Just say a few words about the accomplishments of each boy. Honor the Arrow of Light recipients and graduates into Scouting with more ado than the activity badge recipients.)

These boys honored tonight have been true to the Gold and the Blue by showing the traits represented by our Cub Scout colors....Good cheer, Happiness, Truth and Loyalty. Let's show them and their parents how much we admire their efforts with a Pack cheer.

"Who's the best in Blue and Gold? Pack ____ so we've been told!"

ADVANCEMENT - AKELA'S SCALE

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Den Chief, Den Leader, Bobcat candidates and parents.

EQUIPMENT: Ceremonial Board consisting of arrow with three candles on a balance, Bobcat pins and advancement certificates.

CUBMASTER: Will the candidates and their parents please come forward and face the pack. (They do so.) You boys and your parents have come to be inducted into our Cub Scout family as members of Pack _____. You are ready to start your adventure along Akela's trail, together with your friends and their parents."

Here is the arrow (points to ceremonial board) that points the way along the trail. The awards you can earn along the trail are: the Wolf, the Bear, the Webelos and the Arrow of Light awards. The parts of the Cub Scout program that cannot be seen are the value of things you will learn and the good times you will have.

This is the scale of Akela. Both the parents and the Cub Scouts are important to keep the scale in balance.

(To Den Chief): (Name), will you light the candle representing the Cub Scouts. (Candle on feather)

(To Den Leader): (Name), will you light the candle for the parents. (Points to the candle on the arrow point.)

If the boy does not do his part, the scale is out of balance and the program goes downhill. (Removes candle representing boys, then replaces it.) On the other hand, if the parents part is taken away, the scale is out of balance in the other direction and the Cub Scout loses his way along Akela's trail. (Removes candle representing parents, then replaces it.)

So, you see, to keep the Cub Scout program in perfect balance, both Cub Scouts and parents must take part in the activities by coming to all meetings, following the leaders, and advancing from point to point along Akela's trail.

Now, boys, give the Cub Scout sign, and repeat the Promise with me. (They repeat Cub Scout Promise.)

And, parents, will you please repeat the following: We, as parents, will do our best...to aid and assist our son... in his Cub Scout activities. We will encourage him with enthusiasm... criticize him with fairness... and judge him with lenience. And, realizing that the Cub Scout program... is one of equal participation for boys and parents... we will assist as we are able... in serving as leaders, advisors or workers.

ADVANCEMENT - AKELA'S BEARS

EQUIPMENT: Orange candle and advancement board

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Den Chief, Bear candidates, their parents
(Den Chief escorts candidates and their parents; may light candle)

CUBMASTER: Will Den Chief(s) _____ bring forward the following Cub Scouts and their parents: (Name boys)

From the kindly bear, Akela learned the secret name of the trees, the call of the birds, and the language of the air. Just as Akela learned things that required a little more skill, so have these Cub Scouts, as they have achieved the Bear rank.

Just as Akela's parents helped him to accept a little more responsibility as he grew older, so have your parents helped you to achieve your new rank as a Bear Cub Scout.

You too, have proved yourself worthy of being called braves in Akela's tribe. I hope you will continue to be worthy Scouts and to advance to our Webelos den some day.

(Hands badges to parents as Den Chief lights orange candle.)

Parents, we appreciate the help you have given your sons toward earning this badge. Among other things, Scouting teaches teamwork. Continue to work with them and it will pay big dividends. We now ask that you present these badges to your son(s).

ADVANCEMENT - AMERICAN FOLKLORE

PROPS:Four candles in holder, each candle a different length.

CUBMASTER: Our history is filled not only with the tall tales of American Folklore, but also with the true deeds of some very brave men who explored, fought and in some cases died, to extend the frontiers of our country. Men like Davey Crockett, Daniel Boone, Kit Carson, Lewis and Clark, Buffalo Bill Cody, and many more.

The Scouting trail is much like the trail these famous men followed and so, at this time, we will recognize those Cubs in our Pack who have advance along this trail. As I call your names, please come forward with your Parents. (call names)

As you Cubs can see, the candles get taller as you advance. This represents the additional skills that you must learn as you earn each higher rank. (Light Shortest Candle).

The Bobcat is the start of the trail and the simplest to earn. (light next candle.) The Wolf is a big step forward and harder as is (light the next candle) the Bear.

Finally, at last, (light the tallest candle) you became a Webelos Scout, an earn the highest rank, the Arrow of Light. And so with the spirit of the great explorers, folklore heroes and frontiersmen to guide you, may you continue to climb the Scouting Trail. (Present awards by Den and congratulates Cubs and parents).

ADVANCEMENT - BEAR TO WEBELOS WITH NECKERCHIEFS

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

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos den and den leader, den chief.

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 neckerchiefs 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 of colors will hold the activity badges that you earn as you explore some of the 20 Webelos activities with your den. Mr. & Mrs. _____, 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 _____, & _____, 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 and their parents please come forward. (List activity each boy has earned to qualify for badge, and present to parents to pin on his chest.) 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. _____, their leader.

ADVANCEMENT - BACKYARD FUN

STAGING: Cardboard trees and bushes in background. Several boys and adults dressed in casual clothes (Ex: play clothes, swim suits with towels, barbecue apron and tools, etc.) mill around stand then walk off.

CUBMASTER: Did you see all those people in my backyard?

ASST CM: Yes, I wonder what they were doing?

CUBMASTER: I don't know who they were, but I know they were swimming, playing, cooking, resting, and, above all having fun.

ASST CM: Wow I didn't know you could do all that in your backyard.

CUBMASTER: Backyard Fun - two words that generally mean enjoying your surroundings; however, they become different things to different people.

ASST CM: A young Bobcat starting his Cub Scouting adventure may be like a young seed just starting to grow. His backyard may be just the property surrounding his house.

CUBMASTER: His fun may be a swing set, a family barbecue or playing catch with Dad. We have several Cub Scouts that have earned the Bobcat rank.

ASST CM: Will the following boys and their parents please join us in the backyard. (Reads names)

CUBMASTER: These Cubs, like a plant seed, have just started. Parents, I give you the Bobcat Badge to present to your sons.

A young Wolf has gone beyond the bobcat, like the seedling becoming a tree. His backyard extends into the neighborhood.

ASST CM: His fun could be bicycle riding, soccer games, or visiting friends. We have several Cub Scouts tonight that have earned the Wolf Badge, the second rank in Cub Scouting. Will the following boys and their parents come into the backyard. (Read Wolf names)

CUBMASTER: A Wolf Cub has accomplished more than the Bobcat. His experiences, skills, and knowledge have begun to extend beyond his home. Parents, please present these Wolf Badges to your sons.

ASST CM: The Bear Scout, the third rank of Cub Scouting, has continued up the Scouting trail beyond the Wolf. He has become strong and straight as a young tree, not fully grown yet, but on his way. His backyard extends beyond his neighborhood into the town and country.

CUBMASTER: His fun could be fishing in a creek, a walk through town, or visit to local park or zoo. We have several Cub Scouts that have met the challenges of the Bear and will receive their awards tonight.

ASST CM: Will the following Cub Scouts and parents join us. (Read names)

CUBMASTER: The Bear Scout has matured and endured the challenges of the Cub Scout trail. His experiences and knowledge are nearly complete. His backyard is beyond his neighborhood. Parents please present these badges to your sons.

ASST CM: The Webelos Scout is coming to the end of the Cub Scout Trail. He is a fully grown tree in the Cub Scout forest. He stands straight and tall.

CUBMASTER: His backyard extends up and down the highways. His fun may include boating on a lake, hiking in the woods, and camping overnight. We have several Cub Scouts here tonight that have met the Webelos challenges.

ASST CM: Will the following boys and their parents join us in our backyard.

CUBMASTER: The Webelos Scouts have almost completed the Cub Scout trail. They are knowledgeable, skillful, and confident. His backyard is almost limitless. Parents please present these badges to your sons.

ADVANCEMENT - WITCHES BREW

PROPS: Black witches cauldron or facsimile. Badges with names attached are placed in the cauldron before the meeting opens.

A lid should be used or keep the kettle out of sight until it is to be used.

SCENE: At awards time, announce that you will brew up something in the cauldron, but you will need the help of the new Bobcats in the Pack. Depending on the number to receive the award (five or seven is perfect) you call one at a time forward. They tell you the ingredients that go into making a Bobcat, (motto, salute, handshake, promise, law, meaning of Webelos) and demonstrate each one by doing or saying. Pretend to "put" each thing into the cauldron, then stir and draw out a Bobcat Badge. Call that Cub's parents forward and pin the badge on up side down.

For Wolf Badge, add each ingredient to kettle telling what it is based on, the twelve Wolf achievements. i.e.; band-aid for keeping health, string for tying things. stamp for collections, small screwdriver for tools,etc. If difficult to use object, print achievement on cardboard and put in. Then stir and draw out the Wolf Badge and present to the Cub and his parents with applause.

Do the Bear Badge the same way. Since there are 24 Bear achievements, you will have to find out which twelve each Bear chose. If more than one Bear is receiving the badge, use all they chose, but don't repeat any i.e.' piece of rope for knots, baseball for sports, small flag for American heritage, coins for saving and spending well, testament for religious activities, etc.

This ceremony can also be adapted for use with the Webelos Activity Pins, using the same method with the requirements.

This ceremony should be done in semi-darkness with candles so the cauldron will not be too obviously unreal. But use enough light so that each item going in can be clearly seen. Can be done "theatrically" like a witch putting in "eye of toad, wing of bat, etc. "

ADVANCEMENT - ARROW POINT LADDER CEREMONY

Preparation: Ceremony board resembles a ladder; the top rung representing the Boy Scout with lower rungs representing the Cub ranks. Between each Cub rank a vacant rung representing the elective achievements. Each rung representing the Cub rank supports a candle. At the beginning of the ceremony the Cubmaster lights candles. As boys are awarded Gold and Silver arrow points the candle representing his rank is moved to the vacant rung representing his progress.

CUBMASTER: Den Chief (name) will you please escort Wolf (name) and Bear (name) to the ceremonial circle? (Den Chief escorts Cub to front) Cub Scouts, each of you have taken another step forward and upward in your climb to the rank of Boy Scout. With the help of your parents and Den Leaders, the climb has been much easier.

Will the parents of these boys come forward please? (Den Chief escorts parents to stand in position behind their boy.) Wolf (name), for the extra work on your Wolf electives, I present to your parents in your behalf the gold arrow point of Cub Scouting. (Cubmaster moves candle to appropriate rung and congratulates parents and boy).

Bear, (name), having received the gold arrow point some time ago, indicates to me your desire to advance still farther up the ladder. In your behalf, I present to your parents the silver arrow point of Cub Scouting. Wear it proudly. (Cubmaster again moves candle to appropriate rung on ladder and congratulates parents and boy).

To each of you that have received awards today, again, Congratulations! And to you boys and parents still striving for coveted awards, work hard that you may attain your goal, the top rung of Cub Scouting.

ADVANCEMENT - PACK CEREMONY FOR ARROW POINTS

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have some wolves and bears who have been hard at work on their electives and some ____ of them have done enough to earn their gold arrow under Wolf or Bear and ____ of them will receive silver arrows tonight. I would like the following boys and their parents to come up onto the stage(or front). (Read list of boys and whether gold or silver, and under which badge.)

CUBMASTER: It gives me great pleasure to award these arrow points to you fellows tonight. As I read your names the Assistant Cubmaster, _____, will hand you the awards with our congratulations for a job well done.

(After this is done, the Cubmaster then says:) "These boys have learned how to make and do many useful and fun things while working on these electives. For each 10 projects he completes, he receives an arrow point, so you can see that these boys have been busy fellows indeed. For all their fine efforts, we're going to give them a special applause stunt." (Have other boys stand and give as applause stunt.)

ADVANCEMENT- CUBBING AWARDS

CUBMASTER: Tonight, we present the Cubbing Awards. These are for superior achievements in the Cubbing programs. Our first award this evening is for the Bobcat program shown on channel (Pack#) every (meeting time and place). The Bobcat program features young Cub Scouts learning special handshakes, mottos, salutes, and the most interesting features are the Law of the Pack and the Cub Scout Promise. The stars of this program are (read Cub's names). Will your parents please join you and present this award to you.

CUBMASTER:Our next Cubbing Award goes to the Wolf program. This very special program features Bobcats Cub Scouts who learn about citizenship, how to tie things, and feats of fitness and skill. This program asks Bobcat to "Do His Best" to become a Wolf Cub Scout. Tonight this award goes to the stars of the wolf program (read Cub's names). Will the parents of these stars please come forward with them and present their awards?

CUBMASTER: And now our next Cubbing Award goes to the Bear program. This is an action packed show which features Wolf Cub Scouts working on achievements. Some action features of this program are sports and other physical activities. This is not just a "Macho Man" show either. The stars learn to spend money wisely, to participate in religious activities as well as learning about our American heritage and respect for the flag. Will the parents of these stars(read cubs names) please come forward with them and present their awards?

CUBMASTER: The next program honored tonight is the Webelos program. This is a most unusual show and it stars will each receive awards for special achievements. As I call your name and the award you are to receive, would you and your parents please come forward (read Cub's name and Activity Pin each receives)?

CUBMASTER: What a pleasure to be a part of this great programming for our young Cubs. Congratulations to you all on a job well done.

ADVANCEMENT - CUB SCOUT BASEBALL

EQUIPMENT: A small baseball diamond on the floor in front, badges to be awarded.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, boys to receive awards and their parents.

CUBMASTER: Will (names), our new Bobcats and their parents please come forward to the "on-deck circle." As you are standing on the "on-deck circle" you are at the beginning of the "game", just as you are at the beginning of the Cub Scout trail. Parents accept your sons badges. They are to be sewn on when your son does a good turn.

CUBMASTER: Will (names), our Wolf candidates and their parents please come forward. Stand on first base. This represents the first stop on your Cub Scout trail. You worked hard on earning your Wolf, so keep up the good work. Parents here are their badges.

CUBMASTER: Will (names), our Bear candidates and their parents please come forward. Your place on our diamond is at second base. This is the second major stop along the Cub Scout trail. Parents accept your son's badge.

CUBMASTER: Will (names), the Webelos and their parents please come forward. Your spot is third. You are almost "home", keep up the good work and you will have no problem in finishing your trail. You now wear a badge diamond on your shirt to complete that game you need to receive your Arrow of Light. Work hard and you should have no problem. If you have boys earning the Arrow of Light their spot is home plate.

ADVANCEMENT - BEAR AWARD SPEAR

EQUIPMENT: Council fire-Award blanket-Ceremonial spear-Appropriate emblem-indian costumes.

PERSONNEL: Akela (Cubmaster), Medicine Man (Adult Leader)

AKELA: "I hold the lance of the Bear, read the names of those qualified for this high honor."

MEDICINE MAN: (reads names)

AKELA: "Will these Cub Scouts and their parents come to the council fire?" (Guide them to their positions)

MEDICINE MAN: (Reads qualification for this award - Bear)

AKELA: "I ask the den leaders, have these boys met these tests?"

DEN LEADERS: (Remain seated) "Yes"

AKELA: "It is then my pleasure to award to you the following awards. "

MEDICINE MAN: (Gives each boy his Bear badge individually and arrow points he is receiving at this time.)

AKELA: (Announces the names of the boys who may be receiving any arrow points.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE STORY OF BADEN-POWELL AND WILLIAM BOYCE

CUBMASTER: Scouting began in England in 1907, with a small group of boys. Lord Baden-Powell, our founder, took these boys to Brownsea Island, off the coast of England for 12 days of adventure in camping and pioneering. He was testing an idea for an organization for boys. That was how Scouting began.

Tonight we have some boys who are beginning their adventure in Cub Scouting. (Call names of Bobcat candidates and ask them to come forward with their parents.) Baden-Powell based his idea for Scouting on some principles which he had been taught as a boy...things like trust and loyalty, helpfulness and courtesy, cheerfulness. In Cub Scouting, we have these same principles encompassed in the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. Will you repeat with me the Cub Scout Promise? (They do.) Now I'll ask all the Cub Scouts here tonight to stand, give the Cub sign and repeat with me the Law of the Pack. (They do.) Cubmaster presents Bobcat badge to parents and congratulates boys and parents.) You boys have now started your Scouting adventure, just like the boys on Brownsea Island.

Scouting had been in America for only a few years when younger boys and their parents asked for a program of their own. That's when Cub Scouting started. The first year there were 5,000 Cub Scouts and now there are millions. Scouting was really growing.

There are some boys in our pack who are really growing, too. They have completed the requirements for Bear badges and arrow points. (Call boys and parents forward to receive awards.) You are moving along the Scouting trail.

Baden-Powell left a message for Scouts before he died. In that message he said: "Try to leave this world a little better than you found it." We have some Webelos Scouts in our pack who are doing just that. They have been working hard in the different activity badge areas, exploring fields of knowledge, which will be helpful to them all their lives. (Call boys and parents forward to receive awards.) Congratulations. Continue to do your best along the Scouting trail.

A Chicago publisher, William Boyce was lost in a London fog. A boy appeared and offered to take him to his destination. Mr. Boyce offered a tip, but the boy said "Scouts do not accept money for doing a good turn." Mr. Boyce was interested in Scouting and was responsible for starting it in America.

We have some boys here tonight who have been doing their daily good turns, and have been working hard on achievements and electives, so that now they have earned Wolf badges and arrow points. (Call boys and parents forward to receive awards.) Your Wolf achievements and electives are helping you along the Scouting trail.

Scouting has spread to just about all the countries of the world. Tonight we're celebrating the birthday of Scouting in America, and that of Cub Scouting. From that small group of 20 boys on Brownsea Island, Scouting has grown to more than 12 million boys and adults around the world. You can be proud to be a member of such a world-wide organization.

ADVANCEMENT - BURNING OF SCARF, ARROW OF LIGHT CEREMONY

PERSONNEL: Narrator, drummer, Akela Cubmaster, Webelos Leader, Brave Webelos Scout, Parents.

EQUIPMENT: Magic solution actually 60% and 40% acetone, drum, candle of truth, Webelos scarf with the emblem removed, FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

ARRANGEMENTS: The emblem must be removed off the scarf that you intend to burn. You can not 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 fitting 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.

DRUM BEAT

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!

AKELA: 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.

ADVANCEMENT - CANOE NECKERCHIEF SLIDE FOR BEAR

Cubmaster calls forward present Bear dens. (Bear leaders are already at the front of the room.)

LEADER # 1: You young men have worked very hard this year. You have achieved so much and are proud to wear your Bear badge.

LEADER #2: You have learned a great deal and found much enjoyment.

LEADER #3: Now you will become a Webelos Scout.

CUBMASTER: Your leaders are now giving you a neckerchief slide in the shape of a canoe. (Leaders shake hands with their Cubs.) Let this be a reminder to you, that before you criticize a person, stop and think what it is like to float down the waters of life in the other person's canoe. Now I would like to introduce to you your new Webelos leader(s). (Webelos leader(s) come forward, Bear leaders return to their seats. Introductions are made.) New Webelos Scouts, return to your seats.

ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS GRADUATION, THE CHANGING OF THE SHIRT

This ceremony in which Webelos Scouts are graduated from the Pack to Boy Scout Troops, involves the whole Pack, including adult leaders. First, call forward the graduating Webelos Scouts and their parents. Next, form two lines (facing each other) as follows: nearest the graduates, pack committee members; then Cub Scout dens with leaders and den chiefs; then Webelos den and leaders. At the far end are Scoutmasters of the troops they boys will join.

As a variation to this ceremony, line everyone up as stated before except have the Webelos den begin a walk from the end opposite the Scoutmasters. As the boys proceed, they begin to remove their Webelos uniform shirt -- only to uncover their Boy Scout uniform shirt. Their Webelos uniform shirt has been taken care of by a designated adult during his (Webelos Scout) walk to be returned to later. At the end of the walk, applause and congratulations!

ADVANCEMENT - COMPUTER INVENTION CONVENTION

EQUIPMENT: Box made up to look like a computer, large cards with Bobcat, Wolf, etc. on them, actual awards.

CUBMASTER: In keeping with our theme of "Invention Convention", I would like to unveil my latest invention. (Uncover, or bring in "Computer") This amazing device is able to collect all the information that comes in from our pack committee members, den leaders, Webelos den leaders, and parents. It can then determine which Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts are eligible for which awards. Allow me to demonstrate.

(Hold up Bobcat card. Insert into slot in machine. Pick up pre-positioned Bobcat awards from rear of box.)

Will (name) and his parents please come forward? (Present awards).

(Follow similar procedures for awards of Wolf, Bear, arrow points, and Webelos badge and activity badges).

(Hold up Arrow of Light card. Insert into machine. Call for Arrow of Light recipient).

These young men may or may not be real inventors, but they have shown the truth of the old saying 90 percent of success is perspiration. They have worked long and hard - some as long as three years - to achieve their goal. What they built was not a better mousetrap, but something far more valuable to the world today, better young men. In recognition of this achievement, we present them with an award that is so highly thought of that it is the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn on all other Scout uniforms. (Present awards). I want to congratulate all of you and your parents. The whole pack is proud of your accomplishments, and we're sure you will continue to "Do Your Best".

ADVANCEMENT - QUICK AND SIMPLE ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY #1

Will the following Cubs and Their parents please come forward (Name Cubs)

Congratulations! You have reached another high point on the Cub Scout Trail, and you are ready for more fun through further achievements. Do your share with the other Cub Scouts and your Dens. Help at home. Be attentive in your studies. Love God always, Live up to your Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack.

(Give parents awards for presentation as Cub master Announces awards)

ADVANCEMENT - COMPASS BADGE PRESENTATION

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos Leader

EQUIPMENT: Compass badge and compass point.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have boys receiving Webelos recognition. (number) earning the compass and (number) earning the compass point. To earn the compass, a Webelos Scout has to earn his Webelos badge and four additional activity badges -- a total of seven activity badges. Once the compass has been earned, besides working on the Arrow of Light; the boy can work on earning compass points. He can earn one gold compass point for each four activity badges. To fill his compass a boy needs to earn nineteen of the available 20 activity badges. Would Mr./Mrs._____, the Webelos leader please come forward and present the awards.

WEBELOS LEADER: The compass badge is not an award that is sewn onto a boy's uniform. It is attached to his right pocket button under the flap. The points are given to the boy to put in any position he chooses. Tonight (names) have earned their compass and (names) have earned their compass point. Will they please come forward. This shows that the boys are working hard toward the end of their Cub Scout trail. Congratulations boys!!!!

ADVANCEMENT - TURKEY DAY

SETTING: A table set with Thanksgiving items, a bag of corn kernels.

CUBMASTER: Ladies and gentlemen, tonight we are remembering the founders of our country and the Native Americans. The pilgrims came to this country for religious freedom and when they got here they found new friends- the Native Americans. The sharing that was done between these two different peoples was something to behold. We all have shared things in much the same way. Would these Cubs please come forward? (call Wolfs)

ADV. CHAIRMAN: You Cubs have shared with each other the gift of working together in your Dens and homes. For this we give you your awards and also a kernel of corn as the Native Americans gave to the pilgrims.

CUBMASTER: Would these Cubs please come forward? (all Bear) You Cubs have worked hard. Work was one of the things most respected by the pilgrims and Native American alike. The pilgrims even made rules that if a person did not work they would not eat. For your work, we give you your award and also a kernel of corn as the Native Americans gave to the pilgrims.

ADV. CHAIRMAN: Would these Cubs please come forward? (Call Webelos) You Cubs have been working for a long time and you have learned many new skills in your Dens. such as working with metal, wood, and leather. These are the same skills that the pilgrims had to learn to survive and help build this great country we live in today. For these skills, we give you your awards and a kernel of corn to remember this special time of the year.

ADVANCEMENT - CROSSING OVER TO SCOUTING

Setting: A bridge is in the center stage. One side of the bridge is represented as the Cub Scout side and the other side as the Boy Scout side. You can use your imagination on how to symbolize each side so it is apparent which side is which. Use of Boy Scouts with candles lighting the path is very impressive. Cubmaster and Scoutmaster standing appropriate sides.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we mark a great occasion....the graduation of _____ Webelos Scouts into a boy scout troop. We are sad to see them leave because they have been a great help to our pack...but we are happy for them because they are going on to the great adventure of Boy Scouting. These Webelos have worked hard for this night and have advanced well. As a symbol of their hard work, each Webelos scout will be given an arrow. As I call your name, will each Scout come forward with your parents.

(Call each boys name off.)

Reader: The arrow alone gives meaning to each of these scouts. The wooden shaft gives the strength like the strength the Scout Promise gives each boy. The fletching helps guide the arrow on a straight and true path like the Scout Law guides the Scout on a straight and true path. The arrowhead points the way to the target like Webelos badge and Arrow of Light requirements have pointed the Scout to the ways of Boy Scouting.

Each arrow has these parts...but each arrow is different...it is individual. Each arrow represents their own trail through Cub Scouting. (Give each boy his arrow.)

It has been a long trail...As you look at the arrow you can look back and see how far you have traveled. Your first trail led you across the Bobcat Ridge, where Akela took you into the Pack as a Bobcat. The yellow mark tells that this boy completed his Bobcat requirements. You may have then climbed the steep Wolf Mountain. The red mark means he has completed the Wolf badge. After that there may be a gold and silver marks for the arrow points that you may have earned. After finding your way through Bear Forest, you may have earned your Bear rank. The green mark shows you have gained your Bear achievements, and again you may have earned a gold and silver arrow points. Your trail next may have led you to Webelos Rank...first earning three Webelos pins shown by three black marks, then your Webelos badge which is marked in blue. The Arrow of Light trail may have been hard and rugged. You first earned another four Webelos pins. Then came the highest Cub Scout Achievement, the Arrow of Light which is signified by the white marking on the arrow. The twelve beads will remind you of the twelve points of the Scout Law. The red and white feathers not only stand for the troops colors, but also for devotion and honor.

Your trail in Scouting does not end in Cub Scouting...it is only the beginning...for all of you have prepared yourself for the crossing over to Boy Scouts.

The bridge before you is a symbol of your crossing from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting. The 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...as this bridge represents how our Pack _____ is connected to our Troop _____. As I call each boys name, please come stand before Your

Cubmaster where he will remove your Webelos neckerchief.

(Cubmaster is calling over to the Scoutmaster.)

CUBMASTER: Hello, Boy Scouts of Troop ____.

SCOUTMASTER: Hello, Cub Scouts of Akela. What do you desire?

CUBMASTER: We have several Webelos who have prepared themselves for entrance into your Troop.

SCOUTMASTER: Bring them and their parents forward to the bridge that joins our Pack and Troop. I will send two of my Scouts over to escort the boys and their parents over the bridge.

(Boy Scouts cross over to Pack's side and then escorts the new scout and their parents to the other side.)

Webelos leader speaking to the Scoutmaster: These are your new Scouts, ready for the adventures ahead of them. They are going to call themselves the _____ patrol.

Webelos leader speaking to the boys: As I call each of your names, please come forward to your Scoutmaster, _____, where he will place on you the Neckerchief of Troop ____.

SCOUTMASTER: I'd like to welcome the new _____ patrol and their families to our Troop _____. (Lights on)

SCOUTMASTER: Will Troop ____ please form your patrols.
(Have SPL lead all scouts in the Scout Promise)

ADVANCEMENT - THE STORY OF THE CUB SCOUT COLORS

PERSONNEL: Akela, two Cub Scouts dressed as Indian braves.

EQUIPMENT: A tripod with a large cooking pot suspended over a fire. A small pot fits inside the large one and contains a yellow Wolf neckerchief and a blue Bear neckerchief and awards. Dry ice may be packed around the small pot to give a smoking effect (smoke increases as water is added). Two small clear bottles, one filled with diluted yellow food coloring and the other with diluted blue coloring. An Indian headdress. Awards.

ARRANGEMENT: The audience is seated in a semicircle, and Akela is standing behind the boiling pot.

NARRATOR: Many, many moons ago the great chief Akela called a council to see what could be done to make the Webelos tribe the best of all tribes. After many hours he called his two most trusted braves to the council fire. (He pauses as two braves come in and stand, one on each side of their chief.) He told the first brave to climb the mountain and tell the great eagle to fly high into the sky and bring back part of the beauty of the sun. (The first brave leaves.) He told the second brave to go to the forest and tell the sparrow to fly high into the sky and bring back part of the sky. (The second brave leaves, and both return immediately. One carries a bottle of blue water and the other a bottle of yellow water. They take positions, one on each side of the fire, kneel, and hold bottles up for everyone to see.)

AKELA: (Addressing the first brave.) Pour some of the beauty of the sun into our council mixing pot. (The brave pours the liquid over the dry ice, being careful not to get any in the small pot. Akela signals the second brave.) Pour some of the beauty of the sky into our council mixing pot. (The second brave responds, and the boiling action increases. Raising his right hand , Akela speaks again.) From this day forward, blue will stand for truth and loyalty. Yellow will stand for warm sunlight, happiness, and good cheer. (Akela stirs the pot, reaches in, and pulls out the yellow and blue Cub Scout neckerchiefs. He holds them open for all to see, and speaks.) And that is why Cub Scouts use the colors blue and gold. Now let us meet the parents and Cub Scouts who helped to keep the blue and gold of Cub Scouting alive and growing this month. (Akela stirs the pot again and takes the awards from the small pot. The boys and the parents are called forward and the awards are presented.)

ADVANCEMENT - QUICK AND SIMPLE ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY #2

These Cubs have shown the drive, determination, and skills required to advance along the Cub Scout trail, Each of their awards represent achievements that they and their parents can be very proud of (Call up Cubs and parents), congratulations on your successes! You have reached goals which you may carry into you Scouting career as a Boy Scout, Eagle Scout and Explorer. These awards also will be remembered as you grow into adulthood. Now I ask your parents to present your awards. (give parents awards for presentation as Cubmaster announces awards.)

Now you may go and further your Scouting experience by earning further recognition as the Best Cubs and Pack in all of the Boy Scouts of America.

ADVANCEMENT - CUB SCOUTING'S SEEDS

EQUIPMENT: Cloth or paper sack labeled "Johnny Cub Scout Seed" with advancement awards inside.

CUBMASTER: Most of the heroes of American Folklore were fictional people. They were born around the campfire in the 19th century when story telling was like TV is today - the main entertainment of the people.

But a few of them were real. One was Johnny Appleseed, who wandered through Ohio and Indiana for 40 years after the American Revolution planting apple orchards. For generations afterward those trees helped feed the people.

The badges we're awarding tonight are like those seeds. They are symbols of growth for our Cub Scouts, who are themselves growing straight and tall like Johnny Appleseed's trees. And like those trees our Cub Scouts will help other people.

(Take badges from sack and give them to parents to pin on son's shirts.)

ADVANCEMENT - UP THE STEPS IN CUB SCOUTING

EQUIPMENT: Steps to scouting candle board, candles, badges to be presented.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, den chief (lights candles for ranks)

When a boy becomes a Cub Scout he starts on an upward trail. I say upward because as he grows older, he advances in Cub Scouting. A boy does not join a Cub Scout pack and then wait around for four years to become a Boy Scout. With the help of his parents and leaders he will work and earn various badges which are marks of achievement. Tonight we have (number) Cub Scouts with their parents who have completed the requirements for badges of advancement in rank. Will Cub Scouts (names) please come forward with your parents and join me at our awards table.

Here we have Cub Scouts (names) who became Bobcats in our pack in (month). They, along with their parents, have been working very hard to reach their second step. Parents, as I present these Wolf badges to you, pin them on the left side of the Bobcat badge.

Next we have (names), who along with their families, have been working on the third step, which requires more skill and knowledge. Parents, as I present this Bear badge to you, pin it on the right side of the Bobcat badge. Congratulations to all of you, keep up the fine work, and wear your badges proudly so everyone can see that you are on the upward trail. With the same effort that you have shown thus far, we are sure that you will attain our highest award, the Arrow of Light.

Wolves and Bears, how about a cheer for our new brothers!

ADVANCEMENT - ACHIEVEMENT CHART CEREMONY

Each Cub Scout, the Den Leader, and the Den Chief hold a candle. The Cub Scout, receiving the award, has the honor of lighting these 3 candles. He then receives an award which is a gold star.

Den Leader: (Name) having fulfilled the requirements for Wolf and duly receiving this award at the pack meeting as of (day), is hereby authorized by the members of this den to place the appropriate star after his name on the achievement chart.

DEN CHIEF: (Name) it has been a pleasure to help and assist you in your Cubbing and to prepare you for Scouting. You have learned your lessons well and are now on the trail of Bear. I know you will soon be on the Scouting trail that leads to the Eagle's nest.

Den Leader: Cubs, let us all remember it took hours of work for both (Name) and his parents to achieve this award, so let us all work for the higher goals in Cubbing so that later on we may take our place for God and our country. Now Cubs, let us give a Class A hand clap for (Name).

ADVANCEMENT - FLYING HIGH

(Cubmaster show picture of a penguin or imitates one waddling)

Cubmaster says "Boys, what do think this is? (or what kind of bird am I?) That's right, a penguin." "Who can tell me something unusual about a penguin." Right, a penguin is one of the few birds that can't fly. There's nothing wrong with that because penguins seem to get along just fine without flying. So do ostriches. But we usually think of birds as fliers. Say the word "bird" and almost everybody thinks of flight.

"We've got some high fliers in the pack today. They're pretty smart birds. I'm talking about our Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts who are flying up the advancement ladder." (Call forward advancing boys by rank, with their parents, and present awards for parents to pin on their son's uniform.

Recognitions:

For each boy who will receive an advancement award or graduate from the pack, have a candle at least 6" tall; one white candle for new Bobcats; red for Wolf badges and arrow points; green for Bear, blue for Webelos activity badges and Webelos awards; yellow for Arrow of Light; brown for boys graduating into scout troops. As guards for candle drippings use muffin cups.

Call forward advancing boys and their parents in sequence, from Bobcat to boys graduating into troops. The Cubmaster speaks briefly about the achievements necessary for each award and then asks the Cub Scout to light his candle from the campfire. After he does so, his parents pin his new badge on his shirt. The boy and parents then step back into line behind the fire as other boys and parents are called forward.

For graduating Cub Scouts, ask the scout master or other representative of the troops they will join to come forward with the boys and parents. after the graduates have lighted their brown candles and have been congratulated by the Cubmaster, the Scoutmaster welcomes them into the troop and presents a troop neckerchief (or other gift customary in his troop.)

ADVANCEMENT - FOR FORMER TIGER CUBS

PARTICIPANTS: Cubmaster, Former Tiger Cubs receiving their Bobcat Badge, their parents

EQUIPMENT: Tiger Cub Emblem, Bobcat Badge and Card.

CUBMASTER: A very important part of our Pack is the special program we have for the boys in the first grade...our Tiger Cub Group. Today, one of our Cubs who was (were) a part of the Tiger Cub program has completed another step in the Scouting Adventure. We are very happy to present the Bobcat Badge to _____.

Will Cub Scout(s) and his (their) parents please come forward.
(After participants are assembled...)

As a Tiger Cub you practiced their motto, "Search, Discover, Share." You have continued to practice it along with our Cub Motto, "Do Your Best." You have worked hard with your parents to complete the achievements necessary to earn your first badge of rank in Cub Scouting - the Bobcat Badge.

I am very happy to present this Badge and the card indicating that you are a Bobcat Cub Scout(s) your parents to pin on your uniform. I know that they will be very proud to give it to you.

Congratulations!

ADVANCEMENT - GRADUATION OF 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.

EQUIPMENT: Ten candles, ten cards with verse.

PERSONNEL: Eight Cub Scouts. graduate, Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader and/or Den Chief.

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: "And 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.

ADVANCEMENT - FREEDOM SYMBOLS OF OUR COUNTRY

In our American history, we are fortunate to have many freedom symbols which have special meaning to American citizens. Tonight I would like to tell you a little about one of these symbols as we honor those boys who are advancing along the Cub Scouting trail.

The Statue of Liberty stands 305 feet high in New York Harbor, welcoming people of other lands to become citizens of our democracy. The statue was given to the United States by France as a token of friendship. Each year hundreds of tourists go to see Miss Liberty. The inscription at the base of this statue was written by Emma Lazarus, and reads in part: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free; the wretched refuse of your teeming shores; send these, the homeless, tempest tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door". There is a golden door to Scouting which is open to all boys. By walking through that door to Scouting, boy has an opportunity to grow in many ways and learn about citizenship, character and physical fitness. The boys who wish to walk through that door to Scouting tonight are (read names). Will you and your parents please come forward. (Continue with regular Bobcat induction).

Our American flag is much more than the red, white and blue cloth of which it is made. It is the symbol of America. It stands for the past, the present and the future of our country. When we show respect for the flag, we are showing respect for all that is America..our land, our people, our way of life. When the 13 original colonies set out to become a free country nearly 200 years ago, their men and women needed a rallying point - a flag. "We will take the stars and blue union from heaven", the great George Washington is reported to have said, "red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty". Respect for the flag is one of the requirements for a boy to earn the Wolf rank. Tonight we have some boys who have completed all these requirements. (call boys and parent forward and present badges and cards).

The Declaration of Independence is one of many documents which established freedom in America. It was on July 4, 1776, that the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia and announced the separation of the 13 colonies from England. In America, we have a government of the people, by the people and for the people.. not for just some of them, but for all people...the people to whom the Declaration of Independence refers when it says "all men are created equal", not equally talented or equally rich, but equal under law, and under God. All Scouts have an equal opportunity to advance in rank and earn badges. The following boys have earned Arrow Points to wear under the Wolf badge. (call boys and parents forward to receive awards).

One of the most beloved of our freedom symbols is the Liberty Bell. The Liberty Bell was rung in 1776 calling the people of Philadelphia to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. During the British occupation of Philadelphia, the bell was hidden beneath the floor of the Zion Reformed Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Sixty years later, as the bell was tolled for the death of Chief Justice John Marshall, it cracked. Since that time it has been on display in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, for all Americans to see. The bell is old, but the crack is plain to see, along with this inscription: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land". A study of our American Heritage is one of the twelve requirements for a boy to earn the Bear badge. The following boys will receive that badge tonight.

ADVANCEMENT - THE CUB SCOUT HANDYMAN

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Asst. Cubmaster, Cub Scouts and Parents.

EQUIPMENT: Tool chest with large samples of the tools to be used during the ceremony. Badges of each rank that the Cub Scouts have earned and Mother's pins. Each award is attached to smaller samples of the tools - either "play" tools or tools made of cardboard and painted.

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster, dressed as a carpenter with a hat and apron, walks to center stage with tool box of awards.

CUBMASTER: We have with us tonight some Cub Scouts who have been handy and learned to use the tools of Cub Scouting to advance in rank. From my tool chest, I will take the screwdrivers which are the first tool these Cub Scouts learned to use. Will the following Cub Scouts come forward with their parents as the Assistant Cubmaster reads their names.

Asst. CM: (Reads names of Bobcat candidates) I would like for each of you to repeat the Cub Scout promise together. (Cubs respond - then they repeat the Law of the Pack, Tell what Webelos means, give the handshake and salute.)

CUBMASTER: Very well done, boys! I will now ask that your parents present your Bobcat badges to you. Congratulations and welcome to our Pack. (Parents and boys return to their dens.)

(Cubmaster and his assistant proceed in the same manner with the following tools:

Hammer for Wolf rank, because they are hard hitting.

Saw for the Bear rank, because they have begun to sharpen their skills.

Pliers for the Webelos badge, because they are getting down to the "Nuts and Bolts"

A T-square for the activity badges, because they worked squarely on their electives.

And a Plane for the Arrow of Light, because they are "Finishing" their projects and the Cub Scout program.)

Cubmaster; we are all proud of the Cub Scouts who progressed this evening. They have learned the safe and proper use of hand tools during this month's Den activities. They have learned, too, that they can be "handymen" around their home and Den meeting place with the help of their leaders and families.

Thank you Cub Scouts for being real "handymen" this month.

ADVANCEMENT - KNIGHTS OF THE CUB ROUNDTABLE

CUBMASTER: As the Knights of the Roundtable traveled together, certain of their members performed tasks so well that they earned special recognition of tasks well performed. There are four ranks in Cub Scouting.

(Light candle) ORDER OF THE BOBCAT - for all boys just entering Cub Scouting.

(Light candle) ORDER OF THE WOLF - for all second graders who complete the 12 Wolf achievements.

(Light candle) ORDER OF THE BEAR - for all third grade Cub Scouts who complete the 12 Bear achievements.

(Light candle) ORDER OF THE WEBELOS - for all fourth and fifth grade boys to earn before leaving Cub Scouting. The Arrow of Light which he will earn may be worn on his Boy Scout uniform.

While waiting to become of age to pass the next rank, Cub Scouts may earn additional honors called Arrow Points. Tonight, at our Roundtable we will welcome these new knights and recognize those earning special honors.

Will the following candidates for the ORDER OF THE BOBCAT please come forward?

Candidates will kneel on left knee. As knights of this group, we will expect you and your family to be ready to help us in all our activities. Our Roundtable can be no stronger than its weakest member. You will be expected to follow your leader and give good will. Repeat after me: "I, _____ promise to do my best." (Candidates are knighted with sword and "I dub thee Sir Knight.") Welcome, new knights. As you leave this great hall of the Roundtable may you carry with you the spirit of true knighthood. Rise and return to your seats.

The following knights have performed their tasks so well that they have earned recognition in the ORDER OF THE WOLF. (Read names for Wolf and arrow points. Knights kneel on left knee, knight with sword and say, "I dub thee, Sir Wolf," give badge as name is repeated.) Congratulations to each of you and may you earn many more recognitions of tasks well done as a Wolf.

ADVANCEMENT - THE WEATHER FORECASTER

MATERIALS: Cubmaster dressed as weather forecaster; large map to depict weather in certain areas; pointer. Have advancement ceremony like the weather report. Have different areas on the map to represent Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos. Use terms used in weather forecasting. Watch the weather reports for some ideas on terms and procedures.

For Example: To the North, we have a jet stream carrying Bobcats with sunny faces. Coming in from the West, clear skies for the Wolf badge, etc.

ADVANCEMENT - KNIGHTS OF YORE

EQUIPMENT: A knight's sword made of cardboard or plywood for each boy advancing in rank, with his name on it. If scarf changes are in order, roll the scarf as usual and fasten round the hilt of the sword.

A Kneeling pad made from large brown paper bags stapled with plain sides out. Appropriate decorations are made with the pack number and Cub symbols.

CUBMASTER: "As in Cub Scouting, a boy that wanted to become a knight started his training about the age of seven. He learned good manners, did errands, learned to sing and play. He also learned consideration of others and how to play fair. As he grew older, again like a Cub Scout, his duties became harder. He learned to take care of his knight's armor, horses, and weapons. Finally the young squire was tested and took his vows to become a knight. These vows included doing his duty to God, serving his King bravely, and being fair, kind and truthful."

"Tonight we have in our Pack some squires who have been tested and have taken their vows to become knights. Will the following squires come forward as their names are called and kneel."

"In the name of Akela, King of the Order of the Webelos, I present with the badge of his knighthood. Arise and return to your seat."

ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS GEOLOGIST ACTIVITY BADGE

EQUIPMENT: Activity pins Webelos will be receiving.

PERSONNEL: Webelos Den Leader, Cubmaster, Webelos Scouts.

WEBELOS DEN LEADER: Webelos "We Be Loyal Scouts." Our goal is to be loyal scouts. We try to do our best even though the road appears difficult at times, we are striving to meet that goal.

The Geologist activity badge has been earned by the following Webelos Scouts. (List the Webelos to earn the pin.)

Will these boys please come forward.

While the Webelos leader is presenting the pins to the boys the Cubmaster notes the requirements.

CUBMASTER: To earn the Geologist pin a boy must do five of the following: Give examples how rocks and minerals are used in the products we use in our society. Collect five geologic specimens that have important uses. List some geologic materials used in building your home. Make a drawing that shows the causes of volcano, geyser or an earthquake. Explain one way mountains are formed. Make a scale of mineral hardness and show the relative hardness of three rock samples.

WEBELOS DEN LEADER: Let's stand and give these boys a round of applause.

ADVANCEMENT - THE DESERTED ISLAND

PROPS: Cardboard pieces painted to represent palm trees, waves, coral reef, and a ship wreck. Cardboard fish are needed to attach awards to. The coral reef and shipwreck should be large enough for someone to hide behind.

ARRANGEMENTS: The Cubmaster should assemble all the Cubs who are to receive awards then lead them onto the stage, under the tree(s).

The Cubmaster acts the part of the Pirate Captain with the Cubs as the crew.

CUBMASTER: Well me lads, the storm has gotten the best of us! Here we are, stranded on this blasted desert island and all our supplies went down into the sea. Look around ye mates not even a pretty native gal to capture. I'm just afraid we'll have to wait till old Blue Beard's ship moseys by. Well mates, does anybody have a candy bar they'd like to share with their dear old captain? NO?? (Cubmaster shrugs) I guess you'll have to try and catch us some fish, then. You know waiting makes me hungry, but I'm getting might tired of the same old fish everyday, you boys try to catch something different for a change. Let's get cracking' lads! Here's some line I've saved, try your luck over by yon reef.

(Let each Cub "fish", tossing his line behind the reef were a fish with his award is attached to the line. The Cubmaster make appropriate comments as he presents each award, such as:)

CUBMASTER: Wow Bill, me friend, you've caught your old cappy a nice big porkfish! What's this? A bobcat in his mouth? Well, you can keep that me toddle, for a job well done.

Chester, my boy, you've reeled us in a fat snapper. That line made from WOLF's hair really works great. Fine fishing me boy, fine fishing indeed.

AH! Scott, me old mate, I see a yellow-fin grouper dangling from your line. And I see you were using your lucky arrowhead instead of a hook. Now that takes ingenuity!

Jason, me lad, I see you have caught me a nice big barracuda! That's what happens when you old BEAR bait on you hook!

Danny, what is that you have there? A swordfish? Look he's caught a WEBELOS on his snout! Now I'd call that a pretty sharp catch!

Steve, me dearest old pal, you seem to have caught us a whale.

Look at the ACTIVITY PIN caught in his fin! I'd say you've been doing a whale of a job.

ADVANCEMENT - MARTIAN LAND DEED

You need a Martian Land Deed for every boy receiving an advancement award. The Cubmaster also has the following on a large scroll:

PROCLAMATION

"We, of Mars, in the interest of establishing a permanent and desirable civilization, will provide a Martian Land Deed to any Earthling who can qualify for space travel and exploration by earning one or more Cub Scout badges listed on the deed. Said deed entitles the holder to one (1) acre of Martian land for every badge earned."

Cubmaster calls forward boys who have earned awards and their parents announces the badges they have earned, and makes presentation of the deed. Badges are attached to deeds.

MARTIAN LAND DEED

In recognition of advanced training and preparation for space travel, we of the Planet Mars grant _____ acre(s) of land to _____ for earning the badge, or badges checked below:

Bobcat Badge _____

Wolf Badge _____

Bear Badge _____

Gold Arrow _____

Silver Arrow _____

Webelos Badge _____

Arrow of Light _____

Aquanaut _____

Artist _____

Athlete _____

Citizen _____

Communicator _____

Craftsman _____

Engineer _____

Family Member _____

Fitness _____

Forester _____

Geologist _____

Handyman _____

Naturalist _____

Outdoorsman _____

Readyman _____

Scholar _____

Scientist _____

Showman _____

Sportsman _____

Traveler _____

Wherefore, we have set our hand this _____ day of _____, 19__.

Cubmaster _____

Pack Committee Chair _____

ADVANCEMENT - THE DEN LEADER'S LIGHT

Den leaders with lit candles, and a leader to hand out candles to boys.

We are here tonight, Cub Scouts and Parents, to honor these Cubs and Webelos Scouts, who have advanced along the Cub Scout trail since we last met as a Pack. As the Cub travels along this trail, a very important person guides his steps - his Den Leader. These dedicated leaders meet every week with the boys, giving of their free time to help Our boys grow toward the goal of manhood.

To symbolize the important experience the Cub Scout and his Den Leader share, let each boy light his candle and receive his award tonight from his Den Leader. As he lights his candle, will each leader say his name and award. Boys, then take your award to your parent or guardian to pin on you.

ADVANCEMENT - BOBCAT CEREMONY THE MAGIC TRIANGLE

EQUIPMENT: Three tree branches or dowel rods, a piece of rope, Spirit of Scouting candle and holder, badges.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, assistant Cubmaster.

We are honored tonight to welcome (number) new families into our pack. Will the following Bobcat candidates and their families please come up to our awards table (call boys and parents forward). Before these candidates receive their badges, I would like all Cub Scouts to stand, give the Cub Scout sign and repeat the Cub Scout promise and the Law of the Pack. (Dens can be seated.) Mr. & Mrs. _____&_____, with your help your sons have taken their first step in the Cub Scout ranks. It will be your privilege to share in their Cub Scouting fun as you progress through the Wolf, Bear, and Webelos ranks, as you have done in the Bobcat. I ask that at this time you repeat after me the parents' pledge.

"We as parents will do our best. to aid and assist our son...in his Cub Scout activities... we will encourage him with leniency...and we will assist as we are able...in serving as leaders, advisers, or workers. "Mr. & Mrs. _____&_____, you have earned the honor of pinning on this Bobcat badge. I ask that you pin them on your son's left shirt pocket upside down (present badges). Bobcats, you can turn your badges right side up after you do a good deed, which you can tell to your den leader at your next den meeting. Mr. _____ , will you assist me in inducting these families into our pack. The cord that Mr. _____ holds represents all the Cub Scouts in the pack. This first branch stands for your sons, the second for his leaders. Now even tied with the pack, they will not stand by themselves (drop sticks), but when you add the third branch, which stands for the parents, it lends the support that is needed to make it stand. Should one of the. branches fall out, the others will fall down. This is exactly what happens to the Cub Scout program if one of us falls down. So; let us all stand together and help the pack go, and the pack will help the Cub Scout grow and give goodwill.

Congratulations to all of you, and welcome to Pack No._____.

All right, pack, who has a cheer for our new Bobcats and their families!

ADVANCEMENT - THE MARK OF THE WOLF

Akela: Our scene starts in the cave of mother wolf and father wolf. Mother wolf, father wolf, and the man cub have just settled down for the evening. Shere Khan the tiger, lurks outside. Suddenly the moonlight is blocked by the great head and shoulders of Shere Khan.

FATHER WOLF: What does Shere Kahn want?

SHERE KHAN: The man Cub, give him to me.

FATHER WOLF: The wolves take orders only from Akela. The head of the wolf pack. The man cub is ours.

SHERE KHAN: The man Cub is mine, give him to me.

MOTHER WOLF: The man Cub is ours. He shall not be harmed. He shall live happily, to run and hunt with the Pack.

SHERE KHAN: We will see what the Pack will say about this.

FATHER WOLF: Shere Khan is right. What will the Pack say?

AKELA: Our scene now shifts to the Pack meeting.

SHERE KHAN: Akela, the man Cub is mine. Give him to me.

AKELA: This man Cub has shown himself worthy of the Wolf rank in our Pack. He has learned how to handle tools and how to display the flag, he knows how to be healthy and safe. He has learned to serve in the community and to conserve energy. He is physically active and likes to read and care for books. He has fun with his family and has collected useful and beautiful things. He obeys our country's laws and worships God. The members of the pack want him to have the mark of the Wolf. (Hand out patches)

ADVANCEMENT - THE PICNIC

EQUIPMENT: Paper plates, napkins, paper cups, plastic silverware.

CUBMASTER: We have several Cub Scouts to honor tonight for the hard work they have done since our last meeting. With the paper plates, we have the Bobcats. (call Cubs and parents forward. Pull Bobcat badge attached to a paper plate from a picnic basket. Present awards and give congratulations.)

(Present other badges in same manner: Wolf-napkins; Bears paper cups; Webelos Badge and Activity Pins - plasticware)

We have seen all of the things that make a picnic meal family fun except the food. These young men and their parents represent the thing that makes the Pack grow and thrive. They are as important to the Pack as food is to a picnic. Let's wish them well as they continue on their Boy Scouting trail.

ADVANCEMENT - THE MEANING OF BLUE AND GOLD OF CUB SCOUTING

Designed to help Cub Scouts, leaders, and parents understand the meaning of the blue and gold of Cub Scouting, this ceremony may be used for any type award presentation.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, six Cub Scouts (or use Webelos den), advancing Cub Scouts, and their parents.

EQUIPMENT: A triangular candle board, four blue candles, three gold candles, a pack flag, and a United States flag.

ARRANGEMENT: Place candle board on stand or table in center of stage or at front of room. Arrange flags according to your meeting room facilities.
Cubmaster lights the top candle - the Spirit of Cub Scouting.

CUBMASTER: As I light this blue Spirit of Cub Scouting candle, symbolic of the sky above, I am proud to say that every Cub Scout in Pack ____ has completed the Bobcat requirements. You have all promised to do your best, to do your duty to God and country, and to obey the Law of the Pack. This we expect of you.

Tonight, as we recognize these Cub Scouts who have completed a rank in Cub Scouting, we want to re-emphasize this Cub Scout Promise and help them, as well as each Cub Scout and parent here, to understand what our Cub Scout colors, blue and gold, represent.

1st CUB: (Takes the blue Spirit of Cub Scouting candle from Cubmaster and lights the gold candle, representing the Cub Scout Promise.) As this candle is lighted, we challenge you to do your best to live up to the Cub Scout Promise and we remind you that Cub Scout gold stands for warm sunlight.

2nd CUB: (Takes blue candle from first Cub Scout and lights second gold candle, representing the Cub Scout motto.) As I light the second gold candle, remember that a Cub Scout always does his best. He does it with another meaning of gold - good cheer. He doesn't do anything half-heartedly.

3rd CUB: (Accepts blue candle from second Cub Scout and lights gold candle representing Law of the Pack). This gold candle represents the Law of the Pack, which should be a guide in your life. You should also radiate Happiness, the final meaning of Cub Scout gold.

4th CUB: (Accepts blue Spirit of Cub Scouting candle and lights first blue candle representing a Cub Scout follows Akela.) The first of four blue candles represents one part of the Law of the Pack, a Cub Scout, follows Akela, and the first meaning for the blue of Cub Scouting, truth.

5th CUB: (Light - second blue candle, representing the spiritual). As I light this blue candle representing the spiritual, I remind you that a Cub Scout helps the pack go as the pack helps the Cub Scout grow.

6th CUB: (Takes Spirit of Cub Scouting candle and lights final blue candle of loyalty.) "The Cub Scout gives good will." The blue also stands for loyalty. (Returns candle to Cubmaster.)

CUBMASTER: (Replaces the blue Spirit of Cub Scouting candle in the top holder.) I congratulate each of you Cub Scouts on having taken another step up the Cub Scouting trail. I am happy to give to your parents your new emblems of rank and your next Cub Scout book. Let them make the awards since they worked patiently with you Cub Scouts as you earned them.

NOTE: If the use of candles is prohibited in your meeting room, electric Christmas tree lights can be used in ceremonial boards. In ceremonies requiring participants to carry a lighted candle, you can substitute a small pen-type flashlight.

ADVANCEMENT - MOCCASIN NECKERCHIEF SLIDE FOR WOLF

CUBMASTER: I would like to present leaders of our Wolf dens. (Wolf dens come forward.)

LEADER #1: You young men have worked hard this year. You have received your Bobcat badge and gone on to earn your Wolf badge.

LEADER #2: You have learned so much and had fun while you learned.

LEADER #3: Now, because you have achieved your goals, you will graduate to the level of Bear.

CUBMASTER: Your leaders are now giving you a neckerchief slide (and shake hands) in the shape of a moccasin. Let this always be a reminder to you that before you criticize a person, think first what it is like to walk in his moccasin. Now I would like to introduce you to your new Bear leaders. (Wolf leaders are seated, Bear leaders come forward. Introductions are made.) New Bear Cubs, please be seated.

ADVANCEMENT - NORTH STAR CEREMONY

The lights are dimmed and the Cubmaster beams a flashlight through a pinhole planetarium at the ceiling or wall showing the Big Dipper and North Star.

CUBMASTER SAYS: For thousands of years, men have known that the North Star is fixed. Shepherds knew it before the time of Christ, and seamen have used the North Star and other heavenly bodies to guide their ships to port since they dared leave the sight of land. Even today, the stars are important in navigation for ships, jet planes and space ships. Cub Scouts don't need the stars to find their way. But even so, we do have our guiding stars to help us through life. There is Church for instance, and school, and Cub Scouting. In Cub Scouting, our navigational aids are the Promise and the Law Of The Pack. They tell us how we should act and what we should do for ourselves and for others. The Promise and the Law Of The Pack are just like the stars by which the seamen steers his ship. Tonight we honor Cub Scouts who navigated straight and true on the Cub Scout trail. With their parent(s) help, they have advanced a rank and have shown that they live by the Promise and the Law Of The Pack. (Call advancing boys and parent(s) forward; present awards.)

ADVANCEMENT - POCKET CEREMONY NUMBER 1

This is a pocket - a very plain pocket - not very interesting, and it could belong to anyone. But wait, let's give this pocket to a Cub Scout.

(Narrator places Bobcat badge on pocket.) Our pocket is turning into something with meaning. It represents a sense of belonging and will soon bring our Cub Scout knowledge, skills, enjoyment and good fellowship. We would like to present the following boys and parents their Bobcat badge.

(Narrator places Wolf & arrows on pocket.) With the Wolf rank, our pocket turns into something more special. It proudly displays the first symbol of new-found knowledge of the flag, of keeping strong, of tools, of knots of safety, of books and reading. It means our Cub Scout has mastered feats of fun. Tonight we are privileged to recognize the following Cub Scouts who have achieved the rank of Wolf. Would the following Wolf candidates and their parents please come forward.

(Narrator places Bear & arrows on pocket.) Adding the Bear badge has increased our pocket's meaning even more. It shows our Cub Scout is completing increasingly difficult achievements which show he is growing in knowledge and skill. Would the following Bear candidates and their parents please come forward.

(Narrator places Webelos and Arrow of Light on pocket.) Our pocket has now had placed upon it the Webelos badge and Arrow of Light, the highest awards which our Cub Scouts can achieve. To receive these awards, our Cub Scouts must dedicate themselves to the hard work necessary in completing the required number of activity badges and prove themselves ready to join the ranks of Scouting. Tonight we wish to recognize these boys who have completed activity areas within the Webelos program. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward.

(With the Webelos Scouts together, a candle ceremony may be added at this time.)

Our pocket is very special now. It is very rich in new possibilities. It opens up a whole new world of challenges. Cub Scouting has taken our plain pocket, and turned it into a pocketful of adventure, fun, and excitement.

Congratulations to all you boys and your parents on your achievements.

ADVANCEMENT - THE POCKET CEREMONY NUMBER 2

Young boys and pockets I don't think they can be separated. Pockets hold the treasures of lifetimes, a yoyo, a shooter and four aggies, a few baseball cards, and a Canadian penny. When a boy walks home from school anything of interest goes in a pocket, stones, pine cones, nails, a rusty bolt. What neat stuff!

Unlike other boys pockets, the pockets of the Cub Scout's uniform can not only hold a lot of things, they are used to display a boy's accomplishments. Cub Scout achievements can be divided into four categories: God, country, family and self.

A boy can earn separate awards for all these areas:

For God, he can earn the emblem of his faith;
For country, the World Conservation Award;
For family, the Cub Scout Family Award;
For self, the camp, special events, and sports program patches.

The most important part of this colorful shirt is the rank;
Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light.

Tonight we have someone/boys who has/have earned.....

Present awards to parents to give to boys.
Give boys and parents a round of applause for a job well done.

(Prepare pockets of blue paper with different emblems on them ahead of time and hold up as each is referenced in speech).

ADVANCEMENT - BALLOON POP

Put awards for each boy inside a balloon and then blow up. Arrange the balloons in a fitting fashion on stage. Make three wooden swords with a small pin on the end. Put Wolf, Bear, and Webelos emblems on appropriate sword. As each boy is called forward, present him with the appropriate sword and have him pop his balloon. Awards fall out and are then given to boy.

ADVANCEMENT - PRESIDENTS' DAY ADVANCEMENT

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Den Chief, Cub Scout earning badge.

EQUIPMENT: Badges and certificates to be presented, straight pins.

CUBMASTER: When a boy becomes a Cub Scout he starts on an upward trail. I say "Upward" because as he grows older he advances in Cub Scouting. He does not join a Cub Scout pack and then wait idly for three years until he becomes a Boy Scout. With the help of his parents and leaders, he will work and earn the various badges which are marks of achievement that will help him not only as a child but as an adult. Who knows where his Cub Scout background will lead him in the future... How many Cub Scouts became Presidents?

Perhaps tonight we have one or more Cub Scouts who have completed the requirements for badges of advancement in rank who may someday become a President of our great nation.

DEN CHIEF: (name), Will you bring forth those Cub Scouts and their parents that have completed the requirements for advancement in rank?

DEN CHIEF: Here we have (name) who became a Bobcat in (month) and tonight is to receive his (rank) badge and certificate. (Cubmaster hands certificate and (rank) badge to parent who pins the badge on Cub Scout.)

Then we have (name) who is nine years old and has already earned his Bear badge. With extra effort on (name's) part and cooperation from his parents he has earned ten additional credits and now receives his Bear Gold arrow. (Cubmaster hands arrow to Parent.)

CUBMASTER: Now you all can see that these Cub Scouts are on the upward trail. Which one do you think will be President?

ADVANCEMENT - CHRISTMAS TREE ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

All advancement awards are placed in Christmas wrapping and hung on the tree. Also, in each package is a Christmas tree bulb with the Cub Scout's first name lettered on with felt pen.

Use Pink bulbs for bobcat; red for Wolf; green for Bear; gold for gold arrow points; white for silver arrow points; orange for Webelos activity badges, and multicolored or special bulb for Arrow of Light.

Boys being given awards are called forward with their parents and take their packages from the tree. Their parents pin on their new award. The boys then screw in their bulbs which remain on the tree for the rest of the meeting. After the meeting the boys can have their bulbs to take home.

ADVANCEMENT - PRESIDENT SILHOUETTES

EQUIPMENT: If desired, use a flannel board with silhouettes of presidents as they are mentioned in ceremony.

CUBMASTER: We are proud of the outstanding presidents to whom we are paying tribute tonight. We are equally proud of our Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts who are learning new skills and ideals which will help them later in life. It's very likely that some of these boys will become outstanding in American history some day. Many of our well known American figures were Scouts when they were young.

The first rank in Cub Scouting is Bobcat. We will portray this rank with a silhouette of our first President, George Washington (place silhouette on flannel board). Just as the Bobcat rank is important in getting a boy started on the Cub Scouting trail, our first president was important in getting our country started off right (call forward Bobcat candidates and their parents. Ask them to repeat Cub Scout Promise, Present badges and cards) Congratulations!

Next is the rank of Wolf. We will symbolize this rank with a silhouette of Thomas Jefferson, the author of the Declaration of Independence. When a boy becomes a Wolf he has learned a little more independence than when he was a Bobcat. He demonstrates this by working on his own outside the den on achievements and electives (Call names of boys to receive Wolf badge. Present badges to their parents) Congratulations!

When a Cub Scout reaches Bear rank, he has learned much from the challenging projects he completes. To symbolize the Bear rank, we will use a silhouette of Teddy Roosevelt, another outstanding president. Roosevelt accepted many challenges during his life (Call names of boys to receive Bear badge. Present badge and card to parents). Congratulations!

When a boy reaches Webelos age, he is ready to move into a Webelos den and work on activity badges which are even more challenging than achievements and electives. We will symbolize this with the silhouette of another outstanding President, Abraham Lincoln, who worked his way up from a poor lad in a log cabin to become the 16th President of the United States. These are the boys who have worked their way up from Bobcat to the Webelos den (Call names of boys and Webelos leader. Present Webelos neckerchiefs and handbook). Congratulations!

Webelos Scouts work on activity badges which help them learn about many things and pave the way for future Scouting. Webelos Scouts learn more about the outdoors and go on overnight campouts with their dads. We will symbolize all the activity badges with a silhouette of John F. Kennedy, who believed in physical fitness and loved the outdoors (Call names of boys who have earned activity badges. Make presentations). Congratulations!

ADVANCEMENT - JUST THE RIGHT MIX FOR A BEAR

This ceremony was written specifically to furnish appropriate recognition for those Cub Scouts who achieve the rank of Bear. It may however, be adapted to honor the attainment of any single rank or all ranks on a progressive basis.

EQUIPMENT: Two pots (1 large and 1 small, with smaller pot placed inside larger one); dry ice, placed inside large pot around the outside of the small pot; Awards, to be placed in the inner pot; Containers, soup cans or cups or jars painted blue with advancement rank emblems attached (one for each container - Bobcat, Wolf and Bear plus parents); advancement standards or board with emblems (one emblem for each Cub indicating his rank); ceremonial candle board, one candle per advancement rank; Bear poster-card with holder.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Committee Chairman, Cub Scouts receiving awards and their parents.

STAGING: Mixing pot and containers (half filled with water) on table or stand off to one side, but up front, from where all can see and where Cubmaster will conduct ceremony. Awards are in the inner pot. Ceremonial candle-board in center, with Bear poster and holder next to it at one end. Advancement standards or board with emblems off to the other side opposite the mixing pot set-up.

CHAIRMAN: (Set up Bear poster-card) Cub Scouts and parents, tonight we wish to honor those Cub Scouting families who are advancing in rank to the Bear Badge. (Light Bear candle on candle board).

CUBMASTER: The Bear program is designed for Cub Scouts who reach third grade and is an important stepping stone on the upward trail of Scouting. Those who achieve the rank of Bear are now more than half way on the trail to Cub Scouting's highest award, the Arrow of Light.

Just as this pot represents the Cub Scouting program, so do these containers represent the stepping stones within the Cub Scout program. It takes the right ingredients to become a Bear. First is the Bobcat (pour Bobcat container into pot on the dry ice) which starts each Cub along the Scouting trail. Next comes the Wolf (pour Wolf container into pot) which begins to stir the minds of our young Cubs to notice and discover the world around them. When a Cub reaches third grade, he enters the Bear program (pour in Bear container), which is progressively more challenging and further stirs the minds of our Cubs, just as the mix in this pot becomes more active the further along the trail we go.

However, one active ingredient we haven't added, but is crucial to a Cub advancing to any of these stepping stones is that of the role of the parents (hold up 'parents' container and pour into pot).

Our mix is now complete and we are ready to award the rank of Bear to those Cub Scouts who have achieved this important milestone. (Pull badges out of inner pot and hand to the Committee Chairman.)

CHAIRMAN: Will Cub Scouts _____ please come forward with their parents. As a leader, I haven't earned the right or the privilege of presenting this badge to your son, so I'm giving it to you (hands to parents) and ask that you present it to your son. (parents do so and congratulate Cubs).

Cub Scouts, _____, as a final official act to mark this significant achievement, you may now transfer your advancement emblem to the Bear Badge standard. We congratulate you on your achievement and hope that you will continue your journey on the upward trail of Scouting.

ADVANCEMENT - FLIGHT THROUGH SPACE ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

PREPARATION: Ceremony board resembles chart of sun and planets with Boy Scout as sun and Cub ranks as planets. A small blue and yellow cardboard rocket should be made for each boy getting a badge and placed on or under his new rank. If a loop of masking tape is placed on the back of each rocket, rocket can be moved by the Cubmaster to new rank as parent is presented badge.

CUBMASTER: Will the Den Chief please bring forward the Cub Scouts who are ready for advancement? (Pause and wait for boys to come forward.) Cub Scouts, we are happy to see you have taken another flight forward in our Cub Scout Galaxy. Please face your fellow Cub Scouts and the Den Chief will lead them in the rocket cheer. (Pause for rocket cheer.) Den Chief, will you bring the parents of these Cub Scouts forward? (Den Chief brings parents forward, placing each Cub between his parents.) These Cub Scouts have done a fine job in our pack. They are progressing through our Cub Scout Galaxy. This would not be possible if it were not for the interest and help of their parents. I'm proud of the parents in our pack. As I move your rocket forward in our galaxy, your parent will present you with your badge. (Cubmaster calls off names of Scouts as he moves rockets to appropriate ranks on ceremony board while parents present badges. Cubmaster congratulates boys and parents with Cub Scout handshake.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE TREASURE CHEST

PROPS: A box made to look like a treasure chest. The awards wrapped in gold or silver foil. The Cubmaster may be dressed as a pirate.

Cubmaster explains that the best part of a pirate's life is finding the treasure, and that the Cubs who have earned awards can share in the thrill of discovery. As each Cub comes forward to receive his award he is blindfolded by his parent. The parent then joins the Cubmaster at the treasure chest. Pretending to consult a pirate map, the Cub master gives directions (so many steps turn left, etc.) to the blindfolded boy so that he ends up at the treasure chest where his award is presented. If you have more than one of the same kind of badge, all the Cubs may be blindfolded at the same time.

ADVANCEMENT - TIGER CUB ADVANCEMENT TO CUB SCOUTS

MATERIALS: Orange candle, blue candle, yellow candle, Cub Scout Neckerchief for each new Cub. Orange candle is lit.

PARTICIPANTS: Cubmaster, Tiger Cub Group Organizer, Den Leader, Tiger Cub Group. (Each partner stands behind the graduating Tiger Cub facing the Pack.

CUBMASTER: When you became a part of this Pack, as a Tiger Cub, we told how Akela had created the Cub Scouts and then the Tiger Cubs. We used the flame of Cub Scouting to light the Orange flame of the Tiger Cubs. That flame is before you, now.

You repeated the Tiger Cub Promise, and for the past months you have been following that promise and living the Tiger Cub motto SEARCH - DISCOVER - SHARE. Now, you are ready to move on to the Cub Scout Pack.

Do you remember how Akela selected the Blue of the Sky and the Gold of the sun to be the colors of the Cub Scout and how he gave the new Cub Scouts a motto to follow. As a Cub Scout it will be your motto... "Do Your Best". I know that you will try to follow it as you work to complete the requirements for the various badges you will work on as a Cub.

Cub Scouting is still a partnership, you and your family will work together to make the Pack successful. Your parents will work with you on your Wolf book and attend your Pack meetings. Your Tiger Cub partner is standing behind you to indicate their support as you go forward in Scouting.

Let's all raise our arms in the Cub Scout Sign and repeat the Cub Scout promise:

I _____, promise, to do my best,
To do my Duty to God and my country,
To help other people
And to obey the Law of the Pack.

Now, will each of you join me in lighting the Blue and Gold Candles of Cub Scouting, using the flame of the Tiger Cub. (Light candles) Now let's all join together in blowing out the Orange Tiger Candle as we move on to Cub Scouting.

Welcome to Cub Scouting and Pack _____.

ADVANCEMENT - TIGER CUB GRADUATION WITH SCARF

EQUIPMENT: Four candles with holders. Cub scarfs and slides. Table in front of room.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Tiger Cub Organizer, Den Leaders.

CUBMASTER: Will (names) please come forward with their parents. Search Discover Share has been the motto of this Tiger Cub group for the past few months exploring many new things and places and used the motto in home, schools and neighborhood.

(Light candle on left)

You and your partner have Searched out your home community and have worked together and had fun.

(Light middle candle)

You and your partner have discovered new things together with family and friends and had a sense of being a part of a Community and Country.

(Lights third candle)

You and your partner have Shared with your family and friends and fellow Tiger Cubs which let them learn about you and the great things you did. Now it is time to take your first move up the Scouting Trail to Cub Scouts.

(Lights fourth candle)

In Cub Scouting your family is still important as it is throughout your whole 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 way.

(Boy's name) and (adult's name) on behalf of Pack _____, I would like to welcome you.

(Organizer's name) will you bring their new Den Leader (name) forward to welcome the boys into the den. (Den Leader presents the scarfs to the parents to present to their sons.)

(This is short, because of the attention span of the new Scouts is limited.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE TRAIL TOWARD EAGLE

EQUIPMENT: Birch log drilled to hold candles, 2 blue and 1 yellow

CUBMASTER: The first step in crossing the bridge to a Scout Troop, is earning the Webelos badge. The requirements for the badge include a knowledge of the Scout Oath, Slogan, Sign, and Handshake. The Webelos Scout must also be able to explain the Scout badge and the Outdoor Code. He must be able to explain the difference between his Webelos uniform and the Scout uniform and tell when they should be worn. The Webelos Scout must also earn three activity badges of his choice and lead a flag ceremony in his den. The following Webelos Scouts have done the necessary requirements. Will the following Webelos and his parents come forward: (Read names)

DEN CHIEF: (At this time will light the candles as the Cubmaster states).

CUBMASTER: Before us we have three candles. We will light the first blue candle as a symbol of the time you joined our pack as a Bobcat and started on the road toward becoming an Eagle Scout.

Lighting the second blue candle represents your graduation into the Webelos den. The gold candle represents your reaching the first step on the bridge of Boy Scouts. The flame represents the Spirit of Scouting and a sign that you are on your way to greater adventures in a Scout troop. It is with great pleasure and honor that we present your parents with this award to present to you.

WEBELOS LEADER: The Webelos badge is earned by having an adult family member read and sign the Parent Guide in his Webelos Scout book, by being active in the den for three months, explain the meaning of the Webelos badge, parts of the uniform, earn Fitness and two other activity badges, planning and leading a flag ceremony, understand the requirements for becoming a Boy Scout, and by becoming actively involved in his own religious faith. He must also understand and agree to follow the Outdoor Code.

This step on the Scouting trail prepares our boys to earn the highest Cub Scout award, the Arrow of Light, and move on to a Boy Scout troop. Tonight, these Webelos Scouts have earned this final section of the diamond. Will Webelos Scouts (names) and his parents please come forward.

You have completed the activity badges, and demonstrated that you understand the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan. You have also learned the Scout salute, and completed other requirements. I am very pleased to present this Webelos badge to your parents to pin on your uniform.

CUBMASTER: We are very proud of the Webelos Scouts who have received the Webelos badge tonight. The final step as a Cub Scout before graduating to a Boy Scout troop will be to earn the Arrow of Light award. I look forward to presenting this to you in the future. Congratulations!!!!

ADVANCEMENT - TRAIN TICKETS ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

Prior to pack meeting, issue train tickets to boys who will receive Wolf and Bear badges and Arrow Points. Indicate on tickets the boy's name and the car he will be traveling on, (Wolf, Bear, etc.). Use large cardboard cutouts representing various cars of train. Cubmaster acts as conductor. With den leaders carrying the car cutouts, the train proceeds around the room and stops at each den, where the Cubmaster exchanges the appropriate award for the ticket. The Cub receiving the Award boards the train by getting in line behind the appropriate car. Webelos Scouts who are joining the Webelos den stop, where they get off. (Or have them board the train and be taken to the front of the room and then Cubmaster presents the awards.

THE TICKET LOOKS LIKE THIS:

CUB RAILROAD

PASSENGER: NAME OF BOY

CAR: NAME OF AWARD BEING RECEIVED

POINT OF DEPARTURE: DEN #

DESTINATION: RANK

FARE: (EITHER 12 ACHIEVEMENTS OR 10 ELECTIVES)

ADVANCEMENT - LEAVES ON THE TREE LIMB

Props: A several-branched tree limb (bare) set in a can of plaster or sand. Green construction paper leaves (as many as there are boys receiving awards.)

CUBMASTER: This tree is a symbol of the natural beauty of our land. It also is a buffer against sun and wind. Mother Nature requires a long time to grow a beautiful tree. It requires nurturing such as sunshine and water.

This tree represents our Cub Scouting program. In order for it to flourish, much time and effort must be spent by Cub Scouts and their parents. The boys receiving awards tonight have given time and effort, as have their parents. As each of you receive your award, you will place a leaf on our tree, and you will be able to see how much more attractive it is because of you.

(Calls forward boys and parents receiving Wolf awards and arrow points, then Bear awards and arrow points; then Webelos activity badges. After all awards have been presented and leaves added to tree, the Cubmaster says:

CUBMASTER: You have each helped nurture this tree, and it has become a part of you. Just as Mother Nature's trees endure for many years, you have gained values through your achievements and electives which will last you a lifetime. May you always stand tall and straight like a tree...and be a beautiful resource of our land.

ADVANCEMENT - THREE LEG TRIPOD

EQUIPMENT: A tripod, A triangle of wood with three legs not attached.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, advancing Wolf and Bear Cubs and their parents.

CUBMASTER: (name) come forward and screw this leg into the triangle block of the tripod. This leg represents the boys of our Pack. (name) (another boy) come forward and screw this second leg into the triangle. This leg represents Cub Scouting. Ask him whether the device will stand. Of course it will not. (name) (third boy) Will you screw in the third leg into the triangle. This leg represents the parents. Will our tripod stand now? (of course it will.)

CUBMASTER: To advance in Cub Scouting, and to have all the fun you can in our pack, you must have your parents help and guidance. You can't do it alone, and Cub Scouting can't do it with only you. It takes your parents too. So it's a great pleasure to ask your parents to pin on your new badges. Webelos Leader may use the tripod stand to hold the activity badges he awards to the Webelos Scouts

ADVANCEMENT - VIKING DISCOVERERS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Advancing Cub Scouts and Parents.

EQUIPMENT: Viking costumes, old chest to hold awards, "Crew Roster" with the Cub Scout Promise.

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster is center stage with "Crew Roster" and chest of "booty". As the Cub Scouts names are called, they come forward with their parents and "sign on" by signing the crew roster.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we gather as Cub Scout Vikings to sign on new members to our band and to reward those who meet the requirements. Just as Leif Ericson first sailed to Vinland on the continent called North America, we have new members called Bobcats who are discovering the experience called Cub Scouting. Will the following Bobcats step forward with their parents and sign the Cub Scout Viking crew roster.

(Bobcat candidates sign roster. Cubmaster asks Bobcats to repeat Promise, Law of the Pack, meaning of Webelos, and salute. Cubmaster takes awards from chest and gives to parents to present to their sons and mother's pins to present to parents.

CUBMASTER: Like the Viking sea rovers of old, we venture over the seas of Scouting in search of new and rewarding experiences. Let us call the Cub Scouts who have earned the Wolf rank forward with their parents to repledge their loyalty by signing the crew roster and to receive their rewards.

(Calls Wolf Cubs and parents forward and presents awards)

CUBMASTER: Our Viking ancestors were aggressive in pursuing new territories. Likewise, our Bear Cubs have been aggressive in completing all requirements for the Bear Badge. Will the following Bear Cubs and their parents please come forward to repledge their loyalty by signing the crew roster and to receive their rewards.

(Calls Bear Cubs and parents forward and presents awards).

ADVANCEMENT - WOLF AND BEAR CEREMONY WITH ACHIEVEMENT CHART

EQUIPMENT: Balance board and candles, awards to be presented, achievement charts.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster and/or assistant Cubmaster, Den Chiefs

There are five ranks in Cub Scouting. Upon entering the pack a boy first becomes a Bobcat, and then may start to earn his Wolf badge. When he is in the third grade he works on his Bear, and when he is in the fourth grade, he joins the Webelos den and works on 20 different activity badges, which lead to his Arrow of Light award. As he progresses through the ranks, the work becomes increasingly difficult so that as he reaches each rank, he does things that require a little more skill, and a greater amount of responsibility than was required in the preceding rank. Tonight we have (number) of our Cub Scouts who have advanced in rank since last we met.

Den Chiefs, As I call the names of our advancing Cubs, escort them and their parents forward to our awards table. (Call Cubs and parents forward.)

Each den in our pack has an achievement chart point to chart, showing the progress of each Cub Scout in achievements and electives. (Name) has earned his Wolf badge. (Name), will you take this marker and color in the Wolf's head which represents your new rank. (Do this with each Cub of both ranks. Also, you may insert gold and silver arrow points if appropriate.) Parents, you have helped your son to complete these achievements and electives which led to his new rank, therefore, I ask that you pin these badges of honor on your son at this time.

Congratulations to all of you, and thank you for keeping the Cub Scout spirit alive. Wolves and Bears how about a cheer for these fine families!

ADVANCEMENT - QUICK AND SIMPLE ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY #3

Will the Denners in each Den please announce the names of the Cubs in their Dens who are prepared to receive awards?

(Call roll of Dens, with Denner Reading names of cubs to receive awards.)

Will the Cubs deserving awards please come forward?

Cub Scouts, we are happy to see that you have taken another step forward along the Cub Scout trail. You have completed your achievements and you have proven yourselves worthy of membership in our Pack. These Cubs have done a splendid job for our Pack. They have climbed the Cub Scout ladder well. This would not have been possible if it had not been for the interest and help of their parents and Den Leaders. Keep up the good work and do your best.

ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS GRADUATION "WE ARE PREPARED"

Invite Scoutmasters or other representatives of the troops your Webelos Scouts are joining. Using poles driven into the ground and rope, make the winding trail, with the Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos, Arrow of Light, and Boy Scout emblems on top of the poles. Have troop representatives at far end of the trail to receive the graduates, who stand with their parents at the trails beginning.

CUBMASTER: "Webelos Scouts, today you say goodbye to Cub Scouting and begin you Boy Scouting years. It's been great having you in the pack as you traveled up the trail from Bobcat to Webelos. (Have boys and parents move up the trail, stopping at the Arrow of Light, present it now to the parents and have them pin it on their son's shirt while you speak briefly about the award as Cub Scouting's highest. Then say, "One of the things you have done as Webelos Scouts is learn some of the things you will need to know as a Boy Scout. One of them is the Boy Scout Motto. Can you tell me what it is?" (Boys respond "Be prepared.") Ask, "Are you prepared?" Boys respond "We are prepared!"

Cubmaster then says, "Great! We wish you well as you start the Boy Scout trail."

(Boys and parents then continue past the Arrow of Light emblem and are welcomed by the troop representative, who may lead them in the Scout Oath and present neckerchiefs or other gifts symbolizing their membership in a troop.

ADVANCEMENT - WEATHER OR NOT

Call forward advancing Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts and their parents.

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouts, we have a song called "Cub Scouting We Will Go," which is sung to the tune of "Jingle Bells." It goes like this (sing or read):

Cub Scouting we will go
To a den where we can play;
Sunshine, rain or snow,
Happy on our way.
As buddies we will greet,
Faces gleaming bright;
What fun it is when we can meet,
And do the things we like!

That little song tells us that Cub Scouting is for all seasons, rain, or snow. It should be fun anytime. But to enjoy Cub Scouting to the fullest, you have to advance by learning new things and doing various projects. Tonight we have some Cub Scouts who have done that, and we will recognize their work by presenting them their badges.

ADVANCEMENT - PRESENTATION OF WEBELOS ACTIVITY BADGES

PERSONNEL: Webelos den leader, Den Chief, Webelos and their parents.

EQUIPMENT: Arrow of Light ceremonial board, with on small candle for each activity badge to be presented plus one large candle, and the activity badges.

DEN LEADER: (number) members of our Webelos den have earned activity badges this month. They are: (Name), who has earned the _____ badge; and (name) who has earned the _____ badge; (etc). Will these Webelos Scouts please come forward with their parents?

Now I will ask Den Chief (Name) to light the small candles for each activity badge.

Webelos Scout (name), you have earned the Craftsman badge. To do that, you mastered many tools and made several toys and useful items. I congratulate you on your new skills. (Hands badge to parents as Den Chief lights first candle).

Webelos Scout (name), you have earned the Geologist badge. You had to learn a great deal about the earth and what it is composed of, and you learned how rocks and minerals are useful to man. My congratulations to you. (Hands badge to parents as Den Chief lights second candle).

Den Chief are you going to light the big candle?

DEN CHIEF: No, Sir.

DEN LEADER: Why not?

DEN CHIEF: Because the big candle stands for the Arrow of Light Award.

DEN LEADER: That's right. This big candle is for the Arrow of Light award, the highest in Cub Scouting. It must remain unlit until we have a Webelos Scout who has completed the Arrow of Light requirements. Then we will light that candle. These small candles, representing the activity badge areas, are simply steps in the development of Webelos Scouts. They are important in themselves, but they lead us to the biggest prize that a boy can win, the Arrow of Light award.

(Adjust names of activity badge and its brief description as needed.)

ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS ACTIVITY BADGE CEREMONIES

AQUANAUT - If the pack meeting is held at a pool, have the boys swim across the pool to receive their badge.

If inside, have them demonstrate a swimming stroke and pretend to swim to you to receive his badge.

ARTIST - Webelos leader is dressed as an artist and is pretending to paint portrait of the Webelos as he is sitting on a stool posing. He puts down his palette and paint brush and says "Each boy is a masterpiece." He then hands the boy a premade silhouette of the boy & the activity badge he has earned.

ATHLETE - Do a standing long jump and catch badge that the Webelos Leader is holding at arms length.

CITIZEN - The Webelos Leader dressed as judge, pounds gavel on table and says, "Hear ye, Hear ye, Hear ye. I present to you on this ____ day of ____ Our Lord, 19__ (boy's name) as a new Citizen of our Pack and Community.

COMMUNICATOR - Webelos leader uses sign language to tell what the activity badge is. He gives the badge to the Webelos Scout who thanks him in sign language also.

CRAFTSMAN - Webelos leader and boys are busy building crafts and leader says, "Well boys, we've sure had a busy month making all these things, but I think we have made more than just toys. We have come a step closer in making you young men." He then gives them their badge.

ENGINEER - Several boxes with the name of Pack Officers (Cubmaster, Den Leader, Committee Chairman, etc.) are scattered around. The Webelos Den Leader comes on stage and picks up a box and reads out loud what it says, then places it back on the floor facing the audience. Start with the Committee members first. Build the boxes up in the shape of a pyramid. As the name of a boy is read that has earned the activity badge he comes forward and is given the badge. His leader congratulates him on the achievement and tells him how great it is that he can be part of the Cub Scout Pyramid.

FAMILY MEMBER - The Webelos Leader calls the Webelos Scout and all the members of his family including brothers, sisters, and aunts, uncles, etc. He lines them all up according to size from the tallest one next to him to the smallest one next to the Webelos Scout. He then says "Since this activity badge was earned with the help of all the family, I will give it to the tallest member of the family. Each of you will pass it down the line until it reaches the Webelos Scout."

FITNESS - Do a sit up and reach out and take the badge that is being held at the end of his feet. (Just far enough to give him a good stretch before getting it.)

Do a push-up. The boy will pick up the badge with his mouth as he lowers himself to the floor, and as the Webelos Leader is holding the badge near the floor beneath the boy.

FORESTER - The Webelos Leader has all the activity badges attached to a branch of a tree. he says "I am presenting you this activity badge in the hopes it plants a seed of knowledge that will grow with time."

SPORTSMAN - The Webelos tosses the soft ball to the Webelos Leader as the Webelos Leader tosses him his activity badge attached to another soft ball.

OUTDOORSMAN - A tent is set up on the center stage. The entire Webelos Den is inside. The Webelos Leader comes out and tells some of the accomplishments of the Webelos in earning the Outdoorsman Activity Badge. Afterwards, as his name is called a boy comes out of the tent to receive the activity badge he has earned.

READYMAN - The Webelos Leader has a large first aid kit. He opens it and says "For outstanding treatment for cuts and scratches, will _____ please come up and receive the Readyman Activity Badge". Presents the badge to the boy. "For outstanding treatment for burns scalds, will _____ please come up and receive the Readyman Activity Badge." Presents badge to boy. This continues using the requirements of hurry cases, serious bleeding, internal poisoning, etc. until all the badges have been presented.

GEOLOGIST - Webelos Leader is examining several large rocks that are out on the table. He comes to the largest one and picks up a hammer and chisel, and proceeds to chisel on the rock. He removes an award from the rock and calls forward the boy who is to receive it. The chiselling continues until all awards are presented.

HANDYMAN - The Webelos Leader rolls on old tire out. Inside the tire are the activity badges. He says "This tire is old. It has served its purpose. We have in our midst, several future mechanics." He calls up the boys who have earned the badge and takes the badges out of the tire and presents them.

NATURALIST - Webelos leader is inspecting insect collection and notices something different and out of place, "What is this? I don't remember seeing this before. Oh! (boys name) this must belong to you for earning your Naturalist Activity Badge."

TRAVELER - Webelos and their leader are packing a suitcase as the Leader explains some of the requirements of the badge. After the suitcase is packed the leader gives each of the boys their tickets for the trip which is the activity badge they earned.

SCHOLAR - Webelos Leader dressed in graduate cap and gown and background music of Pomp and Circumstance. Webelos are called as they march forward to receive their Scholar Activity Badge that is rolled up in a scroll tied with a ribbon.

SCIENTIST - Webelos Den Leader dressed as scientist in lab coat mixes a bubbly mixture. (Vinegar and soda, dry ice, etc.) Leader explains the activities of the month and announces new the scientist of the Pack as the boys come forward to receive their badge.

SHOWMAN - The room is darkened, Spotlights or flashlights are beamed around the room before the big premier begins. Webelos Leader dressed as Ring Master enters and is spotlighted. He cracks his whip and says "The stars of the show tonight are (boys names)". They come out as announced and are spotlighted as they receive their award.

ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS ACTIVITY BADGE CEREMONY

EQUIPMENT: Arrow of Light board with activity candles, spirit of Scouting candle and holder, badges to be presented.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos den leader, den chief.

Tonight we recognize (number) members of our Webelos den that have earned activity badges since our last pack meeting. They are:_____. Will these Webelos Scouts and their parents please join us at the awards table.

Webelos Scout,_____, you have earned your _____ .

(list each badge and give a short summary of what was done to earn it. Example: John Doe, you have earned your Naturalist badge. To do this you learned about our native plants, animals and insects. You also earned your Engineer badge by making a catapult, drawing pictures of bridges, and the floor plan of your home.)

Congratulations,_____, on learning how to live with nature, and we know that there is a very important bridge in Scouting that we hope to see you crossing in the near future. (After all awards are finished say to den chief:

Den Chief, _____, shall we light the white candle?

DEN CHIEF: No sir!

CUBMASTER: Why not?

DEN CHIEF: Because the white candle stands for the Arrow of Light.

CUBMASTER: That's correct, the white candle is for the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting. It must remain unlighted until we have a Webelos Scout who has earned all of his Arrow of Light requirements -- then we will light that candle. These small candles representing the activity badges are simply steps in the development of a Webelos Scout, but are important as they lead to the highest honor -- the Arrow of Light award.

Webelos den leader: Mr._____, how about leading us in a cheer for these fine Webelos Scouts and their families.

ADVANCEMENT - CROSSING THE BRIDGE TO BOY SCOUTING

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos Leader, Scoutmaster. Boy Scouts, graduating Webelos and their parents.

EQUIPMENT: Bridge, spotlights for each end of bridge, gifts.

ARRANGEMENT: The Cubmaster, Webelos Den Leader, remaining Webelos, graduating Webelos and their parents stand at one end of the bridge. At the other end of the bridge are the Scoutmaster and Boy Scout(s). The bridge should be about center stage with spotlights on ends.

CUBMASTER: During the years you and your son(s) have been in Cub Scouting, we have had many opportunities to work together along the scouting trail. Now you are ready to continue along that trail by graduating from the Cub Pack into the Scout Troop of your choice. You have contributed much to your Webelos Den as well as helping the Pack to go. We shall miss you and your parents. As you participate in the Troop activities, I am sure you will continue to grow in scouting skills and friendships.

Web. Ldr: An important part of your Cub Scout uniform is your neckerchief. Now that you are leaving the Pack and Cub Scouting, will you remove your neckerchief and give it to a parent. In remembrance of the ideals and fun of the Webelos program I present you with these gifts as tokens of our appreciation. (Presents Scout Book and/or Graduation Certificate)

CUBMASTER: (Calls) Hello Scouts of Troop _____!

SCOUTMASTER: Hello Cub Scouts of Pack ____! What do you desire?

CUBMASTER: We have Cub Scout(s) of Akela's Council who are prepared to enter the Council ring of your Troop.

SCOUTMASTER: Bring (him or them) forward across the bridge that joins our two council rings. (Cubmaster leads boys and parents across the bridge and returns to the Cub side. As the crossing begins, the remaining Webelos give the graduating Webelos and their parents the Scout salute upon the Webelos Leader's command.)

SCOUTMASTER: As Scoutmaster of Troop ____, I welcome you and your parents. There are many traditions in Troop ____; so many that I will not attempt to relate them all to you now. (Scoutmaster may explain one or two traditions, tell where and when the Troop meets, and tell about upcoming Troop activities). Now it is my pleasure to present you with the neckerchief of our Troop. Wear it with pride as many have done before you.

ADVANCEMENT - WHY ARE RANKS NAMED AFTER ANIMALS

Have you every wondered why most of the ranks in Cub Scouting are named after animals? Think about the animals Bobcat, Wolf, and Bear for a moment. What images come to mind?

The Bobcat is a little smaller than most of his cousins in the wild cat family. But his features, especially his ever-alert ears, make him very distinctive and his movements are sleek and swift. We have several Bobcat Cubs here tonight who swiftly tracked the seven steps of what it takes to be a Cub Scout. Would the following boys and their parents please come forward? (Call the names of the boys receiving the Bobcat and have their parents present them with their badges).

The Wolf is a very intelligent animal and is known for his loyalty to the pack. He is very quick to defend his territory much like a Cub Scout who is quick to stand up for what he believes is right. Would the following boys and their parents please come forward to accept the rank of Wolf? (Call the names of the Cubs advancing to the Wolf rank).

The Bear is one of the largest animals on our continent and for that reason is often feared. His strength is legendary and his senses are keen. But if you watch him closely you will probably see that the Bear has a sense of humor and likes to play. He also knows how to plan ahead as we see in his preparations for the winter. We have some Cubs here tonight who have proven their strength and sharpened their senses and are now ready to be awarded the rank of Bear. Would the following boys and their parents please come forward? (Call the boys names).

The Webelos rank may not be named after an animal, but it does stand for something special. Who can tell me what Webelos means? (pause for a response) Right! We'll Be Loyal Scouts. Part of being a Scout is being a friend to animals-- a protector of their homes and their right to survive. Webelos are apprentice outdoorsmen, foresters and naturalists and they are learning what it means to be a Boy Scout. Would the following boys and their parents please come forward to be awarded the rank of Webelos? (Call the names).

Boys who have attained the rank of Arrow of Light have made a commitment to live their lives by the Scout Oath and Laws. This commitment makes them the king of the forest, the ruler of the roost, and the Leader of the Pack. Would the following candidates and their parents please come forward for the presentation of the Arrow of Light, the highest award a Cub pack has to offer. (Call the boys names and have the parents present the award).

Congratulations to all the boys and their parents who have earned awards tonight.

ADVANCEMENT - WILD AND WOOLLY WEST

Optional setup would be to have boys who are to receive awards held in cardboard corrals or chutes until time to receive their awards. At that time, a pack committee member escorts the boy and his parents to the front.

CUBMASTER: Cowboys must practice and work to become the best in the rodeo world. Cub Scouts must work and learn to advance up the Scouting trail. Tonight we will honor boys who have worked hard to reach a higher level on that trail.

(Adapt following dialog to meet the needs of your pack meeting.)

We have some new cowboy Cub Scouts here tonight who have never ridden in the Wild and Wolly West before. They are brave and ready to try. They will prove themselves now. (Call names of Bobcat candidates and asks that they come forward with their parents who present them with their badges.) Congratulations! You may now ride with our Pack and earn your spurs by climbing the Cub Scout Trail.

The following boys have worked hard and lassoed the 12 achievements required to become Wolf Scouts. (Read names). We congratulate you Cub Cowboys for your fine work. (Present badges and cards to parents who then present them to their sons.)

These boys rode herd and rounded up 12 more achievements and corralled the Bear rank. (Read names.) We congratulate you Cub Cowboys and your parents. (Present badges and cards to parents who then present them to their sons.) I challenge you to ride even harder and earn arrow points as you prepare to become Webelos Scouts.

The Webelos Scouts who have bulldogged the requirements for activity badges are (Read names). You boys have bulldogged, roped and tied your way through the Cub Scout ranks. Now may you have easy riding towards the Arrow of Light and Scouting beyond. (Present badges and cards to parents who then present them to their sons.)

Congratulations to all of our Cub Scout and Webelos Scout Cowboys!!

ADVANCEMENT - WOLF SIMPLE

You stand here with your mom and dad to receive the Wolf badge. Several months ago you came before us as a Bobcat candidate. At that time you promised to live according to the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. On your honor as a Cub Scout have you done this?

Very well. According to your den leader, you have completed all the requirements for the Wolf badge. It is now our honor to present to you through your parents this badge of your new rank.

Your mom and dad have the privilege of presenting it to you because they are the ones who helped you earn it.

Please accept the congratulations of your brother Cub Scouts, your leaders, and your blood brother, Akela.

ADVANCEMENT - CHRISTMAS GIFTS WITH SANTA

EQUIPMENT: Gift-wrapped box with badges inside.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster or other adult leader who may be dressed as Santa Claus.

(Do a gift exchange or a presentation of gifts to the Cub Scouts and their families.)

(after)

SANTA: I see we still have one package here that nobody has claimed. What could it be?
(Santa unwraps package.)

Guess what? It's some badges. These aren't really gifts, though. The boys who will receive these badges have earned them, with the help of their parents.

I see we have some Wolf badges here. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward. (call all boys who are to receive the award forward.) Mr. and Mrs. _____ would you please accept this badge for your son and pin it to his uniform. He has worked very hard to earn this so will you all join me in giving these boys a big round of applause. You may continue in the same way for arrow points, Bear badges, or any Webelos awards.

ADVANCEMENT - WHY DO WE HAVE RANKS

EQUIPMENT: Candle under Wolf on ceremony board or poster.

(Call candidates and parents forward)

Why do we have ranks? Why don't you receive your Wolf badge just because you are seven years old? The reason is because if we did it that way, we would be telling you a lie. We would be telling you that the way to a happy and full life is to sit back and do nothing. Growing up is more than just getting bigger in size. Your mind has to grow. Your understanding and appreciation of what's going on around you has to grow. Your interest in what's going on around you should grow, too, and while you're becoming more interested in the world, you should be finding out about it, how things work, how people work together, how they work alone.

The Arrow of Light points the way to a happy, full life. The Wolf rank is the second step in the right direction. You are "earning" your way up the ladder of rank toward the Arrow of Light and you should be proud of yourself because we are all proud of you. The best in life is earned, it's never a gift. Together, let us give our Cub Scout Promise. (Repeat together)
(Offer congratulations and present badges)

ADVANCEMENT - CHRISTMAS TREE WITH LIGHTS

EQUIPMENT: Cardboard Christmas Tree with various colored lights. Cut holes in cardboard so that bulbs fit into the holes. Tape light cord to back of tree and plug into outlet. Unscrew bulbs slightly so they can be screwed in and lighted at the appropriate time.

CUBMASTER:

(Advancement Chairman)

"As we look at our tree this evening, we see that it is dark, with only one light on. (Screw in top light). This is the light which represents the Spirit of Cubbing. Let us see if there are boys here tonight who can light the way to the top of the tree, to the highest rank in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light.

The first step along the Cub Scout trail is the Bobcat, rank (Turn light representing Bobcat - at the bottom). (At this point, if there are Bobcats to be inducted, call them forward with their parents and use as regular induction ceremony).

Once a boy has achieved this honor, he is ready to climb. There are 12 achievements required to complete the rank of Wolf. Some of these require knowledge of the U.S, flag, of keeping strong, of safety and being useful to his family. The following boys have completed all 12 of these requirements (call forward boys and their parents for Wolf badge and/or Arrow points). Thank you, boys. We are now able to turn on the light representing the Wolf rank. (Have one of new Wolfs turn on next light).

As a boy grows older and stronger, he is able to climb a little higher. But just as it is a little more difficult to climb the upper branches of a tree, so the achievements are a little more difficult for the Bear rank. (Call forward boys and parents for Bear badge and Arrow points). (Turn on next light).

These boys have helped us light our tree, but it is still not quite as bright as it might be. Since they have received help from their parents and leaders let us turn on lights for them too. (Have Bears turn on several lights).

Now our tree is complete. As you have seen, it has taken the boys, plus their parents and leaders to complete it. With the same effort that you have shown before, keep working for the highest rank in Cub Scouting.

Congratulations to you and your parents for the fine job you have done.

(If Webelos Activity Badges are to be presented, include this in the proper place and present in the same manner, lighting another light).

ADVANCEMENT - A HISTORY OF CUB SCOUTING #1

We all know that the Boy Scout movement in America was started by William Boyce after he was directed to an address in London by a boy who refused a tip because he was a Scout. Mr. Boyce was so impressed by his talk with Lord Baden-Powell that he helped incorporate the Boy Scouts of America of February 8, 1910.

It is this date that we celebrate each year with our Blue and Gold Banquet.

Almost as soon as Scouting began, younger boys started clamoring for a chance to participate in Scouting. This resulted in the Wolf Cub program being started in England in 1916. It wasn't until August 1, 1929 that the first demonstration Cub units were started. By 1933, it was felt the time had come for promoting Cub Scouting as a part of the Boy Scout program.

As we read in the Wolf book the basis for much of the program came from THE JUNGLE BOOK by Rudyard Kipling. In this book is the story of two wolves who find a man cub who is being hunted by SHEREKAN, the tiger. They take in the boy, whom they name Mowgli, (which means frog) and raise him as part of their family.

The wolves are part of a pack which is led by Akela, the great gray Lone Wolf. Once a month, the new cubs are presented to the pack for acceptance. If they are not accepted by two members of the pack they are turned out. When Mowgli was presented to the council, none of the other wolves would speak for him. Just as Mother wolf was ready to give up. Baloo, the kindly brown bear who taught the wolf cubs the Law of the Jungle stood up and said, "I will speak for the man cub." When no one else spoke, Bagheera, the black panther rose and offered to pay one bull if the man cub would be accepted into the pack. And so it was that Mowgli came a part of the Wolf Pack, for the price of a bull and on Baloo's good word.

In looking back at old Cub Scout books, we are reminded that the Cub Scout program has survived with very little change. In a 1934 Cub Book, the rules for becoming a Bobcat are:

1. He has taken the Cub Promise.
2. Explained & repeated the Law of the Pack.
3. Explained the meaning of the ranks.
4. Shown the Cub sign and Handclasp.
5. Given the Cub Motto and Cub Salute.

Today as Bobcats, we must do the same requirements. When Akela says that we are ready, we are presented to the Pack or recognition. Will the following Cubs and their parents please come forward.

Just as the Wolf cubs learned about the world around them by taking short trips into the woods, so have our own Cubs grown in their understanding of nature and of their families. Will the following Cubs and their parents please come forward?

Originally, only two arrow points could be earned for each rank. The basic rank was called the Bronze Badge. The first ten electives earned the Cub the Gold Rank, and the next ten elective the Silver Rank. Today we award the Gold Arrow Point for the first ten elective and Silver Arrow Points for each ten additional electives Will the following Cubs please come forward?

Just as Baloo the kindly Bear, taught the young Wolves the secret names of the trees, the

calls of the birds and the language of the air so must each of you help others in you Den in order to meet the requirements for Bear. Will the following Cubs and their parents come forward?

Up until a few years ago, the next rank was Lion. In 1967, this was dropped and the Webelos program expanded to cover an entire year. The Webelos Colors (GOLD representing the Pack; GREEN, the Troop, and RED the Explorers) and 15 activity badges were added at this time. A new Webelos Badge was also created and the original Webelos Badge retained as the Arrow Of Light.

The Webelos rank is the transition between Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting. Originally the name was derived from the three ranks: Wolf, Bear, Lion and Scouts. To become a Webelos requires a further expanding of one's horizons. Activity Pins must be earned and involvement in Church and Civic activities are encouraged. Will the following Cubs and their parents please come forward?

The Arrow of Light is the highest award in Cub Scouting. It can also be worn on the Boy Scout uniform in recognition of your achievement. To be standing here tonight, means that you have reached the highest point along the Cub Scout trail. Do not stop here for the trail leads on to Boy Scouting and great new adventures which can only be dreamed about for now. Will the following Cubs and their parents please come forward?

ADVANCEMENT - THE FOURTH BEAD DEN CEREMONY

Cub Scouts who have completed 12 achievements and earned the Wolf or Bear rank, receive their badges at a pack ceremony. But it's a good idea to recognize them in the Den too, with a simple ceremony as soon as they finish the 12th achievement.

PERSONNEL: Den Leader, advancing Cub Scout.

EQUIPMENT: Bead from Immediate Recognition Kit.

DEN LEADER: Today (Name of Cub) gets his fourth bead for passing three more achievements for Wolf(or bear) rank. Do you know that means? It means that he has finished all 12 achievements for Wold(or Bear). At our next Pack meeting, he'll get his new badge I think that's great! He'll wear his new Wolf (or Bear) badge on his left shirt pocket.

(attach bead to thong of Progress Toward Ranks patch).

Keep working on advancement, (Name the Cub). That's the way you'll have the most fun in our Den and Pack. Let's see you other Cubs keep advancing,too. Congratulations!

ADVANCEMENT - WILD WEST

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Cub Scouts, Advancing Cubs and parents.

EQUIPMENT: Stage Pioneer costumes (optional), awards.

CUBMASTER: American pioneers have been men and women with curious minds strong purpose, courage, determination, persistence, and a proud, fierce, unswerving loyalty. Through every hardship they have refused to give up.

Our theme, Wild West, is the history of some of the heroes and pioneers of our country. Our purpose is to remind ourselves how our country grew out of wilderness into what it is today. Let's quickly take a look at some of the men who helped build it.

Miles Standish came with the pilgrims seeking religious freedom and learned to live with the Indians. After the first year's harvest, they celebrated the first Thanksgiving together. Other great men followed: Patrick Henry who said "Give me liberty or give me death". Daniel Boone opened up the trail to the West through the Cumberland gap. Thomas Edison invented the electric light. Alexander Graham Bell gave us the telephone. As we entered the 20th century Henry Ford produced a successful automobile, Orville and Wilbur Wright launched our first airplane. All great pioneers of their day.

For you Cub Scouts, the United States is still a land of expanding opportunity. Tonight we have cubs who have had the determination, persistence, and loyalty to follow the Cub Scout trail and complete the achievements for their badges.

Will these Cubs and their parents please come forward? These Cubs have earned their Wolf Badge and/or Arrow Points. (present badges, handshake with Cubs and parents).

The following Cubs have completed the achievements for their Bear Badge and/or Arrow Points. Will These Cubs and their parents please come forward (present badges).

Now we have Webelos, with strong purpose and curious minds who have completed the requirements for their Activity Pins. Will these Cubs and their parents please come forward? (present badges). Now, will the Pack please stand with me and salute these fine Cub Scouts who have had the courage and loyalty of the pioneers of your past years to advance.

Cubs Scouts **HAND SALUTE**...(pause) **TO**.
Congratulations! (Cubs and parents dismissed from stage.)

ADVANCEMENT - CROSSING THE BRIDGE CEREMONY

Read by the 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 spot light 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.)

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 Scouts neck and shakes his hand)

ADVANCEMENT - WOODY THE CARPENTER

PROPS:A worktable to side of awards table. Candles and rank poster on table. Large sign "WOODY THE CARPENTER AT WORK" which can be set up to hide what is on table. Adult in work coveralls carrying tool box.

CUBMASTER: Hello, who are you?

ADULT: Hello, I'm Woody the carpenter. I have skill, but no work.

CUBMASTER: Well, let's see. I think I can use your help. Here, set up your tools on this work table.

ADULT: (sets up sign to hide what he is doing) I'm ready, what do I do first?

CUBMASTER:I need a Bobcat plaque.

ADULT (Starts to hammer, saw, etc. hands a rough cut board with Bobcat rank on it.) Will this do?

CUBMASTER: Woody, this is a fine job. That is just like a Bobcat; it has been roughly cut but there is no question that it's a board not at tree. A Bobcat has also just been cut. His skills and crafts are rough and just starting to develop. But he has just taken the first step in Cub Scouting. We can see the difference in this board and a tree.

ADULT: Will the following Cub Trade School Students and their teachers please enter the lumber yard? (read Names.)

CUBMASTER: (places board by Bobcat poster and lights candle) Parents I have the honor of giving this Rank to you so you may present it to your sons. Let's see, I guess we need a Wolf plaque next.

ADULT: (Starts to saw, hammer,sand etc. hands our a clean square cut board with Wolf rank on it). Will this do?

CUBMASTER: That certainly will do Woody. A Wolf is very much like this piece of wood. It is clean and squarecut, but still pretty basic with a long way to go.

ADULT: Will the following Apprentices and their parents please come down to the shop? (read names).

CUBMASTER: (Places board by Wolf poster and lights candle). Parents I give you the Wolf badge to present to your sons.

What next(pause) I know, Woody, I need a Bear Plaque.

ADULT: (saws, hammers, etc. hands a board with routed edges with the Bear rank on it) Will this do?

CUBMASTER: Woody, you have done it again! This is just like the Bear Cub Scout, a lot of effort and accomplishment has gone into this, but, but, it's not quite completed yet. A Bear has accomplished many things on the trail of Cub Scouting, yet he is not at the end and his training is not complete.

ADULT: Will the following Cub Journeymen and their foreman join us on the job? (reads names)

CUBMASTER: (Places board by Bear Poster and lights candle) Parents please present the Bear Badge,the third rank of Cub Scouting to your sons. Woody, I know what I need now, the Webelos plaque.

ADULT: (Saws, Hammers, drills, paints, etc.) Hands out a finished plaque with Webelos rank on it.

CUBMASTER: Woody, you certainly have done a fine job. This plaque is just like a Webelos Scout. His skills and crafts are almost completed. His Cub Scout trail has but a few steps remaining.

ADULT: Will the following Master Craftsman Cub Scouts and their parents join us? (Read names).

CUBMASTER: (Place plaque by Webelos poster and lights candle). Parents, you have the honor of presenting the Webelos Rank to your son. Just as a skill and accomplishments were shown on these pieces of wood tonight, the skills and accomplishments were shown on these pieces of wood tonight, the skills and accomplishments of these Cub Scouts were evident as they progress along the Cub Scout trail.

ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS BROKEN ARROW ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

Call Webelos candidates and their parents to the front.

As Cubs, you have passed many tests and feats of skill. You have mastered the Bobcat, the Wolf and the Bear. Now you seek entry into a Den of Webelos. To be a Webelos you must be brave and strong, for you will be required to meet tests far more difficult than any which you have performed up to now. To gain entry into Webelos, you must now pass a test to show that you are ready for this difficult trail.

(Get Arrow.)

I hold in my hands an arrow. I will strike you with the arrow. If the arrow breaks, you will be received into the Webelos Den. But if the arrow does not break, you must return to your old den.

(Break arrow.)

The arrow has broken, you may enter the Webelos Den. But first, to the parents I present the point of the arrow. This is a symbol that, as parents, you must lead and point the way as your son travels the Scouting trail, and the trail of life.

To the boys, I present the feathered end of the arrow. This shows that as a son you must follow your parents and leaders to be successful and for your family to be a complete unit.

For no arrow can fly true and arrive at its mark without both the point and the feathers doing their part.

NOTE: The arrow should be partially cut through so that it will break easily.

ADVANCEMENT - UNDER THE BIG TOP

PROPS: Cubs can be outfitted in animal costumes- bobcats, wolves, dancing bears, Webelos-outfitted according to the activity badge they are getting, and Arrow of Light- capes with stars all over. Den Leader should be dressed as clowns and the Cubmaster as a ringmaster.

CUBMASTER: Ladies and Gentlemen, you are about to see a parade of achievements, the likes of which you have never seen before! For our 1st act, we have trained Bobcats and their trainers (parents). They will be in the center ring and will perform for us showing what feats they have mastered. (Bobcats and parents come forward and go through Bobcat requirements with Cubmaster. Present badges).

Notice how well these Bobcats have been trained by their trainers. Let's have a fine round of applause for this fine act we have just seen performing before you very eyes. And now we have for our second colossal act of achievement this evening, a fine trained Wolf act. The Wolves in this act are: (Read names of Cubs receiving Wolf Badge or Arrow points) Here comes those Wolf Cubs and their trainers into our center ring! (go through similar type of circus talk to cover some of Wolf requirements.)

(Handle Bear Badges and Arrow Points in same manner as Wolf).

And now ladies and gentlemen, we have a stupendous act which takes much skill and requires work and patience as these young men climb to great heights. In fact, to the very top in the Cub Scout parade of achievements. Let's all watch breathlessly as we give special honors in a ceremony which will demonstrate to you what heights these Cubs have climbed with the help of their trainers along the way. It is a privilege to introduce to you the participants in this outstanding feat. (Call Cubs and parents forward and present activity Pins with flowery language pertaining to their particular pins).

And now for the stars of our show... The young men who have completed the requirements for the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting. In order to qualify for this award these young men have shown knowledge about Scouting, citizenship, and emergency first aid. As these stars step into our center ring let's give them a roaring round of applause. (Read names)

We have presented for you one of the most stupendous shows in the history of Cub Scouting. The young men you have seen before you have attained the heights of achievement, an amazing array of ability and stupendous skill---an extravaganza extraordinary!

NOTE: Clowns should escort their particular Dens forward and help with the presentation of awards. If possible, try to mark some type of boundary that will represent a center ring.

ADVANCEMENT - A MOST POPULAR CUSTOM

ARRANGEMENTS: Cubmaster and Committee chairman stand behind head table which contains awards and a box of Christmas tree decorations. Nearby is an undecorated Christmas tree. As each Cub receives his award, he and his parents are given a decoration to put on the tree which has already been strung with strings of light to be turned on at the end of the ceremony.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we're celebrating one of the most popular customs in America, decorating the Christmas tree. As each Cub Scout receives his award tonight, we're going to give him and his parents an opportunity to help decorate our tree.

Since Cub Scouting is a family program, we want our Pack families to help make our Cub Scouting Christmas tree bright and festive. (Call names of Cubs receiving the Wolf and Arrow Points. Cubs and parents come forward, receive awards, and each person is given an ornament to put on the tree. Afterward they return to their seats. Follow the same procedure for Cubs receiving Bear Badges and Arrow points.)

CUBMASTER: We have some Webelos Scouts who have earned Activity Pins. We're going to give them special decorations for our Tree. (Call names of Webelos Scouts and indicate which badge they have earned. Decorations could be foil covered cutouts of activity pins. Each Cub receives as many decorations as he receives badges. His parents help put them on the tree.)

The Arrow of Light is the highest award a Cub Scout can earn. Tonight we have a Cub who has earned this award. (Call name of Cub and parents to come forward.) We're going to let (name) put the highest decoration on the tree...the star. (A step ladder may be needed or the Cub can be assisted by his parents.)

(If there are not many awards to be given and thus only a few decorations put on the tree, call attention to the fact that the leaders help is essential to the Pack and to the decoration of the tree. Call forward all the leaders to add a decoration.)

And there you have our beautiful Christmas tree. There are other Cub Scouts and parents in our Pack who didn't have an opportunity to add a decoration tonight, but we're going to turn on the lights to represent all the members of our Pack family. You can see how each decoration and light makes a difference in the appearance of our tree. In the same way, each member of our Pack, Cubs and adults, make a difference in the success of our Pack's operations and program. **THANKS TO ALL OF YOU.**

ADVANCEMENT - TOTEM POLE CROSSING

EQUIPMENT: Cub Scout totem pole (a 5 foot 2X4 anchored in a base, with a large reproductions 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.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos leader, Scoutmaster, Senior Patrol Leader, Webelos Scouts and parents.

ARRANGEMENT: Cub Scout totem pole is left front, Boy Scout totem pole is right front, bridge is center front, Scout troop personnel are besides 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, 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 you desire?

CUBMASTER: 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) (Name), 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. (bring 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).

ADVANCEMENT - ORDER OF THE ARROW FOUR WINDS CROSS-OVER

ARRANGEMENT: Allowat, Kitchkinet and the Four winds stand ready at the back. If outdoors, torchbearers should lead the way to the clearing. Indoors, a storyteller can set the appropriate mood before the ceremonialists enter. Kitchkinet enters the clearing and taps the Cubmaster/MC on the shoulder three times. The Cubmaster/MC responds with one tap, followed by two taps.)

KITCHKINET: Cubmaster (name), my tribesmen have arrived to perform the Arrow of Light and Cross-over Ceremonies. May we enter your Council circle?

CUBMASTER: You and your brothers are welcome in our circle, Kitchkinet.

(Kitchkinet leaves the circle and returns with the other ceremonialists.)

ALLOWAT: I am Allowat Sakima, the mighty chief. I have led my tribesmen in a long journey from our camp to this place, to call out and recognize those among you who have earned the Arrow of Light, and are ready to cross-over into Boy Scouting. Brother Kitchkinet, you will find those who have earned the right to wear the Arrow of Light and bring them before me.

(Kitchkinet escorts the Webelos to the front and arranges them in a line, and then waits after all of the Webelos have been brought forward while the Cubmaster reads the names of the Webelos.)

KITCHKINET: I am Kitchkinet, the friend and guide of our Lodge. In the past, you have advanced up the trail of Cub Scouting. With the help of your parents and leaders, you have earned the highest honor and rank of the Webelos Scouts, the Arrow of Light. The arrow is a fitting symbol of the lessons you have learned and the skills you have mastered. The arrow flies swiftly through the air straight to the center of the target. So, also, will you travel to success in life if you follow the lessons taught you by your leaders.

ALLOWAT: The arrow is not merely a symbol of your past success, but also a guide, pointing your way to future adventures further up the Scouting trail. Because your parents have always stood beside you and helped you, it is appropriate that they should be with you as you receive this award. Would the parents of the Webelos Scouts please come forward and stand behind you sons.

(Parents come forward. Webelos are given mother's pin and parents are given Arrow of Light award.)

ALLOWAT: Webelos, your parents have stood with you. They have worked for you in health, nursed you in sickness, guided your thoughts and actions, and helped you in untold ways. They have been a strength to lean on, someone to turn to in times of trouble and for help. Your home's influence will last throughout your life. You will now pin the mother's pin on your mother.

(Webelos present mother's pin.)

ALLOWAT: Parents, your sons have worked diligently. They stand here tonight because they have learned the lessons that you and their Webelos Leaders had to teach them. I ask you to present your son with the Arrow of Light award now, in token of your determination to continue to teach and guide your son in the years ahead.

(Parents present Arrow of Light to Webelos)

ALLOWAT: Parents and Webelos, you may be seated.

(Waits for people to be seated) Webelos learn many lessons. They learn how to work and play together. They learn something of the world they live in, and some of the skills which will be useful to them later in life. Now the time for some Webelos to move on to new challenges has arrived.

KITCHKINET: Will the following Webelos Scouts please come forward. (Cubmaster reads names and gives each Webelos a green candle)

KITCHKINET: You are about to cross over the bridge into Boy Scouting. In Boy Scouting, you will follow the ideals of the Scout Law. Before you take this step and begin to climb up a new trail, listen first to the wisdom of the winds.

(Each of the four winds comes forward in turn to speak with the Webelos.)

EAST: I am the spirit of the east wind. I represent the common law, your duty to God and to country, trustworthy, loyal, and helpful are the qualities which a man must possess who lives by the laws and rules of this land. See that we do not lose this blessing of the lawful land.

WEST: As the spirit of the west wind, I represent the law of humanity, your duty to country and others. Friendly, courteous, and kind are the laws that breathe of conscience. They create the atmosphere that comes from within your heart. The desire for you always to be a friend to those of all ages, young and old alike. Courteous to those who pass along your trail. Cast away the harmful spirit of unfriendliness and selfishness.

SOUTH: I am the spirit of the south wind. I represent the civil law, your duty to others and to self. Obedient, cheerful, and thrifty. A life of cheerful obedience is necessary for the development of a true citizen. Obedience is something everyone has to learn - to take orders and carry them out cheerfully. Real thrift means spending your time, money, and energy wisely, and sharing with those less fortunate.

NORTH: I am the spirit of the north wind, the most powerful of all. I represent the divine law. Brave, clean, and reverent. To be brave is to put the needs of others ahead of your own, even when the risk and cost to yourself is great. To be clean in body and soul with reverence in your heart is to ensure that you follow the true path and will not be led astray. Cast from your mind and body any evil spirit that tries to weaken or destroy the divine law. Live a life of reverence. Be brave and clean.

ALLOWAT: Webelos, you have heard the wisdom of the winds. Do you promise to do your best to live up to these ideals?

(Waits for Webelos to nod)

The time has come for you to cross-over into Boy Scouting. Light the new flame of Scouting from the Cub Scout candle your Cubmaster is holding.

(Waits while candles are lit.)

As you begin to climb a new trail, remember the fun you have shared with each other in Cub Scouting, and remember the wisdom of the winds.

(The four winds approach one at a time.)

EAST: Remember the common law: Trustworthy, loyal, helpful.

WEST: Remember the law of equity: Friendly, courteous, kind.

SOUTH: Remember the civil law: Obedient, cheerful, thrifty.

NORTH: Remember the divine law, the most powerful of all: Brave, clean, reverent.

ALLOWAT: The time has come. Cross the bridge, and enter the new world of Boy Scouting.

(Webelos cross bridge and are welcomed by Scoutmaster)

KITCHKINET: Scoutmaster (name) will lead you in the Scout Oath and welcome you into Boy Scouting.

(Waits for Scout Oath)

ALLOWAT: The time has come for us to continue upon our journey. We trust that you will remember the things which you have learned, and continue to build your knowledge in the future as you climb the Scouting trail. It is our hope that one day we may welcome you at the summit of the trail when you attain the rank of Eagle.

ALLOWAT: Brother Kitchkinet, will you now close this gathering.

KITCHKINET: We must leave you now to continue upon our journey. May you climb high mountains and never grow weary; may you find the true path so that others may follow; may the snow of winter never chill the fire of cheerfulness within you, and may the stream's quiet laughter fill your hear with peace. Klahowya.

(Ceremonialist leave, Kitchkinet first, next the four winds and any extras (torchbearers, drummers, etc.) and finally Allowat.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE SIX "TATERS"

PERSONNEL: Awards Chairman, six other adults.

PROPS: Signs to identify the Awards Chairman and six "taters". Hold during ceremony.

CHAIRMAN: Scouters, this is our problem. Every year hundreds of red blooded American boys drop out of Scouting in our Council. We are meeting here tonight to do something about this deplorable situation. Have you any suggestions?

DIC-TATER: Yes, I certainly do have a suggestion! Just don't let them drop out; after all, the young whippersnappers don't know what is best. As long as we are bigger and stronger than they are, we can simply forbid them to drop out. A firm hand will solve this drop out problem.

IMI-TATER: Well, Mr. Chairman, that sounds a little rash. Why don't we look around and see what some other groups are doing about this same sort of problem. Seems to me, we could just adopt their plans. Those other organizations are doing quite well, so it might behoove us to copy their tactics.

SPEC-TATER: Mr. Chairman, perhaps we are trying to participate too much. Scouting is after all a boy's organization. Let's just leave it up to the boys and let them work out whatever solution they seem to think is best. We can sit back and watch and let them know that we are behind them 100%.

AGI-TATER: NO! By Gussies, we've got to get in there and fight! We've got to be on our toes with our shoulders to the wheel, pushing at all times. We'll get the Chamber of Commerce and the PTA and the local chapter of Sigma Phi working on this. We'll have a membership rally and a big bonfire and really get things stirred up.

HESI-TATER: Oh now, I don't know. Maybe we ought to wait till after the summer slump and the fall rush. Sometimes it's wise to use a little caution.

DEMONS-TATER: Mr. Chairman, the best way to keep boys in Scouting is to show them what Scouting is and what Scouting does. As proof of what I say, we have here tonight several boys who have not paid much attention to our other "taters" and their thoughts. We can show them what it's really like and the boys will want to go on in Scouting and not drop out. The problem will cease to be.

ALL: And how! (Chairman goes into standard ceremony.)

ADVANCEMENT - INDIAN CEREMONY FOR TIGER CUB GRADUATION

MATERIALS: Council fires, Bobcat Sign, Practice tip arrows, Indian costumes and Bridge.

(The Tribal Chief and braves are sitting around the fire. All are quiet as he rises.)

CHIEF: Tonight we gather to honor our young braves and test them before they are welcomed into our pack. Let us call forward: (calls up Tiger Cubs and partners.)

Tiger Cubs, what has been your motto these months as you and your adult partner have experienced Scouting for the first time? (Tigers respond: Search, Discover, Share)

Have you obeyed the Tiger Cub promise you learned? (Tigers: Yes)

Look at the brave who holds the banner of your first rank in Cub Scouts. Next month, as you pass your Bobcat requirement at our next council fire, you will be allowed to wear this sign on your uniform. Wear it proudly!

Look now at the brave who holds the writing to prove your efforts as a Tiger Cub (graduation certificate). Display this proudly in your lodge as you and your partner labored long and hard to earn this award.

Parents, receive the graduation patch for your son. Place it on the right pocket of their uniform to let all know that these boys have been a brother to these Cubs and all who have trailed the Tiger.

Look now to our lodge chief and receive the star with its orange back. Wear this above your left pocket on your uniform now and at all future council fires. Many seasons from now, you can retell your exploits to the young braves you help along the way of the Tiger.

Go now, I wish to see no more of you as Tiger Cubs but rather Cub Scouts who have crossed the bridge into the excitement of the Cub Scout Trail. (Chief and braves lead the boys and partners across the bridge to the arrow making area.)

CHIEF: See these braves make the arrow. The arrowhead breaks the wind. The shaft, if straight, will guide the arrow's path. The feathers give balance and distance. As Cub Scouts, you will learn the secrets of the arrow. Learn its true nature and become good Scouts. These secrets will lead you to soar with the eagle.

Tonight we honor these new Cub Scouts who have completed the challenge of Tiger. We now ask them to retire the flag they carried proudly to their meetings and replace it with their den flag. We know they will bring their new den flag as much honor as they did their Tiger Flag.

Will the two new den leaders for this den please step forward? (Introduce them to the audience) Cub Scouts of Den (#) please join your den leaders.

(To the rest of the Pack) Pack (#) I present to you our newest Wolf Den, Den(#)! Let's congratulate our new brothers. (Cheer)

ADVANCEMENT - TIGER CUB CANDLE AND CROSSOVER BRIDGE

EQUIPMENT: 8 pieces of construction paper, Graduation certificate, pin, patch, Wolf book, 7 candles in holders: 1 white (tall) 3 orange, 3 black Rope, string, or crepe paper to make bridge (or use Pack bridge).

ARRANGEMENTS: The white candle (taller than the rest) is centered on ceremonial table with 3 black candles on one side and 3 orange candles on the other. Place the 8 pieces of paper on the floor of the bridge in such a way to make walking on them difficult. On each piece write one of the following: Sign, Handshake, Motto, Salute, Promise, Law, the symbol of the Arrow of Light, Webelos.

CHARACTERS: Cubmaster, Den Leader, Tiger Cub Coach, and Den Chief.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we honor our Tiger Cubs. Will (name), our Tiger Cub Coach, come and introduce them? (Tigers and adults come to front).

TIGER CUB COACH: (say as each candle is lit)

White is for the Purity of Living,

Black is for the Unknown, ... the Fear,... the Doubts.

Orange is for Knowledge, ...Joy,... and Confidence.

These are the colors of the Tigers. You have completed the Big Ideas in the Tiger Cub Program. Adults, here is a patch for your Tiger; place it on his right pocket. Tigers, here is a pin for your Adult Partner who worked with you through your deeds as Tigers. Place the pin on their collar. Here too, is your certificate for all to see. As your coach I bid you farewell and show you a path of a new challenge; the challenge of Cub Scouts. Each step you take tells you what you must learn, so you can earn your next rank. Walk the Bridge of Cub Scouts and meet your new Leaders.

(At the other end of the bridge stands the Cubmaster, Den Leader, and Den Chief).

ADVANCEMENT - TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES

"To help other people at all times" - that's part of our Cub Scout Promise. Helping other people is part of what it means to be a good neighbor. We have to help and look out for each other. Tonight, I would like to recognize several scouts who with the help of their mothers, fathers, den leaders, and others have met the requirements for advancement to the next rank. Will Cub Scouts ____ and ____ please come forward with their parents. Will one of the parents please light this single candle which represents the second part of the Cub Scout promise which is "To obey the Law of the Pack". Part of the Law of the Pack states, the "Cub Scout gives goodwill". A good neighbor also gives good will. As a Cub Scout you should do your best to do things for others. Now, you may promote your son to the rank of _____.

ADVANCEMENT - TO GIVE HELP AND GOODWILL

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Awards of Boys (Bobcat awards on a smile, Wolf awards on a helping hand, Bear awards on a "T", and Webelos awards on a card)

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of the audience

CUBMASTER: December is the month when Christians recall the miracle birth of Christ. People of the Jewish faith celebrate the Festival of Lights. Many people celebrate this season by giving gifts, by waiting for the arrival of Santa Claus and by festive gatherings with friends. Each person has their own way of celebrating this holiday. The theme this month is Holiday Magic. As Cub Scouters how can we join in this theme of Holiday Magic? As I reflected on this month's theme I think about what magic has to do with this holiday season and what it has to do with Cub Scouting? As I repeated to myself the Cub Scout promise - the phrase "to help other people" stuck in my mind. Next I repeated the Law of the Pack and the words "a Cub Scout gives goodwill" came to mind. It dawned on me that this holiday season was a perfect time for Holiday Magic - a theme for helping other people and a time for giving goodwill. One small piece of Holiday Magic is to smile and be cheerful to others. A smile is the first step to spreading goodwill. And tonight we have some boys who are taking their first steps along the Cub Scout Trail.

(Call forward the boys who are to receive their Bobcat award and their parents. Present the badge.) After a smile, the next piece of Holiday Magic is to lend a helping hand. This helping hand might be to carry in groceries for someone or help set the table for dinner or help wash the dishes after dinner - and all done with a cheerful smile. By offering this helping hand and cheerful smile we take the next step toward giving Holiday Magic.

Tonight we have some boys who have taken the next step in Cub Scouting. (Call forward the boys who are to receive their Wolf award and their parents. Present the badge.)

What can we do to continue our Holiday Magic to help others and give goodwill? Our next step might be to do a "Good Turn." A good turn is to do a job without being asked to do it by someone. This good turn might include cleaning our rooms, taking out the trash or raking leaves without being asked. This good turn is a special step to bringing Holiday Magic to others. Tonight there are some boys who have worked harder to take the next step along the Cub Scout Trail. (Call forward the boys who are to receive their Bear award and their parents. Present the badge.)

To spread more holiday magic, we might go even further to make a gift for a friend. We could make a special card of a small present or a holiday treat for someone without expecting anything in return. With the giving of this special gift to a friend we can continue the holiday magic. And continuing to advance along the Cub Scout Trail we have some boys who are ready to be advanced. (Call forward the boys who are to receive their Webelos badge and their parents. Present the badge.)

Tonight we have seen how we as Cub Scouts and we as parents can remember to spread the Holiday Magic. It is so easy for each of us to help other people and to give goodwill. And by helping others and giving goodwill we can spread the Holiday Magic to those around us.

ADVANCEMENT - THE FUR TRADER

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster is dressed as an Indian Chief; an adult is dressed as a medicine man, and another adult is dressed as an old fur trader with saddle bags. Medicine man and Indian Chief at front of room.

MEDICINE MAN: There are several braves here tonight who have worked hard since we last met, and have earned awards for their efforts. I sent an order to the trading post last week and it should be here by now. I don't know what happened, but they have not arrived. I fear we will have to wait until next month. Heap big sorry!

FUR TRADER: (Looking wild, wooly and hurried, enters room carrying saddle bags.) Is this the meeting of Cub Scout Pack (#)?

CUBMASTER: Yes, it is. Who are you?

FUR TRADER: I'm the rider from the trading post.

MEDICINE MAN: Hmmm. I have 3 blue beads for (name) who has earned the Bobcat rank.

FUR TRADER: Good enough. Where is the varmint?

CUBMASTER: Will (name) and his parents please step forward? Congratulations on your hard work!

MEDICINE MAN: I have 3 red feathers for (name) who has earned the Wolf rank.

FUR TRADER: Good deal!

CUBMASTER: (To Fur Trader.) Thanks for getting here on time with all our awards. The boys really appreciate it.

MEDICINE MAN: Ugh!

FUR TRADER: My pleasure, son. Now I gotta be gettin' along. So long! (He exits)

ADVANCEMENT - THE MAGIC FORMULA

PROPS: 3 Pint containers, 1 each of: water with blue food coloring, clear cooking oil, alcohol with red food coloring

Large, clear glass container

Test tube, 1 per boy

2 White lab coats

Ceremony table

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster

FORMAT: Bobcat says the Promise; Wolf pours the blue water; Bear pours the cooking oil; Webelos pours the red alcohol.

CUBMASTER: Tonight, I am going to give you the magic formula for building Cub Scouts. Our Bobcats have done their best by learning the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack and the Motto. Would the following boys and their parents please come forward.

ASSISTANT: (Reads the names of the boys while Cubmaster lines them up behind the table facing the audience.)

CUBMASTER: (Hold up the glass container) this glass represents the Bobcats. As with anything you build, you need a foundation, a starting point, you need to know the basics. This is what our Bobcats have learned. (Boys repeat the Promise)

ASSISTANT: (Hands out badges to parents to present to their boys, everyone shakes hands. Bobcats and parents return to their seats.)

CUBMASTER: The first part of the magic formula is blue. This color represents the family, its strength, unity and participation in building a Cub Scout.

ASSISTANT: (Reads the names of the boys -- with parents -- receiving the Wolf award while the Cubmaster lines them up behind the table and gives them each a test tube full of blue water.)

CUBMASTER: Will each Wolf pour the blue liquid into the larger glass?

ASSISTANT: (Badges are handed out to parents, etc.)

CUBMASTER: The second part of our formula is clear white. It represents the progress the Cubs have made in character and spiritual growth.

ASSISTANT: (Boys and parents of Bear rank are called while Cubmaster arranges the boys and gives them a test tube with cooking oil.)

CUBMASTER: Bears pour your clear liquid into the larger glass.

ASSISTANT: (Badges are handed out to parents, etc.)

CUBMASTER: The third part of our formula is red. This red color represents the Cub Scout

being helpful and doing his best as he continues to grow in all areas of his life.

ASSISTANT: (Webelos and parents are called, etc.)

CUBMASTER: Webelos pour your red liquid into the larger glass.

ASSISTANT: (Badges and/or activity pins are handed to parents, etc.)

CUBMASTER: We have completed our magic formula. It is the same colors as in our flag. May Cub Scouting help to make this a better place to live.

ADVANCEMENT - TIGER CUBS, YOU AND YOUR PARTNER

MATERIALS: Four large candles, set with three in front and one raised and behind. Done in darkened room.

CUBMASTER: (Calls boys and adults forward.) For the past few months you and your family have explored all sorts of new and exciting things and places. You have taken each part of the Tiger Cub motto: "Search, Discover, and Share" and used it in your home, school and neighborhood. (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 middle 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 third 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.

Now it is time to move along the Scouting trail to the next part of the program. (Light last candle.)

In Cub Scouting your family is still important as it is throughout your whole 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.

(Boy's name) and (Adult's name) on behalf of Pack, ___ I'd like to welcome you. (Tiger Coordinator's name) will bring your den leader (name) forward to welcome you into the den with the Cub Scout neckerchief. (Den leader presents neckerchief to the adult who puts it around the neck of the boy.)

ADVANCEMENT - A PIECE OF EMBROIDERED CLOTH

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Large cutouts of Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos badges,

ARRANGEMENT: Each cutout is to be displayed so they can be seen from the audience.

CUBMASTER: A badge of Cub Scouting is a piece of embroidered cloth. If you were to try to sell one of these badges, you'd find that it wouldn't bring much money. The real value of the badge is in what it represents...the things you learned to earn it...how to keep healthy, how to be a good citizen, good safety practices, conservation, and many new skills.

BOBCAT Now we have some Cubs who are to receive the badge of Bobcat and to advance along the Cub Scouting Trail. (Call forward the boys and their parents, who are to receive their Bobcat badges.) To earn the badge of Bobcat these boys had to learn the Cub Scout promise, the Law of the Pack, the Cub Scout sign, and the Cub Scout motto. These things are just part of the adventures on the Scouting Trail. Now as I present to each of you your Bobcat badge remember the value of this badge and the Cub Scout motto..."Do Your Best." Congratulations!

WOLF (Call forward the boys and their parents that are to receive the Wolf badges.) As each of you worked toward your Wolf badge, you had the opportunity to develop new skills, help at home and in your community and learn respect for our flag. You have now completed the 12 achievements of your badge and wear it with pride. Congratulations!

BEAR (Call forward the boys and their parents that are to receive the Bear badge.) As each of you worked toward your Bear badge you found that there were 12 achievements to perform for this new badge. We experience choices in our everyday lives. We must each decide the best choices to live by. To achieve the rank of Bear, choices had to be made as to which of the 12 achievements from the group of 24 to do. These too, are each new adventures along the Cub Scouting Trail. Remember the value of this badge as you make your choices in life. Congratulations!

WEBELOS (Call forward the boys and their parents who are to receive their Webelos badges.) As each of you joined the Webelos den, you experienced a change from the Cub dens you had known. As an older Scout, you experienced new choices and new experiences in how you were to earn the Webelos badge. No longer is it a parent that signs your book, but it is your Webelos den leader. To earn advancement in the Webelos den you have activity badges to earn. These activities are for you, the older Scout and they are activities that a more grown up person enjoys. Remember the value of the Webelos badge and the changes that took place in order to earn this award. Congratulations!

ARROW OF LIGHT (Call forward the boys and their parents who are to receive the Arrow of Light award.) The trail to the Arrow of Light is a long hard trail to climb. It was full of adventure in the achievements you learned as a Wolf. As a Bear you were faced with new choices and different directions to turn. And as a Webelos Scout you encountered change and more grown up activities that have helped you develop into the person you are today. To earn the Arrow of Light, you worked to understand the future. Many of the achievements you accomplished have prepared you to move into Boy Scouting. These achievements have been

new and varied with the purpose to have you experience even greater adventures in the future. Now take one more moment to remember the value of each badge you have earned. Each badge was a step by step adventure in your life and an adventure along the Scouting Trail. Remember the value of this badge. It is the highest award in Cub Scouting and is also honored along the Boy Scout Trail of adventure. Congratulations!

ADVANCEMENT - ARE THEY READY?

EQUIPMENT: Badges and certificates, safety pins.

ARRANGEMENT: The Cubmaster asks the dens with Cub Scouts ready for advancement to stand. The Den Chief gives the name of the Cub Scout and the rank he seeks. The members of each den then bring forward the advancing Cub Scouts and present them to the Cubmaster. Den members then return to their places, leaving the advancing Cub Scouts with the Cubmaster. The Cub Scouts salute the Cubmaster. When all the advancing Cub Scouts are in front of the Cubmaster, the pack forms a three-sided square, open side to the audience. The pack stands at attention and salutes the advancing Cub Scouts, who return the salute.

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouts of Pack(#), these Cub Scouts have completed the requirements for the ranks they seek. Shall we honor them?

PACK: Are they ready?

DEN CHIEFS: (step forward) They are ready.

CUBMASTER: You have heard the Den Chiefs say that these Cub Scouts are ready.

PACK: What about the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack?

CUBMASTER: You have heard the pack's question. Are you ready to re-pledge yourselves to the Promise and the Law?

CUB SCOUTS: We are ready.

CUBMASTER: Then let us repeat together the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. (The Cub Scouts and leaders repeat them.) We would like to have the parents of these boys come forward. We have saved for you the privilege of presenting the badge and certificate to your son. We appreciate the fine interest you have shown in your son's accomplishments. (The parents present badges and certificates. Each den gives its den yell for its members who have received a badge.)

ADVANCEMENT - BACK IN MY DAY....

OLD MAN: Back in my day, the trail to the Wolf had many challenges. The way took effort and work. You learned about the flag, home, the community, conservation and safety. It challenged your skills, knots, and collections. It taught you about good health and books. And you had fun at the same time. For the Cub Scout that wanted more, there were the many challenges of the arrow points.

CUBMASTER: Cub Scout, line up over here while I tell Mr. Blue N. Gold something. Mr. Gold...

OLD MAN: Mr. Cubmaster, it's about time you called me Blue. My father was Mr. Gold.

CUBMASTER: Ok, Mr. Blue. Today's Cub Scout program has all you mentioned and we certainly challenge the Scouts with the requirements. These Scouts have gone further up the Scouting trail by earning the Wolf rank, the second rank in Cub Scouting. Mr. Blue, will you help me honor them?

OLD MAN: I didn't know that. I'd be honored to help. (Gives awards and sits back in rocker.) Well, I guess you can learn something, even at my age. Let me continue, the next rank was the Bear. And I suppose the requirements today are as challenging as those were then?

CUBMASTER: Will the following Scouts please join us. (reads names of boys to receive Bear rank. Have them sit around Blue.)

OLD MAN: To earn the Bear rank during the early days, the Scouts had to overcome bigger challenges requiring more skills and effort than for the Wolf. It should be that way because the older Cubs needed more of a challenge. They had to learn about ropes, woodworking, conservation, American heritage, and the folklore, along with whittling and games.

CUBMASTER: Cubs, come here for a moment. Mr. Blue, I'm proud to tell you these Cub Scouts have done all that and more. They have come even further up the Scouting trail beyond the Wolf to earn the Bear rank, the third rank of Cub Scouts. Mr. Blue, you have the honor of presenting these awards.

OLD MAN: We'll, I am impressed and proud to give these awards. (Presents awards and sits back in rocker.) I think I've got you now. The Lion Rank really required a lot. I'm sure your Cub Scouts haven't worked nearly as hard for their Lion badges.

CUBMASTER: Mr. Blue, I know that in the past there was a Lion Badge program that was quite a challenge.

OLD MAN: You can say that again, Sonny.

CUBMASTER: However, we have a program called Webelos - a separate program for the older Cub Scouts that prepares them for Boy Scouts. It has crafts, sports, outdoor activities, camping and hiking.

OLD MAN: Sonny, it sounds great!! If these boys work hard they will be Webelos Scouts before you know it.

Well, I'll be going now. I'll see you. So long, folks, and keep up the good work, Cub Scouts!! (Old man exits, waving to the audience as he moves off stage.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE SIGN OF THE TURTLE

NARRATIVE: We come now to the last very important ceremony this evening. The name for this Tiger Graduation ceremony is "The Sign of The Turtle."

The turtle has many meaning and traditions in Scouting.

First, 15 years ago the first honor campers society within the Boy Scouts chose as their lodge symbol the turtle. This society later became known as the Order Of The Arrow. That first lodge was in Treasure Island N.Y.

Second, the turtle is green. (paint the boys cheeks green) This signifies YOGO... Your Only Green Once ie... you're just starting out in Scouting.

Third the turtle is small and low to the ground signifying your size and in contrast to the Eagle which one day you may become (give each boy an eagle feather).

During the course of this pack meeting we have lighted several candles to represent advancement in Cub Scouting. We also have a candle for your crossover from Tigers to Cub Scouts in this turtle candle holder; to represent your starting point in Cub Scouting. (light candle)

In order for you to advance to Bobcat and follow in the steps of Akela you will need a book to guide you. (pass out Wolf books)

To show that you have completed your work as a Tiger Cub, we give you this patch. (pass out Tiger Graduate patch) This patch is worn on your right pocket.

To show you are a Cub Scout and a member of the Pack you may now wear this gold neckerchief (roll neckerchief and place on each boy).

And to hold your neckerchief on and to remind you of this ceremony we have this special neckerchief slide for you.

One more thing you must do to be a member of this pack....

You new turtles should have a ceremonial meal.

What do you think turtles eat? PIZZA!!!

(pass out slice to each).

ADVANCEMENT - LEARNING TO SWIM

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Safe swim card with awards attached

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of the audience

CUBMASTER: This month our theme has been water fun. This is an important topic for us to cover so that we can impress upon our boys and their families the importance of water safety while being able to enjoy the water too. As beginning swimmers, we must pick a safe area to begin our lessons. One of the first things we must learn to do is to put our faces in the water and blow bubbles. Next we learn to hold our breath with our faces in the water. All of these things help us to get used to the water so we will feel comfortable in it. Tonight we have some beginning Cub Scouts who are just getting used to the Cub Scout program. (Call forward the boys who are to receive their Bobcat badges. Present the badges.)

The next thing we learn in swimming is to relax and learn to float. This is helpful not only in learning to swim but also in learning to protect ourselves from drowning. As we learn to float we always have proper supervision so that we are taught the right way to accomplish our tasks. Several Cub Scouts have advanced to the point of being able to float on their own in the Cub Scout Program. (Call forward boys and present Wolf badges)

You can not get very far in the water if the only things you know how to do are to float and to blow bubbles in the water. It is important that we learn the proper way to kick so we can be propelled through the water. We learn to kick by holding on to the side of the pool. It is also important to have a life guard on duty to help give a safe place to practice our kicks. Tonight we have several boys who have mastered the kick that will propel them through the Cub Scout program. (Call forward the boys who are to receive their Bear badge. Present the badge.)

With knowing how to kick there still remains the arm strokes to learn. By standing in the water we can bend at the waist and practice our breathing with our arm strokes. With the added upper body strength provided by our arms we will be able to speed through the water. It is not an easy feat to accomplish the arm strokes in coordination with proper breathing, but it can be done. The effort it takes to coordinate different accomplishments is evident tonight since we are able to award the rank of Webelos to some boys who have worked hard to achieve it. (Call forward the boys and their parents. Present the badges.)

Now that we have learned to be relaxed in the water, to float, to kick and to use our arm strokes we have to put all of these skills together. The result after some practice is that we are able to swim. We have worked long and hard to learn each thing it takes to be a good swimmer. We have reached the top. Tonight we have some Webelos Scouts who have reached the top, they are to receive their Arrow of Light Award. They have shown that they can learn new skills and combine them to accomplish even greater heights. (Call forward the boys who are to receive the Arrow of Light award and their parents. Present the badges.)

The learning has not stopped with just learning to swim, but it has opened up a whole new world to these boys. The Boy Scouting program will be able to improve on these skills and teach them many new ones.

ADVANCEMENT - THE YOUNG PIONEERS

SETTING: Cubs that are advancing sitting around the fire.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster - dressed like a mountain man, another adult dressed like a pioneer, and the last person dressed like a fur trader.

CUBMASTER: There are several young pioneers that have worked hard to make a start herein the West. I have asked several of my fellow mountain men to go to the trading post for awards. Since it has been many months that they left on their journey I hope that they have met with good fortune and will soon be here.

FUR TRADER: (Looking wild, wooly, and hurried, approached the campfire with a saddle bag) Is this the campfire of Cub Scout Pack #____?

CUBMASTER: Yes, it is. Who are you?

FUR TRADER: I'm the rider from the trading post. The men you sent asked me to come by this way as they were headed for deer in the high country now.

PIONEER: Well, I guess the trading can begin. I have 3 dressed birds fir (name) who has earned the rank of Bobcat.

FUR TRADER: Well, good enough. Where is the varmet? These birds look great for eating.

CUBMASTER: I call forward a brave young pioneer (name) who has worked hard to reach this goal. (Award badge at this time.)

PIONEER: I also, have several deer hides from _____ to trade; for the rank of Wolf. (Continue to award badges in this manner).

CUBMASTER: (Look at fur trader) Thank you again for bringing these badges. The young pioneers have earned the with their hard work and we are please to see you had a safe journey to bring them to us this evening. The settlement would like to extend a warm welcome to you and ask you to spend the next few days resting and getting your supplies in order before you leave for Oregon.

** Note: The pioneer can help the mountain man give out the awards to the boys and their parents. In days of old; the mountain men would help the pioneers and then be on their way.

ADVANCEMENT - BRANDING OF THE TIGER CUBS

EQUIPMENT: Fake council fire, 1/4" dowel rod cut in two (one per boy plus one), 1 Bobcat stamp, Blue cloth or paper for fake water, Certificate, pin, patch, Tiger make-up or mask, 1 Arrow head per boy, 3 feathers per boy - red, yellow, and blue, fake stepping stones for steps in water.

ARRANGEMENTS: Lights off. Council fire on, Semicircle sitting with Tiger Cubs on the floor and parents seated behind them. Council fire in center. At the open end, place fake water on floor and steps on top. Be sure to place steps so some difficulty is encountered while crossing water so it's a real challenge. Put stamp and rod taped together and in fire. Arrow heads, remaining rods, and feathers at waters edge. Certificate, pin, and Tiger patch at Shere Kahn position.

CHARACTERS: Cubmaster or Tribal Chief, Tiger or Shere Kahn, Den Chief or Ceremonial Brave.

TRIBAL CHIEF: (Chief is sitting at fire, when all is quiet he stands.) "Tonight, we have gathered to honor our young braves. Let us call forth..."

SHERE KAHN: (Interrupts loudly.) I Shere Kahn wish to test these braves before honor is given them! I call forth the man cubs called Tigers!

(Tiger Cubs and adults go to Shere Kahn and stand before him.)

What is the motto of the Tiger Cubs. Have you obeyed the Promise of the Tiger Cub? Tigers, this is the emblem of your first rank in Scouting, wear it proudly. (Patch) Adult Tiger, this is the symbol of your deeds in preparing these Tigers for their next adventure in Cubing. (Pin) So all may know that you have done well, here is the writing to prove your efforts. (certificate) Go now, I wish no more to see you. You must walk the water of evil. Be weary if its quickness and smooth appearance, for it can fool you.

CEREMONIAL BRAVE: (Brave is at the end of the water. he greets them. He takes them to a spot where he has the makings of the arrows and says,) The arrowhead breaks the wind. The stick, if straight, will guide the arrows path. The feathers gives balance and distance. Take these and make your arrow of life. Learn of its true nature and be a good Scout.

(He then takes the Tigers to the council fire, the adults are asked to take their seats and the boys are asked to sit on either side of the Tribal Chief.)

TRIBAL CHIEF: Tonight, we honor these Cub Scouts, for they have completed the challenge of the Tigers. So all may know that they are not of the tribe we will place our mark upon their foreheads. This symbol is the Bobcat, your first rank in this tribe. (Chief stamps each Tiger, as each boy is "branded" the Cub pack hisses, the Chief calls them Bobcats of Den(#), and introduces them to their Den Leader.

ADVANCEMENT - EXPLORING ALASKA

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Awards for boys glued to gold nuggets (gold nuggets are butterscotch candies or candy covered in gold foil)

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience

CUBMASTER: This month the dens have been exploring Alaska. Alaska is the most northern part of the United States. The name Alaska comes from the Aleut native word meaning "The Great Land." The nickname for Alaska is the Last Frontier and the motto is North to the Future. In 1741, a Russian, Vitus Bering led an expedition which landed in Alaska. The Russians found villages of Eskimos, Aleuts and Indians. The Alaskan territory was good to the Russians, this exporting of furs was a profitable industry until the sea otter was almost wiped out. Just as Vitus Bering explored a new frontier, we have some boys here tonight who are also in search of their new frontiers. (Call forward the boys to receive their Bobcat Badges and their parents. Present the badges.)

Later in 1778 James Cook mapped the coast between Sitka and the Bering Strait. Also during the 18th and 19th Centuries, the other sea captains from Spain, France and Great Britain came to explore the frontier of Alaska. As these explorers kept coming to the frontier each was in search of the wonders Alaska has to offer. We have some boys who have continued to explore the Cub Scout trail. (Call forward the boys to receive their Wolf Badges and their parents. Present the badges.)

On March 30, 1867, the Alaskan territory was sold to the United States for seven million, two hundred thousand dollars. This was less than two cents an acre. Now that Alaska had become a territory of the U.S., prospectors started to explore Alaska to see what additional treasures there were to discover. In 1896, gold was discovered in Alaska. The Alaskan Gold rush was on. Tonight we have some boys who have answered the challenges to explore the new territories along the Cub Scouting Trail. (Call forward the boys to receive their Bear Badges and their parents. Present the badges.)

The exploration of Alaska hasn't stopped with the discovery of gold. In 1959, Alaska became the 49th state. And in 1963 Congress authorized the construction of a pipeline to transport oil from the rich North Slope oil field on the Arctic Ocean. The plans called for the 800 mile long pipeline to extend to the Pacific coast port of Valdez. As the exploration continues in Alaska, so does the exploration of the Cub Scout Trail. We have some boys here who have discovered a new plateau along the Scouting Trail. (Call forward the boys to receive their Webelos Badges and their parents. Present the badges.)

As we have explored Alaska together we can also as Cub families find the treasures that are there to be discovered along the Cub Scout Trail.

ADVANCEMENT - GETTING INTO SHAPE

SETTING: Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster in sports or exercise clothes. Sports and exercise equipment setting around stage.

CUBMASTER: There are many ways to step into shape. They range from personal exercise to team sports to international competition. All must be started slowly, done on a regular basis, and be challenging to the abilities.

ASST. CM: The Cub Scout program includes physical fitness as an important part of its program. Each rank has requirements that challenge, but not overwhelm the boys according to their ages.

CUBMASTER: A good physical shape also requires a good mental shape. Stepping into shape is like stepping up the Scouting trail. They both make you look and feel better and they can both be fun. Tonight, we are going to honor some boys who have begun taking those steps into shape and up the Scouting trail.

ASST. CM: Will the following Cub Scouts and their coaches, parents, flex your muscles and step into the gym. (Reads names)

CUBMASTER: The Bobcat is like a person just beginning to get into shape; he is unsure of what to do and how to do it. However, he has made that most important first step. Parents, your sons have earned the first rank of Cub Scouts, the Bobcat, and I would like you to present their badges to them. (Gives parents badges to give to boys.) The next step has been taken by several boys to better their condition and advance them along the Scouting trail.

ASST. CM: The gym is ready to have the following Cub Scouts and their parents step up. (Reads Wolf names)

CUBMASTER: These boys have gone beyond the beginning of the programs. While much is still new, they are making advancements everyday. They are following the program set up by their coaches and trainers and they have earned the second rank in Cub Scouting, the Wolf Rank. Parents, I am honored to give you these badges to present to your sons. (Gives parents badges. Continue along with the Bear and Webelos Scouts.)

ADVANCEMENT - KING NEPTUNE'S COURT

PROPS: Cubmaster is King Neptune. Wig and beard made of yarn or mop head. Crown, sheet draped over one shoulder and tied at waist with rope, trident, sandals or barefoot. Attach awards to large maps labeled "Cub Scout Adventure".

CUBMASTER: (Calls boy and parents forward. Boy kneels with parents on both sides. Neptune touches boy on shoulder with trident and says): You have crossed the Cub Scout Equator of Advancement and landed on the island of (Wolf, Bear, etc.). You will now set your compass for the next island on the Cub Scout map. I, King Neptune, magistrate of the undersea empire hereby dub you Sea (Rank). (Present map to parent, have boy rise and parent present badge to boy.)

ADVANCEMENT - CROSSOVER; THE FINAL STEPS

ARRANGEMENT: Darkened room, Red light is on bridge, which is centered between American and Pack flags. Assembled on stage to the left of the bridge are the parents and Webelos Leader, on the opposite end of the bridge is the Scoutmaster.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we mark a great occasion, ... the graduation of Webelos Scout (name) from our pack. We are sad to see him leave because he has been a great help to our Pack... but we are happy for him because he is going on to the great adventure of Scouting. He has worked hard for this night and has advanced well. Please escort Webelos Scout (name) to the front.

(Boy who has been standing on opposite side of room, is escorted to front by another Webelos Scout, who carries the den flag. They stop at front, the graduating Webelos Scout returns to his place.)

CUBMASTER: (Recaps information such as date boy joined pack, ranks he earned, awards he received, date joined Webelos den, etc.)

DEN LEADER: (Recaps activities in Webelos den, highlighting activity badges he has earned). Webelos Scout (name) it is with a great sense of pride that I now ask you for your Webelos neckerchief. (after removing neckerchief, Den Leader escorts him to end of bridge where Cubmaster is waiting.)

CUBMASTER: I am pleased to see that you are wearing the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting. This is the only Cub Scout badge which you will be permitted to wear on your Scout uniform. And now you may take the final steps. (Webelos Scout crosses bridge. He stops in center, turns to salute Cubmaster with Cub Scout salute. He proceeds across bridge to where the Scoutmaster is waiting. He gives him Scout salute).

SCOUTMASTER: (Name), we are happy to welcome you to our troop. I can see by the Arrow of Light that you are prepared to join the great fellowship of Scouting. (Short statement on what is expected of Scout). Please repeat after me the Scout Oath. (Scoutmaster and Scout exchange salute and shake hands). As a token of this important occasion, I would like to present you with the troop neckerchief. (Scoutmaster and parents meet in front of bridge.) Mr. and Mrs. (name), Welcome to our troop. I congratulate you on the fine work that you have done with your son in Cub Scouting. I am sure you will find new adventures in our troop.

ADVANCEMENT - SCOUTING HISTORY

EQUIPMENT: Awards for the Boys

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of the audience

CUBMASTER: Robert Baden-Powell was a British army officer who was stationed in India. He found his men didn't know basic first aid or elementary means of survival outdoors. He felt a need to teach his men resourcefulness, adaptability and the qualities of leadership demanded by the frontier. He wrote a small military handbook called "Aid to Scouting". Boys in England started using the book to play the game of Scouting and in 1907, Robert Baden-Powell took 20 boys and 2 men to Brownsea Island off the coast of England. This was the beginning of Scouting. Later Baden-Powell wrote a book "Scouting for Boys." The book set in motion the movement that would affect the boyhood of the entire world. Baden-Powell brought on the beginning of the Boy Scouting. The Bobcat badge starts the beginning of the Cub Scout trail. (Call the boys who are to receive their Bobcat badge and their parents forward. Present the badge.)

In 1909 a Chicago business man, William Boyce, was lost in a London fog. A boy appeared and helped Boyce to his destination. When Boyce tried to tip the boy for his kindness, the boy refused. He said he was a Scout and could not accept money for a good turn. Boyce asked the boy questions about being a Scout and asked to see Baden-Powell. After his visit to England, Boyce returned to America captured by his dream and in 1910 Boyce incorporated the BSA. William Boyce brought Boy Scouting to the United States. He took the next step in bringing Scouting to our boys. The next step on the Cub Scout Trail is the Wolf badge. (Call forward the boys who are to receive their Wolf badge and their parents. Present the badge.)

Back in England the younger boys were eager to join the older Boy Scouts. Baden-Powell designed a program based on Rudyard Kiplings Jungle Book. The Jungle Book helped to bring the Scouting program to the younger boys creating Cub Scouts. It was in 1930 that Cub Scouting was formally launched in America. This was the third step in spreading the Scouting movement around the world. The next step for the Cub Scout Trail is the rank of Bear. (Call forward the boys to receive their Bear badge and their parents. Present the badge.)

The American style of the Cub Scouting program is home and neighborhood centered. The program suggests a wide variety of interesting things for a Cub Scout, his den, and his family to do. The program of Cub Scouting is to help promote citizenship, character development an physical fitness while all the time being done in the spirit of fun. Tonight we have boys who have done all kinds of activities in the Cub Scout program and who have grown from each of their experiences. (Call forward the boys who are to receive their Webelos Badge and their parents. Present the badge.)

After the death of Baden-Powell a letter was found that he had written to all Scouts. It said: "Try and leave this world a little better than you found it." These words are a fitting epitaph setting a great example for all of us to follow.

ADVANCEMENT - IF YOUR FATHER WERE AN INDIAN CHIEF

If your father were an Indian Chief and your mother were an Indian Squaw, you would learn all the secrets of the great forest by going into it yourself. You would have to follow the tracks of the Wolf and the Bear to learn their habits.

On the trail you would see and learn many things. You would see how the beavers work together to build their mighty dam. You would watch the strong-winged geese in flight, following and obeying their leader. By a stream you would watch men of your tribe gathering birchbark, and building a big war canoe. Yes, working just like beavers, and following their leader just as the strong-winged geese do.

Each day you would venture a little farther into the forest, follow the tracks another mile or so. Each day you would jump across a wider stream or climb a taller tree. You would be getting stronger and stronger as you learn more and more about the rocks, trees, birds and animals. You would become braver, too, because your wider knowledge and greater strength would make you braver.

Your adventure would not always be in the woods. One day it might be at the side of the arrow-makers, where you would learn to make arrows. You might learn to weave a blanket or build a wigwam another day.

Each night you would tell the story of your adventure to the Chief and to your Mother. They would praise you, or give you helpful suggestions so you would be prepared for a greater adventure tomorrow.

You may be thinking "But, I'm not an Indian boy!" Well, that is true. However, you have teachers in school to help you learn many things it would take you a long time to find out for yourself. Your mother can help you learn to do many useful things about the house. Your father, though he may be a Big Chief in his job, will be glad to take you fishing.

"But, I can't follow the trail of the Wolf or the Bear like an Indian boy", you say. Oh yes, you can, and there are lots of people ready to show you the way. Your Den Leader will help you learn skills like the arrow makers; and teach you to jump like the deer, run like the fox and build like the beaver. Just follow the Wolf trail through the pages of your Wolf Book and you will get all the fun and thrills the Indian boy had when he first ventured into the weird, twisted underbrush of the Great Forest.

Each night you have done something described on any page of your Wolf Book, go to your Mother or Dad, or both, and show or tell them what you have done. One of them will sign your book, showing that they think you have done your Achievement well.

Tonight we have boys who have completed all 12 Achievements to earn the Wolf and Bear badges; and others who have completed elective requirements to earn arrow points. They have come a long way up the Cub Scout trail.

(Call boys and their parents forward to receive awards.)

ADVANCEMENT - KEY TO THE CITY #1

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Top hat and sash for Cubmaster to look like a Mayor. The badges and arrow points are mounted on cardboard cutouts of large keys and attached to a long ribbon to be worn around the neck.

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster dressed as Mayor in front of the audience.

CUBMASTER: This month the theme that the dens have been working on is exploring your neighborhood. In exploring our neighborhood, the boys have been learning about the different businesses and organizations that make up the community that they live in. Tonight as part of our awards ceremony each boys will be given the key to our fair city. In moving into a new community, a person is always interested in the safety organizations it has, such as the fire and police departments, and the hospitals. The boys that have just moved into Cub Scouting will receive their Bobcat badges. (Call forward the boys and their parents. Present the badges.)

After a person has learned about the safety organizations in a community, they need to know about the City's services. These services include the power and light, gas and the water companies. Each is an important part of the community we live in. There are boys here tonight that are on their way of being of service as Cub Scouts to their own communities. These are the boys who are to receive their Wolf badge. (Call forward the boys and their parents. Present the badges.)

Other important businesses in the community are the grocery stores and clothing stores. These businesses all fulfill a need in the community. The next step in Cub Scouting is to help fulfill the needs of some boys who have worked hard to reach the rank of Bear. (Call forward the boys and their parents. Present the badges.)

In our community there are organizations that also help with the moral ideals needed to help the community grow. These organizations are our schools, churches and social organizations. The Cub Scouting organization is a program to develop high moral standards to help our community grow. Tonight there are boys who have worked hard to understand the ideals of Cub Scouting. These boys are here tonight to receive their Webelos badge. (Call forward the boys and their parents. Present the badges.)

Each boy tonight that has received an award has received a key to this fair city. With the things the boys have learned in Cub Scouting from their leaders and parents, hopefully, they will be able to improve the neighborhoods that we live in. This key is their key to knowledge, expansion and moral growth that will benefit us all.

ADVANCEMENT - THE ACHIEVEMENT PARADE

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Pictures of each rank in a parade style vehicle (small youth car, HOT WHEEL, tricycle, tractor and an object to pull (cage, flat bed, etc.) If pictures are not available substitute stuffed animals with a Webelos emblem for the Webelos badge. Parade music or marching music. Cubmaster dresses like a drum major or like an announcer. Have someone pull the vehicle to the front like a parade. You could put various things between each rank (vehicle) to make more fun, Awards for the boys.

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience.

CUBMASTER: Everyone loves a parade (play music low enough for the audience to hear the music and you). Tonight we have a special parade for you. We have some Cub Scouts who have advanced in rank and will be featured in our parade. (Put TIGER picture or animal on first vehicle). First, we have our TIGER float. Will the following TIGER Cubs and their parents come forward. These TIGERS and their partner have worked on the Big Ideas and have successfully completed the TIGER CUB Program and are now ready to start on the Cub Scout Trail. (Present appropriate award to parents to give to their Scout - a small tiger would be good for this advancement)

(Put BOBCAT picture or animal in the second vehicle) Look here! I see a BOBCAT float. Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents come forward. These Cub Scouts have completed the 7 steps in the BOBCAT Trail and will receive the first rank in Cub Scouting. (Present badges - attached to an animal if available or attached. to some kind of award.)

Here comes the WOLF group. Twelve different achievements have been completed by the following Scouts (name). Would the parents of these Scouts come forward. These Scouts have discussed citizenship and they have grown physically and mentally. This completes the second rank in Cub Scouting and puts them another step closer as they climb the Cub Scout ladder.

The BEAR bunch is coming. This group also had 12 achievements to complete that were a little harder and more challenging. These Scouts are preparing to be WEBELOS and have completed the third rank in Cub Scouting. Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents come forward. (Present badges attached to a small bear to the parents.)

It looks like our parade is about to end. I can hear the WEBELOS coming. There weren't achievements on their route. They had activities to complete that will prepare them for Boy Scouting and will put them closer to earning the Arrow of Light. Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents come forward. (Present the badge to the parents to present to their Scout. The scarf could also be presented as a part of this ceremony.)

(Items to give out could be a box of ANIMAL CRACKERS or GUMMY BEARS)

ADVANCEMENT - FRONTIERSMAN AND PIONEER EXPLORERS

EQUIPMENT: Awards for boys

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience

CUBMASTER: The frontiersman and pioneers of our country were explorers, fur trappers and surveyors. These brave pioneers faced separation, loneliness, hard work and difficult living conditions. It was these frontiersmen who blazed trails, fought Indians, built cabins, cleared fields, organized statehood and pushed on into the American frontier. One such explorer, fur trapper, trader and guide in the northwest territory was James Bridger. He found the Great Salt Lake and a pass over the Rocky Mountains that became part of the Oregon trail. He was known as the best guide from Canada to Mexico. Tonight we have new explorers who are beginning their journeys into an unknown frontier. (Call forward the boys who are to receive their Bobcat badge and their parents. Present the badge.)

Another frontiersman was Daniel Boone. He explored much of Kentucky and led many settlers into this new land. Several times he was captured by Indians but escaped. He explored as far south as Florida and as far west as Yellowstone. Boone was the one who laid out the Wilderness Road which runs from Virginia to Kentucky. Tonight we have some other frontiersmen who are laying out their own paths to adventure. (Call forward the boys who are to receive their Wolf badge and their parents. Present the badge.)

Davy Crocket was an Indian scout, frontier leader and a hero of the Texas War for Independence. He was a skilled marksman with his long barreled rifle called "Betsy". Crocket was known for the coonskin cap he wore. Crocket tried to help the Indians when President Andrew Jackson wanted to move the Indians to poor lands of Mississippi and break the Indian treaties. He also worked for the frontiersmen who lost their lands by not filing their claims properly. Crocket aimed for the ideals he believed in and so do several boys we have here tonight. These boys have aimed to reach a goal and tonight they will receive their awards. (Call forward the boys who are to receive their Bear badge and their parents. Present the badge.)

Kit Carson was a professional hunter, trapper and guide of the western frontier. Carson became an expert on the Indian ways. Once the Comanche Indians asked him to lead a war party against the Sioux. Carson persuaded them to make peace instead. He spent his life in the west as a trapper and buffalo hunter in the unexplored areas from the San Joaquin Valley of California to the Northern Rocky Mountains. Over Kit Carson's lifetime he was able to explore and travel a large portion of what is now the Western United States. Other explorers who have been fortunate to explore a large part of the Cub Scout program are the boys who are to receive their Webelos badges. (Call forward the boys who are to receive their Webelos badge and their parents. Present the badge.)

All of us have in us the spirit to explore and go after a new adventure. Let us not forget the new adventures that Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting have to offer us.

ADVANCEMENT - SHERE KAHN WOLF ADVANCEMENT

PERSONNEL: Father Wolf, Mother wolf, "Shere Kahn", Man Cubs, Parents, Akela, Cubmaster.

EQUIPMENT: Large name cards to identify characters, Wolf Badges.

AKELA: Our scene starts in the cave of Mother wolf and Father Wolf. Mother Wolf, Father Wolf, and the Man Cubs have just settled down for the evening. Shere Kahn, the Tiger, lurks outside. Suddenly the moonlight is blocked by the great head and shoulders of Shere Kahn.

FATHER WOLF: What does Shere Kahn want?

SHERE KAHN: The Man Cubs, give them to me.

FATHER WOLF: The wolves take orders only from Akela, the head of the Wolf Pack. The Man Cubs are ours.

SHERE KAHN: The Man Cubs are mine, give them to me.

MOTHER WOLF: The Man Cubs are ours. They shall not be harmed. They shall live happily, to run and hunt with the Pack.

SHERE KAHN: We will see what the Pack has to say about this.

FATHER WOLF: Shere Kahn is right. What will the Pack say?

AKELA: Our scene now shifts to the Pack meeting.

SHERE KAHN: Akela, the Man Cubs are mine, give them to me.

AKELA: These Man Cubs have shown themselves worthy of the Wolf Rank in our Pack. They have learned how to handle tools and how to display the flag. They know how to be healthy and safe. They have learned to serve in the community and to conserve energy. They are physically active and like to read and care for books. They have fun with their families and have collected useful and beautiful things. They obey our country's laws and worship God. The members of the Pack want them to have the mark of the Wolf.

(The Cubmaster asks the parents to join their sons. He presents the Wolf badges to the parents, thanking them for working through these achievements with their Cub Scout sons. The parents then present the badges to their sons.)

ADVANCEMENT - SHAPE UP BODY BUILDING

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Body building ladder: A frame having Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos listed from bottom to top with 2 nails or dowels for each rank. A broomstick and round styrofoam discs represent weights. This is a broomstick-dumbbell. Spray paint the disc black to be more convincing.

ARRANGEMENT: The display and Cubmaster in front of the audience

CUBMASTER: This month the theme the boys have been using is shape up. It is important that each of us try to remain physically fit so that we can all lead a fun and healthy life. Tonight in keeping up with shaping up we are to see how Cub Scouting goes hand in hand with shaping up. When a person first starts to get in shape they start out with warm up exercises. This is a process to begin by limbering up the muscles and getting ready to begin harder exercises. Several boys here tonight have just started warming up to the Cub Scout program. (Call forward the boys to receive their Bobcat badge and their parents. Present the badge. Put the smallest two weights (styrofoam discs) on the broom stick and position it on the Bobcat level of the ladder.)

After we warm up we are ready to tackle the light weights. We begin with simple weight lifting exercises. The next step for the Cub Scout is the achievement of Wolf. (Call forward the boys to receive their Wolf badge and their parents. Present the badge. Put the next two weights (styrofoam discs) on the broom stick and position it on the Wolf level of the ladder.)

The next step in body building is for the weight lifter to increase his weights. When exercising with the heavier load the body builder tries to gain additional strength. In Cub Scouting the next rank takes on increased difficulty and increases fun adding to the strength of the boys. (Call forward the boys to receive their Bear badge and their parents. Present the badge. Put the next two weights (styrofoam discs) on the broom stick and position it on the Bear level of the ladder.)

With each new weight the body builder adds, he lifts a heavier load but his result with each new weight is increased strength and better physical fitness. The boys in the Cub Scout pack that have increased their weights to the heaviest loads are the Webelos. The Webelos have increased their abilities step by step through the Cub Scout program just as the body builders. (Call forward the boys to receive their Webelos badge and their parents. Present the badge. Put the last two weights (styrofoam discs) on the broom stick and position it on the Webelos level of the ladder.) The body builder starts with simple exercises and increases his exercise program just as the Cub Scout program starts simple and increases to help build our boys into fine young men.

ADVANCEMENT - FRIENDSHIP AND ADVENTURE TIGER GRADUATION

MATERIALS: One blue and one orange candle for each of the Tigers. One large white candle to represent Scouting Spirit. Birch logs or candle holders to hold candles. Two seats for each Cub, two tables set at right angles ("v" shape) and a book, neckerchief for each Cub.

SET-UP: Orange candles in a row on right hand table. Blue candles in a row on left hand table and white candle in the center. The white candle may be lit at the opening of the program. Chairs placed at each end of both tables.

CEREMONY: Tiger Coordinator enters from the back of the room and announces to the Cubmaster:

Mr. Cubmaster, I have () tiger cubs who have completed the search, discover, and share program and are now ready to be inducted into the pack. Cubmaster, we are now ready to receive them. Please proceed.

Tigers are lined up at the back of the room holding the orange unlit candle. Tiger Coordinator calls each Tiger Cub by name ("Tiger Cub Tommy") and he and his family come forward.

Light your candle from the spirit candle and place it in the holder and then be seated.

Each family does the same. Then the Tigers are seated with their parents standing behind them. Tiger Coordinator to audience:

The Tigers have lit the orange candles that represent the friendship and adventure that they have shared as Tiger Cubs. (He turns to cubmaster and says:) They are now ready to move ahead.

CUBMASTER: Tiger Cubs, please stand. (Repeats the Cub Scout Promise to the boys and they respond by saying "I do.")

(To the parents): Do you also promise to assist your son throughout the scouting trail?
(Parents respond "I do.")

(Calls each boy forward with his parents. The Tiger Coordinator hands to the Cubmaster the blue candle and the Wolf Book. The Cubmaster in turn hands it to the boy saying), (Name), Please light your Cub candle from your Tiger candle and put it in the holder. (He then presents him his book. He does the same for all the boys. The Cubmaster then turns to the audience and says), The orange candle now symbolizes the memories, fun, and friendship that the boys are leaving to those who come behind them. The blue candle symbolizes the adventure and new friendships that are yet to come.

(Cubmaster turns to the boys): You are now official members of pack. Will the audience please stand and welcome them with a round of applause.

ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS GRADUATION TO SCOUTS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos Leader, Scoutmaster, SPL, Graduating Webelos and their parents.

CUBMASTER: Tonight, our Pack has an important event to observe... the recognition of who is (are) continuing on the Scouting Trail. Will Webelos Scout(s) and his (their) parents please come forward.

(Webelos stand facing Cubmaster, with parents behind them.)

CUBMASTER: (Name(s)), when you joined our Pack you stood before us, repeated the Cub Scout Promise and agreed to live by it. In honor of that occasion let us all stand and repeat the Cub Scout Promise.

(Give Cub Sign and lead in the Cub Promise.)

CUBMASTER: Since you made that promise, and agreed to Do Your Best as a Cub Scout... a lot has happened. You have grown, you have helped the Pack go, you have followed Akela, and you have given good will. You entered Cub Scouting as a child, so to speak. You have learned a lot, had a lot of fun, and have grown into a fine young boy(s). You first became a Bobcat, then a Wolf Cub, a Bear Cub and then a Webelos Scout... Now, you are ready to move into Scouting.

WEBELOS LEADER: Just as you continued to grow and moved from Cubbing into Webelos, so you are continuing into Scouting. Our charge to (each of) you is that you do continue to grow, to learn more, to enjoy the challenge of Scouting, that you will take on the ways of young manhood and prepare yourself(ves) to become the kind of citizen(s) our Country needs. Scouting, your parents and friends will continue to help you along the way... As a symbol of your growth I remove your neckerchief and present it to your parents.

CUBMASTER: As your Cubmaster, I pass you on to your Scoutmaster (s) Mr.____ , so that you will continue your days in Scouting and continue to grow and learn, and meet the challenge of those words "On My Honor, I will Do My Best..." Congratulations and good luck along your way Scout(s).

SCOUTMASTER: To show that you accept the challenge of Scouting, will you join the representatives of your new troop and other scouts present in giving the Scout Sign that you learned as (a) Webelos Scout(s) and repeating with them the Scout Oath.

Welcome to your new Troop. Your Senior Patrol Leader will now present your Scout neckerchief.

(SPL places neckerchief on the new Scout and shakes his hand with the Scout Handclasp.)

ADVANCEMENT - TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have the honor of crossing over young men from Den(#) into Boy Scouting. Before they complete their last act in Cub Scouting by crossing over the bridge into boy Scouting, let me take a moment to tell you a story about the Cub Scout trail.

Afar in our dry southwestern country was an Indian village. Behind which a high mountain towered above the desert. It was considered a great feat to climb this mountain, so all the young braves of the village were eager to attempt it.

One day the chief said, "Now boys, you may all go today and try to climb the mountain. Start right after breakfast, and go as far as you can. Then when you are tired, come back, but each of you must bring me a twig from the place where you turned."

Away they all went, full of hope, each feeling that he surely could reach the top. Soon the first boy came slowly back, puffing and sweating. He stood before the chief and in his hand he held a piece of cactus. The chief smiled and said, "My boy, you bearily got started. You did not reach the mountain, you did not even cross the desert." I like the think this boy is like a newly inducted Cub Scout, he has just bearily started.

An hour later the second boy returned. He carried a twig of sagebrush. "Well", said the chief, "you reached the foot of the mountain, but you did not start the climb." This boy is like the Cub Scout who has earned his Bobcat badge, he has progressed on his journey but has not really started his climb.

After another hour, the third boy came back. He held our a cottonwood spray. "Good" said the chief, "You got as far as the springs." This might represent the Cub Scout who has reached first level of his climb and received his Wolf badge.

A while later, another boy came back with some cedar. The chief smiled when she saw it, and spoke, "Well done, my boy, you went halfway up." This is like the Cub Scout who has progressed halfway up the advancement trail and earned his Bear badge.

Later in the afternoon, the next boy returned carrying a branch of pine. To him the chief said, "Good, you went to the third level. You made three-quarters of the climb. Keep on trying. Next year you will undoubtedly reach the top." The Cub Scout who has earned his webelos badge has reached the three-quarter mark and is in sight of the top.

The sun was low when the last boy returned. He was a tall splendid boy of nobel character. He approached the chief and held up his hand. It was empty. But he was radiant as he spoke. "My chief, there were no trees where I went. I saw no twigs, no living thing upon the peak. but far and away I saw other mountain peaks, and beyond them the shining sea."

Now the old chief's face glowed as he said, "I knew it! I knew it when I looked upon your face. You have reached the top. It is written in your eyes and it rings in your voice. My boy, you need to twigs for a token, you have seen the glory of the mountain."

ADVANCEMENT - AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

ARRANGEMENTS: Cubmaster and Committee Chairman stand behind head table, which holds all the awards and a box of Christmas tree decorations. Nearby is an undecorated tree. As each Cub receives his award, he and his parents are given a decoration to put on the tree. The tree can already have a string of lights, which are turned on at the end of the ceremony.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we're celebrating an old fashioned Christmas. One of the most popular customs in America is decorating the Christmas tree. As each Cub Scout receives his award tonight, we're going to give him and his parents an opportunity to help decorate our tree. Since Cub Scouting is a family program, we want our pack families to help make our Cub Scouting Christmas tree bright and festive.

(Calls names of boys receiving their Bobcat. Have both boy and parent come forward, receive awards and each person is given an ornament to put on the tree. They return to their seats.)

(Follow the same procedure for boys receiving their Wolf Badge and Arrow Points and Bear Badge and Arrow Points.)

We have some Webelos Scouts who have earned some Activity Badges. We're going to give them special decorations for our tree.

WEBELOS LEADER: (Calls names of boys forward, indicates what each boy has earned, describes some of the things done to earn it, and presents awards to his boys.) (Each boys receives the same number of decorations as he did badges and his parent helps him put the decorations on the tree. Use foil covered cutouts of the activity badges as tree ornaments.)

CUBMASTER: The Arrow of Light is the highest award a Cub Scout can earn. Tonight we have a boy(s) who has earned their award. (Call his name and ask him and his parent(s) to come forward.) We're going to let (name) put the highest decoration on our tree... the star.

(If there are few decorations on the tree, you may wish to call attention to the fact that the leaders help is essential to the pack and to the decoration of the tree.... call all leaders forward to add a decoration to the tree.)

And there you have our beautiful Christmas tree. There are other Cub Scouts and parents in our pack who didn't have an opportunity to add a decoration tonight. Now we're going to turn on the lights representing all members of our pack families.

You can see how each decoration and light make the difference in the appearance of our tree. In the same way, each member of our pack, boys and adults, makes a difference in the success of our pack's operation and success.

Thanks to you all.

ADVANCEMENT - OUR TOWN IS

Our town is just one of thousands of towns in our great country. There are many other towns similar to ours in size and population, but each one is unique. Just as towns are similar, yet different, each one of our Cub Scouts is similar, but different. Although each is different, every Scout has one thing in common, each does his best by following the Cub Scout Motto.

Tonight, we would like to recognize some of our Scouts who have earned awards and rank advancements by doing their best.

When we think of things that we do in our town, one of the first things that comes to mind is going to school. Just as we study and learn new things in school, the following boys have learned the requirements to become a Bobcat in our Pack. Will (names) and their parents please come forward.

One way we all have fun in our town is to go to the amusement park. Our boys who have been working on the achievements for the Wolf rank have found that working can be fun, too. (Names) have continued to conquer more difficult challenges. They have completed the achievements for the Bear Rank. We would like them to come forward with their parents to be recognized.

Our town is always growing older, but it also grows stronger, better and larger. Boys also age and grow, (names) have reached the age of nine. I would like our Webelos leader to come forward and welcome these boys and their parents into his den.

Any time we ride around our town, we see new building under construction. It seems like there is just no end to it. Well, there probably isn't an end and our town is going to continue to grow. Our Webelos Scouts are continuing to grow too. Earning Activity Badges is one way we grow in knowledge and ability. Their bodies and minds are always under construction. Will the following Webelos Scouts please come forward to receive their activity badges. (names).

One thing our town is lucky to have is professional sports. We have baseball, football, soccer, hockey and others. Not everyone can be a professional player... only those who do their best with constant practice and a lot of ambition. In our pack, we have a similar thing. Only those boys with the ambition to do their best can obtain the highest rank in Cub Scouting... The Arrow of Light. Just like our town's professionals, (names) have worked very hard and have achieved this high goal. Please come forward with your parents to be recognized for this accomplishment.

Our town is a very beautiful and successful place to live. With continued good planning and hard work, it will be better each day. Our Cub Scouts can also become better young men with successful and happy lives as long as they do their best while growing up. We are very proud of the boys we have recognized tonight and look forward to all Scouts coming forward in the months ahead.

ADVANCEMENT - ONE SMALL SNOWFLAKE

PROPS: One small snowflake for each award with the award attached. One cut out snowflake for each Cub and parent.

CUBMASTER: Snowflakes always appear as six-sided crystals. If you use your imagination just a little, you can see that there are six areas in the climb to the top of the Cub Scouting experience.

- 1) Will all Bobcats please come forward with their parents.
(awards chairman presents the award and gives each a snowflake)
- 2) Wolf (same as above)
- 3) Bear (same as above)
- 4) Webelos (same as above)
- 5) Arrow points (same as above)

Have all boys remain at the front of the room until all the awards are presented.

CUBMASTER: With this group of people gathered here, we have made a snowstorm out of a lot of small snowflakes. Just as the wind blows snow into a storm, parents provide a force to make a Cub Scout from all facets of his life as he grows into a bigger, stronger person both physically and mentally.

ADVANCEMENT - UP AND OVER

Just as the BucksIn Pioneers challenged many mountains on the way west so too the Cub Scouts challenge the mountain of Scouting.

Bobcats, you have reached the first plateau of Scouting. When you look back it seems that you haven't gone far, but you have accomplished many things already. Doing your best is all you have to do to reach the top of the mountain of Scouting. (Call Cubs and parents forward for badge presentation.)

Wolves you are almost halfway up the mountain. Some of you have stumbled along the way, but the fact that you are here today means that you have what it takes to keep going.

Bears, you've now come far enough up the mountain of Scouting to feel a change. The air is thinner and there are fewer and fewer trees. The ridge where you now stand gives you a wonderful view of the world around you, but looking up you see that there is more to do. Other levels to climb. You are ready and your fellow climbers and leaders will be there to help and guide you.

Webelos, you are now trekking in the cold and snow but the sense of accomplishment you feel has made the trip worthwhile. The summit of the mountain looms before you and the skills you have gained have prepared you for what lies ahead.

Scouts, looking up you see the top of the mountain of Scouting, the Arrow of Light. The way has been far but the higher you go, the better the view of the world around you will be.

ADVANCEMENT - TIGER CUB GRADUATION THE NEXT BIG STEP

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Tiger Cubs, adult partners & family members of the Tiger Cubs
CUBMASTER: We have been honored by the attendance of the Tiger Cubs and their families at our pack meeting. Tonight our Tiger Cubs are ready to take their next big step in Scouting and become Cub Scouts. Will Tiger Cubs (names) and their Adult partners please come forward. Now, will all other family members form a group behind them.

(After the group has assembled)

You have been working together, learning about many interesting things during the months you have been a Tiger Cub den. The entire family has had a chance to be part of the fun and team work. This teamwork Scout and Family, is a basic part of all Scouting. While you are a Cub Scout, members of the Cub Scout's families will provide the leadership for the pack. Your family will work with you to accomplish your advancement. When you grow to become a Scout, your families support will help you to meet your goals in Scouting. the Spirit of the family... working together is the key to the growth of each Cub Scout and all of our families working together is the foundation of our pack's success. In Tiger Cubs you did many things that were new and fun with your adult partner and the other members of your group... Now... you are ready to move on to Cub Scouting. With the other boys of our pack, you will work to earn your badges and share the fun and adventure of Cub Scouting. On behalf of our pack, I am happy to welcome you to our pack and present you with your Cub Scout neckerchief and greet you with a Cub Scout handshake. We know you and your family will enjoy being a part of the Cub Scout Program.

ADVANCEMENT - SHERE KAHN ACCEPTS THE TIGERS

EQUIPMENT: Florescent painted rocks - red or orange, black light.

ARRANGEMENTS: Place rocks together in rows to represent a bed of Hot Rocks to walk on. When Cubmaster has lights turned off the rocks will glow like Hot Rocks in a fire pit.

CHARACTERS: Tiger Cub Organizer, Den Leader, Cubmaster, Shere Kahn

CUBMASTER: I call upon the Great Shere Kahn to bring forth the Tigers of our Pack and with them their organizer.

(Shere Kahn brings the Tiger Cub/Adult teams and the organizer to the Bed of Rocks.)

SHERE KAHN: These adults and boys have completed the requirements of the Tigers?

ORGANIZER: "Yes".

(Shere Kahn presents the Tiger Cub batches to the adults and says:)

Here is the symbol of the Tiger Cub, who has completed the challenge. Place it on the Right pocket. This is the token for having help your Tiger Cub to complete the challenge. Tigers, pin them on the collar of your Adult Partner. Adults, I give you charge of the written proof. Be proud of your Team efforts made to earn them. Because each rank in Cub Scouts provides a greater challenge than the last.

(Lights are turned off as Shere Kahn says:)

This bed represents the greatness of the challenges to come. The rocks will not burn you unless you fear them. No harm will come unless you doubt your ability. Are you ready to cross the bed of Hot Rocks in to Cub Scouts: Then go and meet your new leaders.

(Cubmaster greets and welcomes the Tiger Cubs and adults to the Pack. He announces the time, day, and meeting place for each den. He introduces the Den Leader and Den Chief.)

ADVANCEMENT - SEEK THE EXPLORER

ARRANGEMENTS: Cubmaster should dress like an explorer (Indiana Jones, etc.)
Awards can be simulated "artifacts" of any type.

CUBMASTER: The Tiger Cub Motto is SEEK, DISCOVER and EXPLORE. This is really the theme of all Scouting. As you advance along the Scouting Trail, you must seek out new things to do. You must discover many things that you did not know about yourselves, your neighborhoods, your families and friends. To do this, you must explore! Exploring means to seek knowledge you did not know. Each of us is an explorer in our own way. Our youngest explorer is a Bobcat. He doesn't stray too far from his den because the world is large in his eyes. There are many things to learn, and he is kept busy trying to learn them all. (Call Bobcats and their parents forward and present badge.)

Next, our explorer becomes a Wolf. Wolves travel in groups and often go far and wide in search of new things. Our Wolves have learned many new things about themselves and their neighborhood. (call Wolves and parents forward and present badge.)

As he grows older, our explorer becomes a Bear. Bears have a territory that they stay in which includes a place to eat, sleep, and have fun. Our wise old Bears are finding out that there are many places in their neighborhood where they can learn and grow both mentally and physically. (call Bears and parents forward and present badges.)

As an explorer gains confidence, he set his sights on more difficult tasks. So our Webelos have discovered the many tasks involved in earning their activity pins. (call Webelos forward and preset awards.)

ADVANCEMENT - PHYSICALLY FIT

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Sports articles, pictures, etc.. Posters displaying health, physical fitness, and proper eating, awards for boys.

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience

CUBMASTER: Look at these (pictures, posters, articles, etc.). These people have made it by being physically fit. They work out. They get the proper amount of rest. They eat the proper balanced meals. It is nothing they have done overnight. It takes a long time to get in the shape that these people are in.

Cub Scouting is a program for boys in the first grade through the fifth grade. It takes time to advance in rank. The time includes the completion of achievements in the respective book. As Cub Scouts advance in rank, they learn about physical fitness, health habits, and proper healthy eating.

Tonight we will recognize some Cub Scouts who have advanced in rank. Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents come forward. (The badges can be attached to a circular piece of paper of some sort of medallion. Present the badges as Olympic winners are presented their medals. Olympic music could be used for added effect.)

ADVANCEMENT - NEVER BE OUT OF SCOUTING

This ceremony can be used for a boy leaving Wolves and becoming a Bear, graduating into Webelos, or graduating into Boy Scouts.

The leader's part can be a Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Cubmaster, and/or Scoutmaster. The Assistant can be the Den Chief and/or Patrol Leader, with the help of a Denner or Assistant Patrol Leader.

EQUIPMENT: Proper Neckerchief (book optional).

DENNER/ASSISTANT PATROL LEADER: (stands, holding the new neckerchief and/or book) Would Cub/Webelos Scout (name) please come forward.

I present you with your new manual for (Bears, Webelos, Boy Scouts) so you may start off in a new adventure.

LEADER: So you will never be out of Scouting, I'll place your new neckerchief over your old one. (take new neckerchief and place it over the top of existing one; pulls off the old slide and place it on the new neckerchief... use proper slide if Bear, Webelos or boy Scout).

Would (Denner) please remove the old neckerchief and give me the slide).

DENNER: (Pulls off old neckerchief and gives it to Leader).

LEADER: Congratulations. We know you will continue to work hard and do your best.

ADVANCEMENT - PHYSICAL FITNESS

Cubmaster can dress for a favorite sport to give out the awards. Props can be used for the various ranks to illustrate training.

Just as adults must train to be good athletes, our Cub Scouts must also grow in strength and ability to obtain their ranks.

For a boy to earn his Wolf rank he must increase in ability by practice and working with his muscle's, just like a weight lifter must train to get in condition. Tonight we have (names) who have gotten in shape to obtain their Wolf rank.

Those who have continued their training and increased their Ability have built up real muscles. Just as the runner receives his blue ribbon for excellence, the Bear advances on the track toward the championship. (Call names.)

After several years of practice tasks are easier because of self-discipline. The rewards are greater, too. Let's welcome the new champions of our pack, the Webelos. (Call names.)

During our advancement ceremony tonight we have seen that Cub Scouts increase in ability just as muscle builders and other athletes do. Let's give them all a round of applause for their hard word. Keep it up!

ADVANCEMENT - BLUE AND GOLD TRADITIONS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Awards for boys, Blue candle, white candle, red candle, and yellow candle

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience.

CUBMASTER: The Blue and Gold Banquet is the time to celebrate the birthday of Scouting. Tonight, as part of our celebration, some of our Cub Scouts will be recognized for their accomplishments.

(Light the blue candle). The blue candle represents the spirit of Cub Scouting. (Call Cub Scout candidates and parents forward). You have promised to do your best and to do your duty. That is what you have done by completing the requirements to advance in rank. You have earned the badge. (Present badges to parents to pin on scouts shirt.)

(Use the blue candle to light the yellow candle). The yellow candle glows representing the warm sunlight. These Scouts have lived up to the Cub Scout Promise and completed the requirements to earn the badge.

The red candle stands for good cheer. These Scouts do not do anything half-heartily. They will be awarded the badge tonight.

The light of the white candle is the guiding light on the Cub Scout Trail. The light radiates happiness. The following Cub Scouts have been guided by the light and are on their way to the top of the Cub Scout Trail.

ADVANCEMENT - ACCORDING TO YOUR WOLF BOOK

EQUIPMENT: Large drawing of wolf badge, 1 blue candle.

CUBMASTER: Since our last pack meeting one of our cub Scouts has completed all the achievements for Wolf Cub Scout. Tonight, we honor him and his parents at our wolf Cub ceremony. Will Cub Scouts (names) and his parents come forward?

According to your Wolf Cub Scout Book, you have completed all achievements for the rank of Wolf Cub Scout. I am glad you have attained this honor and hope you will continue to progress through the Gold and Silver Arrow Point electives until you reach the time to start work on the Bear rank. Before you is a picture of the Wolf Cub Scout Badge. You may now wear this badge with pride. Also before you is a candle representing the spirit of Cub Scouting. By advancing from Bobcat to Wolf Cub Scout you have demonstrated the spirit of Cub Scouting.

(To the boy's parents) We want to tell you how much we appreciate the cooperation you have given. Without your help, your son would not be able to reach his goals successfully, and that means not only that your son is advancing to the Wolf rank, but that the whole family has. As the Cubmaster, I haven't earned the privilege of presenting the badge to your son so I am going to give it to you , and ask you to present it to your son. (Parent does so and congratulates son) Now, will all the Cub Scouts in the audience stand and give a hand for a fine job of advancement he is doing (Cub Scout Applaud).

ADVANCEMENT - FAMILY PARTICIPATION IN THE BEAR RANK

This ceremony emphasizes family participation in Cub Scouting. Exact wording is unimportant; do not worry about memorizing. Present it in a conversational tone. If you have more than one Cub Scout receiving the award, have all the boys and their parents come forward at the same time. This ceremony is easily adapted to all ranks.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Scouts, parents and Den Chief

EQUIPMENT: Bear Badge, certificate, straight pins

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouts and parents, tonight we want to honor those Cub Scouting families who are advancing in rank. Den Chief(name), one of the Cub Scouts in your den is ready to receive his Bear Badge this evening. Is that right? (answer) Will you please escort Cub Scout (name) forward. (den Chief does so) (name), we're really glad that you have reached the Bear rank in Cub Scouting. It's one more step up the ladder. (gives handshake) Are your parents with you?

CUB SCOUT: Yes, sir, they are.

CUBMASTER: Den Chief (name), will you please escort Mr. & Mrs. (name) forward so they may take part in our ceremony? (den chief does so) We are glad to have you here tonight. (shakes hands) We want to tell you how much we appreciate the cooperation which you have given. Without it your son might not have reached the Bear rank. Cub Scouting is a family program and that means not only your son is advancing to the Bear rank, but the whole family has taken another step upward too. As the Cubmaster I haven't earned the privilege of presenting the badge to your son so I am going to give it to you, Mr. & Mrs, (name), and ask you to present it to your son. (Dad does so and both parents congratulate son) Now, will all of the Cub Scouts in the audience stand and give (name) a hand for the fine job of advancement he is doing. (Cub Scouts applaud). Will parents and guests stand and recognize Mr. & Mrs. (name) for their son's honor. I am sure we're all aware of the contribution made by (names), Den Leaders. Will they stand and be recognized. (all applaud)

ADVANCEMENT - TIGER CUB GRADUATION INTO A WOLF DEN

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Bobcat badges and safety pins

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience. He calls forward the Tiger Cubs and their parents.

CUBMASTER: It is a great pleasure for all of us to graduate you Tiger Cubs into the Wolf den of our pack. In Tiger Cubs the motto is "Search, Discover, Share" and you have been doing a lot of that this past year. You'll be doing even more during the coming year because in Cub Scouting we search, discover, and share. As you enter the Cub Scout den you have already completed the requirements for your Bobcat rank. For your graduation into the den, please repeat the Cub Scout Promise.

(Leads Promise.) Now that each of you is a member of Den (number), I am proud to present you the Bobcat badge which you have earned. (Handout badges to parents, ask them to pin them on the boy's shirt pocket.) As new Bobcats in this pack, you are at the beginning of new adventures along the Cub Scout Trail. Enjoy your experiences as you continue to search, discover and share.

ADVANCEMENT - NEIGHBORHOOD EXPLORATION

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Funny tourist clothing; plaid or print shorts, plaid shirt, colored socks, tennis shoes, a wild hat of some kind, camera, binoculars, and a map. Awards for boys

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience

CUBMASTER: Tonight we are going to tell you about a special neighborhood that some of our Cub Scouts have explored. We traveled to Cub Scout Village (show a place on the map) and I want to tell you how some of our Scouts advanced in rank.

Our first stop was on BOBCAT Row. (Show on map). (Use binoculars) There were 7 different areas at BOBCAT Row including the Law of the Pack (palace), the Motto (motel), the Promise (park), Handshake (hill). We have some Cub Scouts here tonight who completed the journey through BOBCAT Row. Would the following Cub Scouts and their parents come forward. (Present badges on a copy of a map to the parents to present to their Cub Scout.)

Our next stop was at WOLF Terrace. (Show on map). There were 12 different things to do here that included physical fitness, working with wood, proper eating just to name a few. It took some time to get through this place. It was a challenge and we do have some Cub Scouts who completed all 12 areas and have earned the rank of WOLF Cub Scout. (Call Scouts and parents forward - present badge on a map or a drawing of binoculars to parents).

After a short rest we ventured to BEAR Blvd. This area looked like WOLF Terrace but a little more detailed and more challenging. We made it though. We explored citizenship, cooking, nature, and physical fitness. It took some time to complete but some of our Cub Scouts worked real hard and completed Bear Blvd. and have advanced in rank. (Call Scouts and parents forward - present badges as before).

The last stop on our expedition was at WEBELOS Way. There weren't any things here like the areas we previously explored. There were activities to do. Citizen, Artist, Aquanaut, Showman, Handyman, Readyman, Outdoorsman, and Traveler to name a few. After completing WEBELOS Way, we have some Scouts who have been preparing for Boy Scouting. The following Scouts have earned the WEBELOS Badge (Call Scouts and their parents forward. Present badges as before.)

This completes our neighborhood exploration. Lets congratulate the Scouts who have advanced and their parents for their support.

ADVANCEMENT - PILOT WINGS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Awards - each award to be accompanied with silver pilot wings (large exaggerated cutouts covered with aluminum foil and a safety pin on the back), Cubmaster wearing an extra large silver pilot wings so all can see.

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of the Pack.

CUBMASTER: This is your captain speaking. Cub Flight (number) has just taken off for San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Nashville and returning to (your city name). We will be cruising at 35,000 feet. The weather is clear and calm and we are expecting a most pleasurable flight. Our first stop tonight is at San Francisco's International airport. In San Francisco there are a lot of sights to see such as the Pacific Ocean, the Golden Gate Bridge and Fishermen's Wharf, but the most famous people we have come to see are the boys to receive their Bobcat badge. (Call forward the boys and their parents and present the badge.) From San Francisco we take off and proceed to Chicago's O'Hara airport. Chicago also has a lot of sights to tour. Unfortunately, we won't be able to see the Chicago Cubs or the Chicago Bears play, but we can see the Wolves. Tonight we would like to honor our newest Wolf Cubs. (Call forward the boys and their parents and present the badge.) From Chicago we head further east to New York's LaGuardia airport. In New York we can see the Statue of Liberty, the United Nations Building or even Time Square. For our stop in New York we have only time to see the world famous Bears. (Call forward the boys and their parents and present the badge.)

Our last stop before returning back to (your city name) is a stop in Nashville, TN. Nashville boasts the home of the Grand Ole Opry and it has musical talent everywhere you turn in the city. Tonight we have stopped to appreciate the talent and drive of our own new Webelos Scouts. (Call forward the boys and their parents and present the badge.)

Now we are on our return leg of our flight and we will be touching down at (your city name) International airport shortly. It may have seemed that we have been all over these United States to honor some very special people for their accomplishments, but in fact we don't have to leave our homes to find boys that work hard and desire our praise. So fasten your seat belts and return your trays to their upright position and we will prepare for our landing.

ADVANCEMENT - A LINK IN THE CHAIN

EQUIPMENT: Paper strips to make a chain and tape.

As each Cub Scout and his parents come up to receive his advancement, ask each one to add his link to form a chain. Then invite all others to add a link to the chain. When the chain is made the Leader explains that once again a chain is only as strong as it's weakest link even a paper chain. The real joy of Cub Scouting comes when complete unity exists between parents and Cub Scouts and Pack Leaders. Every parent and boy here tonight can help Scouting keep America strong by learning more about and understanding our great heritage. Remember to **DO YOUR BEST.**

ADVANCEMENT - MAGIC LIGHTS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Cut out a cardboard Christmas tree and punch holes in the tree to hold various colored lights. The large outdoor lights will work best. Unscrew all the lights except the top light. You could use yellow lights for the bottom row (BOBCAT), red lights for the next row (WOLF), green lights on the third row (BEAR), and blue lights for the top row as well as the top of the tree (WEBELOS).

ARRANGEMENT: Dim room lights, Cubmaster in front of audience.

CUBMASTER: As we look at our Christmas tree we see that it is adorned with only one light. We have some boys here tonight who can help light the way to the top of the tree.

The first step along the Cub Scout Trail is the rank of BOBCAT. (Screw in yellow light(s) depending on the number of BOBCAT advancements. Call the BOBCAT candidates and their parents forward. Present the badges to the parents to pin on their sons shirt.)

The next step in the Cub Scout Trail has 12 achievements to complete. These Cub Scouts have learned about the US flag, how to keep strong, and being helpful to his family. (Screw the red light(s) in and call the WOLF candidates and their parents forward. Present the badges to the parents to pin on their sons shirt.)

As Cub Scouts grow older and stronger, they are able to climb higher and complete achievements that are more difficult just like it would be more difficult to climb the upper branches of a tree. This is the third rank in Cub Scouting - the rank of BEAR - on the trail to the top. (Screw in the green light(s) and call the Bear candidates and their parents forward. Present the badges as done before.)

The last badge a Cub Scout can earn while on the trail to the Arrow of Light is the WEBELOS badge. This is done by completing various activities such as (discuss some of the activities). (Screw in blue light(s) for the number of WEBELOS candidates. Call forward these Scouts and their parents and present badges as previously done.)

As you can see, it has taken the boys plus their parents and leaders to complete the Lighting of our tree. Keep on working on the trail to the Arrow of Light. Congratulations to our Scouts who have advanced in rank and to their parents and leaders.

ADVANCEMENT - CARVING THE PINEWOOD RACER

The advancement ceremony at a derby should be short effective and to the point.

The Cubmaster holds up a block of wood in one hand and a finished car in the other. "Just as we carve a rough block of wood into a sleek pinewood racer, so we turn a rough boy into a Cub Scout. WE do it with challenges in the form of advancements. This month, we honor those Cubs who have worked hard to complete the various requirements for their awards." Beginning with Wolf, then Bear and Webelos, call each boy to the front WITH his parents. Present the award to parents who present it to their son. The Cubmaster gives the Cub Scout handshake to each boy and congratulates parents.

ADVANCEMENT - WHAT DO WE PLANT

PROPS: Make a large tree from cardboard, or paint one on an appliance box. For each award to be given, cut out a green paper leaf. Write the Cub's name on the leaf and tape on his awards. Arrange the leaves on a table beside the tree.

CUBMASTER: What do we plant when we plant a tree?

We plant a ship which will cross the sea.
We plant the mast to carry the sail.
We plant the planks to withstand the gale,
The keels, the keelson, the beam, and
knee.

We plant a ship when we plant a tree.

What do we plant when we plant a tree?

We plant the house for you and me.
We plant the rafters, the shingles, the
floors,
We plant the studding, the lath, and doors.
The beams and siding are all parts we
need.

We plant a house when we plant a tree.

What do we plant when we plant a tree?

A thousand things that we daily see.
The paper for books from which we learn,
Tools to help us do a good turn.
The wood for a Pinewood Derby car,
For model planes that we fly so far.
We plant the staff for the flag of the free,
Yes, we plant all these when we plant a
tree.

But what do we plant when we plant a
lad?

With the help of his mother and his dad.
We plant a Cub who'll become a Scout,
We plant ideas that will round him out,
The skills, the games, the joy to be had.
We plant a Scout when we plant a lad.

Cubmaster calls forward boys and parents
at this time. As awards are given, each boy
tapes his leaf onto the tree branches.

You have all helped make this tree more
beautiful. It is a part of you. Just as
Mother Nature's trees endure for many
years, the things you have learned from
your achievements and badges will last you
a lifetime. May you always stand straight
and tall like a tree, and be a worthy
resource of our country.

What do we plant when we plant a lad?

We plant a Scout when we plant a lad.
Congratulations to all of you.

ADVANCEMENT - ESKIMO DOG SLED ADVANCEMENT

Cubmaster can have awards at rear of assembly and drive his dog sled back and forth bringing the next set of awards on each trip. He could call the back of the room the landing area where a bush pilot flies in with the next batch of awards. Have someone back there dressed like a bush pilot making plane sound effects for each landing. Then Cubmaster drives the sled to the front after each delivery and does the presentation. Add information about the importance of these rank advancements and the work of the Cubs who are receiving them. Relate it to something about Alaska: Eskimos, the oil pipeline and those who worked on it, one of the many National Parks in that state, Mt McKinley or the gold rush. Let the boys and their parents know that you care about their progress in the Cub Scout program and expect them to continue the hard work and service necessary to maintain a successful pack. A little effort for your ceremonies will encourage all to attend and participate.

ADVANCEMENT - LIFE IS A SERIES OF TRIPS

CUBMASTER: Life is a series of trips. In the beginning, they are short such as the first steps that a baby takes. No one can say that these steps are unimportant however, for the rest of life's adventures are based upon them. So it is tonight that several young men have taken their first steps in Scouting. They have earned their Bobcat and are ready to go in to greater adventures. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward. (Call names.)

The automobile gives mobility to society and greatly expands your horizons. No longer are you bound by the familiar surroundings of the neighborhood, you are able to go to new and different places. Tonight we have several who have earned their driver's licenses and are prepared to explore beyond their neighborhoods. As Wolves, they have had to learn about themselves, their families and their neighbors. They have been successful in their efforts and are to be congratulated. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward. (Call names)

The airplane enables us to travel great distances in short periods of time. Bears have but a year to complete their tasks and they too must cover great distances. As the journeys become longer, the preparation must become greater. To become a Bear, the requirements are more difficult and challenging. The Cub learns that he must respect the rights of other as well as protecting his own. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward. (Call names)

The ship seems at first to be an old fashion way to travel in this fast paced world of ours. On second thought, however, it can be seen for what it is, a stately way to travel for those who are not in a hurry and want to enjoy the good things in life. Webelos are almost at the end of their journey and now have the time to work on many other things. Activity badges, much like the activities on an ocean liner keep the Scout busy as well as teaching him new and different things about himself and the world around him. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward. (Call names)

Space travel is truly out of this world. The Arrow of Light is much like a rocket ship. It goes up and up -- and doesn't come down again. the Arrow of Light is the shining star at the end of the Cub Scout Trail, but it is much more than that. It also marks the beginning of another trail -- the Boy Scout Trail, and this trail will lead to greater adventures than ever before. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward. (Call names)

ADVANCEMENT - BEAR TO WEBELOS CAMPFIRE

CUBMASTER: The Cub Scout trail is a long one filled with many adventures. Will the Bears, their parents and their leaders please come forward?

Leaders, are your Bear Scouts ready to join the Webelos Tribe?

Bears, you have in the past worked on the Wolf trail and your most recent adventures have been on the Bear trail. You have proven yourself to be good Scouts. You have now earned the honor of joining our Webelos Council Fire. Please cross the bridge and join the Webelos Camp Fire.

As you follow the Webelos trail the Senior Webelos will be there to guide you on your way. Senior Webelos will you take the neckerchieves for the new Webelos and give them to their parents?

May your last trail in Cub Scouting be a happy one.

ADVANCEMENT - LADDER ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Pack Committee Chairman, Cub Scouts, Parents.

EQUIPMENT: Ladder and Clothespins, Awards.

NOTE: This ceremony can be done using all ranks or separate ranks as the situation dictates.

CUBMASTER: Several of our Cub Scouts have advanced in rank during the last month. Our Pack Committee Chairman will take charge of the awards.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow. This is a part of the Law of the Pack. Tonight we honor those Cub Scouts who have grown in knowledge and achieved a higher rank in Cub Scouting. Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents please come forward as I call their names. (Cub Scouts and parents come forward and face the Chairman as their names are called.)

(The Chairman calls each boy by name as he talks to him.) (Cub Scout's name), Tell us one of the things that you did to become a (Rank) Cub Scout.

CUB SCOUT: (In his own words, he briefly tells about one of the Achievements he completed for his rank. Thirty seconds for each boy is long enough for this part. This will run more smoothly if Cub Scouts and parents know ahead of time that the Cub Scout will be asked to comment.)

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: (Cub Scout's Name), Will you please advance your name to the (Insert Rank) level of the advancement ladder. (The Cub Scout does this, then returns to his position in front of the chairman. After all the Cub Scouts have been called on, the Chairman continues.)

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Your parents helped you complete the achievements that led to your new badge. Therefore, I want to ask the parents to come forward and present this badge and certificate to you. (The awards are given to the parents to present to their boys.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE PINEWOOD DERBY

EQUIPMENT: Put decals of the badges of rank on poster board squares. Attach to long sticks and tape the sticks to the side of your derby track. Put Bobcat near the bottom, then Wolf, etc. Have the Cub's actual awards in envelopes on the floor by that sign.

CUBMASTER: Were all had a great time watching the Pinewood Derby cars race down this track tonight. They really speed downhill, don't they? Well, you can go uphill on this same track, too. It's a little harder, but it's worth the climb from Bobcat... to Wolf... to Bear... to Webelos and on to the Arrow of Light.

Pack (#) Cub Scouts have been climbing this course and now we're going in show just how far they've gotten.

Will the following Cub Scouts who have made the climb as far as Wolf please come forward with their parents? (Read names.)

When boys and parents arrive, give the badge to the parents, who then give it to their son. Repeat for all the ranks and arrowheads.

ADVANCEMENT - OUR FLAG IS MADE UP OF SEVERAL THINGS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: American Flag and awards for the boys

ARRANGEMENT: The flag is on the same level as the audience and the Cubmaster. It is to the left of the audience and close to the Cubmaster during the awards.

CUBMASTER: Our country's flag is made up of several things, like the Cub Scout program. Our flag contains the color white. White is a clean, new color. To represent the white in our pack, I'd like to welcome the following new Bobcats to our pack. (Call forward the boys and their parents. Present the badges.)

Red is also found in our flag. Red is a lively, active color. Representing the red are the new Wolves of the pack. (Call forward the boys and their parents who are to receive the badge. Present badge.)

Our flag also has a field of blue. Blue is an older and wiser color. These are the same characteristics that are seen in the Bears in our Cub pack. (Call forward the boys and their parents. Present the badge.)

You have to have something to fly the flag from too. A pole or staff that reaches toward the sky will provide a strong support for our country's colors. The following boys have earned awards in the Webelos program and represent the upward reach and support of the Cub Scout program. (Call forward the boys and their parents. Present badges.)

Of course, you can't forget the stars on our flag. Stars are those who are important and successful. The following young men, who have achieved the Arrow of Light are stars in every sense of the word. Tonight they are receiving the only Cub Scout award that they will be able to wear throughout their Scouting career, and that makes them truly stars. (Call forward Arrow of Light recipients and parents. Present badge.)

ADVANCEMENT - TRANSPORTATION IS A MEANS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Using your resources, obtain small cars, airplanes, and boats depending on the number of advancements. Put the badges in a small box and attach the vehicle to the box.

Also, have larger models to hold.

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of the audience.

CUBMASTER: Transportation is a very major part of life throughout the world. Just think of the many ways cars are used. Planes and boats have many uses from pleasure to business. Imagine in today's life if these vehicles were not available. All of these vehicles can be compared to the various stages of Cub Scouting. Transportation is a means of getting from one place to another. Completing achievements advances a Cub Scout from one rank to another. We have some Cub Scouts tonight who have advanced in rank and would the following Cub Scouts and their parents come forward. (Present the badges by rank/vehicle to the boys. They will give the badge to their parents who will pin the badge on their Scout shirt.)

ADVANCEMENT - THIS LITTLE TREE IS A SYMBOL

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Den Leaders, advancing Cub Scouts, Webelos and parents.

EQUIPMENT: A three foot high tree with several branches, set as if it were a tree in a can of mortar; green paper leaves (made with thin wire frame with wire frame sticking out) with Cub Scouts' names, awards, badges, and arrow points.

CUBMASTER: This little tree is a symbol of the natural beauty of our land. The tree also represents Cub Scouting.

It takes a long time for a beautiful tree to grow. In the same way, a Cub Scout spends a lot of time and effort in advancing from rank to rank. So do his parents who help him.

Today we will see how much prettier this Cub Scouting tree will be when we put some leaves on it. Each of these leaves represents the time and effort put into their advancement work by our Cub Scout and parents.

(Call forward boys and their parents who are receiving wolf badges and arrow points, give them their awards and have them put one leaf on the tree for each award they received. Then award Bear badges and arrow points and have those boys also put leaves on the tree. After all the awards are presented and leaves added to the tree, the Cubmaster resumes speaking.)

Each of you has helped nurture this tree. Just as trees endure for many years, so the values you have gained from working on achievements, electives and Webelos activity pins will last you a lifetime. May you always stand strong and tall like a tree-- and be a beautiful resource for our land.

ADVANCEMENT - LET THE COMPASS GUIDE YOU

PROPS: You will need a compass made of heavy cardboard; placed in front on the advancement table.

CUBMASTER: We look to the compass for our guide. To the East, we find a Cub ready for his Bobcat Badge. Will (name) and his parents come forward, (Present award) He brings his eagerness like the dawn of a new day.

To the South is the Wolf with his spirit of adventure. Will (name) and his parents come forward. (Present awards)

To the West is a Bear hunting on the trail of Scouting. (Present awards)

To the North is the Webelos about to realize his boyhood dreams, alive with Scout action. Will (name) and his parents come forward. (Present awards)

Let the compass guide all of you on your trails and may you all carry into your adult lives the ideals of Scouting.

ADVANCEMENT - TWELVE NEW THINGS

ARRANGEMENTS: Have the large cardboard badges with stands for each. Start with all laying flat and set each one up in turn.

BOBCAT: I have learned five new things. I can give the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. I know what Webelos means. I promise to do my best. I am a Bobcat. (call boys and parents forward and present badges.)

WOLF: I have learned twelve new thing. I grew physically and spiritually. I developed habits and attitudes of good citizenship. As I grew in mind and body, I also grew within my family. I learned to get along with others and gained a sense of personal achievement. It is fun being helpful and doing your best. I am a Wolf. (call boys and parents forward.)

BEAR: I too have learned 12 new things. They required more skill and effort, but were fun and interesting. Many of the things I learned were preparing me to be a Boy Scout. The electives started giving me ideas about hobbies I might want to pursue in life. I am a Bear. (call boys and parents forward).

WEBELOS: I am learning and understanding the requirements to become a Boy Scout. The Scout Oath and the Scout Law, and the parts of the Scout badge. I am learning about the outdoors through activities and the outdoor code. I have earned three activity pins. I am a Webelos. (call boys and parents forward).

ARROW OF LIGHT: I to am learning about the requirements to become a Boy Scout. I can repeat from memory the Scout Oath and Scout Law. I have earned four more activity pins. I have visited a troop meeting and talked with the Scoutmaster. I have been on an overnight campout. I have attained the highest award in Cub Scouting. I am The Arrow of Light. (call boys and parents forward)

ADVANCEMENT - TOOLS IN CUB SCOUTING

CUBMASTER: This evening I would like to present our young Cubs with the tools they will need to advance on the Cub Scout Trail.

First:	Responsibility -- Learning to finish a job you start.
Second:	Knowledge -- Learning new skills.
Third:	Hard work -- Nothing comes easy.
Fourth:	Enthusiasm -- Have fun.
Fifth:	Gratification -- Feeling great by doing something for someone else.
Sixth:	Admiration - Giving respect to another for a job well done.
Lastly:	Opportunity - To be the best you can and to do the best you can.

These boys here tonight have taken these tools and earned the following awards. Remember that these tools will help you along the road to the highest award in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light.

ADVANCEMENT - HARBORS, STATIONS, & AIRPORTS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Airhorn, boat, wood airplane (to fly), model train or a picture of a train. Ship Captain's hat, train conductors hat, pilot's hat and/or pilot's glasses. Awards for the boys

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience

CUBMASTER: This month our Cub Scouts traveled around in a variety of vehicles.

(Sound ships horn and put on Captain's hat) The BOBCATS took a boat trip to a far away place. While on the boat they worked on the 7 steps to complete this rank. (Call BOBCATS and parents forward. Present the badge to the parents and a small boat to the Cub)

(Throw the airplane. Put on pilots gear and weird glasses.) I piloted the plane for the Wolf Cub Scouts to an exotic place where they completed the requirements to earn the WOLF badge. (Call Scouts and parents forward and present badge as before. Give the Scouts an airplane - small inexpensive ones that they assemble and fly.)

(Make some sort of a train noise and put on conductor's hat.) The following Cub Scouts took a ride on a train to some unexplored area. Will (names) and their parents come forward. These Scouts completed 12 achievements that demanded more time and effort. These Scouts have completed the third rank in Cub Scouting. (Present badge to parents. Give Scouts a train item such as a picture, track piece, or something like that.)

(Sound ships horn, toss airplane, make train noise while exchanging hats.) The Webelos Scouts took a boat to the airport and then took the train to a destination unknown. They completed the activity requirements to earn the WEBELOS badge and will now start working on the Arrow of Light. The following Scouts are preparing themselves for the wonderful world of Boy Scouting. (Call Scouts and parents forward. Present badges to parents. Present Scouts with a piece of rope and tell them that they are on the final stage of Cub Scouting and to continue working to attain the highest honor a Cub Scout can earn - the Arrow of Light.

ADVANCEMENT - TRAINS

Prior to the pack meeting, the advancement chairman makes up train tickets for all who will receive badges. Use large cardboard cutouts to represent the various train cars. Cubmaster acts as the conductor. Den leaders carry the cars as the train proceeds around the room. At each "stop" the Cubmaster says. "Boarding all (rank). Please have your ticket in hand." The ticket is exchanged for the award as the boy enters the appropriate train car. When all awards have been given, the train proceeds "non-stop" to Boy Scouting.

Tickets should read:

Cub Railroad

Passenger: (Name of boy)

Point of Departure: (Den#)

Destination: (Next rank)

Fare: Good will to all

ADVANCEMENT - BECOMING HANDYMEN

EQUIPMENT: Hammer; nails; carpenter's apron with awards in the pockets; pins.

CUBMASTER: Take a few moments to consider the claw hammer. It is a basic tool that should be part of every household. When fastened securely, its head doesn't fly off the handle. Used properly, it can drive a nail straight and true. It is not perfect, though, so on the opposite side is a claw to draw out crooked or misplaced nails and try again.

Advancement in Cub Scouting is like this hammer. The boys earn badges after learning basic skills that will be part of their lives forever. As they work together with other Cubs in the den and the pack, they discover how to understand and listen and not get angry. By following Akela they have seen a straight path to walk. And they have made mistakes, but they try again. Tonight we are saluting those boys who are receiving their badges.

Will the following boys/s and their parent/s please come forward for their Bobcat award. (As the families come up, hand the badge to the parent/s and let them pin it on their son's shirt.)

(Repeat for Wolf badge, Wolf arrowpoints, Bear badge, Bear arrowpoints, Webelos activity badges and compass points.)

The boys have learned about becoming handymen this month. They have experienced planning a project, fitting the pieces of the project together, and pride in the finished project. These boys, their parents and pack leaders have planned, fitted and are proud of their advancement tonight.

ADVANCEMENT - PANNING FOR CUB SCOUTS

Paint small rocks with gold spray paint, for gold nuggets. You will need a nugget for each boy receiving awards. With a permanent marker put each boy's name on one side of the nugget. Place the nuggets in a shallow pan, like a gold pan. The Awards Chairman or Cubmaster could be in costume as a prospector or an old sourdough.

CUBMASTER: The early explorers of Alaska were a very rugged and hearty group of people. They were outdoorsmen and lived off the land where they hunted for food and clothes. They cleared the land to make room for their log cabins to live in.

Many of the early settlers of Alaska spent much of their time looking for gold. And indeed some of the people of Alaska still pan for gold today. Life in Alaska was rugged and challenging, much as our Cub Scouts are challenged as they work toward their goals, as they earn the ranks of Scouting. Let's shake up this old gold pan and see if we can find a nugget that is worth something. (Shake gold pan and pull out one nugget at a time. Read off boy's name and have him and his parents come forward and receive his badge. Present them with his award and also present him with the "Gold Nugget" with his name on it. Continue until all the awards have been presented.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE SET OF THE SAIL

PROPS: Sailboat cardboard cutout; badges to be placed on boat like pennants hung from the sailboats rigging.

Cubmaster begins with the adapted reading "The Set of the Sail" from the Scoutmaster's minute (BSA literature 1958 revision)

Several of you may have done some sailing and found it a lot of fun. The amazing thing about sailing is that two sailboats in the same breeze can be going in different directions! I'm sure you've noticed that.

This same thing can be true of Scouts. Let me read a very short play to show what I mean.

ACT I - Curtain! Two fellows enter to join a Cub Scout Pack.
Curtain Closes. Time Passes. The Curtain parts again.

ACT II - Same pack two or three years later. Where are all those fellows who joined in Act I? Wait, there's one. Say, look at his badges and arrow points. And there's the other! But look, he's only wearing his Bobcat badge. Why? Both had the same chance. One Scout sails ahead, one limps along. Why? Must be the set of the sails!

As Ella Wheeler Wilcox said:

One ship drives east and another drives west
With the selfsame winds that blow,
'Tis the set of the sails and not the gales
Which tells us the way to go.

Tonight, we have some Cub Scouts who are really sailing along! Will the following boys and their parents please come forward.

ADVANCEMENT - FIESTA ADVANCEMENT

PROPS: Piñata open at the top or container decorated to look like a piñata. Awards are placed inside the piñata.

CUBMASTER: A piñata is lots of fun--fun to make and fun to break. Lots of hard work goes into making it and lots of hard work goes into breaking it. After all the hard work, comes the reward.

The Cub Scouts to be recognized tonight have worked hard. They have had lots of fun along the way, too.

Would the following Cub Scouts and their parents please come forward to receive their reward.

ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS CROSSOVER THE RUSTIC BRIDGE

EQUIPMENT: 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... 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).

ADVANCEMENT - THE LODGE OF THE WEBELOS

EQUIPMENT: Ceremony board with four candles Webelos insigne, 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.

ADVANCEMENT - BUCKSKIN PIONEERS AND THE OUTDOOR CODE

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Items that Scouts may use in the out-of-doors; pots, pans, Dutch oven, tripod pot holder, wooden homemade utensils, etc.. A tent could be set up with a simulated campfire. Awards for the boys, copies of Outdoor Code for boys.

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience.

CUBMASTER: Our theme this month has been Buckskin Pioneers. What does this mean to you? What does this mean to Cub Scouts? One way to look at the meaning of this theme is how pioneers lived as well as survived in nature. They cook outdoors using various utensils (show some items used). They lived in tents. They collected their own food using various means. There were no grocery stores or department stores to go to. These people survived by will and determination. People like Daniel Boone and Davy Crocket.

Part of the Cub Scout process helps a boy learn about outdoor survival ways that will benefit him while in the outdoors. Cub Scouts learn about where to put a tent. They learn about the various tools that can be used to cook outdoors. They are taught various knots that will help them. All these are done while working in the various Cub Scout books. These benefits are only a small part of the Cub Scout program.

Tonight we have some Cub Scouts who have completed the requirements to advance in rank. Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents come forward. (Give the badges to the parents to give to their Cub Scout. A copy of the OUTDOOR CODE could be presented to the advancing Cub Scouts).

ADVANCEMENT - AVAST THERE YE SWABS

CAPTAIN: Avast there, ye swabs - your attention or I'll have ye all up before the mast. Tonight we have reached the time for the division of our hard gained loot during our last assault on Fort Achievement and the harbor town of Cub Electives. E'en tho' stoutly defeated, these forts have been subdued by as fine a crew of hearties as had been aboard this deck in many a fine moon. Now, will the First mate call forth my brave lads and their partners that they may be richly rewarded for their valor.

FIRST MATE: (First Mate calls forth Cubs who are advancing and their parents.) The crew stand ready, Captain!

CAPTAIN: Aye, and a fine group of fellows we have here. (Present awards to parents to give to their sons as First Mate calls out names) Now then, me hearties -- Let's give a fine swash-buckling cheer for our pals who have ventured forth and returned with bountiful treasure. (cheer) And the rest of ye - mark my words - I'll have no slackards in my crew - on our next raid ye ALL better be coming forward for reward or the FISH will have bait in the harbor that night! (to those still up front) Get ye back to yer quarters now and prepare for another assault and more rich rewards from Cub Scouting!

ADVANCEMENT - GRADUATION OF A WEBELOS SCOUT

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Senior Patrol Leader, Webelos leader, Webelos Scout and family, 2 Bobcats, 2 Wolves, 2 Bears and 2 Webelos

EQUIPMENT: Troop scarf

ARRANGEMENT: The 8 Cubs are lined up in 2 rows of 4 facing each other in order to form a bridge for the graduation. There needs to be enough room between the two lines for the Webelos Scout and his family to pass from the left side to the right. On the left side of the stage is the Cubmaster and the Webelos den leader and on the right side of the boy bridge is the Scoutmaster and the Senior Patrol Leader.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we mark a great occasion, the graduation of Webelos Scout (name) from our pack. (Call the Webelos Scout and his family forward.) We are sad to see him leave because he has been a great help to our pack... but we are happy for him because he is going on to the great adventure of Scouting. He has worked hard for this night and has advanced well. You have successfully obtained the ranks of Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos. To top off your Cub Scout career, you have earned the Arrow of Light. You and your family have participated in pinewood derbies, rain gutter regatta, den meetings, pack meetings and outdoor camping experiences. You also were able to attend Cub Day Camp and Webelos Camp. You and your family will have many memories to take with you. I am pleased to see that you are wearing the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting. This is the only Cub Scout badge which you will be permitted to wear on your Scout uniform. And now you and your family may take the final Cub Scouting steps. This bridge that connects Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting is made up of an honor guard of Cub Scouts who in time will be following in your steps along the Scouting Trail. (The Webelos Scout and his family walk to the right side of the stage to the Scoutmaster.)

ADVANCEMENT - IN THE OLYMPICS

SETTING: An Olympic style winners platform. Awards are placed on cardboard medals with ribbons to hang around the boys neck.

CUBMASTER: In the Olympics, athletes from all over the world compete for the Gold medal. They all "DO THEIR BEST". Tonight, I would like to recognize our own athletes who have been competing in events along the Scouting trail. In the Wolf event, our boys must learn about themselves, their family and their neighborhood. (Call boy and parents forward. Boy stands on box and parents stand on either side. Present award to parent who then places it around boys neck.) In the Bear event, much more is expected from our athletes. Their horizons are expanded and they must display many new skills by earning arrow points. (Present awards as above). The Webelos event is much like the Triathlon. Our athletes must compete in several different areas. Only by earning activity badges can the Webelos rank be achieved. (Present awards as above) The Arrow of Light is the Gold Medal of Cub Scouting. By earning it, a cub has shown that he is ready to graduate into Boy Scouting and has mastered some of the skills that will be required of him. While this is the highest award that he can earn at these games, a new Olympics, with new games, will start very soon. (Present awards)

ADVANCEMENT - WATER FUN

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, various adults in costume

EQUIPMENT: Various items used in the water: mask, snorkel, fins, ski tube, and/or skis. Have leaders wearing these items. Cubmaster needs a fishing hat and a vest available. Enough dowel rods with string attached to badges in plastic sealed bags. Awards for boys

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience

CUBMASTER: Water Fun is something that is enjoyed by nearly everyone. We have some special people here tonight to show you ways to have fun in the water. (the following are fun ways to show the items)

1. Maskman - The person who does not want to get water on his face. The person who does not want to be seen.
2. Snorkeler - The next person thinks he/she is a shark. They think they are a part of the great white shark family and are a member of the JAWS fan club.
3. Finner - This person only walks on the beach and leaves big prints in the sand thinking that everyone will think Big Foot has reappeared.
4. Tuber - Someone who thinks they can swim but really can't. Someone who has always wanted to drive on water but has not yet figured out how to do it.
5. Skier - This person is ready for water and snow. Or does this person like big shoes that make a lot of noise.

These are just a few items that can be used to have fun in water. Another thing that is very popular in water is fishing. (Put on a fishing hat and jacket if available). In this fish tank I have caught some badges for Cub Scouts who have advanced in rank. (Pull out badge and call boy forward with his parents.)

ADVANCEMENT - LEARNING PATRIOTISM

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Red, white, and blue candle. If having an outdoor ceremony, get an old flag and conduct a flag burning ceremony, small flag for each boy, awards for boys

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience

CUBMASTER: (Discuss what the red, white, and blue means This can be obtained from a variety of Scout books. If a flag is to be burned, get a flag burning ceremony and enough people to help make this an impressive ceremony for all. Discuss what Americans have done to make us a free, democratic country. The bloodshed, elections, voting rights, and so on.)

We have some Cub Scouts here tonight who have advanced in rank. These Scouts have learned about being patriotic, about respecting our flag, how to display the flag, and what the flag stands for. This country of ours - free and democratic - is something each and everyone of us are very proud of. The following Cub Scouts have worked hard to complete the requirements to advance in rank. Will the parents of these Cub Scouts come forward. We are proud of the hard work these boys have done and of what you, the parents have done with your support and encouragement. (Present the badges to the parents and present to the boys.)

ADVANCEMENT - LOOK AT OUR TREE

PROPS: Cut out a cardboard Christmas tree. Punch holes in the tree to hold a string of lights. Unscrew the bulbs except the top light so that they can be lighted at the proper time by screwing in the bulb. The awards are hung from the tree like ornaments.

CUBMASTER: As we look at our tree this evening, we see that it is dark except for the one light symbolizing the spirit of scouting. Let us see if there are some boys tonight who can help light our tree. The first step along the Cub Scout trail is the Bobcat rank. (Call boys forward with their parents and present badges. Ask boys to light the light that their badge was hanging from.)

Once a boy achieves Bobcat, he is ready to climb. He has 12 achievements to complete. Some require knowledge of the U.S. flag, of keeping strong, of safety, and being helpful to his family. (Call boys and parents forward and present badges as above.) As the boy grows older and stronger, he is able to climb higher. But just as it is a little more difficult to climb the upper branches of a tree, so the achievements are a little more difficult in the Bear rank. (Call boys and parents forward and present badges as above. Follow the same procedure for Webelos and activity pins.) These boys have helped light our tree, but it is still not quite as bright as it might be. Our leaders and parents have done their part in helping these boys to grow and advance so let us light a light for them too. (light the rest of the lights.) Now our tree is complete. As you have seen, it has taken the boys plus their parents and leaders to complete it. With the same effort you have shown in the past, keep on working along the Scouting trail. Congratulations to you and your parents for your fine work.

ADVANCEMENT - THIS BADGE OF RED

EQUIPMENT: RED cloth, and American Flag and Wolf Badges

CUBMASTER: There are symbols of citizenship everywhere we look in church, school, hospitals and in courts. But, there is a more significant symbol that we all see -- Old Glory (hold up the flag). But the flag itself is not just a symbol -- the colors also tell us of American history.

The color red (hold up the red cloth) in the stripes represents the blood of the wounded in America's efforts to stay free. It also represent the first of freedom kindled in the hearts of those patriots that forged America in 1776.

Tonight, you Wolves, also share in the pride of the red of our flag. The Wolf Badge you earned over the last few months is also red. When you look at your uniform after tonight, be proud that you share in the tradition surrounding the color 'red'.

Mom/Dad, please present this Badge of Red to your son.

ADVANCEMENT - THE PICTURE OF THE WOLF

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, advancing Cub Scouts and their parents

EQUIPMENT: Large Cutout or drawing of Wolf Cub Scout Badge, stand, or easel, single candle holder with a blue candle, Wolf Cub Scout Badge, certificate, straight pins. (Ceremony may be adapted for Bear Achievement)

CUBMASTER: Since our last Pack meeting one of our Cub Scouts has completed all the achievements for Wolf. Tonight we honor his parents and him at our Wolf ceremony. Will Cub (name) and his parents please come forward. According to your Wolf book you have completed all the achievements for the Wolf Rank I am glad you have attained this honor and hope you will continue to progress through the Gold and Silver Arrow Point electives until you have reached the third grade and start work on the Bear rank. Before you is a picture of the Wolf badge which you now wear with pride. Also before you is a candle which represents the spirit of Cub Scouting. By advancing from Bobcat to Wolf you have demonstrated the spirit of Cubbing in your every day life. (light candle). Mr. & Mrs.() we are happy that your son has completed the requirements of the Wolf. You were privileged to help him with his badge and certificate. Now, (cub) give the Cub Scout sign and repeat the Cub Scout Promise after me. (he does so) Congratulations, and may you soon appear before our pack for Gold and Silver Arrow Points.

ADVANCEMENT - OUR WAGON TRAIN CREW

ARRANGEMENTS: An artificial or real campfire. Costuming as desired for pioneer.

CUBMASTER: To the early day pioneer, nothing was more challenging than the road West. His days were long, sleep was little, and his food was edible... sometimes. The pioneers traveled in groups so that they could help each other, working as a team with each person having responsibilities according to his skill. Walking along beside the wagons are the Bobcats. Their enthusiasm keeps alive our spirit of togetherness. (Have Bobcats and parents come forward - present awards. Have parents return to seats and new Bobcats sit around fire.) Our Wolves are in the green horn stage. Each task is a new challenge and is met with wide-eyed eagerness. They are in charge of the horses and oxen which pull the wagons and are the future strength of the train. (Present awards as above.) Honing skills learned as Wolves, our Bears are the drovers on our train. They have proven the ability to meet the demands of the trail and to seek out new adventures on the arrow point trail. (Present awards as above.) Webelos are the scouts for our group. Their knowledge and experience set the goals of achievement for the pack and give continuity to our crew. With courage and determination, Webelos scouts further define and hone their skills by earning activity badges. (Present awards as above. Ask awards recipients to stand and face audience.) Ladies and gentleman, it is time to hit the trail again. The trail can be long and tiring, but as long as we work together, we will reach our destination. May I present to you, our wagon train crew... a group I am proud to ride with.

ADVANCEMENT - MAGIC TOP HAT

EQUIPMENT: A Black top hat made of cardboard with a coffee can inside holding a pound or two of dry ice; two small bottles of water, one colored blue, one gold with vegetable coloring; badges to be awarded.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster dressed as a magician; advancing Cub Scouts and parents. Badges are placed beside the can with dry ice in the top hat.

CUBMASTER: (Calls forward boys and parents and says,) Today we will have a little magic for our award ceremony. I'm going to pour the blue and gold liquids I hold in my hands into my magic hat, and those colors of Cub Scouting will produce the badges these Cub Scouts have earned. But let's remember that there's nothing really magical about advancement. It is earned by the boy when he teams up with his parents and learns new thing while he is having fun.

(Cubmaster pours the blue and gold water over the dry ice, producing a magical cloud of smoke. He then takes badges from the hat and presents them to parents, who pin them on their son's shirts.)

ADVANCEMENT - GRANDFATHER'S TRUNK

PROPS: Old steamer truck, rocking chair, braid rug, kerosene lamp, small items inside the trunk such as a wooden spoon, rag doll, cloth ball. Cubmaster is dressed as a pioneer grandfather/mother and is sitting next to the trunk which contains the awards.

NARRATOR: We hear many things about the character of our pioneer ancestors. One important trait was perseverance to get the job done. (Shows the braided rug.) They also had the faith to see the future of our great land. (Raises the kerosene lamp.) Our Cub Scouts have inherited many of these characteristics and we will award their badges tonight from this heritage.

(Rummages around in the trunk and withdraws the small items and lays them by the rocking chair with short comments. Finds the badges and calls the Cub and their parents forward.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE GIFT BOX

Gift wrap 5 boxes, preferably all the same size. Wrap the lids separately so they can be removed. Attach bows on top. Place a badge of each rank in each gift box (Bobcat, Wolf Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light). Actual badge or cardboard displays can be used. Boys awards should also be in appropriate box.

CUBMASTER: "It's Christmas time and what a great time for giving and receiving. We have some boys that gave it all and completed their badge of rank and now the pack would like to give them their award for their accomplishment." (start with Bobcat box. Have a den leader from each rank help to open boxes and show the badge or display card.) (explain the badge briefly and call boys up to receive their badges from the box).

This ceremony works well for Blue and Gold banquet as well. The boxes can be wrapped in blue paper with gold bows.

Tiger Cubs can open boxes and display badges instead of den leaders.

ADVANCEMENT - SURVIVE THEY DID

STAGING: One or more Pilgrims, one or more Indians, Cubmaster as pilgrim, Assistant Cubmaster as Indian.

PILGRIM: The Pilgrims came to America so they could worship as they chose. The new world was not easy. Many things had to be learned and endured so they could survive the first year.

INDIAN: Survive they did, with the help of the Indians. The redman showed the Pilgrims how to grow corn and how to survive.

PILGRIM: After their first year in the new world, the Pilgrims gave thanks and celebrated with a great feast.

INDIAN: The Indians were invited and came to help celebrate with their paleface brothers. We were different, but the same, we were brothers in this land that became known as America.

PILGRIM: Just as the Pilgrims and Indians gathered, we are here tonight for a celebration. We give thanks for what we have and celebrate the accomplishments of our Cub Scouts. The Pilgrims and the Cub Scouts had to work for what they got.

INDIAN: Our Cubs, like the Pilgrims, had to learn new skills and crafts. While the Pilgrims had the friendly Indians to help them, our Cubs have their parents and leaders to help them.

PILGRIM: We have Cub Scouts that have a special reason to celebrate because they have achieved the Bobcat Rank, the first rank in Cub Scouts.

INDIAN: Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents please come forward to our celebration. (reads names)

PILGRIM: When the Pilgrims first arrived in the new world, they were like our new Bobcats. They were new and did not know what to expect. They met people that were different than they were. The Pilgrims and our Bobcats had faith and the ability to learn. Parents, I have the honor to give you the Bobcat rank so you may present it to your son. (parents presents badges)

INDIAN: Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents come forward to join our celebration. (reads names)

PILGRIM: These Cub Scouts are celebrating tonight because they have gone beyond the Bobcat and have earned the Wolf Rank, the e second rank in Cub Scouts. These scouts, like the Pilgrims, soon got to work after they arrived and learned to do many things. Their skills were crude but their faith was strong. Their tests were harder, their accomplishments were greater and their reason for celebrating is larger than when they were Bobcats just starting to learn. Parents, I give to you the Wolf Rank badges for you to present to your sons.
(continue in same manner for Bear and Webelos Ranks)

ADVANCEMENT - DANIEL BOONE

ARRANGEMENT: Assistant Cubmaster is dressed in Daniel Boone costume, complete with wooden rubber hand gun. Cubmaster is in uniform.

DANIEL: Howdy, folks! My name is Dan'l Boone. I understand this is a good place to get me a mess of Bobcats.

CUBMASTER: You must be a stranger around here. This is a Cub Scout meeting and the only Bobcats around here are the Cubs who have earned the Bobcat badge. Would the following Cub Scouts and their parents please come forward. (Cubmaster relates story of Bobcat badge, how Bobcats are so fierce and mean that the badge can't be turned upside down, so the boy must be turned upside down. Dan`l could comment about that sounding like a tall tale to him! (Cubmaster presents badges and pins to families and they return to their seats.)

DANIEL: Well, that was very interesting, but you must have that pack of Wolves I was told about.

CUBMASTER: No, Mr. Boone, our Wolves are the Cub Scouts who have climbed the trail of Scouting to the next advancement rank. (Cubmaster calls forward boys and parents to receive wolf rank and presents badges.)

DANIEL: Very impressive! But I don't see nary a single bear out there.
(Shades eyes and looks into audience.)

CUBMASTER: Our Bears are a year older and wiser than our Wolves. They have learned to take care of knives and tools, learned how to tie knots, and even learned about you, Mr. Boone. (Cubmaster calls forward Bear recipients and their parents and presents badges.)

CUBMASTER: Would you like to see our Webelos get their awards?

DANIEL: What in tarnation is a Webelos?
(Prompt boys in advance to yell "We'll be loyal Scouts!")

DANIEL: Now, that I understand. I'm a loyal "Trail" Scout, too.

CUBMASTER: Webelos Scouts have learned about our government, know the rules of outdoor fire safety and have slept under the stars. (Cubmaster presents activity pins and Webelos badges.)

DANIEL: Well now, Cub Scouting sounds like a mighty fine way to raise up a young'un. Wish we had Cub Scouts when I was a lad. So long, now.

ADVANCEMENT - WHEEL OF GOOD TURNS

PROPS: A carnival wheel of fortune with Cub Scout Ranks. . .top, bottom, left and right.
(Important: All new Bobcat parents should be briefed on Good Turn.)

CUBMASTER: A carnival is lots of fun. It has rides, crafts and games of skill and chance. Cub Scouting is also lots of fun. In Cub Scouting we also have games that require skill but none are by chance. We do not spin a wheel of fortune, but rather do a good turn on the wheel of Scouting. To do a good turn is a very important part of Cub Scouting. As a matter of fact, the Scouting movement in the U.S.A. started by a good turn. A good turn was performed in 1909 by an unknown British Boy Scout for an American business man from Chicago, William D. Boyce, on a foggy day in London. This good turn was the one act that put the idea of Scouting in America.

The concept and action of doing a good turn, not for fame or reward, is one of the most important parts of Scouting. It is also one of four parts of the Cub Scout Promise **TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE**. We know that our Cub Scouts do their good turns daily. We know they cannot wait to do good turns, not one, but many daily. While we cannot reward them for being good Cub Scouts we can reward them for their other accomplishments by advancing in rank.

We turn the wheel of Scouting to the first level, the rank of Bobcat. Will the following boys and their parents come forward. (Read names) Cub Scouts you are the first level of Cub Scouting. Your parents and leaders are proud of your accomplishments. We have a tradition in our pack for the good turn. Your mother will pin on the Bobcat badge upside down and when you have done a good turn, you may then turn it right side up. Congratulations to your new Bobcats. (They return to seats.)

The wheel gets another good turn and stops at the next level, the Wolf Rank. (Calls names)
Parents, I give you these badges to present to your sons.
Congratulations!

(follow same procedure for Bear and Webelos)

I am sure these Scouts and many more throughout the world will continue to do a good turn on the wheel of Scouting.

ADVANCEMENT - BIRTHDAY AWARDS

PROPS: All awards have been individually wrapped in blue and gold paper and ribbon as birthday gifts.

SETTING: Narrator presents ceremony from front of room with three stacks of "Birthday Gift Awards" on a table in front.

NARRATOR: Tonight being Scouting's ____ Birthday Party, it's time to give presents so we won't be tardy.

Our first presents go to Cubs that are new.

So we would like to award Bobcat badges to these few.

(Read names and give each a "Birthday Gift".)

To celebrate their efforts and time

We'd like to award Wolf badges to these Cubs combined.

(Read names and give each his "gift")

Our last group of Cubs to be recognized tonight, Richly deserve this gift by right. The Bear badge they've earned take time and attention, and work on their part too numerous to mention.

(Read names and give each Cub a gift)

(After names have been read and gifts given, present Webelos badges in much the same fashion, and then give the closing thought below:)

Enjoy these small gifts from Scouting that you have worked to achieve. But, remember, a gift is much richer by far when you give instead of receive. So please give what you have learned of Scouting to others, tonight when you leave.

ADVANCEMENT - THE SASSAFRAS TREE

THE CUBMASTER SPEAKS: _____names of boy (s), you are now taking the big step from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting. There is a saying among Boy Scouts that SCOUTING IS OUTING. You will have many opportunities to get out into the woods and observe nature. I hope you will start with the common sassafras plant. Look at these drawings. They were made by tracing around an actual leaf. All three leaves came from one tiny sassafras tree. The first leaf looks like any ordinary tree leaf doesn't it? The second looks like a hand reaching out to welcome you into the woods. And the third looks like the universal Scout emblem, the Tenderfoot badge, which says to you that SCOUTING IS OUTING.

When you go on your first camping trip, I hope you will look for a sassafras tree and check this out for yourself. Now will you give me the Boy Scout Sign and the Boy Scout Handshake. Good luck to you _____(name of boy (s), and good Scouting.

ADVANCEMENT - WEIGHTLIFTING

CUBMASTER: Cub Scout age boys dream of being great athletes, spacemen, tarzans, or other persons with outstanding physical power. They like to test and show off their muscles. These are part of the dreams of boyhood.

Tonight, we have several boys who have achieved part of their goal to become stronger. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward?

(Call names of boys and parents)

Boys, while you have worked on your advancement you have learned many things which have made you stronger and bigger. To illustrate this, look at this plain stick. It represents a boy your age who has not been working in scouting. He hasn't had people like your den leader or parents helping him as you have. He has not learned all that you have learned. He stands alone weakly, and breaks easily, as evidenced by this one stick. (Break stick) See how easily it is broken.

As you work and develop your skills, you will become stronger. (Show this by adding more sticks - it becomes harder to break.)

Now, I am proud to present to you, your parents and they in turn may present to your (Wolf, Bear etc) badge.

Congratulations.

(This award can be presented pinned to a small weightlifting bar made from a cardboard roll stuck into two round styrofoam balls painted black.)

ADVANCEMENT - WOLF TO BEAR

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, den leader, candidates and their parents

EQUIPMENT: Bear neckerchief (folded) for each candidate, table

SETTING: Cubmaster is in front of room facing audience, table holds folded neckerchiefs.

CUBMASTER: When a boy become a Cub Scout he starts on an upward trail. I say "upward" because as he grows older, he advances in Cub Scouting. He does not join a Cub Scout pack and then sit idly back for 4 years until he becomes a Boy Scout.

As a boy moves along the Scouting trail, his badges of rank and his changes in uniform show his progress. One of the changes in uniform is the neckerchief. And tonight, we would like to present to the following boys, the blue neckerchief of the Bear Scout, which stands for truth, loyalty, and obedience.

(Cubmaster calls forward by name the Den Leader, boys and their parents.) These boys, with the help of their den leader and parents, have proven their loyalty to our pack. They've worked hard and earned the privilege to wear the neckerchief of the Bear Scout. (DL hands neckerchief to parents, who place it around the boy's neck.)

ADVANCEMENT - TWENTY-FIVE CENT QUESTION SHOW

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Awards

SETTING: For this ceremony, you will want to coach the boys who will be receiving awards so that they properly react to the questions when asked. Some questions they will purposely miss. Cubmaster or advancement person should use a quiz show host manner in delivering this ceremony. This can be a lot of fun for all if you make it that way.

CUBMASTER: Welcome folks, to the Twenty-five Cent Question Show, brought to you live tonight right from _____ school where we are attending a pack meeting. I want to thank this nice pack for allowing us to test their "genius" Cub Scouts on our show, and we want to thank our sponsor, Handy Dandy Cream, the everything cream. Use it to keep your hands soft, brush your teeth, set your hair, get rid of athlete's foot, and squirt it right on your favorite pudding. Yes sir, Handy Dandy Cream, you'll want to rush right out and get some. Now back to our show. We have a team of boys here who are ready to challenge our show in the category of Cub Scouting. Will the following boys on the first team come forward with their parents.

(Calls name of Bobcat recipients.) Now boys, for the first plateau, you may confer if you like and then give us your answer. Now boys, what is the Cub Scout motto?

Bobcats: (Bobcats can act like they are conferring and then shout together) Do your best!

CUBMASTER: You're absolutely right. Congratulations, you have just arrived at the first plateau and you have won the Bobcat badge, the first rank in Cub Scouting. We will present this to you parents to be presented to you. (present badges) Now, on to the second plateau. Our second question for the Wolf badge. Can you tell me, how many achievements must you pass to earn the Wolf badge? (Bobcats confer but give up without answering.)

CUBMASTER: Sorry, boys the time is up. You may sit down and let's bring up our second team who, on a previous show won the Bobcat and are now ready to try for the second plateau of Wolf. (Call the names of boys who have earned the Wolf badge, ask the parent to come forward also.) Now boys, can you answer the second plateau question for your Wolf badge. How many achievements must you pass to qualify for your Wolf badge?

Wolves: (Wolves confer and shout) 12.

CUBMASTER: Congratulations! You have just won your Wolf badge. (Present badges to parents who then pin on boys.) (Go on in this manner until you have awarded all of your advancements for the month, making the Arrow of Light the "Twenty-five Cent" question and you may even give those boys a quarter.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE ACTIVITIES IN THE WEBELOS DEN

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos leader, Scoutmaster

EQUIPMENT: Pack totem, table, pack graduation certificate for each candidate

SETTING: After candidates and their parents have been called forward the house lights are turned off, pack totem is on table.

CUBMASTER: When you boys joined Cub Scouting, you came to us as Bobcats. (lights Bobcat) This was a rank that each of you had to achieve before going any further.

You were a member of a Cub Scout den where you worked on projects that helped develop your skills and mental ability. You made new friends and had lots of fun. (light Wolf) Then you earned the Wolf rank.

When you began working on the Bear rank, you found the achievements harder and more challenging. That was because you were growing older. (light Bear) Soon you had earned the Bear rank.

Then when you were old enough, you transferred into a Webelos den with (name) as your leader.

WEBELOS LEADER: The activities in the Webelos den were a little different from what you were used to. That's because you were getting ready to be a Boy Scout. (light Webelos) First you earned your Webelos rank, (light Arrow of Light) and some time later some of you earned the Arrow of Light award.

(House lights are turned on)

(Reminisce at this point, saying something that each boy has done during the past year.)

Well, you boys didn't stay boys long. Look at you, all of you have grown into fine young men who have left their mark on my heart. I am very proud of you!

CUBMASTER: On behalf of pack ____ , I present to you your graduation certificate. Congratulations! (Hands to each candidate certificate, when they are all handed out, stands back and gives the boys the Cub Scout salute for the last time.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE ATHLETE ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

PROPS: Cubmaster can select any sport and use appropriate equipment as props throughout this ceremony.

CUBMASTER: The first thing an athlete learns is the basic rules of his chosen sport. When a Cub first enters the Pack, he learns the Bobcat Trail which gives him the first knowledge he must know to move up the Cub Scout Path.

Will the following boys and their parents please come forward... (Present Bobcat Awards.)

When a boy has learned the basic rules of his game, he then begins to practice the skills needed to play. He becomes familiar with the sports equipment. Our Wolves have worked on achievements and arrow points as they continue to develop their Cub Scout skills.

Will the following Wolves and their parents please come forward... (Present Wolf Awards.)

The athlete is now ready to concentrate on improving their athletic skills. Our Bears are like the athlete who increases his knowledge to become more proficient in his game.

Will the following Bears and their parents please come forward... (Present Bear Awards.)

Once the rules have been well learned and the skills have been mastered, the athlete is now ready to advance to a higher level of skill which involves the mental strategy used to fine tune their playing skills. Both physical and mental skills are part of the learning experience of the boys in the Webelos rank.

Will the following Webelos and their parents please come forward... (Present Webelos Awards.)

As our ceremony concludes, we recognize the progress our Cubs have made this past month. The athlete who is dedicated to his sport recognizes the many abilities he has developed within himself. He is knowledgeable of the basic rules and he is dedicated to the practices which develop his ability. The mature athlete has become confident in his ability to play the game, and becomes a leader who shares his knowledge and skill with others on this team. All these traits belong to the boys in our Pack as we see them progress from month to month and year to year. We are proud of these boys and the leaders who guide them along the Cub Scout Trail.

Betty Morgan, Arrowmoon District, Sam Houston Area Council

ADVANCEMENT - ANOTHER ACHIEVEMENT DOODLE

This ceremony was written to be used with your den doodle or it can be adapted to use the Den Achievement Wall Chart. This simple ceremony could be changed for variety and sometimes the boys could give their den yell in place of the achievement pledge, or an appropriate song.

PERSONNEL: Den leader, Assistant den leader, Den Chief

EQUIPMENT: Den doodle and doodles to be presented, or achievement chart and special marker

SETTING: Set up the den doodle in a convenient place in the meeting place where all can see it. Have boys stand facing the den doodle in a circle around it or in a semicircle or line facing it. The doodle to be presented could be in the form of an object from the current monthly theme.

DEN LEADER: We have a boy (or boys) today who is ready to add another achievement doodle to his string on the den doodle. He has been working hard and passed another achievement in working toward his (Wolf/Bear) badge.

ASSISTANT DEN LEADER: (Hands it to the boy as he comes forward and faces the other den members.)

Congratulations (name), you're doing fine work on your achievements. Keep up the good work.

DEN LEADER: Okay, fellahs, while (name) is adding his doodle to his string on our den doodle, our Den Chief is going to lead us in our Den Achievement Pledge.

DEN CHIEF: (Have the pledge on a poster for the boys to read or teach the pledge ahead of time to be used at other achievement ceremonies.) Let's all give the Cub Scout sign and repeat with me.

We the boys of Den _____

Promise to do our best.

To keep working on our achievements,

And to make our den stand out from all the rest.

DEN LEADER: Now that (name) has added his new achievement doodle to our den doodle, let's all give him big Hows. (Match the number of hows to the number of achievement doodles added or number of boys adding doodles.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE COURTROOM

SCENE: Courtroom. Cubmaster dressed as judge. Assistant Cubmaster is Bailiff. Den Leaders are in the jury box.

BAILIFF: Hear Ye, Hear Ye. Pack _____ Court is now in session. The Honorable Cubmaster _____ is presiding. All rise.

JUDGE: Please recite the Cub Scout Promise. (all recite promise) You have all been duly sworn in. Please be seated.

BAILIFF: Your honor, I call forth the following Cubs and their parents. (boys' names are called)

JUDGE: Boys, you have sworn an oath with which you promised to Do Your Best. I have in my hand Bobcat badges which you are entitled to receive. Parents, as witnesses for your son, do you testify that he has fulfilled the requirements for the Bobcat badge?

PARENTS: We Do.

JUDGE: Jury, how do you find the defendants?

JURY: Guilty!

JUDGE: Then I award these new Bobcats their badges. The badges are to be pinned on upside down during the probation period. The probation will end upon completion of a good deed, at which time the badge will be placed right side up on the uniform.

BAILIFF: Your honor, I call forth the following Cubs and their parents (Wolf recipients are called up)

JUDGE: Boys, you have sworn an oath in which you have promised to do your duty to God and your country. I have in my hand Wolf badges and Arrow Points which you are entitled to receive. Parents, as witnesses for your son, do you testify that he has fulfilled the requirements for the Wolf badge?

PARENTS: We do.

JUDGE: Jury, how do you find the defendants?

JURY: Guilty!

Continue in like manner for Bears (who have promised to help other people) and Webelos. (who has promised to obey the Law of the Pack).

JUDGE: It is my privilege to serve the young men in this community who show outstanding progress. May you continue to be successful in you Cub Scouting career. Court is now adjourned.

ADVANCEMENT - JOHNNY APPLESEED

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Table, awards to be presented

SETTING: Cubmaster in front of room

CUBMASTER: Many years ago a man named John fell in love with a particular fruit. He had visions of people all over the country enjoying this fruit. He decided to make that happen by planting the seeds where ever he traveled. The man's nickname was Johnny Appleseed.

Johnny planted thousands of appleseeds in his lifetime. First he would dig a small hole and then drop the seed in and cover it with dirt. He probably watered it before he went on his way.

(Call the Bobcats forward)

The seed would grow into a tiny tree. It would have to survive the elements and animals in the wilderness. Our Bobcats are beginning to grow in Scouting. With the help and guidance of his family and leaders, they have learned the steps to the Bobcat Badge. Congratulations!

(Call the Wolves forward)

The sapling grows into a stronger tree. It has to withstand harsh winds and cold winters. It gets nourishment from the soil, sun and rain. Parents and leaders have encouraged our Wolves to continue in Scouting. Twelve more steps have been taken to earn the Wolf Badge. Congratulations!

(Call the Bears forward)

The tree is now large enough to produce blossoms. It is starting to mature. Our Bears worked on various tasks and have earned the more difficult Bear Badge. Congratulations!

(Call the Webelos forward)

Finally the apple appears on the tree. It is nearly ready to be picked. The Webelos is maturing in scouting. He has earned his badge by working on many different activities and exploring the world of Boy Scouting. Congratulations!

The apple is usually washed and polished before it is eaten. Would all the leaders and parents please stand? By sending treats, driving on field trips, participation in pack activities, helping a boy complete a Scout task and supporting Cub Scouts, you are fanatic apple polishers. Thank You! May Scouting continue to grow and be a vital part of our children's life.

ADVANCEMENT - PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos Leader, Webelos Den Chief, Patrol Leader, Scoutmaster, Parents and Webelos Scouts.

PROPS: Light up Arrow Of Light, Bridge and 2 spot lights, Light up Scout badge. Troop slide and neckerchief, Graduation Certificate.

ARRANGEMENT: Call Scoutmaster and Patrol Leader up to Scout end of bridge. Webelos personnel at their end. Call forward parents and graduating Webelos. Dim lights.

PAST: Turn on Arrow of Light

CUBMASTER: Give brief history of past awards earned (Soar, World Conservation, special hiking awards, etc.

WEBELOS LEADER: Give very brief requirements of Webelos Badge and Arrow of Light. Explain that the arrow of light goes on the Boy Scout uniform. Webelos Den Chief removes Webelos neckerchief.

PRESENT: Turn off AOL, turn on Bridge

CM: Crossing the bridge of the present you leave the past trail behind and cross over to the adventures of the future trail of Boy Scouting. Would you and your parents step up and cross the bridge into the future.

FUTURE: As they reach the other side, turn off bridge and turn on the Scout Badge.

SC: Gives Scout welcoming handshake and congratulates the family.

PL: Puts on troop neckerchief and slide and welcomes him.

SM: Gives him time, day and place of Patrol meetings.

(Turn off Scout Badge, everyone be seated.

(Use Arrow of Light Ceremony Board and tape on back white X-mas tree lights. Large lights come on one at a time.)

ADVANCEMENT - PONY EXPRESS TRAIL

PROPS: A long rope with Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light stations laid out at appropriate points on the rope. Tom-tom, artificial campfire.

CUBMASTER NARRATES: This month's theme is Buckskin Pioneers. In tonight's awards ceremony, all Cub Scouts receiving awards will become pony express riders, and their parents will become station attendants. (tom-tom begins to beat). Will all pony express riders gather around the campfire. It is time to begin.

The Bobcat is starting the trail of Cub Scouting as he learns the ideals - the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, and the Cub Scout Motto, as well as the sign, the handclasp and the salute. It's a long trail ahead to the Eagle rank, and this is the beginning. Will the following boys please line up at the starting gate on the pony express trail. (read names of Bobcat candidates).

Then a boy is ready to begin his journey along the pony express trail where each achievement is a milepost. There are twelve mileposts between each station. Just as the pony express rider galloped along the trail, dodging the danger and hazards of the wilderness from one station to the next, so a boy begins his gallop along the trail to Wolf Valley Station. The following boys have galloped these 12 miles to Wolf Valley Station (read name of Wolf rank candidates)

We have other pony express riders who have galloped another 12 miles to Bear Ridge Station, accomplishing important feats along the way. Will these boys please come forward and take their places Bear Ridge Station. (read names)

The next group of boys has made the long trip to Webelos Lodge Station. They are ready to join a Webelos den and work on the challenging Activity Badges. Will you please come forward to your station (read names) Other boys have completed the requirements for Activity Badges. (read names.) Will you also come forward to the Webelos Lodge Station?

Now I will ask that the station attendants of all these brave riders come forward so that they may receive the awards to present to their boys. (Awards are presented to each parent at each station)

In addition to the mileposts between stations, we have several boys who have scouted elective mileposts above and beyond the call of duty to earn Arrow Points. Will these boys and their parents come forward? (call names and present awards)

The last station on our Pony Express Trail represents the plateau of Cub Scouting. This is the Arrow of Light Station. These boys have been on the trail under the guidance of an adult leader and have completed requirements which will enable them to continue their journey up the Scouting trail. Will you and your parents come forward to the Arrow of Light Station? (call names, present awards)

I would like to congratulate all these fine riders and station attendants for advancing along the Pony Express Trail. As you learn, you advance. And as you Advance, you grow.

ADVANCEMENT - NAVAL OFFICERS ROLL CALL

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster or narrator speaks .

Ensign Wolf. An Ensign is a commissioned officer at the start of his career in the Navy. He is beginning his training and is at the foundation of his knowledge. Will the following Ensign Wolf Scouts please come forward as your name is called.

To earn the Wolf badge you have accomplished feats of skill, you have learned about your health, your home and your community. You have learned about cooking and eating, safety and making choices. Those recognitions are for your achievements and for you and your parents interest in the Cub Scouting Program.

Lieutenant Bear. In the absence of a superior officer, a Lieutenant takes command. A Lieutenant also acts under the direction of a superior. Like a Lieutenant, our Bear Cubs have journeyed down the Scouting trail towards learning skills and taking responsibilities. Will the following Lieutenant Bear Cubs please come forward as your name is called.

Captain Webelos. A Captain is next in rank. Will the following Captain 1st year Webelos Scouts please come forward as your name is called:

You have advanced in rank to that of Captain. You are becoming leaders in this pack. You are seen as leaders by those of lesser rank. You have greater responsibility and you are beginning to work on activities that will help you make decisions in the future. These awards recognize your efforts.

Admiral Webelos. An Admiral is a Naval officer of the highest rank. Will the following Admiral 2nd year Webelos Scouts please come forward as your name is called.

You have advanced to the highest rank and have taken on more responsibility. You are approaching the end of the Scouting trail. The skills that you are learning in Engineering, Science, Medicine and Communications will lead you to new opportunities in the future. You are learning to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, and courteous. These awards recognize your efforts toward reaching the end of the scouting trail.

ADVANCEMENT - SEARCH-DISCOVER-SHARE

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster (CM), Tiger Cub coach (TCC), den leader (DL), Tiger Cubs with adult partners.

EQUIPMENT: 4 candles with holders, table, Cub Scout neckerchiefs (folded) and tie slides.

SETTING: Place a table with the candles (3 in front and 1 raised up behind) on it in the front of the room. Ask Tiger Cubs and their partners to come forward and arrange themselves behind the table, facing the audience.

CUBMASTER: "Search-Discover-Share" has been the motto of this Tiger Cub group for the past few months. Exploring new things and places and using this motto in the home, school, and neighborhood.

(CM lights candle on left) You and your partner have SEARCHED out your home and community and have worked together and had fun.

(CM lights middle candle) You and your partner have DISCOVERED new things together with family and friends and had a sense of being a part of the community and your country.

(CM lights third candle) You and your partner have SHARED with your family, your friends and fellow Tiger Cubs in a way which lets them learn about you and the great things you did together.

Now is the time to make your first move up the Scouting trail into Cub Scouts. (CM lights the back candle) In Cub Scouting, your family is still important as it is throughout your whole Scouting experience. Support in earning each badge comes from your family as well as your den leader. Your parents will help you each step of the way.

(CM calls each Tiger/partner by names) On behalf of pack _____ I'd like to welcome you.

(CM calls TCC by name) Will you bring forward the den leader(s).

(CM names each DL) Please welcome the Tigers and their partners into the den(s) with the Cub Scout neckerchief.

(DL(s) present neckerchief to the parents who place it around the neck of the boy.)

ADVANCEMENT - ADVANCING OUR TIGER CUBS TO THE BOBCAT RANK

PROPS: Use the Pack Ceremony Totem or the Bobcat Investiture Board for the graduation

CUBMASTER: The family is one of the basic components of the Cub Scouting Program. Tonight, we are honoring a very special group in our pack family. We are advancing our Tiger Cubs to the Bobcat rank. Will the Tigers and their family please come forward.

CUBMASTER: Tigers, is it your wish to become Bobcats, if so, answer, I Do.

TIGERS: I Do.

CUBMASTER: Parents, do you wish your son to participate in pack activities, and do you understand it is your responsibility as parents to help your son work on his rank and help make the pack grow?

PARENTS: We Do.

CUBMASTER: Now Tigers, do you know the Cub scout promise and sign? Please say them together now. (Boys at this point will say the promise with arm raised in the Cub Scout sign.)

CUBMASTER: Do you wish to follow Akela, grow in strength, citizenship, and develop your character to do the right things? If you do, say, I Do.

TIGERS: I DO.

CUBMASTER: Will you help your pack grow, if so answer, We Will.

TIGERS: We Will.

CUBMASTER: Since you have shown you are worthy of the rank of Bobcat, I now present the Bobcat badge to your parents who will sew it on your Cub Scout uniform pocket. The Bobcat pin, which I pin upside down may be turned around when you have done a good turn without your parents telling you to do so. Then please give your pin to Mom for all of her hard work. CONGRATULATIONS! You are officially a Bobcat on the wolf trail.

ADVANCEMENT - CUB SCOUTS WEAR DIFFERENT UNIFORMS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Table, yellow table cloth, globe, small flags of other countries, awards

SETTING: Have yellow table cloth on awards table, displaying a globe and a small flags from other countries.

CUBMASTER: Every minute of every day of every year there are thousands of boys enjoying the fun and excitement of Cub Scouting somewhere in the world. The Cub Scout uniform varies from country to country around the world because each must be suitable and practical for the climate, but they all have one thing in common: They promote Scouting and its goals.

Just as Cub Scouts wear different uniforms in different countries, they also award different badges of rank. In Japan and Korea, Cubs earn the Rabbit, Deer, and Bear Badges. In Australia, the badges are Bronze Boomerang, Silver Boomerang, and Gold Boomerang. South Africa has the Tenderpad Badge.

As you know, the first badge for rank in the United States is Bobcat. Tonight we honor those who have earned this badge for the start of their Cub Scout trail. Would the Bobcats and their parent please come forward.

The second badge on our Cub Scout trail is Wolf. Tonight we have _____ boys who have earned this badge. Would they and their parents please come forward.

As the boys learn new skills, the next badge they earn is Bear. Would _____and their parents please come forward.

The next rank a boy earns is the Webelos badge. Webelos Scouts advancement is a little different than Cub Scouts and they are preparing to become Boy Scouts. Would _____and their parents please come forward.

The highest badge of rank is the Arrow of Light. Not every Webelos Scout will earn this badge, but the ones that do, should be commended. Would _____and their parents please come forward.

These Cubs like Cub Scouts all over the world, have worked together and developed new interests and skills which will help make them better citizens of our country and of the world. Let's give them a big hand to show how proud we are of them.

ADVANCEMENT - THE LONG ADVANCEMENT PATH

We are here tonight, Cub Scouts and parents, to honor those Cub Scouts who have advanced since we last met as a pack and to present them with their awards.

As he travels up the long advancement path, the Cub Scout achieves many goals in attaining the five ranks of Cub Scouting. At age 11 he reaches his highest goal and becomes a Boy Scout. These candles represent the steps in his advancement. Their light stands for the help and encouragement given him by his family, leaders, and friends.

First comes the Bobcat, the beginner, who must learn and abide by the Cub Scout Motto, the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. He stands with much enthusiasm on the first step of the advancement ladder. (light candle #1) Which, as he climbs it, will bring to him knowledge, skills, enjoyment, and good fellowship. (Call Bobcat candidates and their parents forward.)

Next comes the Wolf Cub Scout, who must complete 12 achievements in reaching the Wolf rank. These require knowledge of the flag of the United States, keeping strong, tools, knots, safety, his neighborhood and books. (Light candle #2) He has mastered several feats of skill, made a collection and has shown his willingness to help in his home and take part in family responsibilities. (Call forward the boys who have earned the Wolf rank.)

The Bear Cub Scout reached his rank by completing 12 increasingly difficult achievements that show that he is growing in knowledge and skill. (Light candle #3) The Bear Cub Scout should be proud to have climbed more than halfway up the advancement ladder. (Call forward all Bear candidates.)

The Gold Arrow Point is given to a Wolf or Bear Cub Scout who has finished the achievements for that rank and who goes onward to complete 10 additional elective projects. (Light candle #4) He is honored for his ambition, interest, and hard work.

Ten additional elective credits must be earned to qualify for each Silver Arrow Point. Only Cub Scouts having the highest ability and interest obtain Silver Arrow Points. (Announce all Cubs who have earned Arrow Points.)

When a Cub Scout enters the Webelos den, he begins the last step on the trail to Scouting. As a Webelos Scout, he works in a variety of activity pin areas which challenge him to do many new things. (Light candle #5) Among the 20 different activities are Athlete, Outdoorsman, Geologist, Communicator, and Traveler. The following Webelos have earned activity pins tonight. (Announce names.)

He also begins working immediately on the requirements for the Webelos Badge and the Arrow of Light, Cub Scouting's highest award. (Light candle #6) After being in the Webelos den for 3 months, earning 3 activity pins and learning the basics of Boy Scouting, like the salute, handshake, and the Scout Law, he is eligible to earn the Webelos Badge. (Ask parents and Webelos candidates to come forward.)

There are 6 requirements that the Webelos Scout must fulfill to achieve the Arrow of Light

award, Cub Scouting's "Eagle". They are:

1. Be active in a Webelos Den for at least 6 months after they receive the Webelos Badge.
2. Show knowledge of the requirements to become a Boy Scout, including the Scout Oath, Motto, Salute, and the parts of the Scout Badge.
3. Earn a minimum of eight activity badges, three of which must be: Fitness, Readyman, and Citizen.
4. Visit a Boy Scout meeting and outdoor activity.
5. Participate in a Webelos overnight.
6. Visit a Boy Scout Troop with your parent and fill out a Boy Scout application.

(Light candle #7)

The Arrow of Light badge is the only badge of rank which can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform after he graduates into a troop. At this time I would like to do a little test on the Webelos den. As we dip the neckerchief in the "Magic Firewater" from the famous Philmont Scout Ranch, if the neckerchief catches on fire without burning, these boys have proven that they have earned and deserve the Arrow of Light Award.

(Dip the Webelos neckerchief in the "firewater" and light it.)

As your name is called, would each of you please escort your parents forward. These boys bring honor not only to themselves, but to their den and to our Pack as well. As you have seen, they have earned many achievements and awards on their climb to the top. As we go forward into Boy Scouting, may our way be chartered by friendship and may we always remember the Cub Scout Motto:
"DO YOUR BEST!!"

*MAGIC FIREWATER: consists of 3 parts acetone and 2 parts water. Use caution, this is flammable.

ADVANCEMENT - WHEN FOUR SEASONS PASS

All candidates are brought into darkened room and positioned in a circle around the campfire.

CUBMASTER: Wolf candidates, look upon your brother the Wolf. (holds torch up to a picture of a wolf) He is courageous, cunning and loyal to his pack. You have earned the right to wear his likeness. You have fulfilled the requirements given to you that have been judged appropriate for young men of your age. In addition, some of you will receive arrow awards for achieving still more. When four seasons have passed, you will be candidates for the Bear award if you do not falter.

Bear candidates, look upon your brother the bear. (holds torch up to a picture of a bear.)

He fears no other animal in the forest. He is without equal. You have earned the right to wear his likeness. The requirements you have fulfilled are more difficult than those you met as Wolf candidates. When four seasons have passed, you will again present yourselves for the Webelos award, if you have the will.

You who are now Wolves and Bears, so that all of you may remain true to your efforts as Cub Scouts, you will receive a token of the Great Spirit, each having a sign symbolizing the wish Akela has for you. Keep them to remind you of your loyalty to the pack.

CUBMASTER: Webelos candidates, Webelos means "We will Be Loyal Scouts". This means you will always Do Your Best to follow the laws of God and man. You will be man enough to accept responsibility for whatever you do, good or bad. You will remember your parents are behind you at all times if you need their help, but you will no longer depend on them to do your work or thinking for you.

ADVANCEMENT - SCOUTING IS LIGHTING UP THE WORLD

SETTING: World globe on head table, candles around the globe (one for each rank). Room darkened but for one lit candle held by the Assistant Cubmaster.

CUBMASTER: We read about wars every day in the papers. Country against country in all parts of the world. TV shows us daily pictures of these awful happenings. It's dark and unpleasant not what we want for ourselves or our children. Scouting is one thing that helps to bring people together because of its ideals and goals. We tend to think of Cub Scouting as just our pack, our dens and our friends. There are Scouts all over the world, we're just a small part. The assistant Cubmaster holds the Spirit of Scouting candle. He will light the candle of ranks next to the globe. We have ____ boys that have passed the requirements for Bobcat. Will Scout ____ and his parents please come forward. (Awards given to parents, who in turn give to their sons. A candle is lit.)

(This is done for each rank.) Notice how the darkness is going away and how advancing in Scouting is lighting up the world.

ADVANCEMENT - IN AN AUTO RACE DRIVERS MUST ADVANCE IN POSITION

CUBMASTER: 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 in our Cub Scout Advancement track. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward.

The green flag symbolizes those drivers who have qualified for a Wolf position on our Advancement track. The green flag represents the start of a race and these boys have certainly gotten a head start in the race. Because your parents were helping you and cheering for you, we would like them to come forward and present the badge to you.

The red flag indicates that a driver is more experienced in handling his car and is moving up among the track leaders. Do not confuse this flag with the one that stops a race. Just as pit mechanics help drivers to refuel and change parts, so your parents have helped you and we would like to honor your pit crew as well so will you please bring them with you.

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. Many a driver wins because of the support given by his pit crew. Not only have your parents been a vital part and so too has your pit chief, your Webelos Den Leader, so we would like to have all of them join you as you receive these 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. Will the following boys come forward to receive the highest track record-THE ARROW OF LIGHT. This is the only badge in Cub Scouting which may be worn on your Scout uniform. May I congratulate you on earning this award and encourage you to wear it with pride at all times.

(This ceremony is particularly impressive if the various flags are available and especially if they have been used in the Pinewood Derby race.)

ADVANCEMENT - PRESENTATION OF TIGER CUB PIN

PROPS: A large piece of cardboard with picture of a Tiger Cub, cut out Jig-saw style. (Be sure the pieces equal the number of awards and anticipated parents.)

CUBMASTER: This evening we have several boys who have completed the puzzle of achievements so they may advance in rank. Will _____ Tiger and his parents come forward? Give each a piece of the puzzle along with his Tiger Cub pin. After all awards are presented, have the boys and parents put the jigsaw puzzle together. By working together as partners we can fit all the pieces of the Tiger Cub puzzle together to make a complete picture of the Cub Scouting youth of America.

ADVANCEMENT - THE MEDICINE BAG

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Scouts, Akela (can be Cubmaster).

EQUIPMENT: Leather "medicine bag", corn, stone, feather, shell, badge of rank.

SETTING: Cubmaster or Asst. Cubmaster calls the boy and his parents forward, then Akela is asked to come forth for the ceremony.

AKELA: (boys name) is continuing (or beginning if for Bobcat) his journey through Cub Scouting. Since you will have needs on your journey I give you this medicine bag.

I also give you maize, corn, so you will never know hunger on your many travels.

I give you a stone from the bed of the river as a reminder of Mother Earth. May you always find the lessons under every rock and leaf.

I give you a feather so your spirit may fly free.

Here is a shell to remind you of sounds of the sea and the wind. May your ears be sharp so you may hear the voice of the Great Spirit.

Lastly, I give you the sign of the Bobcat (or whatever ranked earned). Know that one more thing is required of you before you may wear it. You must go forth and do a good deed. Wear this badge with pride as you advance on Cub Scouting's trail together with your friends and parents.

May the Spirit of Cub Scouting and the Light of Akela always be with you.

(This ceremony can be used for any rank. All Items are given to the parents who then give them to their son.)

ADVANCEMENT - DIAL 911

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Artificial campfire, large cardboard tongues of flame with the ranks printed on them.

SETTING: Place tongues of flame behind campfire and pull them out as each rank is announced.

CUBMASTER: Fire is one of man's greatest discoveries. Fire is very beneficial and useful to man, when it is controlled. If fire gets out of control, it can be dangerous and cause great damage. Each rank of Scouting represents a greater control of the Cub Scout flame within, so that he will be a beneficial and useful person and not become a dangerous, damaging one. The first flame of Cub Scouting is the Bobcat (pulls out Bobcat flame). Will the following Bobcats come forward and receive their badges. (and so on for each rank)

ADVANCEMENT - SCHOOL OF ADVANCEMENT

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Diagram made of poster board or a sheet colored blue imitating water gradually getting deeper, four different size fish made of cardboard, awards

SETTING: Cubmaster is in front of room with "water" behind him.

CUBMASTER: The small fish starts out in shallow water (place smallest fish in shallow water) and the first step is to learn how to maneuver in the water, just as our beginning Scout is becoming familiar with Cub Scouting. The first part of becoming a Cub Scout is that of a Bobcat. Would the following boys please come forward. (Award badges)

CUBMASTER: As our small fish becomes stronger and larger (place the next fish further out in the water) he moves further into the water finding new food sources and discovering new areas. Just as our fish is developing so is our Cub Scout. The next step is that of a Wolf. Would the following boys please come forward. (Award badges and/or arrows.)

CUBMASTER: Our fish has grown into a larger fish (place 3rd fish further out in the water) has moved our further into the water becoming more acquainted with the other fish and is learning to maneuver faster in the water. Just like the fish, the Cub Scout is learning and meeting more challenges and is becoming more acquainted with the pack. The next step is that of the Bear. Would the following boys please come forward. (Award badges and/or arrows.)

CUBMASTER: Our fish has finally reached the stage where he can go into the deepest water (place largest fish in the deepest water) and has learned quite a lot about the water and what lies in it. This stage of growth is like that of the Webelos. The Webelos has matured and learned much about the pack and is ready to move on into Boy Scouting. Would the following boys please come forward. (Award Webelos badge and/or activity pins.)

Just as the fish has developed and has gone out into deeper water, we hope our Scouts have learned and developed as we send them on into Boy Scouting and beyond.

ADVANCEMENT - BUGS, SNAKES AND VARMINTS

Make a variety of bugs, snakes and varmints out of cardboard. Attach each of the achievements (belt loops, beads, etc.) to a critter. Tell the audience how these achievements may be small like the insects that they are on, but still mean a lot. Achievements, even small ones are very important in all of our lives. Insects, as well as other small animals play an important roles to us from day to day. Some eat bad insects that harm our plants, some produce good things for us to eat, others pollinate flowers so we may enjoy the beauty. Remember sometimes small can be very big.

ADVANCEMENT - WOLF VALLEY, BEAR RIDGE, WEBELOS PEAK

PROPS: Artificial campfire; Akela costume, tom-tom.

SETTING: Fire is glowing. Akela stands behind the fire and is flanked by Awards Chairman and Assistant Cubmaster who beats tom-tom.

AKELA: Will all Cub Scouts in good standing with this tribe come forward and be seated around the council fire. It is time for us to take council.

(Cubs come forward and are seated our Medicine Man (Awards Chairman) is here, so it is time for the council to begin.

(Tom-tom beats)

Mighty Medicine Man, you have signalled us that some of the braves in this tribe have traveled along the Trail of the Golden Arrow of Light far enough to earn them names of their hunting stations. Who are these braves?

AWARDS CHAIRMAN: (Reads names of boys to receive awards.)

AKELA: Might Warrior, how far along this trail did these braves travel?

AWARDS CHAIRMAN: (Name of boy) has passed ___ achievement tests to Wolf Valley also did a fine job of hunting for he earned a gold arrow. (Name) after crossing Bear Ridge, hunted well to earn a gold arrow and a silver arrow. (Name) and (Name) are working their way up Webelos Peak and have earned activity badges in ___ and ___.

AKELA: This is indeed a fine job of Scouting. Will these braves come forward and stand before the council fire so we can see these good hunters.

AWARDS CHAIRMAN: (To boys) Can you truthfully say you have followed the Cub Scout Promise and have tried to Do Your Best? (Each boy tells of one achievement or elective.)

AKELA: I am satisfied you have Done Your Best. This is indeed a proud moment for our tribe when we can advance our young braves. It symbolizes sound cooperation.

ADVANCEMENT - WALKING THE PLANK

PROPS: Cardboard ship, wide board for plank and a treasure box full of "jewels". (Use plastic beads, gold nuggets and gold eggs made from plastic Easter eggs or from panty hose containers)

CUBMASTER: (wearing pirate costume) Ahoy Mates. Tonight several of our maties have earned the right to walk the plank, but instead of jumping into shark infested water, our maties will be given special booty (show treasure chest). Will the following maties please come forward: (call names, proceed with award for each rank and show booty award.)

ADVANCEMENT - VIKING HUNTERS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, and any other pack committee member

EQUIPMENT: 2 viking hunter costumes

SETTING: The two leaders walk through the pack while talking.

CUBMASTER: I'm going on a (bear or wolf) hunt.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: For a big (bear or wolf)?

CUBMASTER: No, not in size, but big in ideals.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: Can I go along?

CUBMASTER: Yes, but I am looking for a Cub, and you may have to help me with his parents.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: OK, but are they dangerous?

CUBMASTER: No, but they are smart.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: Why is that?

CUBMASTER: Well, you see, they have taught the Cub many things.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: Oh, you mean they are wise.

CUBMASTER: Yes. (Quietly) I think I see him. Yes, that's him. I'll get the Cub, you get his parents.

(They escort the boys and parents forward.)

COMMITTEE MEMBER: Wait a minute. These aren't wild animals!

CUBMASTER: I never said I was going after wild animals. This is (name), and he has completed twelve very exciting achievements.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: Congratulations, (name). I see you have done a fine job.

CUBMASTER: Yes, he has done a fine job indeed, but he had help at home from his family. Before we give out this badge, I would like to say thanks to his family for helping him grow.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: Are these his parents?

CUBMASTER: Yes.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: Fellow parents, would you present your son with his (wolf or bear) badge.

CUBMASTER: You are all indeed like a (wolf or bear). You have shown yourself to be keen of eye and spirit. Go forth and continue to grow.

ADVANCEMENT - GOING FISHING

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: A fishing pole (a dowel, string, and a paper clip hook), cardboard fish (pin the badges earned to fish, with a paper clip bent into a circle and taped at fish's snout), make the fish different colors according to the badge pinned to it.

SETTING: Call forward boys and have them "go fishing" for their badge. Have parents help them if needed.

CUBMASTER: Make a statement about the boy's achievements as he catches his fish.

ADVANCEMENT - A GOOD ADDITION TO OUR CREW

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, a Wolf, a Bear, and a Webelos all dressed in Viking costumes.

SETTING: All are standing at the front of the room (on their ship). The Cubmaster holds a spyglass. A plank on the floor leads to their ship.

CUBMASTER: Aye, matey's some of the crew has put a shore do to ill feelings in their guts. For us to continue our trip on the Scouting Ocean, we will need new recruits to man the ship. See if you can spot any likely candidates in that sea of men to help on our crew. (Hands the spyglass to Webelos.)

WEBELOS: (Scans room with spyglass.) Aye cap'n, I see a fine young lad who would be a good addition to our crew.

(Webelos Scout hand spyglass to Bear who now does the scanning. Once he finds someone, he will hand the spyglass to the Wolf, etc.)

CUBMASTER: Go then, bring him and his parents across the plank before me.

(Webelos brings candidate and his parents back across the plank to the Cubmaster.)

Cubmaster congratulates the new recruit and hands his parents the rank badge and certificate.

CUBMASTER: Please pin this badge on your sons left pocket upside down. Once he has done a good deed, you may turn it right side up. Welcome to our Viking Pack!

The Cubmaster can pass out the ranks one at a time or wait until all the boys that earning a rank badge have been found and brought on the ship by his Viking Shipmates.

ADVANCEMENT - PACK GRADUATION

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos leader, graduating candidates and parents

EQUIPMENT: Graduation certificate for each candidate, table

SETTING: Cubmaster is in front facing audience, table holding certificates

CUBMASTER: Will the Webelos leader for den come forward. (WL comes forward) Will you please call forward the graduating Webelos and their parents.

WEBELOS LEADER: Call by names the graduating Webelos and their parents.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we honor these graduating Webelos Scouts. You have been an active member of our pack. We regret losing you but are proud of your accomplishments. As a Cub Scout you have learned to share, to assume responsibility and to discipline yourselves. Scouting has helped you to understand the importance of being a member of a team, yet grow individually. It is my privilege at this time to present you with your graduation certificate. (CM hands a the WL certificate which is presented to each candidate and shakes his hand.)

ADVANCEMENT - BRIDGING WEBELOS TO SCOUTS #1

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos leader, Den Chief, Scoutmaster, Boy Scout candidates and their parents.

EQUIPMENT: American flag, pack flag, troop flag, a bridge, troop neckerchief for each candidate

SETTING: The bridge is place in center of room, pack flag is to the left of the bridge, the American flag and troop flag to the right. Candidates and parents to the far left, to be escorted to front.

CUBMASTER: The main goal of Cub Scouting is to prepare boys to become Boy Scouts. Tonight it is my privilege to present to you our Cub Scouts that have decided to continue their Scouting trail.(Calls forward each candidate by name and their parents.)

CUBMASTER:This ceremony of crossing the bridge marks your completion in Cub Scouting, just as it marks the beginning of a whole new experience in Boy Scouting. Congratulations and good luck!

(As each candidate approaches the bridge, the Webelos Leader and Den Chief remove the Webelos neckerchief and hands it to the Scout's parents, Cubmaster gives each the Cub Scout handshake. Candidates and his parents cross over bridge together. Scoutmaster gives candidate the Scout handshake and welcomes him and his parents to the troop.)

SCOUTMASTER: We are happy to welcome you to our troop. (Give a short statement on what is expected of a Scout.)

SCOUTMASTER: Please repeat after me the Scout Oath. As a token of this important occasion, I would like to present you with the troop neckerchief. (After each have received their neckerchief the Scoutmaster and new Scouts exchange the Boy Scout salute.)

ADVANCEMENT - CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

CUBMASTER: (Dressed as Christopher Columbus). Like Christopher Columbus and other early explorers our Scouts are also exploring their world. They are learning to respect and serve their country. These explorers will also set out to find new worlds. Will the following explorers please come forward.

ADVANCEMENT - BUGS AND THINGS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Advancement chairman Den Chiefs

EQUIPMENT: Pictures of: caterpillar (Wolf), cocoon (Bear), butterfly (Webelos)

SETTING: Cubmaster, advancement chairman, and den chiefs with appropriate picture are in front of room. The awards can be put inside a cocoon, which can be a bottle, balloon, or toilet tissue tube.

CUBMASTER: In the spring of the year many things are unfolding. One of these great events is the caterpillar that wants to grow up and be something beautiful. He seals himself up in a cocoon and awaits the changing into the beautiful butterfly. Tonight we want to remember that like the caterpillar, our Cubs are also changing and growing. And so they too, represent the coming of spring.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN: Will these boys please come forward and stand behind the Den Chief holding the proper picture. Will these Cubs stand behind the caterpillar. (Calls the Cubs receiving their Wolf. Continue until all boys have been called and standing behind proper picture.)

CUBMASTER: These Cubs have shown that by working on their projects they have grown in their own skills and stature. We would like to present the awards representing their part in their own life's drama.

ADVANCEMENT - THE CHALLENGE OF BEARS TO WEBELOS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos leader, candidates and their parents

EQUIPMENT: Webelos neckerchief for each candidate, table

SETTING: Cubmaster is in front of room with table holding the neckerchiefs (folded)

CUBMASTER: Our Webelos dens have one big purpose. That is to prepare our Webelos Scouts for Boy Scouting. As Webelos Scouts, our boys work on exciting activity badges and learn things that may lead to lifelong hobbies or vocations. At the same time they study the Boy Scout requirements so that they will be prepared to become active Boy Scouts by the time they graduate from the fifth grade.

As Webelos Scouts, they will learn more about the outdoors, the world around them, good citizenship, health, and family responsibility. They will learn to work together as a team to achieve their goals. And, since Webelos Scouting is the beginning of boy Scouting, they will no longer depend upon their parents to sign for their achievements, but must now accomplish their advancement through their Webelos leader.

We would like to ask the following candidates to come forward with their parents.

Are you prepared to meet the challenge of Webelos Scouting, to do your best, and to live by the Law of the Pack?

Then we are proud to welcome you as our pack's Webelos Scouts. (Neckerchiefs are handed to parents which will put around their sons neck.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE USS WOLF

CREW: Captain, Cubmaster, Tiger First Mate, Tiger leaders, Wolf First Mate, Wolf Den Leaders, Bear First Mate, Bear Den Leaders, Webelos First Mate, Webelos Den Leaders. (Tiger Cub Den, parents, and Den Leader are gathered on the right side of the stage)

CAPTAIN: (blows "Whistle") Tiger Cub First Mate, is your crew assembled?

TIGER FIRST MATE: Aye, aye, Captain.

CAPTAIN: Is your crew ready to accept the challenges of the Cub Scout Motto and Do Your Best?

TIGER FIRST MATE: Aye, aye, Captain.

CAPTAIN: Tiger Cub First Mate, please come on board the USS WOLF and prepare to receive your crew. (Den leader crosses to left side of stage. Captain presents each Tiger with awards they have earned. Cub and his parents then cross the plank to the left side of the stage where they join their new Wolf Den Leader.)

Continue in like fashion for Wolf Dens (who accept the challenges of the Cub Scout Promise as they board the USS BEAR) and the Bear Dens (who begin to learn about the challenges of the Boy Scout Motto as they board the USS WEBELOS.) and first year webelos (who will continue to explore activity, badges and become proficient in the Boy Scout Promise and Law.)

ADVANCEMENT - KNIGHTING OF THE KNIGHTS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, advancement chairman

EQUIPMENT: Knight costumes, scroll, sword, awards

SETTING: Cubmaster and advancement chairman dressed in appropriate costume.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN: I have a proclamation! Be it known that as of this time on this day in this year that the following Cub Scouts may be formally presented with special recognition.

(Call forward all boys to be presented badges.)

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN: The Knights of the Roundtable had a code they lived by, listen carefully.

Be always ready with your armor on, except when you are taking your rest at night. Defend the poor and help them that cannot defend themselves. At whatever you are working, to try to win honor and a name for honesty. Chivalry requireth that youth should be trained to perform the most laborious and humble offices with cheerfulness and grace, and do good unto others.

CUBMASTER: All of you have followed the code and are deserving of advancement. (Taps each boy on the shoulder with sword as each boy receives his badge.)

ADVANCEMENT - COME ABOARD THE USS CUB SCOUT

EQUIPMENT: Ship's Bell. Speaking Parts: Cubmaster, Officer of the Deck, QM, Petty Officer of the Watch, Non-speaking Parts: Messenger of the Watch.

OOD: Tonight we have some boys who are ready to come aboard the USS CUB SCOUT. I am the Officer of the Deck. Assisting me is the Petty Officer of the Watch and the Messenger of the Watch. To come aboard the USS CUB SCOUT a boy must be ready to receive his next rank, so let's get underway.

Messenger of the Watch: We have a new Tiger Cub to come aboard our ship. Please depart the ship and find him and his parents and return them to me.

(Messenger leaves ship, saluting OOD and the flag. Finds boy and parents and returns to ship.)

POW: (rings bell twice.) Tiger Cub arriving. (Rings bell one more time as boy's foot touches ship's deck. Presents awards to boy and boy returns to his seat with parents.)

Repeat for each rank except ring bell four times (in two groups of two) for Wolf, six times (in three groups of two) for Bear, eight times (in four groups of two) for Webelos.

OOD: (after all ranks are awarded) We now have a full complement for our ship and we are ready to set sail on the seas of high adventure.

ADVANCEMENT - FISH UP THE AWARDS FOR TONIGHT

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER - The Cubmaster told me to fish up the awards for tonight. I hope he knows what he's talking about. (Assistant Cubmaster pulls out fishing rod and pretends to fish in pond.) I hope they're biting because the advancement ceremony is about to begin.

CUBMASTER - Hey you there, land lubber, what are you doing?

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER - I'm fishing for the awards.

CUBMASTER - Any bites?

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER - No, I wonder why?

CUBMASTER - You're using the wrong bait. Try this.

(Cubmaster gives Assistant Cubmaster set of false teeth.) Now they'll bite,

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER - Say, you're right. Look what I caught! (Assistant Cubmaster pulls up old shoe with advancements inside.)

CUBMASTER - Well shiver me timbers. There are badges and pins inside. Should we throw them back in. (CUBMASTER looks at boys in audience and waits for them to call out, "No") They look too small to keep. (Again CUBMASTER looks to boys for response.) I guess we'd better give these out before we're thrown overboard.

Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster present awards to boys.

ADVANCEMENT - THE TROPHY SKIN

EQUIPMENT: Trophy skin. badges and arrow points. Pin badges and arrow points on trophy stands in ascending order. Wolf badges and arrow points on bottom. Arrow of Light awards on top.

CUBMASTER: This month our Cub Scouts have been working hard to advance in rank. Tonight, we will honor those who have achieved a new rank or earned arrow points. We're proud of them and their parents, too. Because, you know, a Cub Scout can't advance without the help of his parents. Our Webelos Scouts don't pass their badges to their parents, but they need their encouragement. So we're going to ask them to take part in our ceremony too. (Cubmaster then calls forward boys who have earned Wolf rank, with their parents) Each boy takes his Wolf badge from the trophy skin and parent pins it on his uniform while Cubmaster briefly explains how it was earned by completing 12 achievements. Follow the same procedure for the Bear and arrow points.) Webelos Den Leader then use the same ceremony for Activity badges. Webelos badge, and the Arrow of Light.

CUBMASTER: Advancement is just a part of the fun of Cub Scouting. But it's an important part, because through advancement our boys learn new skills that will help them when they join a Scout troop and throughout their whole lives. Let's give a grand howl for our den mates who advanced tonight.

TROPHY SKIN: Cut piece of leather, cardboard or suede cloth in the shape of bear skin. Use sticks for the frame.

ADVANCEMENT - RED LETTER DATES IN OUR WORLD OF COMMUNICATIONS

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have heard of many red letter dates in our world of communications: the inventions of the phonograph, telegraph, telephone, radio and television have done much to advance our communications throughout the years. The technology of computers and satellites and done much to mark these red letter dates in the communication field.

Just as the communication skills of the world has advanced over the years, we have boys within our own Pack who have developed their own skills in communications who are sharing their own red letter dates with us this evening. Will Tiger Cub please come forward with his parents. (Cubmaster lights a red candle to represent his red letter date.)

As a boy learns to communicate the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack along with a few other essential skills in Cub Scouting, he is recognized with his Bobcat Award. Will Cub Scout please come forward with his parents to receive his award. (Light red candle.)

In the Wolf program, a boy must learn to take his essential skills in communication and expand upon them to advance his knowledge of communications and Cub Scouting. Tonight Cub Scout_____ has demonstrated such knowledge and is receiving his wolf badge. Will Cub Scout_____ please come forward with his parents. (Light red candle)

ADVANCEMENT - LEARNING ABOUT NEW SPORTS

CUBMASTER: This month, the boys of Pack _____ have been learning about new sports. They learned about sportsmanship, how to play games together as a team or individually. Also, during this month, they learned about other things through their advancement.

_____ is/are new Bobcats. He/They have struggled with the rules of Cub Scouting, just like they were learning a new sport. Will he/they and his/their parents come forward to accept the trophy for this accomplishment, the Bobcat Badge.

_____ is/are new Wolves. He/They have learned the rules before, now they are perfecting the skills of the game. Will he/they and his/their parents come forward to accept the blue ribbon prize for this accomplishment, the Wolf Badge.

_____ is/are new Bears. He/They have learned the rules and skills before, now they are experiencing the fun of the game. Will he/they and his/their parents come forward to accept the gold medal prize for this accomplishment, the Wolf Badge.

_____ is/are new Webelos. He/They have learned the rules, skills and played the game before, now they are preparing for the bigger game, that of Boy Scouting. Will he/they and his/their Webelos Den Leaders come forward to accept the Players Cup for this accomplishment, the Webelos Badge.

ADVANCEMENT - YULE LOG

PROPS: One log 12" long, one red candle, and boy's awards. Cubmaster narrates.

Tonight we will call up those boys who are ready to advance in rank. (Call names at this time.)

In England during the pagan times a Yule log was burned through the dark days of December to bring good luck. The ashes were scattered around the fruit trees for good harvest. In Germany the Yule log has been lighted at Christmas to scare away Father Frost. In France, starting on Christmas Eve, it is an ancient custom to keep the Yule log burning all through the twelve days of Christmas until the Twelfth Night. The fire is smothered each night so the log will last all twelve days. The farmers sprinkle the ashes around the fruit trees for good harvest.

All these customs were symbols of ways of keeping good luck throughout the year.

Tonight we will light our Yule log as a sign of our joy for all our young men who worked hard to bring out the Yule time spirit in each and everyone of themselves by doing their best to achieve the next rank. And with the spirit of our Yule log please join me in wishing each of these boys best wishes and good luck.

(Present awards.)

ADVANCEMENT - ORANGE BEADS

As a new Tiger Cub he's beginning to roll,
As he earns his first bead of orange.
It's easy to see
(Boy' s name) working hard, a Tiger to be.
Let us show him how to really sail,
By giving him a great big yell.

Today (Boy's name) has really jumped in the lead,
As he earns another orange bead,
We'll give him the watermelon yell,
Then the skunk so his head won't swell.

A true story today can be told
As (Boy's name) has earned another bead of orange,
He will be a Tiger with one more bead,
He could have that when den meets next week,
Let's give him a great big yell.

Today we put the fourth bead on his chest,
Proving he truly did his best
Next Pack meeting our yell will raise the roof,
To show how proud we are he is a Tiger.

ADVANCEMENT - AS LONG AS THERE IS A SPIRIT OF CUB SCOUTING

CUBMASTER: As long as there is a spirit of Cub Scouting, there will be boys who want to advance and move ahead through the ranks. In that way, these boys gain the spirit, honor, and character that helps them become good citizens of the United States of America. Will the following boys who are advancing tonight please come forward.

This is for achievements and works to grow and learn the way of Scouting. (Name) has succeeded in using his Cub Scout spirit in focusing his energy to advance in the rank.

ADVANCEMENT - BUCKSKIN PIONEERS HAVE A LOT IN COMMON

SETTING: Have awards pinned to a chamois skin that has been either mounted on a frame or is draped over a table.

CUBMASTER: Our Cub Scouts and the buckskin pioneers have a lot in common. They had to learn new skills in order to move on to the next step of their adventure.

The pioneers who ventured in to the wilderness had a lot to learn about his new surroundings, before he could settle down. The Bobcat is like those pioneers, he too, is in new surroundings, the Den and the Pack. He has learned the Law of the Pack and the Cub Scout Promise and is now ready to take the next step. (Call up the boys receiving the Bobcat rank and their parents.)

After learning about his surroundings, the pioneer was ready to settle down and get to work. A Wolf Scout is like those pioneers; he learned the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack to earn his Bobcat, and then he settled down to complete his achievement's and earn his new rank. (Call up boys receiving Wolf and their parents, also call up boys receiving gold or silver arrow points for the Wolf rank.)

Well, after the land was cleared and the house plans were drawn up, it was time to start construction of the dwelling. Our Bears are like those pioneers, they had the basic skills they learned as Wolf, and now they had an opportunity to sharpen them by working on the Bear rank. (Call forward boys receiving Bear and their parents, and any boys receiving gold or silver arrow points for the Bear rank.)

The land is cleared, the dwelling is built, but our pioneer isn't finished with his work yet! There are more areas of his little world to explore, ways to find out how to improve his life. Webelos and those pioneers have much in common. Our Webelos are exploring many more areas now, and working with more than just Akela to learn. (Call up boys receiving Webelos Badge and their parents, and boys earning activity pins.)

Not every pioneer was happy to stay settled, and some of them moved on to seek new challenges. Boys in Cub Scouts have that same opportunity, it is called Boy Scouts. Tonight we will help some of our Webelos on their way these new challenges, by setting them out on this new trail with a guide. (Call boys who will receive Arrow of Light and their parents up, present Arrow of Light, and then introduce Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader of troop that the boy is going into, as his new guides.)

ADVANCEMENT - BOBCAT BOYS

CUBMASTER: The Bobcat is a small wildcat. About 35 inches long or shorter. The Bobcat is hard to find, especially during the hours of 3 to 5 p.m. when it's time to take out the trash, cut the grass or take a bath. It hides behind trees, under beds or behind an imaginary tank or truck waiting for the enemy to pass. It feeds on hamburgers, hotdogs, tacos, cakes, candy and hunts for food wherever he can find it!

Bobcats can be found in trees, mud puddles, under leaves, in an old rain barrel on the roof or wherever girls aren't. They can be found as far as the school playground or as close as the neighbor's yard, pulling on the cat's tail. The Bobcat's ability to run, jump and hide is a legend. T.V., movies, Walt Disney or John Wayne have been known to lure this wild creature in close for the catch. Many a mighty and crafty hunter has been foiled in their efforts to tame this strange creature.

But here, if you are ready, but stand back, because he is unpredictable, I present to you a Bobcat, tamed, washed, hair combed and about as loveable as he can be, probably with a frog in his pocket.

Boys and their parents are called forward and presented their award.

ADVANCEMENT - BEAR BOYS

CUBMASTER: The Bear is a large fur bearing animal found mainly in northern countries. Most bears will not harm a person unless wounded or cornered. A Bear will eat almost anything! Hamburgers, tacos, hotdogs, a day old half eaten apple and bubble gum are his favorites. Most Bears look and act very clumsy. But their ability to run or climb trees, especially when asked to help mom and dad or when a girl is near, disproves this. I've seen some Bear Cubs who could out run a bike, up hill, while drinking a soft drink.

He lives at home, but can be found almost anywhere, up a tree, in a cave, under a log or running away from the lawnmower. He likes to sleep late, Monday thru Friday, but likes to get up before dawn on Saturday and Sunday. The young Bears are call Cubs. They are very playful and full of mischief. But if one is trapped young enough, they can be trained to do many tricks. Combing their hair, brushing their teeth or even with luck, to leave TV long enough to have dinner.

The only Bears found here, in (your city) are called Bear Cub Scouts. Our Bear Cub Scouts have been taught many tricks and are well trained. They can tell us about wildlife, plant a tree, work with wood, write a story and most of all, make us proud!

So, with pride, that I share with his parents, I present who have completed the 12 achievements and have earned the rank of Bear Cub Scout. (Boys and parents come forward and receive their award)

ADVANCEMENT - BRIDGING WEBELOS TO SCOUTS #2

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos leader, Den Chief, Scoutmaster, Boy Scout candidates and their parents.

EQUIPMENT: American flag, pack flag, troop flag, a bridge, troop neckerchief for each candidate

SETTING: The bridge is place in center of room, pack flag is to the left of the bridge, the American flag and troop flag to the right. Cubmaster and Webelos Den Leaders (of boys crossing over) at left of bridge. Candidates and parents to the far left, to be escorted to front. Scoutmaster and Boy Scouts to the right of the bridge.

Narrator / Den Leader: "We'll cross that bridge when we come to it." How many of us have used that phrase wen we are faced with something we have not prepared for. On their journey as Webelos Scouts these boys have crossed many "bridges." With the help of their den leaders and parents they are prepared to cross this bridge tonight. They have gone camping, and hiking; they have learned how to cook a meal in tin foil on a campfire; they have learned the importance o physical fitness and they have earned activity pins in a variety of areas. They have spent many hours preparing fort this bridge. And now as they begin their journey as Boy Scouts. They will be faced with new "bridges."

"Scoutmaster, will you and your troop help these new Scouts to prepare for the bridges they will be crossing on their journey through the ranks of being a Boy Scout?"

Scoutmaster and Boy Scouts reply "We will help them."

"Would the following Webelos Scouts please come forward and stand to the right end of the bridge; (Scouts are called by name.)

Would the Cubmaster and Den Leaders help these boys cross this bridge."

The Webelos scarf and epaulets are removed and handed to the parents. Shake the Scouts hand and send them across the bridge, accompanied by their parents.

Scoutmaster will welcome the boys with the Boy Scout handshake and give them their new epaulets and ties/scarves.

The new Boy Scouts will form a line and give the Boy Scout salute to the Scoutmaster.

The Cubmaster and/or Boy Scouts will lead the new Scouts in the Boy Scout Oath.

Scoutmaster: "Congratulations new Boy Scouts and welcome to your journey as a Boy Scout."

ADVANCEMENT - CIRCUS OF THE STARS

PROPS: Decorate the room with painted cardboard animals, clowns, etc. Large rope may be used to outline the "Center Ring". Cubmaster can be dressed as the Ringmaster, with top hat and tails or as a clown. Awards can be pulled from hat.

CUBMASTER: Come one, come all, to Pack ___ circus of the stars!
Look around you and you will see all kinds of animals - Bobcats, Wolves and Bears. They are a special breed; a very talented group. Many have already achieved some special awards. Tonight our special stars have excelled in feats of magic, sports, nature crafts and so many others that it seemed their energy would never be leashed or ended. The Spirit of Scouting will survive because of them. They are courageous, cunning, loyal and are trustworthy stars that will shine and light up our skies. As I call your name, bring your parents and come to the Center ring.

STAGING: Cubmaster and one or more Pack Leaders dressed as clowns. (Do a short clown skit to lead off the ceremony).

CLOWN #1: Being a clown is lots of fun. You make people laugh with you and at you. It does not take a lot of skill, only a good sense of humor.

CLOWN #2: It is an easy way to be the center of attention. We tell jokes, chase each other around and fall flat on our faces - everyone loves a clown.

CLOWN #1: Scouting in many ways is like being a clown. Cub Scouts have lots of fun. We tell jokes, laugh a lot and have many enjoyable experiences. However, Cub Scouting is not only fun, it is learning skills and crafts and even some citizenship and good manners.

CLOWN #2: Sometimes the Cub Scouts learn something without even knowing it. Other times it takes hard work for accomplishments. Tonight we have some Cub Scouts that have had lots of fun earning these awards.

CLOWN #1: Now let me see, where are those names? (Do a clown skit in conjunction with finding names.) 1. Can have names in balloons with rank name or badge on them - pop them for names. 2. Names in a can of spring snakes - rank name or badge on cans. 3. In boxes with rank, names or badges on box - mousetraps in boxes.

CLOWN #2: (When names are found) Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents come forward to the center ring. (reads their names).

CLOWN #1: Parents, I have the privilege of giving you these badges to present to your sons. (You may have separate presentation for each badge or rank.)

ADVANCEMENT - DO YOUR BEST IN AN EMERGENCY

NARATOR: In Cub Scouting the boys learn how to take care of themselves and how to put on a band aid. They also learn what to do in case of a vehicle accident, family illness, or how to stop, drop, and roll if they are on fire.

This month we have been learning about the people that help us in an emergency. Like the Cub Scouts, they do their best. This is the Cub Scout Motto, "DO YOUR BEST." This is one of the things the Cub Scouts are always trying to do. We cannot ask more of someone. Would _____ please come forward with his parents. This Cub Scout has worked hard to "Do His Best" in earning this badge. We would like to present it to him at this time.

(Give award to parent to pin on boy; congratulate both.)

We would also like to honor him for this achievement by doing a Grand Howl (Do Grand Howl).

ADVANCEMENT - CAMPFIRE YARNS

PROPS: Campfire, (either real or a false fire), backpacks and other camping gear. Awards can be put in a pot on the fire with dry ice for a special effect. Cubmaster should be dressed for camping. He could ask the boys who are to receive awards to come up and sit around the campfire. Blue and gold feathers (check ceremony). Wolf & Bear Neckerchief.

CUBMASTER: Welcome boys and parents. I am glad to see you all here tonight. We are here to reward our campers for achieving their goals. They have been working on trails - Bobcat, Wolf, and Bear. They have studied wildlife, camping skills, our nation's history and conservation. These skills will help them while camping. As parents, we too can remember sitting around a campfire, enjoying the warmth of it and also enjoying the surrounding woods with friends and family. We remember vividly the tales of monsters, creatures and things that go bump in the night. Now we look to the sky - it represents our Cub Scout colors. The blue of the sky is like our boys uniforms. Our boys are loyal, dependable and reliable. (Take a blue feather and put it in the pot.) Now, look at the sun (moon and stars). This gold shines on them to guide the Cubs toward their next trail. (Take a gold feather and put it in the pot, then carefully pull out a yellow and blue Cub Scout scarf.) See how it blends and forms our Cub Scout Colors. See how well they go together. Now let us meet our newest travelers on the Scouting trail. (Hand out awards).

ADVANCEMENT - CUB SCOUT BIRD WATCHERS

PROPS: Cardboard bird houses in background. Cardboard trees, nests, birds, etc.

CUBMASTER: Tonight our boys have shared their knowledge about Cub Scout Bird Watchers. Some of these boys have earned awards to be presented. Behind me (pointing to the pine cones) is a mural of this month's theme. Our Bobcats remind me of this feed station. They are stable, and still need to be fed more Scouting. Will the following boys and their parents please step forward. (Present Bobcat Awards.)

Now I will point to the Bird Bath. This reminds me of the wolf. They are still thirsty for fun and growth in Cub Scouting. Will the following boys and their parents please step forward. (Present Wolf Awards).

Now I point to the Bird House. Note how strong and well structured it is. The Bear Cub Scouts come to mind at this time. For their Scouting ideals are well structured and they too are now very strong. Will the following boys and their parents please step forward. (Present Bear Awards.)

The trees here hold many different types of birds. They remind me of the many Arrow Points these boys have earned under the Wolf and Bear Badge. Would the following boys step forward. (Present Arrow Points).

Now in these trees are the nests neatly constructed to tend the young. At a point in their lives, they have grown and can leave their nests, for more adventure. The Webelos come to mind for now it's time for these boys to venture into Webelos and begin the adventure toward Boy Scouts. Our new Webelos are: (call boys and parents forward) Replace their neckerchiefs without breaking the chain by first placing the Webelos neckerchief over the Bear neckerchief, remove the Bear neckerchief, etc.

The wings of a bird are strong and carry them to many high adventures. This reminds me of the Activity Badges the Webelos have earned. Will the Leader(s) of Den ___ please come forward and present the Webelos Scouts with their awards.

We the Pack members would like to congratulate all the Scouts and Leaders, for a job well done. May you continue to find many high adventures in your Scouting trails.

ADVANCEMENT - JUST LIKE THE CATERPILLAR

EQUIPMENT: You will need a circle, about 15 inches across for each boy who is receiving either the Wolf or Bear rank, a circle decorated like a caterpillars head for the boys who are receiving Bobcat to stand behind, a roll of batting for the boys receiving Webelos to hold, and a large poster or cut-out of a butterfly for the boys who are receiving Arrow of Light to hold.

CUBMASTER: This month the dens have been learning about nature. Things in nature change and grow, but the differences aren't always noticeable. But, there is one insect that we can watch change right before our very eyes! The caterpillar is a simple animal, starting with a head and big eyes to take in all of the world around him. Our Bobcats have big eyes too, as they take in all of the new adventures waiting for them! (Call up Bobcats and parents, present rank, have parents sit back down and give the Bobcats the caterpillar head to hold.)

CUBMASTER: The caterpillar is made up of segments, which all work together to get him where he wants to go. Our Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts have learned to work together as a den, with their leader and with their families to reach their goal. (Call up Wolves and parents, resent rank, have parents sit down, give each boy a circle (body segment) to hold up and have them line up next to "Head". Repeat the same for the Bears.)

CUBMASTER: As the caterpillar matures, some changes begin to take place. The caterpillar spins a cocoon and closes itself within. Our Webelos don't spin cocoons, but the have learned to work more independently of their families and closer with their leader and Activity Pin counselors. (Call up boys receiving Webelos and their parents, present rank, have parents sit down; have the Webelos stand alongside the Wolves and Bears and hold the batting. If you have a small number of Webelos, they could even wrap themselves up in the batting.)

CUBMASTER: The end result of the caterpillars life, is the new life form that it takes on, a butterfly. The boys who are receiving the Arrow of Light tonight are ending the Cub Scout portion of their Scouting adventure, and are now ready to move on to Boy Scouts. (Call up boys receiving Arrow of Light and their parents, present them their rank, have parents sit down, and have boys hold up butterfly cut-out.)

CUBMASTER: Just like the caterpillar grew and changed, so did the Cub Scouts in our Pack, it just took a little bit longer and maybe wasn't quite as noticeable, but Mother Nature came through once again with another miracle!

ADVANCEMENT - THEY DESERVE A KERNEL OF CORN ALSO

SETTING: A table with Thanksgiving items: a bag of corn kernels.

CUBMASTER: Ladies and Gentlemen. Tonight, we are remembering. The founding fathers of our country and the native American Indians. The Pilgrims came to this country for religious freedom and when they got here they found new friends, the American Indian. The sharing that was done between these two different peoples was something to behold. We all have shared things in much the same way.

Would these boys please come forward with their parents. (Call Wolves forward)

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN: You boys have shared with each other the gift of working together in your dens and homes. For this we give you your awards and also a kernel of corn as the Indians gave to the Pilgrims. I will now present your awards to your parents so that they may pin them to you.

CUBMASTER: Would these boys escort their parents to the front of the room? (Call Bears forward)

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN: You boys have worked hard and work was one of the things most respected by the Pilgrims and Indians alike. The Pilgrims even made rules that if a person did not work, he would not eat. For your work we give you your awards along with a kernel of corn as the Indians gave corn to the Pilgrims. (Present awards to parents for them to present to their sons.)

CUBMASTER: Would the following boys come forward and bring your parents? (call Webelos forward).

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN: You have learned many new skills that the Pilgrims had to learn to survive in this new hostile environment. They helped build this great country we live in today. For these skills, we give you your awards and a kernel of corn to remember this special time of year. (Present awards to parents for them to present to their- sons.)

CUBMASTER: May I now have all the Leaders, Den Chiefs and Den Aides, come forward at this time. As you work with the boys, you deserve a kernel of corn also. If it weren't for your devotion, the Scouting program would not grow and flourish.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN: Last, but certainly not least, would the members of the Committee please come forward? Without these people the pack would not grow either. With their devotion to the pack, they see that we have the program and activities that we enjoy and all participate in. They deserve a kernel of corn also.

ADVANCEMENT - THE LOST DUTCHMAN MINE

PROPS: Large appliance box made up to look like an entrance to the Lost Dutchman Mine. Paint a sign over the entrance. Inside are the Badges, wrapped in gold foil gift wrap and tagged with their name. Cubmaster wears old prospector's hat or prospector's costume to add to the atmosphere.

Since our last pack meeting, several Cub Scouts have been working hard. They have been following the Bobcat Trail. They have hit Paydirt! Will the following Cubs and their parents please come forward? (Name boys). You have finally hit Paydirt. Will you go into the Lost Dutchman's Mine and bring out your gold nugget? (One at a time the Cubs go into the mine.) Now, give the nugget to your parents. They will present the Badge to you. Your pin goes on your left pocket flap. It may be turned right side up when you do a good turn. Now demonstrate to the Pack that you are worthy of receiving this badge by leading the Pack in the Promise. (They do.) Congratulations, Bobcats.

Tonight we have some members of our Pack which have completed all twelve achievements to earn their Wolf Badge. Will the following boys and their parents please come up. (Name boys). You boys have completed the Wolf Badge requirements and are ready to go into the Lost Dutchman's Mine to get your Paydirt. Please do so.

I am pleased to present this award to your parents because they are always by your side helping when you get discouraged. Congratulations.

If you have boys graduating into the Webelos Den, the Webelos Leader can send the Cub into the Lost Dutchman's Mine where the Den Chief can change him into a Webelos by removing his Bear neckerchief and replacing it with the Webelos neckerchief.

The same can be done if there is a boy graduating into the Scout Troop. The Webelos Leader can lead him in and remove his Webelos neckerchief and the Scoutmaster can lead him out with his Troop neckerchief on.

ADVANCEMENT - LIKE SNOWFLAKES

CUBMASTER: When you think of Happy Holidays you sometimes think of snow. The first thing about snow is the snowflake. We have ____ boys who have earned their Bobcat Badge. Like snowflakes, each one is different. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward?(read names)

The snowflake is the beginning. It has a simple form. The Bobcat Badge is the beginning. You had to learn the Promise, Law of the Pack, and many other things to earn this badge. Would you demonstrate you are ready to be presented this badge by leading the Pack in the Promise? (They do.)

I am pleased to present this Bobcat Badge to your parents. They will present it to you. It will be pinned on you upside down until you do a good turn. Congratulations!

Now we have snowflakes. There is snow on the ground. We need the following boys to come up with their parents: (read names). The next thing we do with a snowflake is to make a snowman. You roll the snow up and make a large ball. This ball will be the body of our snowman. The Wolf Cub has worked on 12 achievements to earn this Badge. It is not easy to make a snowman by yourself. Same as the Wolf Badge - you had some help. I am pleased to present your parents with this Wolf Badge. They will present it to you. Congratulations, Wolf Cubs.

We have snowflakes. We have snow on the ground. We have a snowman body. The Bear Cubs have also worked on 12 achievements to earn the Bear Badge. Will the following boys please come up; (read names). Your 12 achievements were a little harder to finish - just like putting the next ball of snow on top of the other. It also requires help to accomplish. Your parents helped and I am pleased to present them with the Bear Badge. Please present it to your sons. Congratulations!

We have snowflakes. We have snow on the ground. We have a snowman body of two balls of snow. The Webelos is the next step in the life of a Cub Scout. It is the preparation for boy Scouts. It is the head of our snowman. The following boys are ready to graduate into the Webelos Den. (The Webelos Leader takes over this part of the ceremony by inducting the Bear Cubs into the Webelos Den).

We have snowflakes. We have snow on the ground. We have a snowman body of two balls of snow. We have a snowman head. What's left? The Webelos Badge is the face of the snowman. It is a happy face. The following boys have earned their Webelos Badge and have very happy faces. (Again, the Webelos Leader does this part of the ceremony.)

We have snowflakes. We have snow on the ground. We have a snowman body of two balls of snow. We have a snowman head. We have a snowman's happy face. What's left? The topper! The Hat! In Cub Scouts the topper is the Arrow Of Light - the highest award that a Cub can earn. The following boys have earned the Arrow Of Light. (Webelos Leader conducts this ceremony).

We have snowflakes. We have snow on the ground. We have a snowman body of two balls of snow. We have a snowman head. We have a snowman's happy face. We have the top hat. There's just one thing left. The sun comes out and the snowman moves on. We have some Webelos Scouts who are ready to move on to Boy Scouts! Would the following boys please come forward? (The Webelos Leader and the Scoutmaster conduct this ceremony).

We know all you snowflakes will follow the snowman. That is what Cub Scouting is all about. Learning and Growing.

ADVANCEMENT: THE MAGIC COLORS

PROPS: A clear container with a little dry ice in it, and top hat. A glass of blue water and a glass of yellow water.

CUBMASTER: Tonight I would like to show you the colors of the Cub Scouts First there is blue, which stands for loyalty, truth, and Honesty. Then there is gold which stands for cheerfulness, Happiness, and Fun. If we combine these two colors (pour the colors at the same time into the clear container and see what happens) we get green which stands for the earth and for the Boy Scout Program.

Tonight we have some boys who will receive awards. There is really nothing magical about their advancement. It requires a Cub to team up with his parents to achieve. (pulls awards from magician's hat.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE GREEK MARATHON RACE

SETTING: Have advancements and awards pinned or stapled onto ribbons that can be hung around the Cub Scouts necks as they are called forward.

CUBMASTER: There are some tonight who are winning something far more important to us than gold, silver, or bronze medals. They are receiving their rank advancements and showing progress along the Scouting trail. Like the marathon race made famous by the Greeks, the Scouting trail is long, but I am sure that it will be a happy one. To those of you that are advancing along the trail, remember the Greeks ran their race for God and Country; so you, too, should live up to the ideal that loyalty to God and Country will strengthen America. The youths of Greece trained for the olympic games to help prepare themselves to better face their adult responsibilities. So you boys today, by following the Scouting trail through Boy Scouts and Exploring will receive training that will help you to meet the challenges of manhood with confidence and ability.

ADVANCEMENT- MERLIN

PERSONAL: Merlin, Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Merlin (wizard) costume, table, mixing bowl, cereal bowl, dry ice, stirring rod (Merlin's staff), quart of water, towel, caps, baby powder, Cub Scout magic stuff.

CUBMASTER: Down through the ages many stories have been written about the great scholars and during the middle ages the scholars were the magicians. Probably the most famous of these magicians was named Merlin. If we can be absolutely silent and all close our eyes, maybe we will be able to conjure up the old master himself.

(Turn lights out. Fire caps. Throw a handful of baby powder into the air for "smoke" effect. Lights on and Merlin is there amongst the smoke, coughing.)

MERLIN:(Crackly cough) This smoke and fire business is definitely not the way to travel! Magic? You want magic? You called the right guy. No one in history has ever been able to match the power of my spells. Let me show you some of my magic.

(Goes through several Cub Scout magic tricks--see Cub Scout Magic Book--or does several silly magic tricks.)

MERLIN: And now for the most important trick of all! (Merlin pours water into mixing bowl with dry ice already inside. Awards are inside small bowl now floating in large bowl. Merlin stirs with his staff. CO2 cloud should spill over and cover the bowl. Cubmaster calls the names of boy receiving advancements and one by one each boy stirs the brew. After each stir, Merlin reaches into the bowl and pulls out the boy's award. He reads the award and congratulates the Scout and parents. When all boys have received their awards, they're applauded and returned to their seat.)

MERLIN: Tonight you've seen two kinds of magic. The first being the kind of magic of illusion and spells. The second being the kind of magic you feel inside from a job well done and recognition of hard work. And in all may days in King Arthur's court that kind of magic has proven to be the kind of magic that endures. So for now, close your eyes, think of the knights of old and (Lights go out, caps pop, Merlin exits. Cubmaster throws a handful of baby powder. Lights go back on..)

MERLIN:(Crackling from off stage.) I'll be on my way!

ADVANCEMENT - NECKERCHIEF ADVANCEMENT

LEADER: As a boy moves along the Scouting trail, his badges of rank and his change of uniform show his progress. One of the changes in uniform is the neckerchief. You see before you the four neckerchiefs of Scouting. On the bottom is the yellow neckerchief worn by those working in the Wolf Cub Scout Book. The next neckerchief is the blue one worn by those working in the Big bear Cub Scout Book. The third neckerchief is for the Webelos Scouts. The neckerchief on top represents those worn by Boy Scouts. Tonight we will be presenting the new recruits with their Wolf neckerchief. Will the following boys please come forward:

The Wolf neckerchief is yellow. Yellow stand for warm sunlight, happiness and good cheer. We are happy to welcome you to Pack , and we hope you will continue your enthusiasm to advance in Scouting. Always wear your neckerchief with a smile. Now will the den leaders and assistant den leaders of these boys please come forward and present their boys with their new Wolf neckerchiefs. (When finished, tell them they may sit down.)

Next we will be presenting the Bear neckerchief. Will the following boys please come forward. The Bear neckerchief is blue. Blue stands for truth loyalty and obedience. You must learn to obey before you can expect others to obey you. This blue neckerchief stands for obedience to the Law of the Pack. Please repeat the Law of the Pack with me:

The Cub Scout follows Akela.

The Cub Scout helps the pack go.

The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.

The Cub Scout gives good will.

Now will the den leaders and assistant den leaders of these boys please come forward and present their boys with their new Bear neckerchiefs. (When finished, tell them they may sit down.)

Finally we will be presenting the Webelos neckerchiefs. Will the following boys please come forward:_____The Webelos neckerchief combines the Blue and Gold of Cub Scouts with the Green and Red of Boy Scouts. The combination of these colors signifies this year of transition of our oldest Scouts, May they proudly wear this neckerchief as they prepare for a new adventure in Boy Scouting. Now will the den leaders and assistant den leaders of these boys please come forward and present their boys with their new Webelos neckerchiefs. (When finished, tell them they may sit down.)

Let's have a big Cub Scout "ROUND" of applause to start off this year!!

ADVANCEMENT - MINI-SUB

Build a mini-sub out of a large appliance box. Paint the inside dark blue. "Install" a control panel with lots of dials and gauges on one wall. Add a porthole and several windows for observing sea creatures. Behind each window place pictures of marine life cut from magazines. Provide a flashlight inside the sub to help the boys discover the wonders of the deep. Make the outside of the mini-sub look as authentic as possible by adding dryer tubes, gauges, lights, etc. Put various sea items cut from construction paper inside the sub (such as starfish, sea shell, fish, squid, octopus). Tape the awards to the back of them. Call up the boys who are to receive the awards. Give a boy a mission to go to the bottom of the ocean in the mini-sub and bring back a certain sea item. This is the one that will have his award on the back. When he emerges from the submarine, have him explain to his parents what his sea item was and what award he earned on back. Repeat with the next boy, and so on.

ADVANCEMENT - OH! AKELA OF THE BOBCAT

CHARACTERS: Akela, Tiger Cub Leader

EQUIPMENT: Bridge, Rank Cards, Candle holder with white, blue, gold and orange candles, Bobcat Badges, Pack Flag, Tiger Cub Flag, a small table and two drums.

ARRANGEMENT: Bridge set in the center of the room, with the small table to the left of the bridge. The candle holder on the table, with the white candle lit, the Tiger Cub Flag on the right side. The drums will be in the back of the Pack, the Bobcat Badges on the table.

DIRECTIONS: At the start of the ceremony the drum will be beat very softly. Akela enters from the back of the Pack. He will be dressed in full Indian costume. He will walk very slowly toward the center of the table. He will then raise his arm and give the Cub Scout Sign, the drums stop beating, Akela raises both arms up toward the sky.

AKELA: "Oh! Great Spirit of Scouting. We are here for a very special ceremony. Be with us."

(He takes the white candle and lights orange, gold and blue candle and turns to the front of the room).

AKELA: "Would the Tiger Leader please come forward.:"

TIGER LEADER: "Oh! Akela of the Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos, we of the Tiger Cubs have some braves that wish to become Bobcats."

ADVANCEMENT - OUTSTANDING PRESIDENTS

PROPS: A large board painted red, white and blue or bulletin board with red, white, and blue construction paper tacked on it or just a plain white board could be used with red, white and blue crepe paper streamers tacked around the edge. If bulletin board is used, merely use map pins to put silhouettes up with, and with wooden background, place double sided tape on back of them and peel off backing when ready to stick up. You will need some construction paper in red, white, and blue if you choose to use silhouettes of the presidents. If you can't find silhouettes of the president make copies of their pictures from books or magazines.

LEADER: There have been many outstanding presidents of our country to whom we are paying tribute to tonight. We are equally proud of our Cub Scouts and Webelos who are learning many skills and ideals which will help them later in life and it's very likely some of these boys will be famous someday and may even be President of our country for some of our Presidents were scouts when they were young.

The first rank in Cub Scouting is the rank of BOBCAT, so let us show this on our Outstanding President Advancement board by placing a picture of the first President of our country, George Washington (Place picture or silhouette on board). Just as the Bobcat is important in Cub Scouting in getting the boy started on the Cub Scout trails so was the first President important in getting our country started on the right trail. (If there are any Bobcats to be inducted call them and their parents forward and do a simple induction ceremony.)

The next rank of Wolf we will symbolize with the picture of THOMAS JEFFERSON, the author of our Declaration of Independence, for when a Cub Scout becomes a Wolf, earning the Badge, he has learned a little more independence than when he was a Bobcat and he can then demonstrate this by working on his own outside the den on electives which are of interest to him and begin earning arrow points. (Call up those earning Wolf Badges and arrows points under Wolf with their parents and award them with due ceremony and praise.)

When a Cub Scout reaches the Bear Rank, he has learned much from the more challenging projects he has completed and to symbolize this rank let's place on our President's board an outstanding President who accomplished many challenging projects himself and helped our country much with his tact and patience with other nations toward peace. That precedent was DWIGHT EISENHOWER. (Call forth any Cubs making Bear rank and arrow points under the Bear with their parents and present their awards.)

Now when a Cub Scout completes third grade he is ready to go into a Webelos Den and work with his leaders and the rest of the den on activity badges which are even more challenging than the Wolf or Bear ranks and electives. Let us symbolize this by paying tribute to an outstanding president. ABE LINCOLN, who worked his way up from a poor lad in a log cabin to become the 16th President of the United States. Just as Abe Lincoln worked all the way up to hold this high position so you have worked all the way up from Bobcat. (Call up those graduating into Webelos and their parents.)

Now after boys are in Webelos for a short while, they start earning activity badges and really start learning things which pave the way and help them on the starting of their Scouting Trail. When they are near the end of the fifth grade or turn eleven, they go on campouts with their

mom or dad and learn many useful things about the outdoors. To symbolize this activity let's pay tribute to a famous American President. TEDDY ROOSEVELT, for he was a great outdoorsman and enjoyed many activities in the out of doors. (Call up those receiving activity badges and Webelos badges and award them with due ceremony.)

Then at the very height of his Cub Scouting career a Cub Scout earns the highest award he can earn in Cub Scouting, The Arrow Of Light. He has worked hard to reach such heights. To symbolize this on our outstanding presidents board we will place a picture of a man who attained the highest office in our land and made himself famous for the saying: "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country". That, of course, was JOHN F. KENNEDY whose enthusiasm was an inspiration to his fellow countrymen. (Call up those earning Arrow Of Light and do ceremony for them.)

When a boy has completed his Cub Scouting, he is then ready to start on the Scouting trail. Starting down the Eagle trail, the highest award a boy can earn as a Scout. Let's symbolize this graduation and the starting on the trail of the Eagle by placing the famous American symbol, the American Eagle in the center of our outstanding president board. May this serve as a tribute tonight to those outstanding presidents who have served our country down through the years and may it serve as a goal for those boys just starting on their Eagle Trail. (Call boys up graduating into Scouts, their parents, and representatives from the troops receiving the boys and hold graduation ceremony.)

In the above ceremony centered around the outstanding presidents you would, of course break up the awarding of the different ranks with skits, songs, and other pack activities in between.

ADVANCEMENT - PERSPIRATION

PROPS: Tables covered with a white cloth, a large beaker or pitcher filled with water and labeled "Perspiration", and empty beaker or pitcher marked for advancement, arrow points, activity badges, sports awards, recognition. As the Cub Scouts come up to receive their award or recognition, have them pour the "PERSPIRATION" into the empty beaker to the appropriate marking.

CUBMASTER: It's been said that genius is 1% inspiration and 99% perspiration. Tonight we are going to call forward some of the boys of our pack to share their perspiration with us.

(He calls boys forward, and as they are called they pour water from full beaker into the empty one.)

CUBMASTER: Wow! That's a lot of perspiration that these scouts have put out to get to where they are tonight! I'm going to set this beaker full of perspiration in the back of the room on the refreshment table, so that any boy needing a bit of inspiration, can take a bit of these boys perspiration to help him along.

ADVANCEMENT - RACETRACK ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Den Chief or 2nd Leader

EQUIPMENT: Racetrack board, Flashlight

ARRANGEMENT: Call forward advancing Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts and their parents. Dim room lights. As each symbol is mentioned, a den chief behind the race track board shines a flashlight on the appropriate symbol.

CUBMASTER: Our new Bobcats have qualified as drivers on the Cub Scout track.

(Illuminate the car in the center and present the Bobcat badges.)

Our green flag shows that the following boys are picking up steam by earning the Wolf Badge and arrow points. (Illuminate green car and present the awards to the Wolf cubs.)

Now we have boys that are at the halfway mark, the blue flag on the Cub Scout track. They have earned the Bear badge and arrow points. (Illuminate the blue flag and present the Bears with their awards.)

In Cub Scouting's home stretch are these Webelos Scouts who have earned activity pins and Webelos badges. (Illuminate white flag and present the activity pins and badges.)

Finally, boys who are at the end of the Cub Scout advancement track because they have earned the Arrow of Light, our highest award. It shows that these winners are ready for the bigger track of Boy Scouting. (Illuminate the checkered flag and present the Arrow of Light to the Cubs.)

ADVANCEMENT - SCOUTING HIGHLIGHTS

CUBMASTER: Lord Baden-Powell based his idea for Scouting on some principles he had been taught as a boy: things like trust and loyalty, helpfulness, courtesy and cheerfulness. In Cub Scouting we have some of these same principles in the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack.

Tonight we have some boys who have just started their adventure in Scouting and in doing so have learned the Cub Scout Promise and Law and are ready to be inducted into our Pack as Bobcats. Will ____ and their parents please come forward? Will you give the Cub Scout sign and repeat the Cub Scout Promise with me? (They do) Now, I would like to present your parents with your Bobcat Badge. Congratulations to all. (Shakes hands with boys.)

In another highlight of Scouting, a Chicago publisher named William Boyce was lost in a London for one evening in 1909. A boy appeared and offered to take him to his destination. Mr. Boyce offered a tip, but the boy said, " Scouts do not accept money for doing a good turn." This interested Mr. Boyce in Scouting and he brought it back home to America. We have many boys here tonight who have been doing their daily good turns and have been working hard on achievements and electives. (Call boys and parents forward by den.)

Lord Baden-Powell left a message for Scouts in which he said: "Try to leave the world a little better than you found it." We have some Webelos Scouts in our pack who are doing just that. they have been working hard in the different activity badge areas, exploring fields of knowledge which will be helpful to them all their lives. (Call boys and parents forward.)

ADVANCEMENT - TALL TALES FOR SMALL MALES

SETTING: A den meeting at Mrs. Smith's home. All are seated.

CHARACTERS: Mrs. Smith, Den Leader of Den ____; Cub Scouts; Johnny, David, Casey, Paul, and Sleepy.

MRS. SMITH: Today, Cub Scouts of Den ____, Pack ____, we're going to have ourselves some fun. This month Campfire Yarns is the chosen theme, so answer roll call with a far-fetched dream. Johnny?

JOHNNY: My name is Johnny, and long ago my great grandpa planted many a row, and if he hadn't you'd surely cry, cause you wouldn't have had any apple pie. He was Johnny Appleseed! And with me I have a bag of special seeds for the new WOLVES. (Hand out awards to the Wolves)

MRS. SMITH: Very good, Johnny! Now David?

DAVID: My name is Davy, and back many a year the forest bears would shake with fear if by chance they saw a coonskin hat cause that my Uncle, Davy Crockett! At times Uncle Davy gave gifts to the special BEARS. (Hand out awards to the Bears).

MRS. SMITH: That's pretty tall, David. Now let's hear from Casey.

CASEY: When I was little, and Christmas came, my folks gave me a set of trains. I guess folks thought I was kind of racy, so now they call me "Little Casey." Webelos activity badges would ride Casey's train. (Hand out activity badges to the Webelos)

MRS. SMITH: Oh, Casey, what a story! All right Paul, it's your turn.

PAUL: Just call me Paul, that's my uncle's name; a big blue ox was part of his fame; when Babe got thirsty from the heat, Uncle Paul dug the Great Lakes - wasn't that neat? He was Paul Bunyan!

MRS. SMITH: That's really a campfire yarn Paul! Now last, let's hear from Sleepy.

SLEEPY: My name is Winkle, and it may not be right: but I'm always sleepy (yawns) Good night! (Drops head and pretends to sleep.)

MRS. SMITH: Well, boys, I'd no idea that DEN ____ Pack ____ had such famous uncles and granddads. And I've never heard such tall, tall tales, from so many small, small males! (Smiles)

ADVANCEMENT - SWORD IN THE STONE

PROPS: Sword (plastic toy) Stone (foam rubber or paper) 4 leaders dressed as knights.

(Knight #1 comes on stage and finds the sword in the stone. He tries to pull it out, but cannot remove it.)

KNIGHT #1:"As a Knight of the Roundtable, I need all the strength I have to remove this sword." (He tries again but cannot remove it. He stands aside and Knight 2 enters.)

KNIGHT #2:"As a Knight I will need all the strength I have to remove this sword from the stone." (He tries but fails. He stands aside, and Knight 3 enters.)

KNIGHT #3:"As a Knight I will need all the strength I have and the knowledge of the world and the faith in my God to remove the sword from the stone." (He tries and is able to remove the sword.)

CUBMASTER: As Cub Scouts, you too have put together all your strength, knowledge, and faith to get through life and be successful in overcoming the obstacles you come up against along the way.

Would the following boys and their parents please come forward:_____

These boys have earned advancement this evening. Would you each please step forward and remove the sword from the stone. (Direct each to remove sword; replace after each boy)

Because these boys were successful in removing the sword of life as well as from the stone, we present them with their badges.

ADVANCEMENT - SHARK WATERS

Cut shark fins from black poster board and staple to the side of a 2x4. Spread a blue tarp on the floor and crumple it to look like waves in the ocean. Put shark fins around on the tarp between the waves. Make a narrow bridge across the water by putting a 8 foot length of 2 X.4 on top of a block at either end. Nail it to be firm. Tell boys receiving the awards that they must walk across the bridge without falling into the water to receive their award. You can liken the sharks to the bad things in the world and the bridge can be how Cub Scouting helps to keep you safe from the evils. Mom and Dad help hold the boy's hand, just as they do along the Scouting trail.

ADVANCEMENT - SPACE STATION FREEDOM

This ceremony takes place aboard the U.S. Space Station Freedom (Which is due to be constructed beginning in 1995). To add atmosphere, a cardboard mock-up of a control panel with painted buttons, switches, and displays could be behind the Cubmaster. Aluminum foil-covered cardboard "solar panels" would add realism, too. The three orbiters will be docking with the Space Station are Atlantis (for Bobcat), Columbia (for Wolves), and Discovery (for Bears). A cardboard cut-out of a shuttle with the appropriate name painted on it can be "Flown" up to the front of the room and hung there, or mounted on a pole and stood in a flag stand, as each rank "docks" with the space station.

CUBMASTER: Welcome aboard the United States Space Station FREEDOM. This is a busy place, with orbiters docking and returning to earth and many people at work in our laboratories and zero-gravity factories constantly. But tonight we welcome three special shuttles caring mission specialists who have earned exceptional recognition. Here comes the first shuttle now - the shuttle ATLANTIS, carrying astronauts who have earned their Bobcat Rank. Will all those astronauts come aboard now as I call their names from our crew list? (Calls forward boys earning Bobcat Rank)

We welcome our new Bobcats, and just in time, because the shuttle COLUMBIA is scheduled to dock in just a few seconds. Docking sequence complete; stand by for crew egress. Will the following astronauts please step forward to the control center? (Call names of Wolves. You may recognize gold and silver Wolf arrow points at this time, too.)

Welcome to our new Wolves. Shuttle DISCOVERY, we copy. Secure for docking. Docking sequence complete; stand by for crew egress. Will the following astronauts report to space station control center? (Call names of boys receiving Bear and gold and silver Bear arrow points.)

Welcome to our new Bears. You have all earned our esteem and congratulations for the hard work that brought you success on your past missions, but for this is a working space station, and we have still more missions for you to perform with your crews. Stand by for further orders. (Cubmaster salutes "astronauts").

ADVANCEMENT - SPIDER WEB

Make a large spider web using hula hoop and string. Attach plastic spiders here and there. Cut out larger spiders from paper and attach the boys' awards to each. Pin to web. Say something like "All of Nature's creatures are special and important, even the spiders and the beautiful webs they spin. We have special and important boys here tonight, those who have worked hard for advancement." Call the boys and their parents forward, unclip spider with awards and present to the parents (parents pin award on boys).

ADVANCEMENT - THE GLOWING CAMPFIRE

SETTING: The scene opens with the campfire glowing. One Cub Scout is seated before the Council fire as though he were tending it. Akela (the Cubmaster) is seated in the center of the Council ring.

The tom-tom call the Cub Scouts to the ring, and they enter, walking slowly and with dignity. They are wrapped in blankets and are wearing Indian headbands. One Cub Scout leads the members of the Pack Committee to their chairs.

The Cub Scouts who are to be advanced in rank are seated in the inner circle. Others are seated in the outer circle.

Akela requests all Cub Scouts to stand, face the Pack Committee and give the Cub Scout sign. The committee returns the gesture. Akela says a few words to welcome the committee and explains that the Tribe has come together to honor some of its members.

Akela asks the Cub Scouts who seek advancement to stand. He then asks them if they are ready to show that they have been good hunters on the trail. He then calls on each boy to review part of the Achievement for the rank which they seek.

Akela then asks the advancing Cub Scouts to repeat in unison the Promise and Law of the Pack. He then asks the Pack Committee if they are satisfied that the Cub Scouts are ready for advancement.

A Den Leader or Den Dad show a picture of the Arrow of Light, and explains that it means to progress onward and upward in the direction of good citizenship, from Wolf to Bear and on into Boy Scouting.

The Den Chief leads the Cub Scouts in the Grand Howl to celebrate the advanced Cub Scouts and the Pack returns from the ring. The ceremony is ended.

Please note we have included no details so that you can fit the ceremony for your individual pack.

ADVANCEMENT - THREE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION

EQUIPMENT - (optional) A model of a boat, train, and a plane. Hat worn by a boat captain, train conductor, and an airline pilot.

NARRATOR: These three modes of transportation are used by a great number of people for the purpose of getting from place to place. A boat sails from harbor to harbor. A train runs from station to station. An airplane flies from airport to airport. A starting point and an ending point. In Cub Scouts, advancement is done by completing requirements in their book. From the starting point to the ending point is what it takes for a Scout to advance. Tonight we have some Scouts who have completed their journey and have received advancement in rank.

(Call Bobcat candidates and parents forward.)

Comment about the trip these Scouts have taken to earn this badge.

(Call Wolf candidates and parents forward.)

Comment about their excursion and present badges to parents to present to the Scouts.

(Call Bear candidates forward with parents.)

Comment about their trip and present badges.

(Call Webelos candidates and parents forward.)

Comment about their trip and what activities they completed while on the trip.

ADVANCEMENT - WOLF ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

CUBMASTER: The Wolf is a four legged meat eating animal. It belongs to the dog family, but it is wild. Its reputation of fierceness is well know. The Wolf, older brother of the Bobcat and the younger brother of the Bear, runs in a pack. When a Wolf Pack sets out on a hunt, it is in search of food. The local 7-11 stores, McDonald's and Jack-in-the-Box are favorites of this cunning creature. You have heard the expression, "Wolf down his food?" Watch one of these young Wolves as he eats his dinner with one eye on the front door, ready to run.

Most Wolf pups aren't too ambitious. Running, jumping, chasing girls are his favorite pastimes. Brushing fangs, grooming hair or tidying up their den are distasteful to the young Wolf. The average Wolf is about 4 feet long, not counting the cowlick on his head. Most weight about 50 pounds, give or take a pizza or two. Plus cakes, candy, gum, frog in his pocket or his pet rock, which he has tied to a short rope dragging it behind him.

The Wolf, like his relative, the dog, can be trained if his training starts early in life. Tonight, we have some young Wolves who started their training early and now have proven themselves ready to go on to greater things.

With pride, I present to you (boys and their parents are called forward and presented their awards).

ADVANCEMENT - PACK GRADUATION WITH SCARFS

EQUIPMENT: Wolf Cub Scout yellow scarf, Bear Cub Scout blue scarf, Webelos Scout scarf

As I call your name would you and your parents please come to the front of the room and be recognized.

Tonight, we have the privilege of moving the boys one more step up the Scouting trail. Would the Tiger Cubs (Call each boy by name) and their parents please come forward. For the last nine months you've worked hard on your activities. Tonight, you have earned the right to wear the yellow scarf of the Wolf Cub Scout. Would each parent place the Wolf scarf around their sons neck and present him with his Wolf book. Folks, this is the new Wolf Den for next year. -Their leaders are (name leaders).

Would all the Wolf Cubs come forward with their parents. (call each boy by name) You have worked very diligently this last year on the Wolf Rank. The next step for you is the Bear Rank. The skills are now getting a little harder and more of a challenge, but we know that you will achieve all that is required of you. Parents, will you place the blue Bear scarf around your sons neck and present him with his Bear book. While school is out for the summer look over this book and start doing things that will count for the Bear Rank. This is the new Bear Den for next year and their leaders will be (name leaders).

The Webelos program is to prepare the boys for the Boy Scout Program. At this time, would the Bear Den come forward. (Call each boy by name the parents come up with their sons.) This program is a 2-year program. The challenges are now harder and the demands are even greater. But if you have the desire to excel in scouting you will take this challenge and laugh at it and start on the last step in the trail of Cub Scouting for the next two years will fly by so rapidly. Webelos takes more of a commitment than that of the Wolf and the Bear. You will learn many new skills and start getting ready for the Boy Scouts. You will explore different areas of study from Citizenship to Readyman, Family Member to Scientist. Ladies and Gentlemen, this is the new Webelos den for the coming year. Their leaders are (name leaders!

ADVANCEMENT - WESTERN STYLE

PROPS: Buffalo skin (chamois cloth) with advancements pinned to it, also make a Pack "Branding Iron" (You could make a branding iron from an art gum eraser, cut potato, or rubber stamp.)

SETTING: Set the mood the month by going western with decorations and costumes. Brand all Cubs who are advancing and you could "Brand" the others as "old hands".

CUBMASTER: Everyone has been "whooping" it up this month reliving in the "Wild and Wooly West".

Now, we've got them corralled for the "Big Branding Party".

As with all round-ups, we need to gather up all the little mavericks and herd them up here to get branded. (Bobcats and parents are called forward to receive their "brand" and awards.)

I can see our herd tonight is pretty frisky. I think we've got some colts out there who are really kicking up their heels. Would (boy's name) and their parents head me off at the corral. (Wolf badges and /or arrow points are handed out.)

We've been very lucky to have some "yearlings" in our herd. These are ones that are in their 2nd year and are sometimes a little harder to rope in. But our herd can't grow without them, so let's bring them up here. (Call Bears and their parents forward to receive their awards.)

I have to say we really couldn't have done this round-up tonight without our "Scouts." They've ridden the trail before and know how hard it is to keep the herd together. They serve me well as key lookouts as well as an example for everyone to "look-up" to. Would the following Webelos Scouts come forward and receive their awards. (Webelos come forward.)

This has been a great round-up. (Finish this in your own words. Praise the boys and leaders for their efforts.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD

CUBMASTER: Just like the four companions in the Wizard of Oz who traveled the Yellow Brick Road, our Cub Scouts are seeking to find things, too.
(use leaders or boys to play these parts)

1ST - First comes our Bobcat who is looking for fun, friendship, and adventure. This is usually the main reason that boys join Cub Scouts.

2ND - Next comes the Wolf. He's looking to learn new skills and achievement. Boys this age are curious and want to try new things.

3RD - Here comes the Bear. He's seeking the courage to be himself and to discover who he is. This program allows them some changes to make choices and to express themselves.

4TH - Now comes our Webelos. He's seeking the opportunity to grow and show responsibility and leadership. He wants to accept the challenges that are ahead in the Boy Scouts.

DEN CHIEF: Would the following boys please join our travelers (call forward boys who are receiving awards). Now it is time for them to travel the Yellow Brick Road to see the Wizard. (boys walk around the room with the other characters and back to the front where the Wizard has appeared).

WIZARD: Bobcats, you are seeking fun, friendship, and adventure, and you have come to the right place. (gives awards). Now with the badges you have the key to what you asked for. Use it wisely.

WIZARD: Wolves, You want to learn new skills and to achieve. Well, while you were earning this badge, you did those things. So it is with pride, I present you with the one thing that is missing-- the badge itself. (gives award)

WIZARD: Oh mighty Bears, you want courage. By completing your requirements for your badge, you have shown great courage and strength. All you lack is the badge, which I now award to you. (gives award).

WIZARD: And now to my Webelos. You may now know that you have been a leader to the other Cubs and have shown that you can be responsible. I know that you will be able to accept what you find ahead. (gives award)

WIZARD: I am the Great and Powerful Wizard, and I have spoken. You have all found what you are seeking through the Cub Scout Program. Use it wisely.

ADVANCEMENT - AIRPLANE CEREMONY

(You will need a small plane to put together.)

CUBMASTER:

Pilots must train and practice their flying skills, starting in a single engine aircraft and working their way to the big jumbo jets until they become proficient. They have to work hard and become the best they can be as their responsibility is so great. They have earned the confidence of the passengers for their safety. Cub Scouts must also work hard to advance to the next altitude in Scouting.

Today, we honor some boys who have worked hard to reach the next level of the Scouting trail. Would the following boys and their parents please come forward as we call your names?

There are many parts that make the airplane fly, the engines, the wings, fuel and the rudder. There are also many parts that make a good Scout --- loyalty, honesty, pride, and good deeds. Just as an airplane will not fly without a good pilot, Cub Scouts can't advance without a good Akela.

(start putting the airplane together)

The following Scouts have earned their Bobcat Badge. The Bobcat is the first level of advancement for the Scout. This will be their basic training into the world of Cub Scouting. Let's give them a hand for earning their Bobcat wings.

The following Scouts have earned their Wolf badge. They have accomplished the 12 achievements which earns them the right to proudly wear the Wolf badge. Let's give them a hand for earning their Wolf wings.

The following Scouts have earned their Bear badge. They have flown to even higher altitudes on the Scouting Flight. They have earned the right to proudly wear the Bear badge. Let's give them a hand for earning their Bear wings. I challenge you to fly even higher to earn your arrow points as you prepare to become a Webelos Scout.

The following Scouts have earned their Webelos badge. They are at the highest altitude of the Cub Scout program. They have earned the right to proudly wear the Webelos badge. They are on final approach for their golden wings The Arrow of Light. Let's give them a hand for earning their Webelos wings and help them reach their final destination of Cub Scouts.

Congratulations to all our Cub Scouts and Webelos for having all the qualities to fly high in life.

ADVANCEMENT - THE DANCE OF AKELA

by Peter Van Houten

SETTING: Lights low, fake fire with red bulb, tepee, drum.

(Cubmaster does Cub Scout sign for silence.)

CUBMASTER: Hear now the tale of the tribe of Webelos and their great chieftain, Akela.

ASST. CM: Many many moons ago, a small boy sat outside his tepee watching the stars in the sky, and listening to the rustle of the trees in the night. Somewhere in the distance he could hear the call of the Bobcat, the Wolf, and the Bear. Close by was the sound of the ceremonial drum calling all braves of the tribe to the council ring. The boy listened and wished he could answer that call.

Quick and as true as an arrow in flight, quiet as the hush of the night, to the beat of that ceremonial drum, before a great fire they gathered, awaiting Akela, their chief. Here in the great council fire ring, on top of the mountain, they met. Here too, they sought the help of the Great Spirit as they strived to do their duty. Here they met Chief Akela, and awaited his words.

Now with the last "boom" of the great drum, all was silent. The night was still. The great ceremonial fire was lit and it began to light up the night. As the fire grew and grew ever larger, the tom-tom started slowly and set the rhythm. Akela stepped into the ring as the tom-tom beat first low and slow and then like thunder. Akela danced and with his movement told of his life. He told of the strength of his father, the one they called the Arrow of Light. He told of how his father taught him the signs of the tribe; how to make a bow and let an arrow fly true to its target. Akela obediently followed the Arrow of Light and gained great knowledge. Akela learned that the arrow for which his father was named was one that pointed upward, truly to the Eagle so high above.

Akela's dance showed how he, as a young brave, was trusted to set out into the forest. There he met the Wolf who taught him the ways of the wild life, of the ground, of the tracks, and ways to find food. He next faced the Bear and reamed the meaning of courage and the importance of being brave. And with this Akela stopped his dance! Akela, the wise, had closed his dance and presented the sign of the tribe and all of the tribe did likewise. No one spoke until Akela said: "Our tribe can only be strong when the boys of the tribe are strong. The future is hidden, but if we are courageous and brave; if we teach our boys truth and knowledge, to aim high like the eagle, to be fair, our great tribe will continue to be strong."

BOBCAT BADGE CEREMONY:

CUBMASTER: My friends, you are like that small Indian boy wishing that you can answer the call of the great ceremonial drum and be members of the tribe. Every boy who joins Cub Scouts, whatever his age, first earns the BOBCAT badge by reaming the Cub Scout Promise, the Cub Scout Sign, the Cub Scout Salute, the Cub Scout Handshake, the meaning of WEBELOS, the Law of the Pack, and the Cub Scout Motto "Do Your Best."

ASST. CM: Would the following scouts and their parents please come forward?
(List boys earning the Bobcat badge.)

CUBMASTER: (scout's name), do you see the stars in the sky? That is the constellation Big

Dipper and the big star is the North Star. For many years man has used these stars as a guide to show them the way as they traveled. As you join Cub Scouts you are starting a trip. You will experience adventures and excitement, meet new friends and learn new skills. However, as you begin this trip you need a "North Star" to guide you. The "North Star" is Akela ... Akela can be your parents, your den leader, even I your Cubmaster. It is our responsibility to help you along the way.

CUBMASTER: (parents' names), I ask of you, will you accept the responsibility to be (scout's name) 'Akela', to help guide him along the Cub Scouting trail?

CUBMASTER: (scout's name), you've already started your trip by earning the Bobcat badge. Congratulations!
(Present Bobcat badge to parents.)

CUBMASTER: (scout's name), here also is a star for you to place in your bedroom. At night this star will shine, reminding you of your start on the Cub Scout trail.

Cubmaster: Pack , would you please join with me in congratulating (scout's name) and welcome him to our Pack by giving him a "Cub Scout" cheer?

WOLF BADGE CEREMONY:

WOLF DL: Just as when Akela first went into the forest and learned from the WOLF, a Cub Scout in the second grade begins working on the requirements for the WOLF badge. Wolf Cub Scouts learn about Akela and the story of Mowgli and his survival in the Jungle. When a scout has completed twelve Achievements on the Wolf Trail, in such areas as physical fitness, exploring the world around him, fixing, building, collecting, safety, our flag, our family and our Duty to God, he receives his Wolf badge.

ASST. CM: Would the following scouts and their parents please come forward?
(List boys earning the Wolf badge.)

CUBMASTER: (scout's name), you've completed all the requirements for your Wolf badge and have moved along the Cub Scout trail. Receive now the mark of the Wolf, a red mark, symbolizing strength and valor.

(Mark each boy with RED face paint.)Cubmaster: It is my pleasure to award your Wolf 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."

ARROW POINTS:

ASST. CM: We also have some boys who have earned their Wolf Gold 8 Silver Arrow points. Would the following boys please come forward to receive them?
(List boys earning Wolf arrow points.)

CUBMASTER: (scout's name) has earned [his gold arrow point, {and}](quantity) silver arrow points.

CUBMASTER: Pack , would you please join with me in congratulating these Wolves by giving them a Grand Wolf Howl cheer?

BEAR BADGE CEREMONY:

BEAR DL: When the scout reaches third grade he begins working from the Big Bear book. Just as Akela met the bear with courage, the scout walks the Big Bear trail. On that trail he finds and conquers twelve challenging achievements in the categories of God, Country, Family and Self. He then receives his BEAR badge.

ASST. CM: Would the following scouts and their parents please come forward?(List boys earning the Bear badge.)

CUBMASTER: (scout's name), you've completed all the requirements for your Bear badge and have moved along the Cub Scout trail. Receive now the mark of the Bear, a blue mark, symbolizing bravery.(Mark each boy with BLUE face paint.)

CUBMASTER: It is my pleasure to award your Bear 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.

ARROW POINTS:

ASST. CM: Today we are pleased to present arrow points to some Bear scouts too. These scouts have continued on the Big Bear Trail earning Bear arrow Points.
(List boys earning Bear arrow points.)

CUBMASTER: It is my pleasure to award (scout's name) [his gold arrow point, {and}] (quantity) silver arrow points.

CUBMASTER: Pack , would you please join with me in congratulating these Bears by giving them a "Grizzly Bear Growl" cheer?

WEBELOS BADGE CEREMONY:

WEBELOS DL: In fourth and fifth grade, the boy is brought into the tribe of Webelos. He enters a Webelos Den with a name like the Scorpions or the Sharks. The boy prepares himself for Boy Scouting. He works on twenty different activity badges from five skill groups: Physical, Mental, Outdoor, Community, and Technical Skills. After three months in the Webelos Den and after earning three activity pins and learning about the Boy Scout ways, he earns his WEBELOS badge.

ASST. CM: There are Cub Scouts among us tonight who have earned their Webelos Badge. Would the following please come forward with your parents to be recognized and honored by the Pack?

(List boys earning the Webelos badge.)

CUBMASTER: (scout's name), you've completed all the requirements for your Webelos badge and have moved along the Cub Scout trail. Receive now the mark of the Webelos, a white mark, symbolizing vigilance, perseverance, and justice.
(Mark each boy with WHITE face paint.)

CUBMASTER: It is my pleasure to award your Webelos 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."

ACTIVITY PINS:

ASST. CM: We also have some scouts who have earned Webelos Activity Pins. Would the following boys please come forward to receive them?

(List boys earning activity pins.)

CUBMASTER: (scout's name) has earned (list activity pins).

CUBMASTER: Pack , would you please join with me in congratulating these new Webelos by giving them the "Grand Stomp" cheer?

ARROW OF LIGHT CEREMONY:

WEBELOS DL: 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 going, ten years old and have earned the Webelos Badge. 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.

CUBMASTER: The Arrow of Light is the only Cub Scout Rank which may be worn on the Boy Scout Uniform. As an Adult he can wear the special square knot badge to always recall his having earned the Arrow of Light.

ASST. CM: Tonight we have (number) Webelos Scouts who have earned Cub Scouting's highest award. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward?

(List boys earning Arrow of Light badge.)

ASST. CM: Long ago the Indian braves would collect eagle feathers. Regardless of how an Indian brave accumulated feathers, he was not allowed, according to tribal law, to wear them until he won them by doing a brave deed. He had to appear before the tribal council and tell or re-enact his deed. If the council thought the brave was worthy, the brave was allowed to wear the feather in his hair or war bonnet. These honors were called "counting coop." The Indian displayed his honors on his clothing, on a banner, or on a stick.

CUBMASTER: The Webelos scout "counts coop" by wearing the many rank awards and activity pins on his uniform, but he will soon be a boy scouts and will not be allowed to wear them any more. (I want to present these Webelos with a banner displaying their own scouting honors.)

(Cubmaster present banners to boys.)

CUBMASTER: You've completed all the requirements for your Arrow of Light badge and have completed the Cub Scout trail. It is our pleasure to award you this certificate of accomplishment, and award 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."

(Asst. CM awards boys their certificates.)(Webelos Leaders present the parents with the Arrow of Light badge and ask them to pin it on their son.)

(Cubmaster presents the mother's pin to the boy and asks him to present it to his mother or father.)

CUBMASTER: The Arrow of Light is a significant achievement. It is recognized as such by the Boy Scouts of America. 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. In view of that significance, I offer my sincere congratulations to each of you.

(Cubmaster shakes the hand of each scout and parent.)

CUBMASTER: In Boy Scouts, when they have an Eagle Court of Honor, a charge or challenge is made to the new Eagle Scout. Tonight, I want to offer such a challenge to each of you. You have achieved the highest rank in Cub Scouts. You have shown what you are capable of doing. Tonight you will be crossing the bridge from the pack to a Boy Scout troop. I challenge each of you to continue to live by the ideals you have learned in Cub Scouts, especially the Cub Scout motto: "Do YOUR BEST". I challenge each of you to continue your high level of achievement in Boy Scouts. I challenge each of you to look at the Arrow of Light badge and think about what it represents:

- The sun shedding its light on all that we do. A reminder that you should be a light for those around you. The seven rays of the sun representing the seven days of the week. A reminder that you should do your best every day.
- The arrow which is symbolic of everything which is straight and true. Just as you should be straight and true in your life.
- I challenge each of you to follow where that Arrow of Light points: Forward on the trail of Boy Scout ranks.
- Upward to higher challenges.

I challenge each of you to soar to great heights and obtain the Eagle Scout Award. As your Cubmaster, I will be honored to join you, wherever you may be, to see you receive this achievement.

CUBMASTER: Parents, Guests and Cub Scouts of Pack , would you please join with me in giving these boys a standing ovation for achieving the highest award in Cub Scouting? Congratulations and good luck!

ADVANCEMENT - TIGER CUB - THROUGH THE DOORWAY TOGETHER

EQUIPMENT: A large box made like a doorway (or a blanket or curtain) A pot with dry ice and some water to make it smoke.

AKELA: (Calling the boys and parents forward.) You have taken part in the past few months in the Tiger Cub Motto; Search, Discover, Share. Together you will join the Cub Scouting family. Together you will grow and learn new things while earning each badge. You will support and strengthen your Cub Scouting and own family in each step that is taken. Your parents will help and support you in each step of your journey.

Before you step through together the doorway of Cub Scouting you must make a promise to the Pack. The most important part of this promise is to "Do Your Best". You will be expected to do your best in everything you do, including Cub Scouts, at home and in school. Will you make the Cub Scout Promise with me? (Demonstrate the sign and lead them in a repeat after me fashion through the Promise.)

Parents, as you step through the door way of Cub Scouting with your son, you will be accepting the parental responsibilities of Cub Scouting. If you are willing to accept these responsibilities, signify by saying "I will."

Please face your son, place your left hand on his shoulder, give the Cub Scout sign with your right hand and repeat after me:

I promise to do my best to help my son to be a good Cub Scout, to encourage him to fulfill the Cub Scout promise and obey the Law of the Pack. I promise to assist him in his Cub Scout achievements and electives, to cooperate with the den leader, Cubmaster, and Pack Committee members, and to participate actively in Cub Scouting.

Parents, I urge you to seal your promise with your special sign of affection. (Call boys one at a time with his parents to step through the doorway. Boy should go first and have his Cub scout shirt slipped on while he is inside the doorway. proceed when each family has crossed through.)

As you can see, you now have a son who is ready to join the tribe. Please help him by presenting him with his Wolf Scarf. (Parents put scarves on boys.) Pack, these new Wolves have joined our pack. See them, Get to know them, and protect them, for now they are your brothers.

ADVANCEMENT - JUNGLE BOOK CEREMONY FOR AWARDING THE BOBCAT BADGE

by Edward A. Haluska

PEOPLE REQUIRED:

- 1) Akela, the leader of the wolf pack (the Cubmaster)
- 2) Shere Khan, the evil tiger

PROPS:

- 1) Can of Sterno (the sterno may be placed in a mock campfire so that the can is not visible)
- 2) Candles for each boy
- 3) Matches to light Sterno

HINTS:

Because Shere Khan is not seen by the audience and may be slightly farther away than Akela and the cubs, he should have a very loud voice. If you are using a microphone but only have one, give it to Shere Khan.

The easiest way to attach the badges to the boys is to have the badge stapled to the small cardboard card it comes with. Make a small slit in the cardboard so that the card may be slipped over the button on the pocket of the shirt. Do this ahead of time! The cardboard is quite hard and requires a knife to cut the slit. Have some straight pins for backup in case the boy has not yet been able to get a uniform and is not wearing a shirt that has a button on it.

Have a spare Bobcat badge or two on hand for boys that pop up after the badges have been ordered (this can also save you from having to do another Bobcat ceremony next pack meeting). If you use a spare badge, make sure that a replacement badge is ordered in the cub's name. Otherwise, his records at the council headquarters will not be current!

If you are using this ceremony for the first time, practice the wolf howl by using it as a spirit cheer at the beginning of the pack meeting.

Dim the lighting at the beginning of the ceremony for better atmosphere and so that the Sterno and candles will show up better.

AKELA: The moon is full, just as it was long ago on that night in the jungle when Mowgli first joined the Seonee wolf pack. It has been many years since Mowgli returned from living with the wolves. After he returned, he taught us many of the lessons he learned while in the jungle. The most important was that the strength of the wolf is the pack, and the strength of the pack is the wolf. That is why we are here tonight in this council ring. Tonight we have many young boys who want to join this pack. After they have joined, they will have the strength of the pack, and the pack will gain from their strength. But before they join, we must be sure that they know the Promise of the Cubs, the Law of the Pack, and the signs that we use. So let us begin. Parents, bring forward these man cubs.

(Akela calls out the names of the bobcat candidates. Parents and bobcat candidates come forward and face the rest of the pack.)

AKELA: First, you boys have studied the Cub Scout promise. Are you boys ready to make that promise now in front of the pack?

(Akela shakes head in yes motion. Boys should also shake their heads yes.)
(Shere Khan now interrupts from an unseen place offstage.)

SHERE KHAN: The man-cubs are mine! Give them to me!

AKELA: Shere Khan! The Evil One! Mowgli knew you in the jungle as an evil tiger. And you tried to catch him whenever you could. We know that you still hunt man-cubs, even here in Pack . You may not still be a real tiger, but the Evil One still hunts, doesn't he?

SHERE KHAN: The man-cubs are mine! Give them to me!

AKELA: Silence, Shere Khan, you evil one! Mowgli knew you as an evil tiger, but these boys will meet you in other disguises.

They will meet you as drugs. They will meet you as street gangs. They will meet you as vandalism. They will meet you as lying. They will meet you as dirty language. They will meet you as cheating in school.

AKELA: You will try to tell them that because their eyes and hair and skin come in all the colors of God's good earth that some of them are better than others. But they will learn from the strength of the pack that this is another of your lies. You will try to tell them because God has given them different gifts, that some of them are better than others. Another evil lie. Yes, some will be stronger, some will be faster, some will be taller, some will be more nimble, some will be more clever, some will be more patient, and some will have other special gifts. But when we join their different gifts together within their dens and within the whole pack, they will learn the power that working together can bring to them. They will learn that through the strength of being different but still working together, they never have to fear you. But before he left the jungle, Mowgli had to fight with you by himself, alone and without the strength of the pack. But Mowgli also knew the secret of the red flower, which he used to defeat you when he had to fight you by himself. So tonight, in addition to the strength of the pack, we will also give these boys the secret of the red flower, so that even by themselves, they will be able to stand against you.

(Light can of stereo, give each boy a candle. Have each boy come forward and light his candle from the stereo can.)

AKELA: Mowgli had to use the red flower to defeat Shere Khan. Tonight, you have received your own red flower. But since Shere Khan no longer stalks you boys in the form of a tiger, the secret of the red flower must be even stronger than just the secret of fire. The secret of the red flower is just this: all the darkness in the world cannot stand against the light of one red flower. After tonight, you will carry the light of the red flower inside of you. The light of your red flower will come from the five things you are about to promise. You will promise to:

1. Do your best
2. Do your duty to God
3. Do your duty to your country
4. Help other people
5. And obey the Law of the Pack.

As you keep the parts of this promise, the fire of the red flower will burn brightly within you, and Shere Khan will not dare come close to that flame. Are you ready to make the promise to yourself, your parents, and to the pack?

(Akela shakes head in yes motion. Boys should also shake their heads yes.)

Akela Then hold your red flower in your left hand, give the Cub-Scout sign with your right hand and repeat the Cub-Scout Promise with me.

I promise to do my best,
to do my duty to God and my country,
to help other people,
and to obey the Law of the Pack.

AKELA: The last thing you promised was to obey the law of the pack. This is the law that binds us all together. So let us all now repeat the law of the pack. Will all scouts that are here tonight please stand, give the scout sign and repeat the law of the pack with me.

The Cub Scout follows Akela.

The Cub Scout helps the pack go.

The pack helps the scout grow.

The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

(Akela motions for audience to be seated.)

AKELA: Through the five parts of the Cub Scout promise, you now have the flame of the red flower burning within you. Since you have this flame within you, you no longer need the red flower of your candle to defeat Shere Khan. So blow out your candles now.

(Collect candles.)

AKELA: You are now Bobcats in this pack. You have promised to help other people. Helping other people is called a doing a good turn. So that the pack can see that you are living up to your promise to help other people, we are going to put your bobcat rank on upside down by turning you upside down. You may turn your rank around after you have done a good turn. When the pack sees your rank right side up, they will know that you are helping others.

(Akela asks each Cub in turn if he wants to be flipped. If he says yes, Akela and his assistant turn the Cub upside-down while parents pin on rank.)

AKELA: Pack ! Look well on your new brothers and know them.

SHERE KHAN: The man-cubs are mine! Give them to me!

AKELA: Silence and be gone evil one! These boys now have the strength of the pack and the secret of the red flower. They have no need to fear you. Pack ! Let us welcome them to the pack with a good wolf howl!

(Akela leads pack in wolf howl.)

ADVANCEMENT - PAINTED TIGER CUB GRADUATION CEREMONY

CHARACTERS: **AKELA:** - Cubmaster
 BALOO - Assistant Cubmaster
 BAGHEERA - Tiger Cub Group Coach
 DRUMMER - a Cub Scout

MATERIALS: Orange tempera paint, Cub Scout Shirts, Yellow Neckerchief (already rolled), Neckerchief Slide, Tiger Cub certificates, Tiger Cub strip.

(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 things 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 things you have searched out and shared with your family, 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 experience. 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 Scout neckerchief.

(Parents put Cub Scout shirt on Tiger Cubs, over their Tiger Cub T-shirts. **BAGHEERA** places the neckerchief around each Scout's neck and ties it with the neckerchief slide. Give each boy their certificate and Tiger Cub strip).

(**AKELA**, **BALOO**, and **BAGHEERA** then shake each Tiger Cub's and his parent's hand).

ADVANCEMENT - AKELA'S TEST

by Rick Clements

PEOPLE REQUIRED:

- 1) Akela (Cubmaster)
- 2) Baloo (Asst. Cubmaster)

PROPS:

- 1) Simple scenery to place behind Akela
- 2) Campfire
- 3) Low sounding drum
- 4) Badges (with tape affixed to the card the badge is on)

(The lights are turned off, the fire is lit and steady low drumming begins. Akela and Baloo walk toward the front. When they reach the front, Akela gives the Cub Scout sign, and the drum falls silent.)

BALOO: Akela had to pass a test to prove himself worthy of becoming chief. In Akela's tribe, all braves desiring to be chief were given four arrows. These were special arrows: once used, they shattered. Braves could eat only food they caught themselves. The brave who stayed out the longest would become chief. Let's listen to Akela relate his tale.

AKELA: I walked far from camp and stopped at the side of a clearing. I waited all night for a deer to come by. When one appeared, I took careful aim and shot. The meat of the deer provided me with food for many days. Its hide provided me with clothing.

BALOO: This showed that Akela had learned the basic skills to survive. It also showed the virtue of patience. The rank of Bobcat indicates the Cub Scout has learned the basic skills. Will our newest Bobcats come join us by the fire? Parents will join you later. (names) have earned their Bobcat badge.

AKELA: I walked along the trail near the stream. There, I came upon a friend laying in the trail. He had used up all his arrows and was starving. I saw a squirrel in a nearby tree. I wanted to save my arrows for bigger game, but my friend was starving. So, I shot the squirrel for my friend.

BALOO: This showed that Akela learned the value of friendship and that he was unselfish. The Wolf badge indicates the Cub Scout has learned these new values on the trail of Scouting. Will our new Wolf Scouts join us by the fire? (names) have earned their Wolf badge.

AKELA: As I followed the trail by the stream, I came face to face with a huge bear. It growled and started running toward me. I strung my bow, took careful aim, and when he was near, I shot and killed him. He provided me with food for many more days. His heavy coat provided me with shelter from the cold nights.

BALOO: This showed that Akela was brave. This is also why we honor the Cubs with the next level of accomplishment ... the Bear badge. Will the new Bear Scouts join us by the fire? (names) have earned their Bear badge.

AKELA: The meat from the bear lasted for many days, but soon I had to continue on in search of more food. I came upon a wolf that had just killed a deer. The wolf saw me and ran off. I was hungry, but I had promised to eat only food that I had killed, so I continued on.

BALOO: This showed that Akela was honest. To earn the Webelos badge, the Cub Scout must learn the Boy Scout law which includes honesty. Will the new Webelos Scouts come join us by the fire? (names) have earned their Webelos badge.

AKELA: I was many days from camp. I needed food to give me strength, so I tracked the wolf I had seen before. I strung my last arrow, took careful aim, but missed. I was scared because I had no food or arrows. As I started back to camp, I prayed to the great spirit. Suddenly, I saw the arrow; it was still whole! I followed the wolf's trail again. I took aim, pulled back the arrow and let it fly. This time the arrow found its mark! I now had enough food to return home.

BALOO: Akela learned that sometimes you have to ask for help. Our Cub Scouts sometimes need help also. Their den leaders and parents provide that help. Will the parents of all these Scouts please come up and stand behind their son?

(Provide time for the parents to assemble with the scouts.)

AKELA: Congratulations to you scouts on achieving this difficult rank. You will now receive the symbol representing your new rank.

(Akela presents the badges to the parents of the Cub Scouts and gives the Cub Scout handshake to each Cub Scout.)

AKELA: Would the parents place the cloth badge on the uniform upside down as is the custom of our tribe?

(Parents attach badge upside down.)

AKELA: It may be attached right side up, permanently, after a good deed has been done by the scout. The pin is worn by you parents to signify the help you have given your son.

BALOO: Please join Akela and I in the Law of the Pack:

All: The Cub Scout follows Akela. The Cub Scout helps the pack go. The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.

ADVANCEMENT - JUNGLE BOOK CEREMONY FOR AWARDING THE WOLF BADGE

PEOPLE REQUIRED:

- 1) Akela, the leader of the wolf pack (the Cubmaster)
- 2) Monkey Person 1
- 3) Monkey Person 2

PROPS:

- 1) Wadded paper, frisbees, paper airplanes, foam balls, or other items that the Monkey People will throw.

HINTS:

- 1) Because the Monkey People are not seen by the audience and may be slightly farther away than Akela and the cubs, they should have a very loud voices. If you are using a microphone but only have one, give it to the Monkey People.
- 2) Have a spare Wolf badge or two on hand for boys that pop up after the badges have been ordered (this can also save you from having to do another Bobcat ceremony next pack meeting). If you use a spare badge, make sure that a replacement badge is ordered in the cub's name. Otherwise, his records at the council headquarters will not be current!
- 3) If you are using this ceremony for the first time, practice the wolf howl by using it as a spirit cheer at the beginning of the pack meeting.
- 4) Dim the lighting at the beginning of the ceremony for better atmosphere.
- 5) With some minor wording changes, this ceremony can also be used for advancement to bear.

AKELA: The moon is full, just as it was long ago on that night in the jungle when Mowgli first joined the Seeonee wolf pack. It has been many years since Mowgli returned from living with the wolves. After he returned, he taught us many of the lessons he learned while in the jungle. The most important was that the strength of the wolf is the pack, and the strength of the pack is the wolf. That is why we are here tonight in this council ring. In the jungle, Mowgli was protected by Bagheera, the panther, and was taught the ways of the jungle by Baloo, the great bear. Tonight, we have several boys who have been following the teaching of the bobcat, the American cousin of Bagheera. They have walked his trail and have learned much. Tonight, in this council ring, we shall welcome these boys to the rank of Wolf. So let us begin. Parents, bring forward these man cubs.

(Akela calls out the names of the wolf candidates. Parents and wolf candidates come forward and face the rest of the pack.)

AKELA: My young cubs who want to be wolves, many moons ago, you learned the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. Since then, you have followed that law in your den, and you have learned many things. Tonight.....

(From an unseen place off stage, the Monkey People interrupt and throw wadded paper at Akela and the boys.)

MONKEY PERSON 1: Laws, laws, laws! Rules, rules, rules! What a drag!

MONKEY PERSON 2: Man cubs! Come with us to the tops of the trees. Man cubs! Come with us and play.

AKELA: Oh no! The Bandar-log, the Monkey People!

MONKEY PERSON 1: We have no laws or rules. We are free! Come and play!

AKELA: Silence! Once, when Mowgli disobeyed Bagheera, his teacher, he was captured by the Monkey People, the Bandar-log. The wolves despise the Monkey People because they have no law of the pack. The Monkey People think they are so smart that they do not need laws. But because they have no laws, they do not help each other. Instead of following Akela and cooperating, they fight among themselves. Because of this sorry behavior, the Monkey People have no pride, no strength of character, they aren't honest, they do not do their duty to God, and all the jungle knows it.

MONKEY PERSON 2: Laws and rules! Rules and laws! Who needs all that! Come and play!
Akela: You irresponsible monkeys! These man cubs have learned better! As they have walked the bobcat trail, they have learned that the cub scout promise and the law of the pack are important!

[list various pack and den activities, (see last section for examples) ...]

... people crying with happiness because these man cubs came to share their love with them. You good for nothing monkeys! You wouldn't do something like that.

... You useless monkeys! You would rather have no laws and play in the tree tops than even to see that your own friends have enough food. Even now these boys have been helping the pack by selling pizzas! You selfish monkeys! You would only work to help yourself!

MONKEY PERSON 1: Yeah! Yeah! Yeah! Talk! Talk! Talk! These boys would rather not bother with all that! They really don't like all your pack laws and rules.

MONKEY PERSON 2: Yeah man cubs! You don't need to follow all those promises and rules and all that junk! Come on and play!

AKELA: Silence Monkey People! I will show you that these boys have learned better! I will give them each a choice.

(Call each wolf candidate forward, one at a time, ask...)

AKELA: (boys name), I have here your wolf badge that you have earned! Do you want to accept this rank remain a cub in this pack, and go on to study the ways of Baloo, the bear, or do you want to run with the Bandar-log, the Monkey People who have no laws?

(After the boy has answered yes, Akela gives Cub Scout handshake and hands him his wolf badge.)

(After each boy has accepted his badge ...)

AKELA: Man cubs, you have chosen wisely. So that those useless Bandar-log will know

what we expect of you, give the Cub-Scout sign with your right hand and repeat the Cub-Scout Promise with me.

I promise to do my best,
to do my duty to God and my country,
to help other people,
and to obey the Law of the Pack.

AKELA: So let us all now repeat the law of the pack. Will all scouts that are here tonight please stand and give the scout sign and repeat the law of the pack-with me?

The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The pack helps the scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.
(Akela motions for audience to be seated.)

AKELA: Pack ! Your fellow cubs have chosen wisely! Let us salute them and tell these Monkey People to be gone with a good wolf howl!
(Akela leads pack in wolf howl.)

Sample Activities ...

Last Christmas, this pack gave goodwill by singing Christmas carols at a nursing home. Some of them saw lonely old people crying with happiness because these man cubs came to share their love with them. You good for nothing monkeys! You wouldn't do something like that. This pack has collected food for the hungry. You useless monkeys! You would rather have no laws and play in the tree tops than even to see that your own friends have enough food. Even now these boys have been helping the pack by selling candy! You selfish monkeys! You would only work to help yourself!

ADVANCEMENT - AKELA'S COMPASS

PROPS: Compass made from pizza board.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, new Webelos Scout, parents, Webelos Den member, Webelos Den Chief, Webelos Den Leader.

ARRANGEMENT: Have the participants stand in line facing the pack. As Cubmaster reads, the participants step forward as they are mentioned.

CUBMASTER:

I'm Akela, the leader of the pack.

Akela leads the Cubs and guides them down the track.

Since the Cub Scout trail goes far and wide,

Akela's Compass is your guide.

The compass needle points to North.

His Den Leader stands here, of course.

Who'll walk with him along the way,

Like a Compass needle, he'll never stray.

To the East in full array.

His Webelos den, like break of day.

The radiance of eagerness fills the skies.

The spirit of adventure in their eyes.

To the Scout his Den Chief beams.

A Boy Scout filled with boyhood dreams.

He takes the Webelos by hand.

Alive with action-they rule the land.

His Webelos Leader is to the West.

A symbol of manhood at its best.

Follow him closely if you can.

For the ideals of Scouting are in this man.

There is one more thing we're going to need,

To complete my compass for me to read.

It's the center point where the needle lies.

It's Mom and Dad in whom he relies.

No, I read my compass and set the course.

The rest is up to him, of course.

If you'll follow me along the trail.

With my compass in hand, how can we fail?

ADVANCEMENT - BLUE DOT PAINTED WEBELOS

CHARACTERS: AKELA - Cubmaster
BALOO - Assistant Cubmaster
DRUMMER - a Cub Scout

MATERIALS:

Blue, yellow, green, and red tempera paint, Webelos badges and certificates, safety pins, parent's pins.

(DRUMMER begins slow, rhythmic beat).

AKELA: Webelos stands for We'll Be Loyal Scouts. Will the following Scouts and their parents please come forward.

(BALOO reads the names of the Webelos candidates. They assemble in a line with the Scout in front and parents behind).

AKELA: The sign of the Webelos Scout signifies a major step on the Cub Scout trail on your way to the Arrow of Light and onto the Boy Scout trail to Eagle. Just as Indian boys became warriors and were painted in the colors of their tribe, we will paint you with the colors of Scouting.

(While AKELA recites the following, BALOO paints a round blue dot in the upper middle - along the hairline - of each Scout's forehead).

AKELA: The first blue dot represents the three activity badges you have earned as an active member of your Webelos den.

(BALOO then paints a second blue dot to the left of the first dot).

AKELA: The second blue dot stands for your understanding of the Webelos badge and the Webelos uniform.

(BALOO then paints a third blue dot to the right of the first dot).

AKELA: The third dot shows that you understand and intend to live by the Boy Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan.

(BALOO paints a fourth blue dot below and between the first and second blue dots).

AKELA: The fourth blue dot shows that you know the Boy Scout Salute, Sign, Handclasp, and when to use them.

(BALOO paints a fifth blue dot below and between the first and third blue dots).

AKELA: The fifth blue dot represents your agreement to follow the Outdoor Code.

These five dots will now be connected by two “V’s”.

(BALOO connects the first three blue dots).

AKELA: The first “V” stands for the flag ceremony that you have led.

(BALOO connects the second three blue dots, They should form a “W”).

AKELA: The second “V” represents the practice of your religious faith.

The letter that has been formed is a “W”, symbolic of the total effort you have made to attain your Webelos badge.

The Webelos colors are gold, green, and red. These colors represent the entire Scouting program.

(BALOO draws a yellow line on each of the Scout’s cheeks, from sideburns to just short of the nose).

AKELA: Gold represents the Pack. Gold is the color of the sun and will light your way along the Scouting trail.

(BALOO draws green lines under the yellow lines).

AKELA: Green represents the Boy Scout Troop that you will shortly join. Green stands for the tree so that you may stand tall on the Scouting trail.

(BALOO draws red lines under the green lines).

AKELA: Red represents the Explorer Post. Red stands for fire so that you may have a burning desire to explore new areas.

(BALOO presents the Webelos badges to each Scout’s parent and the parent pin to the Scout. The parent pins the Webelos badge on the Scout’s uniform shirt, and the Scout, in turn, pins the parent’s pin onto his parent).

AKELA: Wear your Webelos badge proudly while you are continuing to work toward your Arrow of Light.

AKELA and BALOO then shake each Scout’s and each parent’s hand).

ADVANCEMENT - TWAS THE NIGHT OF THE PACK MEETING

Twas the night of the pack meeting and all through the place,
Not a boy was stirring, anticipation on each face.

It was time for advancements and they all turned an ear.
So when their name was called, they would hear it loud and clear.

The Cubmaster was checking his list, not once but twice,
To see which boys had worked hard and earned awards this night.

When all of a sudden, the Cubmaster was ready with helpers nigh,
To pass out awards as the boys were called and they filed by.

First came the Bobcats all new to the pack.
Akela is ready with the guidance and experience they lack.

Come up all you new Cubs, you're our Bobcats tonight.
Your final step as a Bobcat is to do a good deed, And you must do it right.
(Call boys and their parents forward and present awards.)

Second are the Wolves, experienced that's true,
But there is still much to ream, Akela's not through.
Come up all our Wolf Cubs, you are Wolves to be praised.
Achievements and electives you've done,
So with Wolf badge and arrow points,
In rank you are praised.
(Call boys and parents forward and present awards.)

Third are the Bears most experienced so far.
Akela's teachings they've heeded, they're way above par.
Come all our Bear Cubs, your work and learning is applauded.
For completing achievements and electives, tonight you're rewarded.
(Call boys and parents forward and present awards.)

Last are the Webelos but not least to be sure.
Akela's lessons they've learned, now Boy Scouts is their lure.
Come up all our Webelos, your activities are harder,
Your accomplishments you wear proudly on your shoulder.
(Call boys forward and present them with activity badges.)

Now, let's give all these Cub an applause for a job well done.

ADVANCEMENT - BEAR ADVANCEMENT, UNKNOWN SCOUTS

PEOPLE REQUIRED:

- 1) Akela (Cubmaster)
- 2) Baloo (Asst. Cubmaster)

PROPS:

- 1) Campfire
- 2) Badges (with tape affixed to the card the badge is on)

BALOO: One day in 1909 an American businessman named William Boyce was having trouble finding his way in the London fog. As he stood on the street, a young boy approached him and asked if he could help. Mr. Boyce told him the address he was looking for, and the boy led him to his destination. When Mr. Boyce attempted to give him a tip for his help, the boy said, "No thank you sir, I'm a Scout and Scouts do not accept rewards for doing good turns." This meeting inspired Mr. Boyce to form the Boys Scouts of America

AKELA: The slogan of the Boys Scouts to this day is "Do a good turn daily." And, as Cub Scouts, we say in our promise that we will help other people. A very important part of the Cub Scout program is the advancement of the boys as they work to be good Cub Scouts. We recognize the Cub Scouts in our pack in honor of the unknown scout in England.

BALOO: Will the following boys who have earned their Bear badge, and their parents please come forward?

(Baloo lists names of boys earning the Bear badge.)

AKELA: I know the pride that you have in completing the Bear requirements is the same pride that was heard in the voice of the unknown Scout so long ago when he said, "I'm a Scout." And, with your Bear badge, you move closer to that day when you too will be able to make the same claim.

(Baloo hands badges to parents.)

AKELA: Parents, would you please present the Bear badge to your son? Attach the badge to his left uniform pocket upside down using the tape. Once your son performs a good deed, the badge may be permanently attached right side up.

BALOO: The parents may sit down while the boys join Akela around the campfire. Then I will place your headband on your head indicating your new rank.

ADVANCEMENT - CLIMBING THE CUB SCOUT MOUNTAINS

EQUIPMENT: tent, teepee or boxes to make them, Paper Mache can be used for making large mountains, buildings etc.

SETTING: A trail up the mountains. Begin with a teepee then have blue and gold paper streamers wind around signs and stations. Teepee is 'base camp'. Boxes or painted backgrounds are the trail stops up the mountain. One is the Store, for bobcat rank, next comes the Wolf hill for that level and a higher mountain is Bear Mountain, with Webelos Lodge high and the 'rugged trail' beyond as the trail to Boy Scouting.

Akela at base came welcomes the new Bobcats who go to the store for their pins.

These Cub Scouts have left their base camp and are on the trail up the Mountains of Cub Scouting.

At the Store are (name the boys) receiving their Bobcat pins. Cubs may recite promise and law if time permits.

These Cub Scouts have gone beyond the store and are now on Wolf Hill - list cubs attaining wolf rank. Present badges in manner chosen.

As we climb, we find at Bear Mountain, (name cubs who are receiving Bear badges) who have climb longer and higher during the past months.

At Webelos Lodge are (names) who have climb longer and farther for a longer time.

Congratulations given in an appropriate manner. Include parents who have helped the boys by providing the necessary support.

Cub Scouts thank Akela and their parents.

Akela says now go, and as your parents and leaders have helped you, you help others. Do your Best, climb higher along the rugged road to the summit of Scouting. Wear your badges proudly, remember your promise and the Law of the Pack.

Advancement in the Den can be as simple as adding the boys' names on a chart or having a mountain setting with levels for each achievement.

Advancement ceremonies can be held at Parks when having an outdoor meeting. Elevated areas can be used for the ranks.

ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS BADGE CEREMONY

BOYS NEEDED: Boys who have completed the Webelos Badge requirements.

LEADERS NEEDED: Cubmaster, 6 Den Leaders or members of the Pack Committee.

MATERIALS NEEDED: One candle for Cubmaster (Akela's Light) and 6 other candles. A number of Webelos badges are required.

SET UP: Cubmaster stands before the Council fire, Webelos graduates sit in semi-circle before him. Den Leaders or Pack committee persons taking part stand on either side of Cubmaster.

CUBMASTER: Webelos is like a name of an Indian tribe. It's the word to use when you want to talk about all the boys everywhere who are Cub Scouts. The letters W. B. L. S. are the first letters of 'We'll Be Loyal Scouts'.

#1 SPEAKER: Akela was a great Indian chief; he had many Indians in his tribe, because he was a peace loving chief and tried to do what he thought was best for his people. He thought that if he could do something to hold the interest in his people they would be even greater and peace loving than before. I light a blue candle (1) representing the spirit of Cub Scouting - that spirit of giving good will and doing your best. The Cub Scout has started the Scouting trail of adventure. He is now a Bobcat.

#2 SPEAKER: I represent in lighting this blue candle (2) the Wolf Cub Scout. This Cub Scout must pass 12 achievements. He has now learned to follow the trail of the wolf tracks through the great forest of scouting adventure.

#3 SPEAKER: I represent in lighting this blue candle, the Bear Cub Scout. This is the next award a Cub Scout works toward. He must pass 12 achievements. The Bear trail has been more difficult to follow. The Bear Cub was in trouble every once in a while. He may have put his nose in a bee hive, but you didn't see him do it twice.

#4 SPEAKER: I light the white candle, representing the spirit of Scouting. Remember the Spirit of Cub Scouting and Scouting are one and the same. The spirit of the entire Scouting achievement is service, high ideals and fellowship.

#5 SPEAKER: I light the yellow candle representing the Webelos rank. Webelos means We'll Be Loyal Scouts. Loyal to our country, our home and our God.

CUBMASTER: I present these Webelos badges which can be worn on your scout Shirt. It is an honor for me to greet you Cub Scouts as Webelos. Notice we are leaving unlighted, the candle representing the Arrow of Light. This is to remind you Webelos Cub Scouts of something yet to be done. Strive well for the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting.

ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS GRADUATION FEATHERS

PROPS: one blue, yellow, and red feather for each boy

CUBMASTER: Through your Webelos activities you have had many opportunities to experience the outdoors, including activities such as Day Camp, camping with your Webelos den and with Boy Scouts. You now know the OUTING is the essences of Scouting.

Now as you complete the transition from Cub Scouting into Boy Scouting you will experience more of the outdoors. As you cross over into Boy Scouts you will begin as a Scout and then earn the right to be known as a Tenderfoot. You must learn to walk before you learn to fly. And fly you will as you expand your horizons and build your endurance to someday become an Eagle. An eagle of nature is a creature of God that has learned to be one with the Outdoors and is not satisfied with just watching the world pass by. You are developing to be such a creature of God.

Are you willing to make the commitment to work hard to build your strength and work with your fellow scouts to develop your wings to soar as an eagle? (Scouts says yes)

To encourage you on the trail, here are your first Eagle feathers. The blue feather represents your progress through Cub Scouts and into Webelos. The yellow Eagle feather is for earning the Arrow of Light. Not all Webelos scouts earn the Arrow of Light. The yellow feather represents your first flight over the first steps of Boy Scouting toward the Tenderfoot rank. You are indeed at least two steps ahead of those boys who enter Boy Scouts without progressing through the Webelos program. (Give blue and Yellow feathers to the boy)

As you cross the bridge to Boy Scouting, your Scoutmaster will present you with a red Eagle feather, representing you first step as a Boy Scout toward becoming an Eagle Scout.

Remember these first Eagle feathers as you progress though the hardest years for a young Eagle, the teenage years. You will be pulled in many directions and often lose sight of your objectives. Remember that an Eagle flies above those thing the confront him in order to gain a better perspective. He does not always fly past his problems but does see more clearly the obstacles that confront him. Only in the Outdoors can the Eagle truly arise above his troubles and not lose sight of this objectives.

Go now and join your fellow Scouts who will teach yo to walk with tender feed as you develop your strong wings to fly. Go my son, get your education!

ADVANCEMENT - WORKING WITH WOOD

EQUIPMENT.

- Pocket knife
- Saw
- Screw driver
- Sandpaper
- varnish

Before you are a variety of tools used by carpenters and wood workers to transform plain wood into objects of beauty and usefulness. There are many steps between beginning to work with a piece of wood and completing a project. So it is with Cub Scouting. Tonight we are recognizing significant steps of progress along the Cub Scout trail.

Bobcat recognition- Use a pocket knife

Of course a carpenter has to start with a plan. Once he has a plan in mind, the first tools he uses begin to shape the wood. We have young carpenters who have completed the initial step and are here to receive their Bobcat award

Wolf recognition- Use a saw

Once started on the project, a carpenter has to focus on the major task of shaping this project- whether the finished product is a chair or a bowl. Many, many steps are required to complete this stage of the task We have several Cub Scouts who have completed the Wolf rank and have earned Wolf arrow points.

Bear recognition - Use screw driver

Once the wood is shaped, it is ready for the assembly process. This stage required many different types of tools and fasteners and precision in assembly. Much patience is needed. Our Bear Cub Scouts have a tougher set of requirements to fulfill to qualify for Bear rank and Bear arrow points. We honor them.

Webelos recognition - Use varnish

The crowning touch to finishing a fine piece of furniture is what truly makes a piece of wood a masterpiece. Many coats of glass and sanding in between are needed to make wood glow. Drawers and doors without proper hardware are useless. Webelos who earn The Arrow of Light have demonstrated a commitment to becoming master craftsmen.

ADVANCEMENT - THE GYPSY PACK

MATERIALS: Have an artificial fire if indoors and a tripod over the top. Tripod: 3 long sticks (or PVC pipe painted brown) at least 5 feet long, tied near the top with a rope. Use a kettle or a plastic ice cream container painted silver. Place awards in it. You will also need some glitter for magic dust.

CUBMASTER: Standing in the back of the campfire with lights out he raises his hands above his head and says: "We gypsies know our minds and we are skilled in many things of everyday life. Tonight we have some among our tribes who have used their minds to practice many skills in their dens. Will the following tribe members bring their parents and stand before me, the Prince of the gypsies?"

Call out names. Line them up according to rank. Don't do Arrow of Light Awards right now. They will come later. All boys are called together in front of the fire and bow their heads before Cubmaster, who sprinkles the glitter on the awards and asks them to repeat after them, "As a gypsy tribe member, my mind is alert. My heart is in tune with the skills I have achieved tonight." Boys return to parents and are called individually forward to stand on either side of the fire with their parents who are given the award to give to their boy, each in turn.

ARROW OF LIGHT: If any, they are done similarly.

CUBMASTER: "We have some in our tribes who we want to give special honor to this night." Call forth the boys who are receiving this award, along with their parents. The boys stand in front of the fire, bowing their heads. Parents stand beside the fire so that the boys are seen. Sprinkle glitter on awards in the kettle. "My mind is clear and alert, my heart is in deep gratitude with the honor given to my poor soul as I receive the Arrow of Light." Boys join their parents, and parents present their boy with the Arrow of Light and any other pack project awards that may be given.

GYPSY GRADUATION: All boys in tribes are called forward and line up in two equal rows facing each other. The boys in the row farthest away from the audience take their gypsy scarves (cub scarves) from their heads. Each boy takes a corner of the scarf with the point facing down, and holds it up high so that the honored boy can walk through the archway to the other end where the Scoutmaster is. This is called the Arch Ceremony.

CUBMASTER: Hand the boy the graduation certificate and shake his and his parents' hands and say: "Our gypsy tribe members wish you farewell as you journey into scouting, but our hearts will always be with you." Boys and parents bow their heads as they walk through the archway to the Scoutmaster at the other end of the archway, along with the patrol leader, to greet them and welcome them to scouting.

ADVANCEMENT - WOLF CEREMONY, ANIMAL SPIRITS

PEOPLE REQUIRED: 1) Akela (Cubmaster) 2) Baloo (Asst. Cubmaster) 3) Den Leader

PROPS: 1) Campfire 2) Forest Scenery

(The lights are turned off, the fire is lit and the drum starts. Akela and Baloo walk toward the front. When they reach the front, Akela gives the Cub Scout sign, and the drum falls silent.)

DEN LEADER: The Indians believed in animal spirits. These spirits helped the Indians and gave them special powers. It was good to have the strength from many animal spirits. But, each Indian also had a main spirit. The Indian would not reveal who his guardian spirit was unless he was near death.

BALOO: One advantage to spending time alone in the wilderness, is that you might meet your spirit animal. And, to meet your spirit animal is to make your life more complete. An Indian might be canoeing alone across a lake, when he spies a wolf on the shore. And as the wolf looks into his eyes, he'll just know, that that's his spirit animal. Of course you can only meet your spirit animal when you're alone.

AKELA: The wolf gives us two strengths: wisdom and bravery. The wolf is one of the smartest animals in the woods. This wisdom will serve our braves well. The wolf is also very loyal to the pack. Because of this, the pack is much stronger than the wolf by itself. Do we have any cubs who have earned the mark of the wolf?

BALOO: Yes, we have (number). They have learned how to handle tools and how to display the flag; they know how be healthy and safe. They have learned to serve in the community and to conserve energy. They are physically active and like to read. They have fun with their families and have collected useful and beautiful things. They obey our country's laws and worship God.

AKELA: Bring them and their parents forward so I may award them with the honor they have earned.

BALOO: Will (names) please come forward with their parents?
(Hand badge to parents.)

AKELA: Parents, would you please present your son his Wolf badge? As is the custom in our pack, please attach the badge to his uniform upside down, with the tape. Once he performs a good deed, it may be permanently attached right side up. The pin is worn by the parents as an indication that Cub Scouting is a family activity.

BALOO: These boys deserve a cheer for their hard work. What could be more appropriate than a wolf howl?

ADVANCEMENT - THOUSANDS OF CUB SCOUTS BEFORE YOU

MATERIALS: Bobcat badge and card

PARTICIPANTS: Cubmaster, New Bobcat and parents

CUBMASTER: A young boy stood in front of a group of people. It was his first Cub Scout Pack Meeting over 66 years ago. He lifted his right arm and held 2 fingers in the air to give the Cub Scout Sign and said...

I, promise to do my best,
To do my Duty to God
And my country,
To be square and
To obey the Law of the Pack

Since that night, hundreds of thousands of boys have repeated the same procedure as they became Cub Scouts. Tonight, we are welcoming (name of the boy), to our pack and invite his family to come forward as we present his Bobcat Badge. Will the parents and new Bobcat recipient please come forward.

(Name of the boy), you have indicated that you wish to become a part of the Cub Scout program. Therefore join the ranks of many young men, who began their adventure in Scouting as a Cub Scout in years ago. In doing so, you have learned, as they have, the symbols of the Cub Scouts...The Cub Scout Sign, Handshake, Salute and Motto. You are able to repeat the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack.

As your Cubmaster, I now ask if you are ready to become a Bobcat in our Pack, and accept the obligation of the Cub Scout Promise?

NEW BOBCAT: Yes, I am.

CUBMASTER: Will all the Cub Scouts present please stand and join (name of the boy), and myself in repeating the Cub Scout Promise, just as the Cub Scout of years ago have. (Raise your arm in the Cub Scout Sign.)

I promise to Do my Best , To do my Duty to God, And my Country.
To help other people and, To Obey the Law of the Pack.

(Name of the boy), you have promised, as many thousands of Cub Scouts before you to do your best as a Cub Scout. On the behalf of all the boys who have worn the uniform of a Cub Scout in years past, to remember your Promise and to wear your Cub Scout uniform with pride and honor.

Welcome to our Pack. I am giving your parents your Bobcat Badge, they will sew it on your uniform when you have done a Good Turn as a Cub Scout. (Hand the badge to the parents. Shake hand with the new Cub Scout, using the Cub Scout handshake).

ADVANCEMENT - TIGER PAWS INTO CUBBING

EQUIPMENT: 3 big paper Tiger Cub paws (large enough for the boys to stand on) One paw will be labeled SEARCH, one DISCOVER, and the last SHARE, 1 American flag, 1 pack flag, Tiger Cub patches

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Tiger Cub Organizer

TCO: For the past few months you and your family have explored all sorts of new and exciting 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.

(Boys stand on the first paw marked SEARCH)

TCO: You and your family have searched out in your home and community new activities which have shown you how people work and have fun together.

(Boys stand on second paw marked DISCOVER)

TCO: The things you have searched out and discovered have been shared with your family and friends. This allowed them to learn about you and the things you like to do. Now is the time to move along the trail to the next part of the Scouting program.

(Have the families and Tigers stand in front facing the rest of the pack)

CM: In Cub Scouting, your family is still important, as it is throughout your whole Scouting experience. Support in earning each badge comes from your family as well as your den leader. Your parents will need to help you each step of the way. (hands the boys their graduation gift). On behalf of Pack, I welcome you as Cub Scouts.

(This ceremony can be enhanced by having 3 candles. The Assistant Cubmaster or other adult volunteer lights each candle as the boys move to another paw)

ADVANCEMENT - BRANDING IRON

PROPS: Bobcat branding iron, Wolf branding iron, Bear branding iron, kid's washable ink pad. (Branding irons are cut from a potato or sponge and affixed to a dowel.)
The Cub and his parents are brought to the front of the room.

BOBCAT CEREMONY: "We are proud to have Cub Scout as a new member of our pack and tonight we are pleased to present him his Bobcat badge. This is his first big step in Cub Scouting. He has followed the Bobcat trail, the same trail many Eagles have followed. On this trail he has learned the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, who Akela is, that Webelos means "We'll Be Loyal Scouts," to show the Cub Scout sign which means "Listen to Akela," the Cub Scout handshake, the Cub Scout Motto, and the Cub Scout salute.

You should remember these experiences all your life. This brand will help you remember what you have learned on this trail. In time, this brand will wear off but never let these memories fade. May the Spirit of the Bobcat be with you always."

Let one of the parents place the brand on the boy's cheek.

WOLF AND BEAR CEREMONY: "The following Cub Scouts have distinguished themselves and brought honor to our pack. [Read names] Tonight, we are honored to present them with their Wolf/Bear badge. In order to earn this honorable award, they have been required to follow the tracks of the Wolf/Bear, on their way to Arrow of Light and ultimately, Eagle. This trail grows increasingly more challenging, and these boys have demonstrated they are up to the challenges and ready to take on more. He has shown that he still remembers and lives by the code he learned as a Bobcat, and will build upon this strong foundation to higher and higher achievement.

To symbolize your progress on your journey, you will receive the mark of the Wolf/Bear. This brand will never leave your mind. May the Spirit of the Wolf/Bear always be with you."
Let one of the parents place the brand on the boy 's cheek.

ADVANCEMENT - AKELAS TREE TIGER PATCH CEREMONY

Cubmaster: Would all Tiger Cubs and their parents please come forward?

Many years ago in the village of Akela there grew a mighty oak. She, who is Mother Earth, had given the tree to Akela's grandfather. Akela, the wisest wolf, cherished this tree and held council beneath its outstretched branches. The beautiful tree was home and playground to any bird or animal who respected and cared for it. Mother Earth provided abundant sunshine and rain to nurture and patience would be needed to insure that the tree would grow to its fullest potential.

Who presents these Tiger Cubs for their Tiger Patch?

Tiger Cub Coach: I do, Akela. They have Searched, Discovered, and Shared. They are also learning the way of the Pack.

Cubmaster: Let them speak the Promise of the Tiger Cub.

Tiger Cub Coach: Tigers and Parents, repeat after me.

I promise to love God,

Tiger Cubs: I promise to love God,

Tiger Cub Coach: My family,

Tiger Cub: My family,

Tiger Cub Coach: and my country

Tiger Cub: and my country

Tiger Cub Coach: and to learn about the world.

Tiger Cub: and to learn about the world.

Cubmaster: This tree represents our Tiger Cub program. In order for it to flourish, much time and effort must be spent by the Tiger Cubs and their parents. (Look towards Tiger Cubs)

As each of you receive your award, please replace the patch with a leaf, and you will see how much more vital the tree will become.

(Boys are called by name, take patch, place leaf, get awards.)

You have each helped nurture this tree, and it has become a part of you. Just as Mother Earth's trees endure for many years, you have gained values through the Tiger Cub program which will last you a lifetime. May you always stand tall and straight like a tree... and be a beautiful resource of our land.

Will the audience please join me in congratulating these scouts.

ADVANCEMENT - JUNGLE BOOK CEREMONY FOR CROSSING INTO BOY SCOUTS

by Edward A. Haluska

People required:

- 1) Akela, the leader of the wolf pack (the Cubmaster)
- 2) Scoutmaster and Boy Scouts from the patrol(s) that will be accepting the Cubs.

PROPS:

- 1) Bridge (a small symbolic one is adequate)
- 2) New Boy Scout bandannas
- 3) Suitable recorded music and tape player

HINTS:

- 1) It is very common for the Boy Scouts to be responsible for the crossing over ceremony. If you want to use this ceremony for crossing over, be sure to discuss it with the leaders of the Boy Scouts who will be participating.
- 2) The music is mainly for the parents. During the crossing over, play something suitable like "Forever Young" or "Where Are You Going My Little One?"

AKELA: The moon is full, just as it was long ago on that night in the jungle when Mowgli first joined the Seconee wolf pack. It has been many years since Mowgli returned from living with the wolves. After he returned, he taught us many of the lessons he learned while in the jungle. The most important was that the strength of the wolf is the pack, and the strength of the pack is the wolf. That is why we are here tonight in this council ring. But just as Mowgli had to leave the pack, tonight we also have some man cubs among us who have grown strong and tall. The time has now come when they too must leave the pack to find their place in the world of men. They have learned many lessons as they have walked the trails of the bobcat, wolf, and bear. But tonight, because these cubs are ready to begin their next adventure on their way to manhood, we will not look to the way of the jungle for guidance. Instead, we will read from a book that men use when they seek wisdom.

To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die;
A time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to gain, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to throw away;
A time to tear, and a time to sew;
A time to keep silent, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
A time of war, and a time of peace.

AKELA: We have now come to the time and season when we must let go. So let us begin. Parents, bring forward these man cubs.

(Akela calls out the names of the Cubs who will be advancing to Scouts. Parents and Cubs come forward and face the rest of the pack.)

AKELA: Akela of the humans!

SCOUTMASTER: What is it that you want, Akela of the man cubs.

AKELA: We have among us several boys who have grown tall in body and strong in character. They have learned well the ways of the pack, but now they yearn to run with other boys who are also between their childhood and manhood. They have been with the pack for many moons, and have been a source of pride for us all. But now it is now the season when they must leave us.

SCOUTMASTER: We understand. Bring them to the bridge between us.

(If you have recorded music, start it now.)

(Akela now leads the cubs, one at a time, to the center of the bridge between Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. The boy is stopped at the center of the bridge, and Akela then removes the Cub's Webelos bandanna and any other Cub Scout insignias. The Scouts of the patrol that the Cub will be joining then place a Boy Scout bandanna on the boy and lead him to their group.)

AKELA: Although these boys are no longer with our pack, we still call on the Great Akela of all Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts to always guide their way. We ask that the Great Akela watch over them as they learn to soar with the Eagles. And, in the fullness of time, after the great wheel of life has turned full circle, when the season again comes to the time to gather in, and the moon is full, we pray that these boys will return, tall and proud and strong, and present their own man cubs to be accepted into the pack. But until then, let us send them on their way with a last wolf howl.

(Akela leads pack in wolf howl)

ADVANCEMENT - CUBPUTER

Directions for making a cubputer.

Cover an appliance box (washer or dryer) with brown paper. Paint designs with tempera paint. Cub a slot for IBM computer cards (or facsimile) to be inserted. Poke little holes through the box and insert blinking Christmas lights and secure in position the back with masking tape.

Have Cub Scout or Den Chief "hide" in the box and be the Cubputer's voice. (Talk in a monotone computer-like voice.) May use a computer toy (Merlin for example) for computer-like sound.

CUBMASTER: I would like to unveil my latest invention. (Uncover Cubputer) This amazing device is able to collate all the information that comes in from our Pack Committee members, den leaders, Webelos leaders and parents. It then can determine which Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts are eligible for which awards. Allow me to demonstrate. (Shows audience Bobcat Badge. Insert in slot.)

CUBPUTER: Bobcat badge. (pause) The Bobcat must learn and abide by the Cub Scout motto, the Cub Scout Promise, and the Law of the Pack. He is on the first step of the advancement ladder. Bobcat _____ and parents, please come forward to receive the Bobcat Badge. (Cubputer hands card with Bobcat through the slot.)

CUBMASTER: (Presents award. Then shows audience Wolf Badge and inserts in slot.)

CUBPUTER: Wolf Badge. (pause) Cub Scout has completed 12 achievements. These require knowledge of the flag, of keeping strong, of tools and knots, of safety and his neighborhood, of books and reading. He has mastered several feats of skill, has made a collection and has shown willingness to help in his home and take part in family fun. Would _____ and his parents please come forward to receive the Wolf Badge. (Cubputer hands card with Wolf through the slot.)

CUBMASTER: (Presents Wolf Award. Then shows audience card with Bear Badge and inserts in slot.)

CUBPUTER: Bear Badge. (Pause) This Cub Scout has completed 12 big achievements. This has required knowledge of such things as wildlife conservation, fitness, woodworking, bicycling, handling money, and cooking. He has worked hard to learn more about God, Country, Family and Self. Would _____ and his parents please come forward to receive the Bear Badge. (Cubputer hands card with Bear badge through slot.)

CUBMASTER: (Presents Bear Award. Then shows audience card with Gold Arrow and inserts it in slot.)

CUBPUTER: Gold Arrow. (Pause) Wolf or Bear Cub Scout has worked hard to complete ten elective points. He is honored for his ambition and interest. Cub Scouts _____ and their parents, please come forward to receive Gold Arrow. (Cubputer holds cards with Gold Arrows one at a time through slot.)

CUBMASTER: (Presents Gold Arrow awards. Then shows audience card with Silver Arrow and inserts it in slot.)

CUBPUTER: Silver Arrow. (Pause) Wolf or Bear Cub Scout has worked extremely hard to complete ten additional elective points. He is honored for his dedication and desire. Cub Scouts _____ and parents, please come forward to receive Silver Arrow awards. (Cubputer hands out cards with Silver Arrows one at a time through slot.)

CUBMASTER: (Presents Silver Arrow awards. Then shows audience card with Webelos Badge and inserts it in slot.)

CUBPUTER: Webelos Badge. (Pause) This loyal Scout has proven himself to his Webelos leader in the activity badge area of Fitness, and earned two others from the fields of Community, Technology, Outdoor or Mental Skills. He has also demonstrated Webelos and Boy Scout knowledge. He is reaching the top of the Cub Scout advancement ladder. Webelos Scout _____ and parents, please come forward to receive the Webelos Badge. (Cubputer hands card with Webelos through slot.)

(Continue with this format for individual Activity Pin badge awards to Webelos, if desired.)

(A great closing is to have the cubputer overload/shutdown/overheat due to the impressive performance of the boys. Have fun!)

ADVANCEMENT - BEAR CEREMONY WHY THE CHIPMUNK HAS BLACK STRIPES

PEOPLE REQUIRED:

- 1) Akela (Cubmaster)
- 2) Baloo (Asst. Cubmaster)

PROPS:

- 1) Forest Scene
- 2) Badges (with tape affixed to the card the badge is on)

AKELA: Once upon a time, long ago, the animals had tribes and chiefs just like the people. One night, Porcupine sent out a message requesting all the animals to come together for a great council of the tribes. He had a very important matter for them to consider. At the Council meeting, Porcupine stood up to address the animals. His quills quivered and gleamed in the firelight. "I cannot decide," he said, finally. "I cannot decide whether we shall have night or daylight all the time."

BALOO: The bear rocked to and fro on his hind legs, trying to drown out the others by rumbling in a big deep voice, "Always night! Always night! Always night!"

AKELA: A little chipmunk who had been sitting on the outskirts of the Council meeting became annoyed. (Chipmunks hate to sit still for any time.) "You can talk all you like," he shrilled out in his tiny, squeaky voice, "but the light will come whether you want it or not. The light will come."

BALOO: The other animals did not pay any attention to him, but went on bawling and roaring and growling until they were hoarse. Chipmunk danced with excitement on the outskirts of the Council meeting shrieking, "The Light Will Come! The Light Will Come!"

AKELA: And before the animals knew it, a faint flush had crept up in the sky, and the golden disc of the sun rose above the tree-tops. Could it be possible that it was daylight whether they wished it or not?

BALOO: A shrill voice suddenly piped up from the edge of the assembly. "What did I tell..." "GRRRRR!"

AKELA: Chipmunk was gone like a flash through the trees with Bear after him. Chipmunk was so quick that he slipped into a hole in a tree before Bear could catch him. But, just before he disappeared, Bear struck at him with his paw. The black stripes that run down the chipmunk's sides today show where Bear's claws hit him long ago at that Council meeting when the animals tried to decide whether they should have darkness or daylight all the time.

BALOO: Just as the bear left it's mark on the chipmunk. We are here to honor Cub Scouts who have left their mark on this pack. On their way to learning about their self, their family, their country, and God, they have taken part in many activities in the pack.

AKELA: Bring these Cub Scouts and their parents forward so I may honor them with the award they have earned.

BALOO: Will the following Cub Scouts come forward with their parents?
(Baloo names the boys who are to receive the Bear badge.)
(Akela hands the badge to the parents.)

AKELA: Parents, would you please present the Bear badge to your son? As is our custom, please attach the badge to his uniform upside down, with the tape. Once a good deed is performed, the badge may be permanently attached right side up. The pin is worn by the parents as an indication that Cub Scouting continues to be a family activity.

BALOO: These boys deserve a cheer for their hard work. What could be more appropriate than a bear growl?

ADVANCEMENT - KEY TO THE CITY #2

The "Mayor" uses a "Key to the City" to unlock the advancement badges, arrow points, and activity pins for presentation to the boys. Have a stage area set up like it is for an outdoor recognition of a new person to the city with banners and burning. Do a traditional advancement ceremony but with a flair.

Make a slide series of the noted buildings and sites in your town. As your awards ceremony progress move from slide to slide letting the audience name the location. You might end with such "historical" markers as: McDonald's Burger King (Even small children can join in the identification of such local places.)

Cut a lock and key from heavy cardboard and paint them gold and silver. Tape the badges to the ends of the key. The Cubmaster (Mayor) points out that his key unlocks the fun of Cub Scouting and the way to the next higher rank. or use the prop below.

To make a "Key to the City" prop, use a large heavy cardboard box. The cardboard key "unlocks" the fun of Cub Scouting and reveals badges boys have earned. Paint box blue and key gold. Tape Wolf badges and arrow points to be awarded to one sliding tab, Bear badges to the other. When the key is turned it pushes up one of the tabs.

ADVANCEMENT - WHEN MT. ST. HELENS WALKED THE EARTH

PEOPLE REQUIRED: 1) Akela (Cubmaster) 2) Baloo (Asst. Cubmaster)

PROPS: 1) Mountain scene with broken bridge 2) Badges (with tape affixed to the card the badge is on)

AKELA: Long ago, a group of braves from a tribe went out hunting. One brave sat on a rock to rest.

BALOO: He heard a voice speak to him.

AKELA: The brave jumped up, trying to figure where the voice was coming from.

BALOO: It was the rock. The rock told him a story about when Mt. St. Helens, Mt. Adams and Mt. Hood walked the earth. They were a family like people have families today.

AKELA: For many days the brave listened to the stories from the rock. The other braves wondered why he was catching so little and followed him one day.

BALOO: The other braves heard the rocks stories too. It told them that the bridge of the gods once was a rock bridge over the Columbia River. But, the tribes began to fight. Mt. St. Helens was so mad, it threw rocks at the bridge and broke it. This left the two tribes on opposite sides of the river with no way to fight each other. The rock told them to tell this story to their children, so it would not be forgotten.

AKELA: The Webelos we are honoring tonight and the Webelos we honored previously are now the oldest boys in our pack. It is their job to tell the stories of our pack to the younger boys. They can tell them about the (list activities) (i.e. space derby, bike rodeo, the Christmas tree mulch, the hikes, Day Camp) and the many other activities they have enjoyed. Baloo, please call up the boys we are honoring tonight.

BALOO: Will (names) please come forward with their parents?

BALOO: To earn the Webelos badge each scout must earn the Webelos fitness activity pin and two others. These scouts have learned about Boy Scouting and respect for God. (Hand badge to the parents.)

AKELA: Parents, would you please present to your son his Webelos badge? Please attach the badge to his uniform upside down, with the tape. Once he performs a good deed, it may be permanently attached right side up. The pin is worn by the parents as an indication that Cub Scouting will always be a family activity.

BALOO: Since you boys are the youth leaders of our Pack, I want to leave you with a challenge. Over this next year, help me find ways to make the Pack even more fun. Will the Pack join me in the Cub Scout cheer? After I say Cub, you reply Scout.

ADVANCEMENT - TRUE TEST OF SURVIVAL

The animals that live in the wild have to do whatever they can to survive. The very young animals have to be able to run quickly and learn the laws of the jungle as soon as they can. In our pack, the Bobcats are just like these young animals. They are just beginning to learn about Cub Scouting and are running as fast as they can. Will the following Bobcats please come forward and receive their awards?

As the young animals grow, they learn about how to survive in the jungle, and begin to take care of themselves. They are not yet ready to hunt on their own, but are following the leaders closely, trying to learn what they will need to survive. In our pack, the Wolf Cubs are just like that. They are learning and doing things for themselves, even though they are young members of the pack. Will the following Wolf Cubs please come forward and receive their awards?

The young animals are now beginning to hunt on their own. They work together with the others in the pack to make sure the hunt is successful, and share in the rewards. They have learned their lessons well, and are sure to be able to survive. The Bear Cubs in our pack are like these animals. Will the following Bear Cubs please come forward?

The true test of survival is to be able to pass on what has been learned. The older animals are looked up to by the younger ones, and the young animals look to them to show them how to act and survive. In our pack, the Webelos Scouts fill this role. They have grown to be great Cub Scouts and show the way for the rest of the pack. Will the following Webelos please come forward?

ADVANCEMENT - DIMMING CAMPFIRE

EQUIPMENT: Electric campfire with dimmer switch that can be operated unseen by an adult. Start the ceremony off with the "Fire" dim.

CM: Tonight we have gathered at the ceremonial campfire to hear an ancient tale. It was once believed that a campfire had magic. Of course it cooks our food, lights our way and wards off animals, but the magic of this Pack campfire is that it can light up our future! But only when we approach it after making a great accomplishment.

Will (Read Tigers Names) and their partners please stand by their chairs? See how the fire burns only dimly when there are no advancing Tigers nearby? Now please come forward and join me at the fire side. See how it has begun to grow brighter now!

The fire tells us that you have completed all the requirements for your Tiger rank. You have worked hard to be worthy of this great honor, so the fire has given us a sign that you will continue to find great joy and success in Cub Scouting. You will soon be on your way to earning the next rank in Scouting. The fire tells us so! I present this Tiger Cub patch to your partner to present to you. Congratulations! I now dismiss you to your seat, and watch the fire as you leave it's side.

ADVANCEMENT - PAINTED BEAR CEREMONY

CHARACTERS: AKELA - Cubmaster
 BALOO - Assistant Cubmaster
 DRUMMER - a Cub Scout

MATERIALS:

Brown and green tempera paints, Bear badges and certificates, safety pins, parent's pins.

(DRUMMER begins slow, rhythmic beat).

AKELA: Tonight we are honoring some Cub Scouts who have reached a new rank. They have worked hard to take on the sign of the bear. Will the following Scouts and their parents please come forward.

(BALOO reads the names of the Bear candidates. They assemble in a line with the Scout in front and parents behind).

AKELA: You are all well onto the Cub Scout trail to reach the honor of the Arrow of Light in Cub Scouting, and eventually, start the Boy Scout trail to seek the sign of the Eagle.

To help you continue on your journey, we will now inscribe you with the sign of the bear.

(While AKELA recites the following, BALOO paints two brown round eyes on each Scout's forehead, above his eyes).

AKELA: To help you see along this trail, I am giving you the eyes of the bear. When the achievements become hard, these eyes will guide you over the rough spots.

(BALOO then paints a line down each Scout's nose).

AKELA: The nose of the bear. Imagine for a minutes with me. Let us walk in the forest. Smell the fresh air, the dirt, the trees. Smell the smoke from the campfire, dinner cooking outside. All these new adventures are waiting for you in the final part of your Cub Scout trail and along the Boy Scout trail towards Eagle.

(BALOO then paints rounded bear ears on the cheeks of each Scout).

AKELA: The ears of the bear. Others may try to mislead you and cause you to stray from the trail. Do not hear them. Listen only to the call of the Eagle.

(BALOO paints a curved mouth on each Scout's chin).

AKELA: The mouth of the bear. Bears know good from bad and so do you by now. The Cub Scout Promise has taught you to do your duty to God, and to your country, and to others.
(BALOO paints green triangles on both cheeks).

AKELA: The trail is getting steeper and harder. Not everyone will finish, Follow this

guideline so no harm will come to you along the trail.

(BALOO presents the Bear badges to each Scout's parent and the parent pin to the Scout. The parent pins the Bear badge onto the Scout's uniform shirt, and the Scout, in turn, pins the parent pin onto his parent).

AKELA: Congratulations to you and your family for your hard work.

(AKELA and BALOO then shake each Scout's and each parent's hand).

ADVANCEMENT - HOW PRECIOUS WATER IS TO LIFE

PROPS: Small bottle of water for each advancing Cub Scout.

CUBMASTER: Water is a wondrous thing. We use it for recreation, bathing, cooking, to replenish our bodies and in hundreds of other ways. A hot shower or a cold glass of ice water are things that we certainly appreciate. The majesty of the oceans, the awesome beauty of a glacier and the quiet solitude of a quiet forest stream are some of the ways that God has provided water for us. As we honor these young men tonight, please remember how precious water is-to life and we should conserve it.

Bring forward each group of boys and parents and present their award. Give each boy a small bottle of water and ask that he keep it as a reminder of how precious water is to all of us.

ADVANCEMENT - GOLD & SILVER ARROWHEADS

EQUIPMENT: Arrowhead on a thong, Arrow for demonstration, Arrow Points to be awarded

AKELA: Will (Read Names) and their parents please come forward? Tonight we honor these Cub scouts who have gone the extra mile and earned Gold Arrowpoint/Silver Arrowpoints. (Hold up arrow.) Here is an arrow. Have you ever shot an arrow? What makes the arrow fly straight? Answer: a straight shaft and feathers on the end. What helps it enter its target? Answer: a sharp point and speed.

In order to be effective an arrow must have be all of these things. Straight and true, feathered for guidance and stability, fast and sharp. In order to be an effective Cub Scout, you too must remain straight and true, receive guidance and stability from good leaders, a program that is designed to help you move quickly through the ranks of achievement, and sharp attention on your part in order to make it to the Arrow of Light rank.

(Holding up arrowhead on a thong.) Here is an arrowhead. Making arrowheads requires skill and practice, and a lot of patience, as they are chipped of stone. Your Cub Scout Leaders and parents have chipped away at you to make you a sharp young man. I present this award to your parents to present to you. Now I will place around your neck this arrowhead, which you may keep as reminder of your hard work. You may wish to add it to your trophy skin. Congratulations!

ADVANCEMENT - PAINTED BOBCAT CEREMONY

CHARACTERS: AKELA - Cubmaster
BALOO - Assistant Cubmaster
DRUMMER - a Cub Scout

MATERIALS:

Blue, yellow, white, red, and green tempera paints, Bobcat badges and certificates, safety pins. Parent's pins.

(DRUMMER begins slow, rhythmic beat).

AKELA: Tonight our Pack has some Scouts who have worked hard since joining Cub Scouts. Will the following Scouts and their parents please come forward to take on the colors and spirit of Scouting.

(BALOO reads the names of the Bobcat candidates. They assemble in a line with the Scout in front and parents behind).

(While AKELA recites the following, BALOO paints a blue paw on each Scout's forehead).

AKELA: Blue is from the sky. The paw print of the Bobcat on your forehead is the spirit of the bobcat. This reminds you to Do Your Best on the Cub Scout trail.

(BALOO then paints yellow under both eyes of each Cub Scout).

AKELA: Yellow is from the sun. The marks under your eyes will help you see the light of the Cub Scout trail. They also symbolize the bright spirit of Cub Scouting.

(BALOO then paints a white line on each Scout's nose).

AKELA: White is for purity. The mark on your nose helps you know right from wrong as you go along the Cub Scout trail.

(BALOO paints a red zigzag on each Scout's chin).

AKELA: Red is for courage. The mark on your chin reminds you to always speak the truth.

(BALOO paints green triangles on both cheeks).

AKELA: Green stands for the spirit of nature. The marks on each cheek will guide you to live in harmony with the great outdoors.

Remember your markings of this night, new Cub Scouts, and have fun along the Cub Scout trail.

Parents, please repeat the Parent's Pledge after me to remind you of your responsibility to your Scout as he finds his way along the Cub Scout trail.

AKELA and PARENTS: I promise to do my best,
to help my son be a good Cub Scout,
to encourage him to fulfill the Cub Scout Promise
and obey the Law of the Pack.
I promise to assist him in his Cub Scout achievements and
electives, to cooperate with his Den Leader,
Cubmaster and Pack Committee Members,
and participate actively in the Cub Scout program.

(BALOO presents the Bobcat Badges to the parents, who pin the badges, upside down, onto the boys uniform and presents the parent's pin to the Scouts who then pin their parent).

AKELA: Parents, when your new Bobcat does his first Good Turn, you may sew his badge onto his uniform right side up.

(AKELA and BALOO then shake each Scout's and each parent's hand).

ADVANCEMENT - BEAT THE DRUM

(Drum is beating offstage. Drummer needs to have a script to follow. Each time the drum is to beat louder and faster, it gets louder and faster than the last time, building to the loudest and fastest at the end).

Tonight we have a number of young hunters who have stalked the Cub Scout jungle and returned with great trophies. The drums are telling of the great achievements these Cub Scout have earned. Listen closely (drum beats louder and faster for a short time). Yes, I understand. The drums say that (read names of boys) have earned their Bobcat rank. Bobcats, please come up and receive your award.

Some boys have gone further into the jungle and found even greater rewards. I think I hear the drums telling of their accomplishments now (drum beats louder and faster). Yes, (reads names of boys) have earned their Wolf rank. Would these great hunters of the pack, please come forward.

Ah, I hear the drums telling of yet greater feats (drum beats louder and faster). Yes, yes, they are saying that (reads names of boys) have earned the rank of Bear. I cannot bear to wait any longer. Would these new Bears please come forward.

(Drums build to a frenzy) My goodness. That could only mean that the highest of all trophies has been captured. The Webelos hunters have returned. Would these great hunters please come forward and receive the high honors to be bestowed only upon the greatest in the jungle (reads names of boys).

(Drums beat in an unusual tempo). I can tell by the sound of the drums that all the awards have been given. The drums also are saying that next month more great hunters are expected to arrive at our council ring.

ADVANCEMENT - PAINTED PAWS

EQUIPMENT: Black water based paint, brush, badges

CM: When a boy joins our Cub Scout pack, he earns the Bobcat badge and starts on an upward trail. This trail will lead him through the ranks of Wolf, Bear, Webelos and on to the highest award of Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light. Tonight we are honoring boys who have made significant advancement along this journey. Would the following boys and their parents please come forward? (Read names and wait till all are present.)

I understand that you seek the rank of Wolf, is that so? (response) Please recite the Cub Scout Promise.

Cubs: I, ___ promise to do my best to do my duty, to God and my Country, to help other people, and to obey the Law of the Pack.

CM: I can see by your knowledge of the Cub Scout Promise and the achievements that you have completed that you have worked hard along with your parents. These achievements are very important as they have helped you gain a deeper appreciation of many things. You are now ready to become a Wolf -cub.

(With paint draw on the back of the Cubs hands the 1st toe) The first toe of the Wolf paw is for your growth through feats of skill and having fun with your family.

(Draw 2nd toe.) The second toe of the Wolf paw represents that you have learned about your home, community, country and your religious beliefs.

(Draw 3rd toe.) The third toe stands for the skills you have gained in handling tools, trying new things, and making collections.

(Draw 4th toe.) The fourth toe represents your new appreciation for conservation and safety.

(Draw the footpad.) The pad of the Wolf paw represents your growth as a Cub and the increased responsibility you are now capable of handling. Wolf Cubs, remember the inscription of this paw. It shows you are ready to move along the upward trail of Scouting. (Present parents with badges and have them pin them to their sons. Shake hands with boys.)

CM: Would the following boys and their parents please come forward. (Read names and wait.) You are climbing even higher on Arrow of Light. Do you seek the rank of Bear? (response.) Then recite the Law of the Pack.

CUBS: The Scout follows Akela, The Cub Scout helps the Pack go, the Pack helps the Cub Scout grow, The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

CM: I see that you have worked hard with your parents and Den Leaders to achieve your rank. You are ready to become Bear-cubs.

(Draw the first toe on the back of the Cubs hands.) The first toe of the Bear paw symbolizes your increased understanding of God.

(Draw 2nd toe.) The second toe of the Bear paw symbolizes your new knowledge of your country, its folklore and heritage.

(Draw 3rd toe.) The third toe shows your increased appreciation of your family.

(Draw 4th toe.) The fourth toe stands for your increased understanding of your own self worth.

(Draw footpad.) The palm of the Bear paw represents your growth as a Cub, and the increased responsibility you are now capable of carrying. The climb up the Scouting trail is getting shorter, but steeper. Not everyone will finish. Follow the Promise and the Law so that no harm will come to you along the trail. (present badges to the parents and have them pin them to their sons. Shake hands with the boys.)

ADVANCEMENT - KINDLING THE FIRE

The buckskin pioneers settled down at night and usually had a campfire for cooking and for warmth. It takes several ingredients to make a campfire. To start, you have to find some small sticks or twigs. (have bobcat candidates bring in some twigs or sticks and place on the ground)

Discuss their accomplishments and present badges. (set sticks on fire)

The next ingredient is to add kindling to get the fire going. (have Wolf candidates put kindling on the fire)

Discuss their accomplishments.

The next step is to add the fuel to the fire. We do this by adding wood. (have bear candidates bring in wood and place on fire)

Discuss their accomplishments.

The Webelos scout adds to his knowledge and Scouting experience by completing activities. The fire will not burn unless more wood is added. (have Webelos place more wood on the fire)

Discuss their accomplishments.

With fire now burning take an arrow and discuss the elements to earn the arrow of light. (Call candidates forward) This arrow and the light from the fire represents the highest honor a Cub Scout can achieve. The Arrow (hold up arrows) of Light. (point to fire)

Discuss accomplishments.

ADVANCEMENT - OUR SCOUTING SPIRIT

EQUIPMENT: Large kettle, dry ice, three bottles of colored water. Other decorations can be added around the table or room.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster or ceremony chairman, also could use Den Chiefs or cubs not receiving awards to pour bottles into kettle of dry ice.

Tonight as we prepare our ceremony, we are aware of the approaching season of Fall. And with fall comes not only the time of harvest but of ghosts and goblins. Halloween!!! We have before us our own kettle of witches brew to help with the awarding of our advancements tonight. Before doing this we must add a few very special ingredients to the already boiling mixture. In our kettle already is the loyalty we share as scouts, so to that we add the blood of the bat. (red water).

Another ingredient already in our kettle is the hard work which was put in by the boys, leaders and parents to achieve the recognition these boys will be getting tonight. So to this we add the venom of spiders. (black colored water)

The next and probably the most important ingredient of all that we have in our kettle is the fun, fellowship and leaning experiences we all share as family and friends. To this we add the warts of toads. (green colored water)

All ingredients have been added and mixed together so now let us bring forth before us those who have advanced since last we met. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward: (this may be done by rank or den) (awards given here)

Around us we see things reminding us of Halloween, Trick or Treat, the approach of Fall and the time for Harvest. As we bring this ceremony to a close we must remember that although this is the time of year when we think of witches, ghosts, goblins and other things that go bump in the night, this is only a once a year event. As Scouts we have something that goes with us the year round. And it can be tied into this season in name as well as deed. "Our Scouting Spirit!!"

ADVANCEMENT - FOREST OF CUB SCOUT KNOWLEDGE

STAGING: Lights dimmed, Cubmaster dressed as Indian Chief, 2 Pack leaders dressed as Indians. Ceremonial fire lit.

Indian 1: Drumming on Indian tom-tom softly and slowly.

Chief: *(Raises arms over ceremonial fire).* Oh Great Spirit, we have some braves who have ventured into the forest of Cub Scout Knowledge. They have completed all the achievements of the Bobcat and know the Bobcat ways.

Indian 2: *(Reads the names of the Bobcats).*

Chief: Braves we honor you tonight because you met the challenges of the bobcat and overcame them. You ventured further into the forest and learned the way of the Wolf.

Indian 2: *(Reads the Wolf names).*

Chief: Braves we honor you tonight because you met the challenge of the Wolf and overcame them. *(Present awards).* Return to your dens and continue further into the forest. Oh, Great Spirit, tonight we have several young braves who have ventured further into the forest and across the streams. They have gone beyond the ways of the Wolf and know the way of the Bear. Let the names be called.

Indian 2: *(Reads the Bear names).*

Chief: Braves we honor you tonight because you went beyond, Bobcat and the Wolf and overcame the challenges of the Bear. Return now to your dens' and continue further into the forest. Oh, Great Spirit, we have some braves that ventured into the mountains to acquire Cub Scout knowledge that is more difficult. They have completed all the achievements and know the ways of the mighty Webelos Tribe. They have earned *(Webelos badge or activity badges).*

Indian 2: *(Reads Webelos names).*

Chief: Braves your honor precedes you. Your deeds bring much honor to the Pack. Your accomplishments will be told for many moons around the fires. *(Present awards).* Return now to the mighty Webelos den and prepare for future achievements. Oh, Great Spirit, the tribe is very proud of the accomplishments of these young braves. May your wisdom and guidance go with them when they meet the challenges as they go further up the Scouting trail.

ADVANCEMENT - THE NEWSROOM

PROPS: tape of typewriter running in background. hat with a press card in the band, set up a box to look like a fax machine with a roll of paper that can be pulled out with all boys names and awards on pages to be torn off as needed.

SETTING: Meeting area set up with desks to resemble newspaper office and fax machine for receiving the latest breaking news. Cubmaster or Awards Chairman play the Editor and an Assistant Cubmaster plays the reporter giving them the latest in the news.

EDITOR: Tonight has been a big news night. We are receiving faxes right and left about Cub Scouts advancing in rank.

REPORTER: (Interrupts with list of Bobcats.) Here's the latest report Chief on those awards that have been earned.

EDITOR: Let me see, would (Calls names of boys and their parents) please come forward to be recognized. (Present award to parent who then presents it to their son.)

(Follow this procedure for all ranks and arrow points. If you are presenting the Arrow of Light, be sure that the ceremony is appropriate for the special achievement.)

EDITOR: The wire has finally stopped running. This has been quite a night for awards in Pack ____ Congratulations to all of you who have worked so long and hard to earn your award. A special Thank you also goes to the parents for the support you have given to your sons.

ADVANCEMENT - RADIO STATION C.U.B.S.

CUBMASTER: This is radio station C.U.B.S. signing on the air with an evening of fun and achievement for all you boys out there in radioland. Tonight we have selected several of our listeners for special awards. They have become Bobcat members of our station C.U.B.S. Fan Club. If the following boys will come to the station with their parents, we will present them with their awards. (Presents Bobcat badges to parents).

ACM: This is station C.U.B.S. Mobile Control out on the Cub Scout trail. We have spotted several of our Cub Scouts who found their lucky number, 12, for the 12 Wolf achievements. Several have also collected the 10 electives needed for gold and silver arrow points. Will (Call boys' names) and their parents come to the station to claim their awards? (Present Wolf badges and arrow points.)

CUBMASTER: Station C.U.B.S. asks the question: Have you earned your Bear achievements (name boys)? We know you have. Come in with your parents and allow us to present your awards (make presentation).

Visiting the studio with us tonight are (names boys). These boys have been working hard on Webelos activity badges and are being honored by having their awards presented on the air from station C.U.B.S. (Ask boys and parents to come forward and make presentation).

CC: And now for the highlight of this evening's broadcast. We take great pleasure in announcing the top of this month's Hit Parade - the boys who have earned Cub Scouting's top award - the Arrow of Light Award. The names of these boys have been added to the gold record of Cub Scouting (Call boys and parents forward to present awards).

Cubmaster: And now this is station C.U.B.S. signing off the air and inviting your to tune in at Pack ____ on your radio dial.

ADVANCEMENT - I DUB THEE SIR BOBCAT

EQUIPMENT: Wooden sword, candelabra with three candles, badges to be awarded, golden paper crown for King Arthur (the Cubmaster), matches.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, den chief to light candles, advancing Cub Scouts and parents.

SETUP: King Arthur calls advancing Cub Scouts and their parents into the round table circle. Group them in a semicircle, facing the audience, around a table with the candelabra.

KING ARTHUR: In the old days, knights of the round table who had performed special feats were recognized by their king. In Cub Scouting, we recognize our knights who have earned honors. But before we bestow honors, it is necessary that we ask these knights to pledge again their loyalty to God, country and Cub Scouting. Therefore, I ask these knights to join me in the Cub Scout Promise while Den Chief _____ lights the candles representing the three parts of the Promise:

I, _____ promise to do my best

To do my duty to God and my Country (Den chief lights candle)

To help other people (light candle)

And to obey the law of the Pack (light candle)

Now I ask those knights who are being received into the Order of the Bobcat to kneel before me on one knee. (When all new Bobcats are kneeling. King Arthur touches his sword to the shoulder of each boy in turn and says, "I dub thee Sir Bobcat.")

King Arthur then gives Bobcat badges to the parents to pin on their son's armor.

ADVANCEMENT - MEETING WITH THE CLANS

You will need council fire, shields (Wolf clan and Bear clan). spears (may eliminate use of spears), awards.

Participants are Akela (Cubmaster) and Clan Leaders (adults).

AKELA: We meet at this council fire to honor the members of this tribe who have passed their tests of skill and knowledge since last we gathered. Warrior of the Wolf Clan, read the names of those braves who have met the requirements to join the Wolf Clan.

WOLF CLAN: I hold the shield and spear of the Wolf Clan. The following braves have met the challenges we set for them. (Read Names.)

AKELA: Will these Cub Scouts and their parents (guardians) please approach the council fire. (Cub Scouts and adults come forward.) Warrior, read the challenges these braves have completed. (Read) I ask the Den Leaders, have your braves met their tests?

DEN LEADERS: (Remaining seated, respond by shaking rattle or beating drum.)

AKELA: The sign of the Wolf Clan will be presented to you with honor. Wear it with pride.

WOLF CLAN: (Gives award to parents to present to boy, along with any arrow points that may have been earned.)

AKELA: (Announces the names of the boys who are receiving arrow points in addition to badge.)

For awarding the Bear badges, repeat ceremony substituting the Bear Clan in place of the Wolf Clan. Use Bear shield and spear.

ADVANCEMENT - TIGER CUB "SMOKEY" CEREMONY

EQUIPMENT: A large box made like a doorway, or a blanket or curtain. A pot with dry ice and some water to make smoke.

The Cubmaster calls the Tigers and their partners forward

CM: You have done well in your Tiger den. Today, you and your partner will join the family of Cub Scouting. Together you will learn new things while earning each badge. You will support and strengthen the Pack and your own family as you take each step. Your parents will help and support you on your journey.

Before you step through this doorway of Cub Scouting together with your partner, you must make a promise to the Pack. The most important part of the Promise is to " Do Your Best". You will be expected to do your best in everything you do, including Cub Scouts, home and school. Will you make the Cub Scout promise with me?

Parents as you step through the doorway of Cub Scouting with your son, you will be accepting the parental responsibilities of Cub Scouting. If you are willing to accept these responsibilities, signify by saying "I will".

Have the boys go through the doorway one at a time and present them with their Tiger Cub patch on the other side of the doorway.

ADVANCEMENT - KEY TO CUB SCOUTING

EQUIPMENT: Oversized key cut out and painted gold, written on it is "Scout Spirit" and an old key on a string.

CM: We have with us tonight someone who has just joined the Cub Scout program. Will and his parents please come forward?

The Cub Scout program will face you with many challenges. You will be required to attend weekly den meetings and monthly pack meetings. You will need to work with leaders and also at home with your parents. In order to achieve the highest rank in Cub Scouting, you must now set your sights on the Arrow of Light. Many times you may get discouraged because the trail seems steep and hard to climb.

There is a key to achieving each of these goals. The key to Cub Scouting. Do you know what the key is? (Wait for answer of no and then produce the oversized key.)

The key to Scouting is "Scout Spirit." Scout Spirit includes teamwork. It includes fair play and good sportsmanship. It includes that "something special" that makes scouts want to be the best they can be at everything they do. This key will unlock the door of achievement.

Remember, with this key to Scouting - "Scout Spirit" - you can now step on the Scouting trail. This small key is a reminder of the Key to Cub Scouting. (hang key around his neck.)

And that first step is rewarded with the Bobcat rank. I will present this award to your parents in token of the help they have given you. They may pin it on your uniform. (Do so.)

ADVANCEMENT - OUR COUNTRY'S FLAG IS MADE UP OF SEVERAL THINGS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Cub Scouts receiving awards, parents.

CUBMASTER: Our country's flag is made up of several things, like the Cub Scout program. Our flag contains the color white. White is a clean, new color. To represent the white our flag, I'd like to welcome the following new members of the pack. (Read names of new Bobcats. Have them and their parents come forward and present the badges.) Red is also found in our flag. Red is a lively, active color. Representing the red, will the following new Wolves come forward? (Award Wolf badges and arrow points.) Our flag also has a field of blue. Blue is an older and wiser color. The following new Bears will represent the flag's blue color. (Award Bear badges and arrow points.) You have to have something to fly the flag from too. A pole or staff that reaches toward the sky. The following boys have earned awards in the Webelos program representative of that upward reach. (Award activity badges and Webelos Awards.) Of course, you can't forget the stars on our flag. "Star" also means someone important and successful. The following young men, who have achieved the Arrow of Light are stars in every sense of the word. Tonight they are receiving the only Cub Scout Award that they will be able to wear throughout their Scouting career. And that makes them truly stars. (Award Arrows of Light with appropriate dignity.) You know, it seems to me we've forgotten something essential here. We have all the parts of the flag and the pole to fly it from, but we're never going to see our flag flying proudly in the breeze without a rope to tie all of this together. The rope that makes this Cub Scout program go is supplied by the parents. Without their help, all of this would be stuck in a drawer somewhere or just a gleam in someone's eyes. Let's all give mom and dad a big hand for all the help that they give us.

ADVANCEMENT - SEARCHING FOR GOLD

PREPARATION: Cubmaster is dressed as an old prospector. Can be as simple as a plaid shirt, jeans, and cowboy hat. Fake beard and wig will increase the effect.

CUBMASTER: We have many boys here tonight who have been digging deep at their den meetings and at home as they worked on their advancements.

Our Tigers have been out searching and discovering the world around them. Will the Tigers please come forward at this time for their awards?

Our Wolves have been prospering while working on their advancements. They have worked long and hard. Will our Wolves please come forward for their awards.

Our Bears have been bravely entering new frontiers as they continue to strive toward their advancement. Will the Bears come forward at this time for their awards?

Our Webelos are well along the trail of their advancement. They have seen the riches in their accomplishments and are constantly moving forward. Will the Webelos come forward at this time?

ADVANCEMENT - MOUNTAIN TRAILS

EQUIPMENT: Badges to be awarded if available; a model or picture of a mountain.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, boys receiving awards, and their parents. As he speaks, the Cubmaster pauses at appropriate points to present badges to the parents to pin on their son's shirt.

CUBMASTER: Advancement in Cub Scouting is like climbing a mountain. You start at the foot of the mountain by earning the Bobcat badge. To do that, you have to learn some things about Cub Scouting and agree to follow the Cub Scout Promise. (If there are Bobcat candidates, pause and present their badges.)

The Cub Scout then starts up the mountain. His first stopping place comes when he has done 12 Wolf achievements and earned his Wolf badge with the help of his parents.

(Pause and award badges if any. Continue to climb to the top of the mountain through BEAR, Webelos activity badges, Webelos badge, and arrow of light. Go all the way, even if you have no candidates for the Arrow of Light.)

With the Arrow of Light, we have reached the top of the Cub Scout advancement trail. But there are new challenges ahead because now we see the Boy Scout advancement trail -- another mountain you can climb all the way to Eagle Scout. I hope that all of you will set your sights on that great award. But for now, let's all give a cheer to these boys who have made big steps up the Cub Scout advancement trail. (Lead cheer)

ADVANCEMENT - TIGER CUB GRADUATION "ONE SMALL STEP"

Cubmaster On July 10, 1969, an American did something which people throughout history have wanted to do. On that date, Neil Armstrong stood on the surface of the moon. His first words were, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Armstrong was able to be the first man on the moon because of a series of small steps taken not only by him, but by countless other people.

Today, we are privileged to witness some boys take one of those "small steps" that make great men and events possible. Today, we are honored to witness (total number of Tigers graduating) graduate from the Tiger Cubs into Cub Scouting. Will the following boys and their parents please join me. (Cubmaster calls out the boy's names and has them come line up in front facing the Pack)

Parents, you and your boys have taken many of those small steps that Neil Armstrong spoke of in order to be here today. I present you with the Tiger Cub patch with great pride, Congratulations!

ADVANCEMENT - THE NATURALIST

The Cubmaster, dressed as a bird watcher or naturalist, is on the search for anything suspicious and discovers a nest with eggs in it hatching. In the nest are different colored eggs for each advancement with awards inside the eggs. As the Cubmaster opens the eggs he exclaims "A new Bobcat has been hatched and the new Bobcat is _____". Have the boy and his parents come forward to receive the award. Repeat for each boy receiving an award.

ADVANCEMENT - CHALLENGES

CUBMASTER: Just as all sports played in the great outdoors are a challenge to each individual competitor, so the Cub Scout trail is a challenge to each individual Scout. Professional athletes and Olympic competitors don't just become great overnight. It takes years of practice and dedication to achieve success.

This is also true in Cub Scouting. A boy does not join a pack and then immediately receive the Arrow of Light. A boy joins a pack and begins to grow. First he must learn the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, the Motto, the meaning of Webelos, the salute, the sign and the handshake....and so earn the rank of Bobcat.

As he continues his growth, the challenges become more difficult but he overcomes the difficulties and reaches toward the Wolf, Bear and Webelos ranks. If he is able to maintain his dedication and hard work, he will reach the top just like the Olympic champion.

Today, our pack has several boys who are maintaining that dedication and Cub Scout spirit and are ready for their next rank advancement. Will (name) and their parents please come forward.

ADVANCEMENT - THE CHANGE BOX

EQUIPMENT: Multiple refrigerator boxes with one side of the box cut out on each. The boxes are then connected with the first box and the last box having two sides cut out, forming a tunnel.

PERSONNEL: Adult volunteer can be put in the box to make sharing and funny noises, Cubmaster, adult volunteer.

The Tigers form a line at one end of the box with their partner waiting for them at the other.

CM: You have done well following your motto of SEARCH, DISCOVER, and SHARE. You have made your parents, your den leader, and your Pack proud. Now is the time that we recognize you for your efforts and welcome you as you progress on the Cub Scout Trail. Now go through this tunnel as your last journey as a Tiger and reap the recognition of your labors.

The boys go through the box one at a time. Inside an adult volunteer stops them and presents them with their Tiger Cub patch which they display as they come out the other side.

ADVANCEMENT - ACADEMY AWARDS CEREMONY

PREPARATION: Cubmaster, as the master of ceremonies, can wear a tuxedo and Assistant Cubmaster, as “envelope woman” can wear a formal gown. Set the mood with “fanfare” type music to be played as the recipients come up to the stage. Awards can be attached to small “Oscar” statuettes cut from card stock.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have several nominees for Bobcat. If your name is called, will those boys and their parents come forward to receive this award. (Assistant Cubmaster, dressed in formal gown, enters and hands envelopes to the Cubmaster.) And the winners are.....(Cubmaster reads names of boys receiving awards and, as each comes forward, he hands each their “Oscar” and gives the Cub Scout handshake. Continue for all other ranks.)

ADVANCEMENT - BALLOON WELCOME/ADVANCEMENT

PREPARATION: 2 identical balloons with strings attached, 1 filled with helium and 1 blown up by mouth; awards/certificates; Cubmaster, new Cubs and parents. Cubmaster has balloons secured so that no one knows that 1 balloon is filled with helium. When he is ready to begin the ceremony, he holds the balloons by the necks.

CUBMASTER: (holding balloons) Would (name) and his parents please come forward. These balloons represent two 8-year-old boys. Both come from great families and have good friends. Both go to school, they are both involved in sports programs in the community, they both attend church. (Add anything else that fits the lifestyle of the boys in your area.)

But there is a difference between these two boys. This boy (indicate the balloon without helium) is happy and he can keep being happy just doing the things he’s doing now. (Let the balloon without helium drop to the table or floor.) But this boy (indicate helium filled balloon) is (name) and he has found something extra. That extra something is Cub Scouting. With his parents and leaders helping, (name) will be able to soar to new heights (release balloon) just like this balloon.

We are excited to welcome (name) and his family to our pack. (If the new Cub has earned his Bobcat badge continue.) As is our custom, we will now present his Bobcat badge to his parents to honor them for the work that they have done in helping their son earn this badge and ask them to award it to their son. Congratulations on earning your Bobcat, which is only your first step as you soar higher and higher in Scouting. (Give the Cub Scout handshake.)

ADVANCEMENT - GOLD IN THEM THER' FIELDS

PREPARATION: Put each boy's recognition items into a small pouch that can be made from burlap or any fabric that is handy. Put each boy's name and rank on the pouch with a marker. Before the rest of the pack arrives, divide the meeting area into a "gold field." For boys that did not earn any awards this meeting, have some small candies or inexpensive items to put into their pouch so they will not be left out. The "gold field" can be staked off with string dividing the meeting area into sections with signs attached so boys know where they are to head when called forward. A mock cave entrance of painted cardboard could be made for the boys to pass thorough before they enter the area where the "gold" is.

CUBMASTER: During the California gold rush, many prospectors staked claims and hoped that they would find gold. Tonight, our boys will work their claims to receive their gold. As I call each group forward, I will direct you to your rank's claim area. You may only work within your claim and you may not claim jump into another's area. If you work carefully, you will find your pouch of gold. You may only take the bag of gold with your name on it. When you find your pouch, please bring it to me. Will all Tigers come forward to work their claim at this time? (As each boy brings forward his pouch, Cubmaster announces his name and awards earned and congratulates the boy. Proceed with Wolf, Bear and Webelos awards.)

ADVANCEMENT - LEGENDS AND LORE

EQUIPMENT: 4 candles in holder, each a different length

CUBMASTER: Our history is filled with the tall tales of American lore as well as the true deeds of some very brave men who explored, fought and, in some cases, died to extend the frontiers of our country. Men like Davey Crockett, Daniel Boone, Kit Carson, Lewis and Clark, Buffalo Bill Cody and many more.

The Scouting trail is much like the trail these famous men followed and so, at this time, we will recognize the young men in our pack who have advanced along this trail. As I call your name, please come forward with your parents. (Calls names.)

As you Cubs can see, the candles get taller as you advance. This represents the additional skills that you must learn as you earn each higher rank. (Light shortest candle.)

The Bobcat is the start of the trail and the simplest to earn. (Light the next candle.)

The Wolf is a big step forward and harder as is the Bear (light the next candle) until at last (light tallest candle) you become a Webelos Scout and earn the highest rank of Arrow of Light.

And so, with the spirit of the great explorers, legends, and frontiersman to guide you, may you continue to climb the Scouting trail. (Present awards by den and congratulate boy and parents.)

ADVANCEMENT - JUNGLE BOOK CEREMONY FOR ACCEPTING NEW CUBS #1

by Edward A. Haluska

PEOPLE REQUIRED: Akela, the leader of the wolf pack, Shere Khan, the evil tiger

PROPS: Can of Sterno (the sterno may be placed in a mock campfire so that the can is not visible), Candles for each boy, Matches to light Sterno

AKELA: The moon is full, just as it was long ago on that night in the jungle when Mowgli first joined the Seeonee wolf pack. It has been many years since Mowgli returned from living with the wolves. After he returned, he taught us many of the lessons he learned while in the jungle. The most important was that the strength of the wolf is the pack, and the strength of the pack is the wolf. That is why we are here tonight in this council ring. Tonight we have many young boys who want to join this pack. After they have joined, they will have the strength of the pack, and the pack will gain from their strength. But before they join, we must be sure that they know the Promise of the Cubs, the Law of the Pack, and the signs that we use. So let us begin. Parents, bring forward these man cubs.

(Akela calls out the names of the bobcat candidates. Parents and bobcat candidates come forward and face the rest of the pack.)

AKELA: First, you boys have studied the Cub Scout promise. Are you boys ready to make that promise now in front of the pack?

(Akela shakes head in yes motion. Boys should also shake their heads yes.)

(Shere Khan now interrupts from an unseen place offstage.)

SHERE KHAN: The man-cubs are mine! Give them to me!

AKELA: Shere Khan! The Evil One! Mowgli knew you in the jungle as an evil tiger. And you tried to catch him whenever you could. We know that you still hunt man-cubs, even here in Pack _____. You may not still be a real tiger, but the Evil One still hunts, doesn't he?

SHERE KHAN: The man-cubs are mine! Give them to me!

AKELA: Silence, Shere Khan, you evil one! Mowgli knew you as an evil tiger, but these boys will meet you in other disguises.

They will meet you as drugs.
They will meet you as street gangs.
They will meet you as vandalism.
They will meet you as lying.
They will meet you as dirty language.
They will meet you as cheating in school.

AKELA: Yu will try to tell them that because their eyes and hair and skin come in all the colors of God's good earth that some of them are better than others. But they will learn from

the strength of the pack that this is another of your lies. You will try to tell them because God has given them different gifts, that some of them are better than others. Another evil lie. Yes, some will be stronger, some will be faster, some will be taller, some will be more nimble, some will be more clever, some will be more patient, and some will have other special gifts. But when we join their different gifts together within their dens and within the whole pack, they will learn the power that working together can bring to them. They will learn that through the strength of being different but still working together, they never have to fear you. But before he left the jungle, Mowgli had to fight with you by himself, alone and without the strength of the pack. But Mowgli also knew the secret of the red flower, which he used to defeat you when he had to fight you by himself. So tonight, in addition to the strength of the pack, we will also give these boys the secret of the red flower, so that even by themselves, they will be able to stand against you.

(Light can of sterno, give each boy a candle. Have each boy come forward and light his candle from the sterno can.)

AKELA: Mowgli had to use the red flower to defeat Shere Khan. Tonight, you have received your own red flower. But since Shere Khan no longer stalks you boys in the form of a tiger, the secret of the red flower must be even stronger than just the secret of fire. The secret of the red flower is just this: all the darkness in the world cannot stand against the light of one red flower. After tonight, you will carry the light of the red flower inside of you. The light of your red flower will come from the five things you are about to promise.

You will promise to:

1. Do your best
2. Do your duty to God
3. Do your duty to your country
4. Help other people
5. And obey the Law of the Pack.

As you keep the parts of this promise, the fire of the red flower will burn brightly within you, and Shere Khan will not dare come close to that flame. Are you ready to make the promise to yourself, your parents, and to the pack?

(Akela shakes head in yes motion. Boys should also shake their heads yes.)

AKELA: Then hold your red flower in your left hand, give the Cub-Scout sign with your right hand and repeat the Cub-Scout Promise with me.

I promise to do my best,
to do my duty to God and my country,
to help other people,
and to obey the Law of the Pack.

AKELA: The last thing you promised was to obey the law of the pack. This is the law that binds us all together. So let us all now repeat the law of the pack. Will all scouts that are here tonight please stand, give the scout sign and repeat the law of the pack with me.

The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The pack helps the scout grow.

The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

(Akela motions for audience to be seated.)

AKELA: Through the five parts of the Cub Scout promise, you now have the flame of the red flower burning within you. Since you have this flame within you, you no longer need the red flower of your candle to defeat Shere Khan. So blow out your candles now.

(Collect candles.)

AKELA: You are now Bobcats in this pack. You have promised to help other people. Helping other people is called a doing a good turn. So that the pack can see that you are living up to your promise to help other people, we are going to put your bobcat rank on upside down by turning you upside down. You may turn your rank around after you have done a good turn. When the pack sees your rank right side up, they will know that you are helping others.

(Akela asks each Cub in turn if he wants to be flipped. If he says yes, Akela and his assistant turn the Cub upside-down while parents pin on rank.)

AKELA: Pack ___! Look well on your new brothers and know them.

SHERE KHAN: The man-cubs are mine! Give them to me!

AKELA: Silence and be gone evil one! These boys now have the strength of the pack and the secret of the red flower. They have no need to fear you. Pack ___! Let us welcome them to the pack with a good wolf howl!

(Akela leads pack in wolf howl.)

ADVANCEMENT - JUNGLE BOOK THEME ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

Group is seated in a council circle, adults toward the back and boys in front on the floor. As each group comes forward, they stand in the middle of the circle to be seen by all.

CUBMASTER: (Dressed as Akela, leader of the Wolf pack, howls like a wolf.) The time has come to look at the new Cubs of the pack in order to recognize them as worthy members of the pack. Then, when the rest of the pack sees them in the jungle, they will know them and protect them. Let us start with the young Cubs. Who will speak for the Bobcats?

BAGHEERA: As a member of the cat family I, Bagheera, will speak for the Bobcats. (Calls forward new Bobcats and their parents.) These are the young ones, but they have already begun to show their skills. Great Akela, I present these Cubs to the pack. (Akela awards Bobcat badges to parents, who give them to the boys. He then congratulates them and they are seated with rest of the pack.)

CUBMASTER: Now it is time for the Wolves. Who speaks for the Wolves?

MOTHER WOLF: Great Akela, I, Mother wolf, speak for the Wolves. I have nurtured them and watched them grow as they have learned the skills of the wolf. These young ones are ready to be recognized. (Calls forward new Wolves and their parents. Akela looks them over, accepts them into the pack, gives awards to parents to give to boys.)

CUBMASTER: Next, we are ready for the Bears. Who speaks for the Bears?

BALOO: I, Baloo, will speak for the Bears. I have taught them well the Law of the Pack. They have come far and are ready to be recognized by the pack. (Calls the new Bears and their parents forward. Looks them over, nods head approvingly and presents them to Akela, who awards badges to parents to give to boys.)

CUBMASTER: Now we are ready for the most mature members of the pack to be recognized for their achievements. Who speaks for the Webelos?

WEBELOS LDR: I speak for the Webelos, oh great Akela. Truly, they are the most experienced in the pack. Let me tell you of their great accomplishments. (Call Webelos forward and presents Webelos awards.)

CUBMASTER: I have looked over the members of the pack and I am proud to be their leader. Come, all pack members, join me in a Grand Howl.

ADVANCEMENT - JUNGLE BOOK CEREMONY FOR AWARDING THE TIGER BADGE

by Edward A. Haluska

PEOPLE REQUIRED:

- 1) Akela, the leader of the wolf pack (the Cubmaster)
- 2) Shere Khan, the evil tiger

PROPS:

- 1) A candle log (with enough holes for each boy)
- 2) Small birthday candles (one per boy)
- 3) A camp-stove lighter (one that makes a flame, not just a spark)

AKELA: The moon is full, just as it was long ago on that night in the jungle when Mowgli first joined the Seonee wolf pack. It has been many years since Mowgli returned from living with the wolves. After he returned, he taught us many of the lessons he learned while in the jungle. The most important was that the strength of the wolf is the pack, and the strength of the pack is the wolf. That is why we are here tonight in this council ring. Tonight we have many young boys who have earned their tiger badges. So let us begin. Parents, bring forward these tiger cubs.

(Akela calls out the names of the tigers who have earned the tiger badge. Parents and tiger cubs come forward and face the rest of the pack.)

AKELA: First, to earn your tiger pins, you boys have learned the Tiger Cub promise. Are you boys ready to make that promise again in front of your parents, these other tiger cubs, and the rest of the pack?

(Akela shakes head in yes motion. Boys should also shake their heads yes.)

(Shere Khan now interrupts from an unseen place offstage.)

SHERE KHAN: These boys are tiger cubs! The wolves have no business with them!

AKELA: Shere Khan! The Evil One! Mowgli knew you in the jungle as an evil tiger. And you tried to catch him whenever you could.

SHERE KHAN: These boys are tiger cubs! I will be the one to teach them!

AKELA: Silence, Shere Khan, you evil one! Even among the tigers you are scorned because of your evil ways. Only the most disgraceful of tigers hunt for man cubs as you do. But we know the one thing that you fear the most, the red flower. And the reason you fear the red flower of fire so much is that all your evil cannot stand against the light of one small red flower. I will prove to you that each of these tiger cubs has already chosen to walk the path of the red flower, the path of truth and light. I will prove to you that each of these boys knows that your dark path is evil.

(Call each boy forward one at a time and ask the following...)

AKELA: (boys name), I have here your tiger badge that you have earned! Do you want to accept this badge, and remain with the other tiger cubs, and then go on to become a Cub Scout with this pack? Or do you want to leave us now and go learn the wicked ways of Shere Khan, the evil tiger?

(After the boy has answered...)

AKELA: Then make the Tiger Cub sign and repeat the Tiger Cub Promise with me.

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

AKELA: You have chosen well young tiger. So that Shere Khan can see the wisdom and truth that already has begun to grow in your young heart, I want you to light one of these small red flowers.

(If you have a large number of boys, you can address the question to all of them, have all of them repeat the Tiger Cub Promise together, then have them come forward one at a time just to light a candle.)

(After the boy has lit a candle, give him his tiger badge.)

AKELA: Shere Khan would teach you boys to have empty minds and to have no concern about others. So that he will know that you already know better than that, I want each of you boys to again make the Tiger Cub sign and repeat the Tiger Motto with me. Search, discover, share.

SHERE KHAN: These boys are tiger cubs! I will be the one to teach them!

AKELA: Silence and be gone evil one! These boys know better than to follow you. Pack ___! These tiger cubs have chosen well. Over the years we hope that the red flowers they have planted tonight will thrive and grow into blazing arrows of light. So to encourage these young tiger cubs and to send Shere Khan on his way, let's give a good loud tiger growl.

(Akela leads pack in tiger growl.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE LIGHT OF CHRISTMAS

by Edward A. Haluska

PEOPLE REQUIRED:

- 1) Cubmaster
- 2) Santa Claus

PROPS:

- 1) Tall candle and a candle holder for it
- 2) Individual candles with drip guards for each boy
- 3) Matches to light candle
- 4) Clear punch bowl
- 5) Red punch
- 6) Small paper cups
- 7) Ladle
- 8) Dry ice
- 9) Santa Claus suit

HINTS:

- 1) Most Cubs gulp down their punch. However, because of the dry ice, an occasional Cub will be convinced you are trying to poison him. Therefore, use small cups and don't even fill them very full.
- 2) The dry ice that is dumped into the punch should be in one or two large lumps. That way you won't ladle any small chips of dry ice into the cups being used to serve the boys. As a double check, after you have ladled punch into the cup, check to see if it is bubbling with dry ice. If it is, pour it back into the bowl and try again.
- 3) To find a source of dry ice, look in the yellow pages under "ice." Three pounds of dry ice bought in the afternoon and wrapped in newspaper will be more than enough to last through until an evening pack meeting.
- 4) If the candle holder for the tall candle will fit in the bottom of the punch bowl and the candle holder can be cleaned well enough, place the tall candle in the middle of the punch bowl for added visual effect.
- 5) The easiest way to attach the badges to the boys is to have the badge stapled to the small cardboard card it comes with. Make a small slit in the cardboard so that the card may be slipped over the button on the pocket of the shirt. Have some straight pins for backup in case the boy has not yet been able to get a uniform (they are often sold out at the beginning of the year) and is not wearing a shirt that has a button on it.
- 6) Dim the lighting at the beginning of the ceremony for better atmosphere and so the candles will show up better.
- 7) This ceremony has a strong Christian content. It is best suited for use with a pack that is uniformly Christian. If your pack has a diverse religious composition, this ceremony may not be appropriate.

CUBMASTER: Tonight, during the Christmas Season, we are gathered here as a pack to recognize those cubs among us who have earned a new rank. But as this is the Christmas season, let us begin this ceremony with a reading from a very special book, the book that tells us why Christmas is so important to all Cub Scouts who do their duty to God. (Read this passage with the majesty it deserves.)

Now there were in the same country shepherds living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David, a Savior who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly hosts praising God and saying "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill to men!"

"And on earth, peace, goodwill to men." Words of hope that have come down to us from a wondrous time long ago. Words that still make our hearts echo back love. So in that spirit let us begin. Parents, bring forward these Cub Scouts.

(Cubmaster calls out the names of the all boys who are advancing in rank. Parents and boys come forward and face the rest of the pack.)

CUBMASTER: This is the Christmas season. We celebrate Christmas as the birthday of Jesus. As part of our duty to God, to show that Jesus is still the Light of Christmas, we will light this candle.

(Cubmaster lights the tall candle.)

CUBMASTER: All the darkness in the world cannot stand against the light of one small candle. Through the power of the Cub Scout Promise, our cubs share the Light of Christmas. Therefore, I want each of you boys to come forward one at a time and light your candle from the Christmas candle.

(If you have boys who will be getting their Tiger pin, ask...)

CUBMASTER: Our new boys who want to be Tigers have studied the Tiger promise. Are you boys ready to make that promise now to yourselves, your parents, and the pack?

(Cubmaster shakes head in yes motion. Boys should also shake their heads yes.)

CUBMASTER: Then hold your candle in your left hand, make the Cub Scout sign with your right hand, and repeat after me.

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

(If you have boys who will be getting their Bobcat badge, ask...)

CUBMASTER: Our new cubs who want to be Bobcats have studied the Cub Scout promise. Are you boys ready to make that promise now to yourselves, your parents, and the pack?

(Cubmaster shakes head in yes motion. Boys should also shake their heads yes.)

(If you have boys who will be getting their Wolf, Bear, or Webelos badge, ask...)

CUBMASTER: As part of being a Cub Scout, you boys who want to advance in rank have followed the Cub Scout Promise.

Are you boys ready to renew that promise now to yourselves, your parents, and the pack?

(Cubmaster shakes head in yes motion. Boys should also shake their heads yes.)

CUBMASTER: After tonight, you will carry the light of the Christmas candle inside of your heart. The light you will carry will come from the five things you are about to promise. You will promise to:

1. Do your best
2. Do your duty to God
3. Do your duty to your country
4. Help other people
5. And obey the Law of the Pack.

CUBMASTER: As you keep the parts of this promise, the Light of Christmas will burn brightly within you for all the world to see. Are you ready to make the promise to yourself, your parents, and to the pack?

(Cubmaster shakes head in yes motion. Boys should also shake their heads yes.)

CUBMASTER: Then hold your candle in your left hand, give the Cub Scout sign with your right hand and repeat the Cub Scout Promise with me.

I promise to do my best,
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people,
And to obey the Law of the Pack.

CUBMASTER: The last thing you promised was to obey the law of the pack. This is the law that binds us all together. So let us all now repeat the law of the pack. Will all scouts that are

here tonight please stand, give the scout sign and repeat the law of the pack with me?

The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The pack helps the scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

(Cubmaster motions for audience to be seated.)

CUBMASTER: We often talk of the Christmas Spirit, the magic of Christmas. Long ago and

far away, Jesus taught that magic to St. Nicholas, or Santa Claus as he has come to be known. So to help bring the magic of Christmas spirit here tonight, I am going to divide the room into two parts.

CUBMASTER: When I point to you, I want this half to yell Santa and this half to yell Claus. Ready? One, two, three ...

(Point to first half of the room and yell...)

CUBMASTER: Santa! Ready? One, two, three

(Point to second half of room and yell...)

CUBMASTER: Claus!

(Repeat the yell three times. At the end of the last yell, Santa enters...)

SANTA: Ho, Ho, Ho! Merry Christmas!

CUBMASTER: Oh, Saint Nicholas, we are so glad you could come! Would you please help us by adding some of your Christmas spirit to our ceremony?

(Santa nods and waves his hand over the punch. While waving his hand over the punch, he discretely drops a lump of dry ice that he has hidden in his palm into the punch. Or, if Santa is carrying a toy sack, he can reach into the sack for the dry ice.)

CUBMASTER: Our cubs have shared the Light of Christmas. Now we want to be sure they are also filled with the Christmas spirit. Santa, will you please help me give these boys some of your Christmas spirit?

(Santa nods head. Santa fills cups with punch. Check for dry ice in cups! Cubmaster hands out the cups to the boys, telling them not to drink yet. If you have a small pack, you may consider giving all cubs present a cup. After the punch has been distributed, Cubmaster offers toast...)

CUBMASTER: May your heart always be filled with the Christmas spirit.

(Cubmaster and Santa drink, motion for boys to do the same.)

CUBMASTER: You are now are filled with the Christmas spirit and carry the Light of Christmas in your hearts. Therefore, you no longer need your candles to show that light. Blow them out now.

(Collect candles and cups.)

(Cubmaster and Santa now distribute badges and tiger pins. If you have a bobcat, you may say....)

CUBMASTER: You are now bobcats in this pack. You have promised to help other people. Helping other people is called a doing a good turn. So that the pack can see that you are living up to your promise to help other people, we are going to put your bobcat rank on upside down by turning you upside down. You may turn your rank around after you have done a good turn. When the pack sees your rank right side up, they will know that you are helping others.

(Cubmaster asks each Cub in turn if he wants to be flipped. If he says yes, the Cubmaster and Santa turn the Cub upside-down while parents pin on rank. See the Bobcat Flipover ceremony for detailed instructions on how to do this safely. If you don't know the correct procedure, don't flip the Cubs!)

CUBMASTER: Saint Nicholas is very busy this time of year and needs to get back to the North Pole soon. To show him our appreciation, let's give him a big Cub Scout spirit cheer. I want this side of the room to shout Merry, and this side of the room to shout Christmas. Ready? One, two, three, Merry! One, two, three, Christmas!

(As the Cubmaster repeats the cheer two or three times, Santa makes his exit and can disappear.)

ADVANCEMENT - MEN OF SCOUTING

EQUIPMENT: Pictures of Ernest Thompson Seton and Daniel Carter Beard, if possible.

CUBMASTER: Tonight, as we begin our awards ceremony, I would like to introduce you to two men. First is Ernest Thompson Seton, who was the first Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of America. Before the BSA was organized, Seton had formed a boys' group of his own. Because of his desire to continue the lore of the American Indians, Seton's group "The Woodcraft Indians", based their code on Indian tribal laws and they learned their skills and rituals.

Next, I want you to meet Daniel Carter Beard. He was our first National Commissioner and Chairman of the National Court of Honor. Beard grew up with a love for the skills and spirit of the pioneers who opened the west. He organized the "Society of the Sons of Daniel Boone" as a way to educate our lads early in life to an appreciation of the absolute necessity and value of our forests and natural resources.

The influence of these men on our own Cub Scout program was tremendous. Tonight, as we honor you for your achievements, we will also give you a small remembrance of these founders of America's Scouting program. (Give each of the boys a decorated feather or western tie slide or any other appropriate item to represent Seton and Beard.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE PATH OF A NEW CHALLENGE, TIGER CUB GRADUATION

EQUIPMENT: 8 pieces of construction paper. cut into paw Prints Graduation certificate, pin, and patch Wolf Book, 7 candles in holders 1 white (tall), 3 orange, 3 black Rope, string or crepe paper to make bridge or use neck bridge

ARRANGEMENTS: The white candle (taller than the rest) is centered on a ceremonial table with 3 black candles on one side and 3 orange candles on the other. Place the 8 paw prints on the floor of the bridge in such a way to make walking on them difficult. On each piece of paper write one of the following: Sign, Handshake, Salute, Motto, Promise, Law, the symbol of the Arrow of Light, and Webelos.

Characters: Cubmaster, Den leader, Tiger Cub Coach, and Den Chief

CUBMASTER: Tonight we honor our Tiger Cubs Will (name). our Tiger Cub Coach, come and introduce them? (Tigers and adult partners come to front.)

TIGER COACH (as each candle is lit): **WHITE** is for the purity in living **BLACK** is for the unknown... the fear... the doubts. **ORANGE** is for the knowledge... the joy... and confidence. These are the colors of the Tiger Cubs. You have completed the Big Ideas in the Tiger Cub program. Adults, here is a patch for your Tiger Cub, sew it beneath his right pocket. Tigers, here is a pin for your adult partners who worked with you through your deeds as Tigers. Place the pin on their collar. Here, too, is your certificate for all to see. As your Tiger Cub Coach, I bid you farewell and show you the path of a new challenge: the challenge of Cub Scouts. Each step you take tells you what you must learn, so you can earn your first rank of Bobcat. Walk the bridge of Cub Scouts and meet your new leaders.

(At the other end of the bridge stand the Cubmaster and Den Leader.)

CUBMASTER Welcome, new Wolf Scout, to Pack . (Places yellow Wolf neckerchief on boy.)

The Den Leader will hand each boy the Wolf Book and say, -"This is your next challenge. Read and do each requirement of the Bobcat Trail. When you are finished, you will have earned the Bobcat Badge. The Cubmaster then invites the new Cub Scouts to sit with the pack and proceeds with the pack meeting.

ADVANCEMENT - BOBCAT CEREMONY TRAIL TO ARROW OF LIGHT

by Rick Clements

PEOPLE REQUIRED:

- 1) Akela (Cubmaster)
- 2) Baloo (Asst. Cubmaster)
- 3) One Webelos Scout
- 4) One Bear Scout
- 5) One Wolf Scout

PROPS:

- 1) Oregon Trail scenery
- 2) Badges (with tape affixed to the card the badge is on)

(Before the ceremony, Baloo explains to the Bobcats that when indicated, each will walk to the line of Scouts and Cubmaster and shake each person's hand. Akela is standing in front. Next to him are the Webelos Scout, the Bear Scout and lastly the Wolf Scout.)

BALOO: Will the following boys please join me in front?

(Baloo lists the names of the boys who are to receive their Bobcat badge.)

AKELA: As settlers moved west along the Oregon Trail, they followed a trail blazed by others who came before them. Just as those settlers followed others on the Oregon Trail, our Cub Scouts too follow others on the Cub Scout Trail.

(Baloo starts first Bobcat along the trail of Cubs.)

WOLF CUB: I have earned my Wolf Badge. Now I'm working toward earning my Bear badge.

(Wolf Cub shakes Bobcat's hand using the Cub Scout handshake.)

BEAR CUB: I have earned my Bear Badge. Now I'm working toward earning my Webelos Badge. (Bear Cub shakes Bobcat's hand using the Cub Scout handshake.)

WEBELOS: I have earned my Webelos Badge. Now I'm working on earning my Arrow of Light. (Webelos Cub shakes Bobcat's hand using the Cub Scout handshake.)

AKELA: Welcome to the Scouting campfire. (Akela shakes Bobcat's hand using the Cub Scout handshake.)

AKELA: These Cub Scouts represent the trail toward the Arrow of Light, the highest rank in Cub Scouts. No matter where they started their journey, they all started with the Bobcat. You may be called on to travel a trail that other Cubs in our pack haven't yet traveled. When the settlers traveled such a trail, they looked for help from the Indians. When you travel such a trail, your parents and leaders will be there to help you.

BALOO: Will the parents of these new Bobcats please join us at the fire now? I would like to thank the Cub Scouts who have welcomed these Bobcats. They may return to their dens

now.

(Hand a Bobcat badge to each set of parents.)

AKELA: Please attach the Bobcat badge, upside down, to the left pocket of your son's uniform. Once he performs a good deed, the badge may be attached to his uniform right side up. Pack (number) , let's congratulate these Bobcats with a hearty cheer!

ADVANCEMENT - GRIZZLY BEAR BADGE

Bear DL: When the scout reaches third grade he begins working from the Big Bear book. Just as Akela met the bear with courage, the scout walks the Big Bear trail. On that trail he finds and conquers twelve challenging achievements in the categories of God, Country, Family and Self. He then receives his BEAR badge.

Asst. CM: Would the following scouts and their parents please come forward?
(List boys earning the Bear badge.)

CUBMASTER: (scout's name), you've completed all the requirements for your Bear badge and have moved along the Cub Scout trail. Receive now the mark of the Bear, a blue mark, symbolizing bravery. (Mark each boy with BLUE face paint.)

CUBMASTER: It is my pleasure to award your Bear 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."

ARROW POINTS:

ASST. CM: Today we are pleased to present arrow points to some Bear scouts too. These scouts have continued on the Big Bear Trail earning Bear arrow points.
(List boys earning Bear arrow points.)

CUBMASTER: It is my pleasure to award (scout's name) his gold arrow point, {and}] (quantity) silver arrow points.

CUBMASTER: Pack , would you please join with me in congratulating these Bears by giving them a "Grizzly Bear Growl" cheer?

ADVANCEMENT - WHITE EAGLE CROSSOVER CEREMONY

by Peter Van Houten

PARTICIPANTS: Akela, Scoutmaster, SPL, White Eagle, tom-tom drummer, candidates and Boy Scouts (one for each crossover candidate)

SETUP: Council fire (simulated or real), Crossover bridge or arch, Indian costume, tom-tom, peace pipe, and twig for each crossover Candidate.

[The lights are turned down, if indoors]

AKELA: [Akela calls for the Council fire to light]

"GREAT SPIRIT LIGHT OUR FIRE"

[The council fire is lit]

[Akela signals for the drums to begin. Waves staff in direction of drummer]

[White Eagle Enters Ceremonial area. He cradles a peace pipe in his arms. He slowly walks to the center, facing North lifts the peace pipe to the sky, and says in a loud voice:]

"To live and help live".

[He turns to the East lifting the peace pipe to the sky, and says in a loud voice:]

"To live and help live".

[He turns to the West lifting the peace pipe to the sky, and says in a loud voice:]

"To live and help live".

[He turns to the South lifting the peace pipe to the sky, and says in a loud voice:]

"To live and help live".

[He moves to the back of the Ceremonial area to observe the bridge crossing. When WHITE EAGLE stops, the tom-tom stops]

AKELA: Will the following crossover candidates come forward and stand before the council fire:

[READ NAMES]

AKELA: You have climbed the Cub Scouting trail, completing ever more difficult achievements. These ceremonies mark the completion of your Cub Scouting adventures. Now as you travel to the land of Boy Scouting, place your twig on the fire, symbolizing your desire to help, as you have been helped.

[Candidates place twigs on the fire]

It is now time for you to cross the bridge (or walk under the arch). Before you begin your journey, please remove your neckerchief. You will give it to me before you embark onto the bridge.

[candidates remove neckerchief]

Will each of you please step onto the bridge and begin your crossover.

[As the candidates pass before Akela, they give him their neckerchief, and he shakes their hand with the Cub Scout handshake for the last time]

[The Candidates cross the bridge. When they reach the Boy Scout side, the Scoutmaster and SPL shake their hands with the Boy Scout handshake. Each Boy Scout takes one of the Cubs and stands with him]

SPL: As Senior Patrol Leader of Troop ###, I welcome you to our troop.

ADVANCEMENT - LIGHT THE FIRE OF YOUR DESIRE

PERSONNEL: Bobcat candidate their parents (family) guardians, Cubmaster, den leaders, group of Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Tom-tom for each Cub Scout

SETTING: Candidate and parents in front row or standing to one side of semicircle. Cub Scouts sit in semi-circle to one side of the Cubmaster with the den leaders on either end accompanied by a Webelos. Each Cub Scout in the semi-circle has a tom-tom.

While the boys beat the tom-tome softly, the Cubmaster recites the following.

CUBMASTER: Come, come, come, come to the council fire to light the fire of your desire. Akela, Akela. Candidate and parents are brought to a position next to the Cubmaster.

During the past year in the Tiger Cub program, you have prepared for today. Remember the Tiger Cub motto: "Search, Discover, Share." And the Tiger Cub Promise: "I promise to love God, my family and my country, and to learn about the world."

The Cub Scout colors are Blue and Gold. They have a special meaning. BLUE stands for truth, spirituality, steadfast loyalty, and the sky above. GOLD stands for the warm sunlight, good cheer, and happiness.

Your family and I, and all those who will influence you, will represent Akela. We would like to present you with the Tiger Cub patch, which is to be worn below the right shirt pocket of your uniform. Now, with your parents, you are to enter the Cub Scout program. You and your family will find many new adventures along the Cub Scout trail.

Parents, remember to always guide your Cub Scout. May the Great Spirit always be by your side. Seek to help him follow the Cub Scout motto, "Do your best", and to respect and appreciate all the things around him.

ADVANCEMENT - STARS OF THE SHOW

CUBMASTER: Our first act stars a group of young men who have been practicing and memorizing their lines just for tonight. Now that they have their act together, they are ready to receive their Bobcat badges. Will the following stars and their agents (parents) please come forward (calls names of boys receiving Bobcat). Your performance in the den has been great. Your stage manager den leader says that you are ready to receive your Bobcat badge. Before I present this badge to your agents, please join me as we say the Cub Scout Promise. This is the first of many performances of your Cub Scout career. I am pleased to present this badge to your agents, who will present it to you.

Next, we have an act that has been in the making for almost a year. Will the following stars and their agents please come forward? (Call boys receiving Wolf badge.) These stars had to learn 12 acts in the Wolf book. They have completed their part and are ready to receive the Wolf badge. I am pleased to present this badge to their agents. Will you please present the star his Wolf badge? Congratulations. You now have the Wolf star on your door.

Some of these Wolf stars have learned extra lines in the Wolf book. They are to receive some arrow points. (Cubmaster presents these. The Bear badge and arrow points are handled in the same manner.)

And now ladies and gentlemen, we have a stupendous act, which takes great skill and requires work and patience as these young stars climb to great heights in their career. Their agents have put forward great effort to help these virtuosos attain stardom. Will the following stars and their agents please come forward? (Call boys receiving Webelos badges and Activity Pins, parents and Webelos leader forward.)

WEBELOS LEADER: These boys have attained the next highest award in Cub Scouting. There is one more, for which they will start rehearsing tomorrow. I am pleased to present your agents with your Webelos badges as they present them to you. (Present badges.) Some of you have earned encores in the form of Activity Pins that you have earned. (Present Activity Pins.)

Congratulations.

CUBMASTER: And now ladies and gentlemen, the act for which you have all been waiting –our young stars who have completed the requirements for Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting. Tonight we give special honors for the heights to which these stars, with the help of their agents, have climbed. It is a privilege to introduce the participants in this outstanding performance. (Calls the stars, agents, and Webelos leader forward.)

WEBELOS LEADER: These young stars have shown superior knowledge of mental, physical, and outdoor skills. As these stars step into our spotlight, let's give them a roaring round of applause.

ADVANCEMENT - JUNGLE BOOK CEREMONY FOR ACCEPTING NEW CUBS #2

(Awarding the Bobcat Rank Badge) By Edward A. Haluska

PEOPLE REQUIRED:

- 1) Akela, the leader of the wolf pack (the Cubmaster)
- 2) Shere Khan, the evil tiger

PROPS:

- 1) Can of Sterno (the Sterno may be placed in a mock campfire so that the can is not visible)
- 2) Candles for each boy
- 3) Matches to light Sterno

HINTS: 1) Because Shere Khan is not seen by the audience and may be slightly farther away than Akela and the cubs, he should have a very loud voice. If you are using a microphone but only have one, give it to Shere Khan.

2) The easiest way to attach the badges to the boys is to have the badge stapled to the small cardboard card it comes with. Make a small slit in the cardboard so that the card may be slipped over the button on the pocket of the shirt. Do this ahead of time! The cardboard is quite hard and requires a knife to cut the slit. Have some straight pins for backup in case the boy has not yet been able to get a uniform (they are often sold out at the beginning of the year) and is not wearing a shirt that has a button on it.

3) Have a spare Bobcat badge or two on hand for boys that pop up after the badges have been ordered (this can also save you from having to do another Bobcat ceremony next pack meeting). If you use a spare badge, make sure that a replacement badge is ordered in the cub's name. Otherwise, his records at the council headquarters will not be current!

4) If you are using this ceremony for the first time, practice the wolf howl by using it as a spirit cheer at the beginning of the pack meeting.

5) Dim the lighting at the beginning of the ceremony for better atmosphere and so that the Sterno and candles will show up better. Akela: The moon is full, just as it was long ago on that night in the jungle when Mowgli first joined the Seeonee wolf pack. It has been many years since Mowgli returned from living with the wolves. After he returned, he taught us many of the lessons he learned while in the jungle.

The most important was that the strength of the wolf is the pack, and the strength of the pack is the wolf. That is why we are here tonight in this council ring. Tonight we have many young boys who want to join this pack. After they have joined, they will have the strength of the pack, and the pack will gain from their strength. But before they join, we must be sure that they know the Promise of the Cubs, the Law of the Pack, and the signs that we use. So let us begin. Parents, bring forward these man cubs.

(Akela calls out the names of the bobcat candidates. Parents and bobcat candidates come forward and face the rest of the pack.)

AKELA: First, you boys have studied the Cub Scout promise. Are you boys ready to make that promise now in front of the pack? (Akela shakes head in yes motion. Boys should also shake their heads yes.)

(Shere Khan now interrupts from an unseen place offstage.)

SHERE KHAN: The man-cubs are mine! Give them to me!

AKELA: Shere Khan! The Evil One! Mowgli knew you in the jungle as an evil tiger and you tried to catch him whenever you could. We know that you still-hunt man-cubs, even here in

Pack . You may not still be a real tiger, but the Evil One still hunts, doesn't he?

SHERE KHAN: The man-cubs are mine! Give them to me!

AKELA: Silence, Shere Khan, you evil one! Mowgli knew you as an evil tiger, but these boys will meet you in other disguises:

They will meet you as drugs.

They will meet you as street gangs.

They will meet you as vandalism.

They will meet you as lying.

They will meet you as dirty language.

They will meet you as cheating in school.

AKELA: You will try to tell them that because their eyes and hair and skin come in all the colors of God's good earth that some of them are better than others. But they will learn from the strength of the pack that this is another of your lies. You will try to tell them because God has given them different gifts, that some of them are better than others. Another evil lie. Yes, some will be stronger, some will be faster, some will be taller, some will be more nimble, some will be more clever, some will be more patient, and some will have other special gifts. But when we join their different gifts together within their dens and within the whole pack, they will learn the power that working together can bring to them. They will learn that through the strength of being different but still working together, they never have to fear you. But before he left the jungle, Mowgli had to fight with you by himself, alone and without the strength of the pack. But, Mowgli also knew the secret of the red flower, which he used to defeat you when he had to fight you by himself. So tonight, in addition to the strength of the pack, we will also give these boys the secret of the red flower, so that even by themselves, they will be able to stand against you. (Light can of Sterno, give each boy a candle. Have each boy come forward and light his candle from the Sterno can.)

AKELA: Mowgli had to use the red flower to defeat Shere Khan. Tonight, you have received your own red flower. But since Shere Khan no longer stalks you boys in the form of a tiger, the secret of the red flower must be even stronger than just the secret of fire. The secret of the red flower is just this: all the darkness in the world cannot stand against the light of one red flower. After tonight, you will carry the light of the red flower inside of you. The light of your red flower will come from the five things you are about to promise. You will promise to:

1. Do your best
2. Do your duty to God
3. Do your duty to your country
4. Help other people
5. And obey the Law of the Pack.

As you keep the parts of this promise, the fire of the red flower will burn brightly within you, and Shere Khan will not dare come close to that flame. Are you ready to make the promise to yourself, your parents, and to the pack?

(Akela shakes head in yes motion. Boys should also shake their heads yes.)

AKELA: Then hold your red flower in your left hand, give the Cub-Scout sign with your

right hand and repeat the Cub-Scout Promise with me.
I promise to do my best,
to do my duty to God and my country,
to help other people,
and to obey the Law of the Pack.

AKELA: The last thing you promised was to obey the law of the pack. This is the law that binds us all together. So let us all now repeat the law of the pack. Will all scouts that are here tonight please stand, give the scout sign and repeat the law of the pack with me.
The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The pack helps the scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.
(Akela motions for audience to be seated.)

AKELA: Through the five parts of the Cub Scout promise, you now have the flame of the red flower burning within you. Since you have this flame within you, you no longer need the red flower of your candle to defeat Shere Khan. So blow out your candles now.
(Collect candles.)

AKELA: You are now Bobcats in this pack. You have promised to help other people. Helping other people is called a doing a good turn. So that the pack can see that you are living up to your promise to help other people, we are going to put your bobcat rank on upside down. You may turn your rank around after you have done a good turn. When the pack sees your rank right side up, they will know that you are helping others.
(Akela asks each Cub in turn if he wants to be flipped. If he says yes, Akela and his assistant turn the Cub upside-down while parents' pin on rank.)

AKELA: Pack ! Look well, on your new brothers and know them.

SHERE KHAN: The man-cubs are mine! Give them to me!

AKELA: Silence and be gone evil one! These boys now have the strength of the pack and the secret of the red flower. They have no need to fear you. Pack ! Let us welcome them to the pack with a good wolf howl!
(Akela leads pack in wolf howl.)

ADVANCEMENT - TO REACH THIS PLATEAU IN CUB SCOUTING

Materials needed are blue, yellow, white, orange, green, black, brown, purple and red paints. Provide a symbolic bridge with Cub Scouting on one side and Boy Scouting on the other. Boy Scout Handbooks and neckerchiefs of the troop can be presented as the Webelos Scouts cross over into the troop. The Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader of the troop should be present, and it is particularly impressive if the entire troop is on hand to welcome in the new members.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we honor our Webelos Scouts who take a large step forward on the Scouting trail. In a way, we are saddened, because as these boys move on, they leave the pack behind. But we also take great joy in knowing they continue on. Will the following Webelos Scouts please come forward (call each scout by name).

On this day you take a giant step in your boyhood - the step from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting. Tonight, as we present to you the colors of the four winds, remember them, and let them continue to guide you along the Scout trail.

Blue stands for the Cub Scout spirit and the north wind. You have been a true blue Cub Scout and have lived up to the Law of the Pack. It will bring you only the warmest of winds. (Paint blue stripe on each cheek.)

Yellow stands for the south wind, which will carry the story of your Cub Scout achievements far and wide. As a Cub Scout, you have been happy, eager, fair and a credit to your den and pack. (Paint yellow stripe on each cheek.)

White stands for the east wind and the spirit of Scouting. The east wind will carry the story of your fun and happiness with our pack to your Scout troop; they will know you lived up to the Cub Scout Promise and were fair and helpful. (Paint white stripe on each cheek.)

Orange stands for the west wind and also represents the parents of these Webelos Scouts. It travels far, telling everyone of the help and guidance these Webelos received from their parents. Parents, continue to help your boys grow and grow. (Paint orange stripe on each cheek.)

To reach this plateau in Cub Scouting, you have earned the following ranks:

- Bobcat (paint green stripe on chin)
- Wolf (paint black stripe on chin of those who earned Wolf)
- Bear (paint brown stripe on chin of those who earned Bear)
- Webelos (paint purple stripe on chin of those who earned it)
- Arrow of Light (paint red stripe on nose if earned)

As you cross the bridge into Boy Scouting, I want to give each of you the Cub Scout handshake one last time. The pack's loss is your troop's gain. Goodbye and good luck. (Remove Webelos neckerchiefs and send boys one at a time across bridge)

ADVANCEMENT - AKELA VERSUS MR. DRUG ABUSE

An Anti-Drug Advancement Ceremony

by Edward A. Haluska

PEOPLE REQUIRED:

- 1) Akela, the leader of the wolf pack (Cubmaster)
- 2) Mr. Drug Abuse (non-Scout associate)
- 3) Police Officer (a real one)

PROPS:

- 1) A candle log (with enough holes for each boy)
- 2) Candles for the candle log (one per boy)
- 3) Hand-rolled tobacco cigarettes, with the ends twisted to resemble marijuana cigarettes. Use fewer cigarettes than candles.
- 4) A log drilled to hold the fake marijuana cigarettes like candles
- 5) A camp-stove lighter (one that makes a flame, not just a spark)
- 6) An ugly-monster costume with a mask for Mr. Drug Abuse
- 7) Handcuffs (just make sure the police officer brings his set)
- 8) Sheet to cover candle and cigarette logs

HINTS:

- 1) For the monster costume, the uglier, the better. I used a monster mask that had stubby red horns that contained flashing lights.
- 2) Ugly monster costumes are easy to obtain around Halloween. However, there are so many "monsters" around during the Halloween season, it is better to conduct this ceremony during some other time of the year.
So plan ahead and pick up the costume during October.
- 3) Don't use a monster that the Cubs would already know, such as Dracula or Frankenstein. Otherwise you will have trouble establishing the monster as the personification of drug abuse.
- 4) Just a mask will do for the ugly monster costume, but the costume must include a mask! The mask is important so that the Cubs will not know the real identity of Mr. Drug Abuse. We do not want the Cubs to confuse Mr. Drug Abuse with the person playing that character. Make sure that the person playing the monster is not wearing any part of the adult leader uniform. Mr. Drug Abuse is such a heavy character that he should be played by someone from outside the pack if at all possible. Although a parent from within the pack is OK, Mr. Drug Abuse definitely should not be played by anyone from the current adult leadership.
- 5) If you are using this ceremony for the first time, practice the wolf howl and wolf growl by using them as a spirit cheer at the beginning of the pack meeting.
- 6) Dim the lighting at the beginning of the ceremony for better atmosphere and so that the candles will show up better.
- 7) The camp stove lighter called for is basically just a butane cigarette lighter that has been fitted with a trigger mechanism and a long extender tube so that the flame is about 4 inches from the hand. These lighters may sometimes be found with the Bar-B-Q grills in some stores. Tigers and the younger Cubs are usually more comfortable with this than matches or trying to use a larger candle to light the small ones.

- 8) You can use a candle log that is made for standard size candles. However, if you are going to have a large number of Cubs in the ceremony, you may want to consider using birthday candles in the log.
- 9) Instead of hand-rolled cigarettes, the fake marijuana cigarettes can be made from commercial cigarettes. Break off the filter, pull a little tobacco from each end, then twist the paper shut.
- 10) The first time I tried this ceremony was during a Blue and Gold Banquet in a school lunch room that did not have a stage. Within five minutes after the arrival of Mr. Drug Abuse, all the Cubs who were not in the ceremony had left their seats and were kneeling in a semi-circle around the front of the candle logs. They were all actively involved in cheering for the Cubs in the ceremony and heckling Mr. Drug Abuse. This was great! So try to use a physical arrangement that will allow the Cubs in the audience to participate in this manner. Avoid an elevated stage that would cut them off.
- 11) Don't try to maintain military discipline over the Cubs during this ceremony. Allow them to shout and jeer at Mr. Drug Abuse. Even if it is just symbolic, you will probably never again see them so actively and enthusiastically reject drugs while among their peers.
- 12) Because the Cubs will be making a lot of noise during this ceremony, microphones for Akela and Mr. Drug Abuse are extremely helpful. Wireless mikes are even better as they allow Mr. Drug Abuse to interact better by being able to actually approach the Cubs. If you only have one wireless mike, give it to Mr. Drug Abuse.
- 13) Don't feel that you have to stick closely to this script. Ad lib as needed and respond to remarks made by the Cubs. However, to also make this ceremony an effective tool for recruiting adult leaders, Mr. Drug Abuse should be sure to deliver the "wait till next year" challenge at the end of the ceremony. However, if he doesn't have a microphone, he may have trouble making himself heard at this point in the ceremony.
- 14) Having a real police officer arrest Mr. Drug Abuse at the end of the ceremony works very well. However, police officers may be called away without warning. If the police officer is unavailable, just have the pack growl at Mr. Drug Abuse to get him to leave.

AKELA: The moon is full, just as it was long ago on that night in the jungle when Mowgli first joined the Seeonee wolf pack. It has been many years since Mowgli returned from living with the wolves. After he returned, he taught us many of the lessons he learned while in the jungle. The most important was that the strength of the wolf is the pack, and the strength of the pack is the wolf. That is why we are here tonight in this council ring. Tonight we have many young boys who have earned new rank badges. As these boys have grown, the strength of the pack has grown. So let us begin. Parents, bring forward these man cubs.

(Akela calls out the names of the Cubs who have earned the new rank badges. Parents and Cubs come forward and face the rest of the pack.)

AKELA: First, to earn your rank badges, you boys have learned the Cub Scout promise. Are you boys ready to make that promise again in front of your parents, these other Cubs, and the

rest of the pack?

(Akela shakes head in yes motion. Boys should also shake their heads yes.)

AKELA: Then please make the Scout Sign and say the Cub Scout Promise along with me.

I promise to do my best,
To do my duty to God and my Country,
To help other people,
And to obey the Law of the Pack.

(Mr. Drug Abuse now makes his entrance.)

MR. DRUG ABUSE: Cub Scout Promise! Do your best! What a bunch of sugar-sweet garbage! Akela, you goody two-shoes, why don't you just give up? These boys are going to be mine sooner or later.

AKELA: Oh, no! It's Mr. Drug Abuse! What's a scum bag like you doing here tonight? Go crawl back under a rock.

MR. DRUG ABUSE: I just came by to let you know you're wasting your time. Do your duty! Obey the law of the Pack! HA! These boys don't really care about all that. Why, I'll bet that at least a couple of them are ready to come and follow me right now!

AKELA: Oh you think so, do you? I guess I'll just have to prove to you that these boys have the flame of the Cub Scout promise burning within their hearts and would never be stupid enough to follow you. Let me show you.

(Remove the sheet that covers the candle and cigarette logs.)

AKELA: I have here two logs. On this log are candles. The flame of these candles stands for the fire of the Cub Scout Promise. But on this log are some of your nasty marijuana cigarettes. Now I am going to give each one of these boys a choice. I'm going to call them forward one at a time. If they believe in the Cub Scout Promise and want to remain in this pack, then they can light one of these candles. But if they want to leave the pack and stand in your evil shadow, then they can light one of the marijuana cigarettes. What do you say to that?

(Mr. Drug Abuse counts the marijuana cigarettes and then counts the Cubs.)

MR. DRUG ABUSE: I think you don't have enough of my marijuana cigarettes on my log. That's what I think.

AKELA: Well, we'll just see about that. Let us begin.

(Call each boy forward one at a time and ask the following...)

AKELA: (boy's name) , I have here the (rank) badge that you have earned! If you want to accept this badge, and remain with the pack, then light one of these candles. But, if you want

to leave us and follow the wicked ways of that (insulting name) , then light one of these marijuana cigarettes. Choose!

(Akela should try to use a different insulting name for Mr. Drug Abuse each time he uses the above lines. Some good ones are maggot face, fungus face, toad face, worm face, sleaze bag, slime ball, sewer rat, garbage head, scum snake, and rotten meat.)

(Hand the Cub the camp stove lighter. While the boy has the lighter, Mr. Drug Abuse may ad lib and try to get him to light one of the cigarettes. For example, Mr. Drug Abuse could say...)

MR. DRUG ABUSE: Come on kid. Light one of my cigarettes. It will make you feel ten feet tall.

OR Hey kid, don't be a nerd! All your friends are doing it. Be cool like them.

(OR Mr. Drug Abuse can ad lib other similar lines.)

(After the cub has lit a candle, Mr. Drug Abuse may ham it up and make a big show of his disappointment and anger. Or he can act as if the lighting of the candle actually inflicted pain on him.(Take back the camp stove lighter.)

AKELA: You have chosen well young man-cub, and the Pack is proud! (Hand the badge to the boy's left hand and give him a Cub Scout handshake with your right hand.)

OR

Well done young Cub! You have chosen wisely! Here is your (rank) badge that you have earned!

(If you have a lot of boys, make up minor variations on the above lines to keep the exchange interesting.)

(During this part of the ceremony, there will always be at least one smartaleck in the audience who starts cheering for Mr. Drug Abuse. This can be squelched by having Mr. Drug Abuse suggest that his "friend" should become a drug pusher for him. Akela can then ask the other Cubs how they feel about drug pushers. Akela can also lead the pack in growling at this boy. You just may have a boy who decides to light one of the marijuana cigarettes. If he does, tell him he is a disgrace to the pack. If he is wearing a scarf, remove it, then hand him over to Mr. Drug Abuse. If he later seems penitent, you may give him a second chance with the lighter. If he does not, you may consider asking him and his parents to leave with Mr. Drug Abuse.)

(After all the Cubs have received their badges..)

AKELA: So Mr. Drug Abuse, each boy has chosen, and their choice has been guided by the fire and wisdom of the Cub Scout Promise. None will follow you tonight. Officer (officer's last name) , will you please take care of this maggot for us?

(Police officer makes entrance.)

POLICE OFFICER: Mr. Drug Abuse, in the name of the Cub Scouts of America and the

State of (your state) , I hereby place you under arrest.

(Police officer handcuffs Mr. Drug Abuse and begins to lead him out of the room. But before they exit, Mr. Drug Abuse turns and shouts...)

MR. DRUG ABUSE: You may have won tonight Akela! But I'll be back! And I know your weakness. The year is almost over, and you will need new adult leaders for next year. Without any adult leaders there won't be any pack, or any Cub Scout Promise. And all of these parents have good excuses not to volunteer: "Too busy! Shift work! Working mothers! Just don't want to! Can't be bothered!" But I have plenty of time. I'll be back for these boys next year!

AKELA: Silence and be gone evil one! These boys know better than to follow you. Cub Scouts and parents of Pack ___! Let's show Mr. Drug Abuse what happens when he makes a pack of wolves really mad.

(Akela leads pack in growling at Mr. Drug Abuse. Policeman leads Mr. Drug Abuse away).

AKELA: Look well, oh parents of Pack ___! Look well, and know what a strong pack can do. Your young cubs have chosen wisely tonight. Look well and be proud. But soon you too will have to make a choice. You parents will have to choose whether or not the pack continues. Heed Mr. Drug Abuse's warning, parents of Pack ___! May you choose as wisely as your own children. But for now, let us celebrate the wisdom and the accomplishments of these Cubs with a good wolf howl!

(Akela leads pack in a wolf howl.)

ADVANCEMENT - WORLDS LARGEST COMPUTER

PREPARATION: A large box to be used as a computer monitor, another box to be used as a keyboard and, if needed, another to use as a printer. Cubmaster may wish to have an Assistant Cubmaster ready to put letters up onto the screen at the appropriate time. Letters are cut out or plain paper with letters written on them.

CUBMASTER: We have anxiously waited for this time to arrive. The year 2000 with its double digit 0 has mystified computer programmers, users, and the common man for many years. Man has studied the potential problem for at least 2 decades. But we are past the 2000 problem. You see, we have just completed building the world's largest computer and just in time! Many boys and their families have been working on achievements and advancements. All of their hard work has been entered into the computer and, tonight, we will find out the results! We have also entered into the computer the requirements for each rank and advancement. And now – let's see how many matches we have!

Cubmaster pretends to key in the letters W-O-L-F and Assistant puts them up onto the screen. Have either a large page with each boy's name listed to put on the monitor or get a printout and read the boys names. When each boy comes forward with his parents, hand them the awards and ask them to stand at the side. Repeat this for each award (i.e., B-E-A-R or W-E-B-E-L-O-S). You can give arrow points and activity pins with the ranks, or handle them separately in a like manner.

CUBMASTER: Parents, you have helped to develop your boy's character to what it is today and will be tomorrow. You guide them and help them to learn by their experiences on a daily basis. You have been handed your boy's rank in Cub Scouts and he must do one more thing to get it sewn onto his uniform. Each boy is to do a good turn before his rank may be sewn in place. Until then, use the parent's pin to hold the patch upside down on his uniform.

ADVANCEMENT - NATIVE AMERICAN THEME BOBCAT CEREMONY

PEOPLE REQUIRED: Akela (Cubmaster), Baloo (Asst. Cubmaster)

PROPS: Campfire, Badges (with tape affixed to the card the badge is on)

AKELA: The spirit of Cub Scouting burns here as it does in the hearts of Cub Scouts everywhere. The Cub Scout spirit is like our campfire. We must add wood to the fire or it will go out. In the same manner, we must add new boys to our pack, or the Cub Scout spirit will go out.

BALOO: We have (number) boys who have will join our pack.

AKELA: Are they ready to join in the Cub Scout spirit?

BALOO: Yes, and they have learned the ways of our tribe. They have learned the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack and the Cub Scout Motto and their meanings. They have also learned the meaning and proper use of the Cub Scout Sign, Salute and Handshake. They know the meaning of Webelos. Will the following scouts please come forward with their parents to join in the Cub Scout spirit?

(Baloo lists the boys who are to receive the Bobcat badge.)

(Both Akela and Baloo hand the badge to parents and congratulate the Cubs with the Cub Scout handshake.)

AKELA: Parents, would you please present the Bobcat badge to your son? Attach the badge to his uniform upside down with the tape. Once a good deed is done, the badge may be permanently attached right side up. The pin is for you as a reminder that Scouting is a family activity.

BALOO: Parents, you may sit down while these Bobcats stay with Akela and me by the campfire.

AKELA: Will the new Bobcats join Baloo and me in saying the Cub Scout promise?

ALL: I, _____, promise to do my best
to do my duty to God and my country
to help other people, and
to obey the Law of the Pack.

AKELA: Baloo will place your headband on your head with feathers indicating your new rank. As you continue on in our pack, you will receive more feathers to show your achievements. Pack (number) , let's give them a big hand as they rejoin their den.

ADVANCEMENT - FACE PAINTING CEREMONY

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, den leaders, Scouts.

EQUIPMENT: Red, blue, green, yellow, and brown face paint. (I used a feather with a Q-tip attached to one end; a piece of fake animal skin, or wooden bowl to put paint in). This ceremony has been written to include all 5 ranks in Cub Scouting, or may be used for each individual rank.

Bobcat rank: Place 3 thin red lines across the bridge of the nose while speaking the words in CAPS.

CUBMASTER: Will the den leader please bring forward those boys who will be receiving the rank of Bobcat. (pause) You have taken your first steps on the trail to Scouting by following Akela's friend the Bobcat. **YOU HAVE LEARNED THE PROMISE, THE LAW OF THE PACK, AND THE MOTTO.** These three red lines show that you have completed the three most important steps of your short journey. Remember them well, for they will help you through all the trails of scouting. We are happy you have found your place in our pack. Will the den leader present these Bobcats with their badges.

Wolf rank: Place a brown, upside down V above each eyebrow while speaking the words in CAPS.

CUBMASTER: Will the den leader bring forward those boys who will be receiving the rank of Wolf. (pause) **I MARK YOU WITH THE EARS OF THE WOLF.** It shows you ready and eager to listen. You are on another trail in Scouting and have advanced from Bobcat to Wolf. Just as Akela learned from his father the steps to become a brave, you are learning to become a better Scout. Will the den leader present these Wolves with their badges.

Bear rank: Place two green lines on each cheek slanting up to the nose while speaking the words in CAPS.

CUBMASTER: Will the den leader please bring forward the boys who are ready to receive their rank of Bear. (pause) You have promised to live by the Law of the Pack, and you have done well. You have traveled much further down the Scouting trail and have acquired more skill. **YOU HAVE LEARNED MORE ABOUT GOD, YOUR COUNTRY, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR SELF.** Will the den leader please present these Bears with their badges.

Webelos rank: Place a large, blue W from temple down to chin and up to other temple while speaking the words in CAPS.

CUBMASTER: You are now a Webelos Scout and have proven your loyalty. You have grown in spirit as well as knowledge. **THE WEBELOS EMBLEM IS MADE UP OF A GOLD SCOUT BADGE WITH A BLUE W FOR WEBELOS.** It shows that you are getting ready to move from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. Be ready to use the skills you have already learned. Will the den leader present these Webelos with their badges.

Arrow of Light rank: Place a yellow line, slightly bowed, across the forehead while speaking the words in CAPS.

CUBMASTER: You have diligently traveled the long Cub Scout trail and are nearing your goal. Your face shows me you have been marked with all four ranks and are ready to receive the highest rank in Cub Scouting. I MARK YOU WITH THE SIGN OF AKELA'S FATHER, THE ARROW OF LIGHT. This is a reminder to you as you continue into Boy Scouts to set the example, as Akela's father did, for the Scouts who are to follow. Will the den leader please present these boys with their Arrow of Light badge.

CUBMASTER: Their faces plainly show of their advancement and hard work. Please congratulate these fine young men.

ADVANCEMENT - THREE SPECIAL GUESTS

CAST: Cubmaster, 3 Leaders dressed as Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and Woodstock.

NOTE: Your visitors can be a variety of personalities; ET and friends, Santa's elves, the Chrismoose, etc.

CUBMASTER: I am pleased to announce that we have some very special guests this evening to help present our advancement awards. We have Mr. Charlie Brown, with his friends, Snoopy and Woodstock. (The three enter each carrying a sack.) Charlie has our well-earned, well-deserved advancement awards. Will Bobcat (NAME) please come forward with his parents?

Congratulations on earning the Bobcat rank.

(Continue in similar manner with other ranks, as Charlie hands out awards.)

Now Snoopy has a special treat for us all. (Snoopy hands out Christmas neckerchief slides from Santa to all boys and uniformed adults.)

Last, but not least, Woodstock has a gift that we all can work on before next pack meeting. (Woodstock passes out gift-wrapped Pinewood Derby car kits to boys, to be completed for the race at the January pack meeting.)

Thanks for coming Charlie, Snoopy, and Woodstock. Have a safe trip home. (The three guests exit.)

ADVANCEMENT – HAWAIIAN ADVANCEMENT

PERSONNEL: Master of ceremonies, conch shell blower (optional), six Cub Scouts, someone to operate a tape player.

EQUIPMENT: Tropical plants, tiki torches (improvised imitations for indoors); headdress and lei for the master of ceremonies; a shell or flower lei for each adult participant; conch shell; Hawaiian music and tape player; cards printed with the Hawaiian words; and for each person being recognized, a certificate or award and a flower or paper lei.

ARRANGEMENT: The torches on stage are lighted, and the house lights are turned down. Soft Hawaiian music playing in the background fades out. Three blasts of the conch shell start the ceremony; then the shell is blown four more times. The first blast is made facing east. Then there is a slight pause, and a chant may be performed. The second blast on the conch shell is made facing west. Then there is another pause, and another chant may be performed. The third blast is made facing south, and another pause is allowed. The fourth blast of the conch shell is made facing north.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: (Addresses the audience in the traditional greeting style.)
Aloha! Welcome to our [month] pack meeting. Traditional Hawaiian family life has many of the same ideals as Cub Scouting.

(The first Cub Scout comes on stage carrying a card with the word ALOHA on it.)

Aloha has many meanings: love, affection, compassion, mercy, pity, kindness, charity, hello, good-bye, alas, and regards. The Hawaiian family provides a ready source of love, affection, kindness, courtesy, and hospitality. In Hawaii, aloha is shown and given not only to family members but to all who visit.

(The second Cub Scout comes on stage carrying a card with the word IKE on it.)
Ike means to recognize everyone as a person. Everyone needs to be recognized, especially children. Ike can be given in a number of ways. It can be a look, a word, a touch, a hug, a gesture, and even a scolding. Children need to give ike to each other, so if the teacher demonstrates the giving of ike then the children will follow the example.

(The third Cub Scout comes on stage carrying a card with the word KOKUA on it.)

Kokua, which means help, was an important part of every household in old Hawaii. Every member helped get the work done. They did not have to be asked to kokua. They helped whenever they saw help was needed.

(The fourth Cub Scout comes on stage carrying a card with the word KULEANA on it.)

Kuleana. One of the most important kuleana, or responsibilities, of every family member was to maintain acceptable standards of behavior. Attention-seeking behavior was frowned upon, and respect for social rank and seniority was a must. Each person was taught what was acceptable and not acceptable. He or she learned to accept and carry out his or her kuleana, or responsibilities, willingly.

(The fifth Cub Scout comes on stage carrying a card with the word LAULIMA on it.)

Laulima means many hands. Everyone in the family the ohana-shared the workload. Whether it was planting, building a house or a fishpond, preparing a meal or fishing, each person did a share of the work to get it done, If a man wanted a house built, his ohana-his family-willingly came to help. They gathered the building materials, built the foundation, put up the frame, and installed the thatched roof. They also gathered the pili grass and other thatching materials. Children helped in whatever way they could. This kind of laulima made the work easier and more enjoyable.

(The sixth Cub Scout comes on stage carrying a card with the word LOKAHI on it.)

Lokahi means harmony and unity. The family considered lokahi very important, not only with people but also with the universe. The members of the family showed this in their daily living by sharing goods and services with each other.

The ohana, or family members, generously gave to others no matter how little they had themselves. Strangers were greeted with aloha and invited to come in and partake of food. Anyone visiting another area took food or a gift as a symbol of hospitality. They established lokahi with the universe by observing the law of daily living, which included homage to the gods. This kind of behavior nurtured harmony in the family-lokahi in the ohana.

(During the awards and recognition portions of the program, leis are presented in addition to the badges or certificates.)

(Four blasts of the conch shell are repeated. This time the directions change: first to the north, second to the south, third to the west, and fourth to the east. Another version is three blasts: one to the mountains, one to the land, and the third to the sea.)

This concludes our meeting. Mahalo-thank you-for your attendance. Aloha.

HO'OHIKI KIEKI KIU

O wau o amalia, ho'ohiki no ka hana
ana i kou kilohana
Me ka hana ana i ka'u mahelehana,
i ke akua ame ko'u a'ina kahiki,
A e kokua i kekahi po'e
A e ho'olohe i na kanawai
o ka pu'ali.

CUB SCOUT PROMISE

I, [name], promise to do my best

To do my duty to God and my country,

To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack.

ADVANCEMENT - THE LABORATORY

SETTING: Two pack leaders in Lab Coats: (Cubmaster (CM) and Assistant Cubmaster (ACM) with scientific props on the table

CM: A science fair is a place where people whom are working or studying the various sciences show what they have done or are working on.

ACM: In today's world, most inventors have received university training. However, this is not always the case. After all, who taught Leonardo DaVinci or Thomas Edison?

CM: What do inventors do? They experiment or study new areas or new applications of something previously known.

ACM: Often inventors receive awards, prizes and prestige because of their accomplishments.

CM: Tonight we will honor several Cub Scouts because of their accomplishments.

ACM: Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents please come into the laboratory.

CM: These young men have started to learn a new area of science - the science of Cub Scouting. They are like grammar school graduates - they have learned the basics. They are willing and eager to learn and do more in this science of Cub Scouting. As a token of their accomplishments, I have the honor of giving to you, the parents, these Bobcat badges to present to your sons.

ACM: Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents please come into the laboratory.
(Wolf)

CM: These young men have studied more and accomplished more than the Bobcat. They have met the more difficult challenges of the science of Cub Scouting and have a better understanding of its rules and laws. Their knowledge is like that of a high school graduate. The more they know the more they want to know because of their accomplishments. I present to your parents the badge of the Wolf rank, the second rank of Cub Scouting, to present to your sons.

ACM: Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents please come into the laboratory.
(Bear)

CM: After considerably more work and study, these boys are ready to graduate from the university of the science of Cub Scouting. They are ready to share their knowledge with other younger Cub Scouts. I present to your parents the badge of the Bear rank, the third rank of Cub Scouting, to present to your sons.

ACM: Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents please come into the laboratory. (Webelos)

CM: These boys have worked independently and together in graduate school to learn the skills necessary to become Masters in the Science of Cub Scouting. They are ready to

continue on in their studies as they work towards their Arrow of Light award and a future in Boy Scouts. I present to your parents the badge of the Webelos rank, the fourth rank of Cub Scouting, to present to your sons.

CM: These Cub Scouts of today are the potential inventors of tomorrow. Their dreams are our future. Their accomplishments will decide how we live and how we survive.

ADVANCEMENT - THE BRAVE'S FEATHERS

PERSONNEL: Akela (Cubmaster), two or more Cub Scouts for tom-tom beaters, three persons to wear masks, Pack Committee Chairman.

EQUIPMENT: Two or more large tom-toms; full India headdress for Akela; headbands for all Cub Scouts; feathers for presenting to advancing Cub Scouts (different color for each rank); large Wolf and Bear masks; flashlights with colored cellophane over lenses (different color for each den) for each Cub Scout in the Pack; badges and certificates; safety pins.

ARRANGEMENT: All Cub Scouts in the Pack sit on the floor by Dens in a horseshoe (good luck) formation. Parents sit on chairs behind the Cub Scouts. Akela stands at the open end, a large tom-tom and beater on each side of him. Each Cub Scout has a flashlight. The Cub Scouts flash their lights only on Akela's signal. The wearers of the Wolf and Bear masks are inside the circle opposite Akela and facing him. (Beat tom-toms softly during ceremony.)

AKELA: These Cub Scout braves (names of Cub Scouts) have proved themselves good Indians. They have performed feats on the trail to manhood. A member of our tribe who represents the rank the braves have earned will award the feather to be worn until the next rank is reached. Our Chairman will give the badges to the parents, who will present them to their sons. (Akela signals all Cub Scouts in Dens with a member receiving the Wolf badge to flash their lights on the recipients. The wearer of the Wolf mask then presents feathers representing the Wolf rank to the Cub Scouts who have been named. The Chairman presents badges and certificates to parents. The same procedure is followed for other presentations.)

ADVANCEMENT – MAKE AMERICA PROUD OF YOU

PERSONNEL: Narrator, Song Leader, Pianist or operator of record or tape player.

EQUIPMENT: Phonograph or tape recorder and music to "Make America Proud of You" or sheet music and piano; U.S. flag; badges, arrow points.

ARRANGEMENT: NARRATOR:As Americans, we are fortunate to have many historical symbols that represent freedom. Tonight I would like to tell you a little about some of these symbols as we honor those boys who are advancing along the Cub Scouting trail.

The Statue of Liberty towers 305 feet above Liberty Island in New York Harbor, welcoming people of other lands to become citizens of our democracy. France gave the statue to the United States as a token of friendship. Each year, about 2 million people visit Miss Liberty. Emma Lazarus and reads wrote the inscription at the base of the statue in part:

Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore,
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me.
I lift my lamp beside the golden door.

There is a golden door to Scouting that is open to all boys. By walking through that door, a boy has an opportunity to grow in many ways and learn about citizenship, character, and physical fitness. The boys who wish to walk through that door to Scouting tonight are [names]. Will you and your parents please come forward? (Continues with regular Bobcat induction.)

Our American flag is much more than the red, white, and blue cloth of which it is made. It is the symbol of America. It stands for the past, the present, and the future of our country. When we show respect for the flag, we are showing respect for all that is America, our land, our people, our way of life. When the 13 original colonies set out to become a free country more than 200 years ago, their men and women needed a rallying point, a flag.

"We will take the stars and blue union from heaven" George Washington is reported to have said, 'red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes to emphasize our new independence. The white stripes shall represent liberty."

Respect for the flag is one of the requirements for the WOLF rank. Tonight we have some boys who have completed all of these requirements. (Call boys and parents forward and present badges.)

The Declaration of Independence is the document that called for a free America. It was on July 4, 1776, that the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia and announced the separation of the 13 colonies from England. In America, we have a government of the people, by the people, and for the people-not for just some of them, but for all people-the people to whom the Declaration of Independence refers when it says, 'all men are created equal" not equally talented or equally rich, but equal under the law and under God. All Scouts have an equal opportunity to advance in rank and earn badges. The following boys have earned ARROW POINTS to wear under the WOLF badge. (Calls boys and parents forward to receive awards.)

One of the most beloved of our freedom symbols is the Liberty Bell. The Liberty Bell was rung in 1776 to announce the adoption of the Declaration of Independence. During the British occupation of Philadelphia, the bell was hidden beneath the floor of the Zion Reformed Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Sixty years later, as the bell was rung during the funeral of Chief Justice John Marshall, it cracked. Since that time, it has been on display in or close to Independence Hall, Philadelphia, for all Americans to see. The bell is old, but the crack is plain to see, along with this inscription: "Proclaim Liberty throughout all the land." "What Makes America Special" is one of the 24 achievements from which a boy may choose to earn the BEAR badge. The following boys will receive this badge tonight. (Calls boys and parents forward to receive badges and cards.)

The log cabin is a freedom symbol, not only because it represents the many colonists who helped settle this country, but because it is associated with one of the most famous Americans of all time, Abraham Lincoln. Lincoln had less than 1 year of formal schooling. He taught himself by reading borrowed books. Many people do not know that Lincoln was a powerful wrestler, runner, and weight lifter. This tall, lanky man worked as a store clerk, a postmaster, a surveyor, and lawyer. Lincoln believed in freedom. His famous Gettysburg Address began: "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." We would like to honor now the boys who have earned ARRR under their BEAR badges. (Calls names.)

Uncle Sam was originated as a cartoon character many years ago and has become one of the best-known symbols of the United States. Imagine how many thousands of schoolboys have portrayed the part of Uncle Sam in school plays. Think of how many millions of young men have answered Uncle Sam's recruiting call, "I want you" and have helped defend the freedom of America in time of war. The following boys have earned these WEBELOS ACTIVITY PINS and/or the WEBELOS badge. (Calls names and presents awards.)

Another symbol of American freedom is the eagle, with wings outspread in protection of our birthright of freedom. The eagle has been the national bird since George Washington took the oath of office for the presidency in 1789. Many years ago, Indians climbed high mountains to reach the peaks where coveted eagle feathers could be found. Indians used these eagle feathers as badges of rank. Today Scouts work hard and long to reach the highest rank of Scouting, the Eagle. It is never easy to reach those high peaks. It takes time, and effort, and sacrifice. But when you finally reach the top, you'll find it was worth the effort. The following boys have reached the top in Cub Scouting by earning the ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD. (Calls names and presents awards.)

We are proud of all our freedom symbols, and we are very proud of all the boys who received awards tonight. They are on their way to becoming worthwhile citizens of tomorrow. As President John F Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." (Starts record of "Make America Proud of You" softly.)

Do you boys ever wonder what you can do for your country? Do you care?
Well, if you do, I'll tell you where to start.

Whatever games you choose to play ... play fair!

Whatever you are or hope to be... be true!
Whatever roads you choose to take... take care!

Be proud you're an American ... and show it!
And make America proud of you!
(Music volume increases briefly, then fades out.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE PIONEER TRAIL

PROP:A wall sized map of the United States(*or facsimile*)

CUBMASTER:The pioneers who traveled west across the great United States had many obstacles and tasks to take care of on their trek. One, of the first stops along the Oregon Trail was Independence, MO. Much as our Bobcat award, is the first stop on the Cub Scout Trail. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward. (*present awards*)

The next stop on the trail out west was Fort Laramie. Next for Cub Scouts is the Wolf rank achievement which is met by completing 12 requirements. It requires parent help just as the pioneers banded together and helped each other. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward. (*present awards*)

The next stopping point was Whitman Mission. Many more challenges were met on the road to here, just as there are harder challenges on the trail to the Bear rank. We have several boys who have met these challenges. Will the following boys and their parents please join me?
(*present awards*)

The final rank of Cub Scouting is the Arrow of Light. This is the only Cub Scout rank that transfers to your Boy Scout Uniform. Many, many days of effort have been put forth to reach this goal. We have some boys tonight who have reached this highest Cub Scout award. Let us honor them tonight. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward?
(*present awards*)

ADVANCEMENT – PAINTED BOBCAT WITH TOTEMS

Author: Peter Van Houten

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster or Den Leader, Bobcats, and parents.

EQUIPMENT: Face Paint colors -- Blue & Yellow,
Bobcat pin & Patch,
Prepared Belt totem -A leather belt totem with the Cub Scout logo stamped in the middle with your Pack numerals stamped above the logo. There are 5 holes at the bottom of the totem.
Starting from left to right we put 3 beads on a leather lace, with the exception of the center where we put a plastic Arrowhead.
Order of colors is: Yellow, Red, light blue, dark blue.
Each represents a step in the Cub Scout trail -- Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and the Arrowhead as the focal point points the direction to the Arrow of light.

CUBMASTER: Tonight, we are honored to have among us a boy (or boys) who has completed the requirements for the Bobcat badge. The Bobcat badge is an important part of the Cub Scout Trail, it is the foundation upon which a boy begins his trek toward the Arrow of Light.

Would the following boys and their parents please come forward!

(Boys come forward)

Boy's you've accomplished the first step in Cub Scouting. In all things there is always a first...the first stone laid in a new building, the first step across a bridge. The first is sometimes the hardest, but that's because it lays the foundation or the strength for what follows. The Bobcat badge is your foundation. The trail of Scouting lies ahead of you, but don't be afraid. You won't have to do it alone. You'll have lots of help from your Akela... Akela can be your parents, your Den Leader, even I your Cubmaster will help you along the trail, helping you become successful.

As a symbol of your achievement and of becoming a member of this pack, I ask my assistant to give you the colors of Cub Scouting...blue on the right cheek, yellow on the left.

(Asst. CM or Den Leader puts blue and yellow mark on each boy's cheek)

Your parents stand here with you as an example to show they are proud and that they are there to help you, just like they helped you earn the Bobcat badge. I am presenting your Bobcat badge to your parents who in turn will present you.

(Award badges to Parents, who in turn present the badge to the boys)

Furthermore, I have made a small token to remind you of this day. As you wear this totem note that all of the ranks are connected...connected by the Cub Scout logo. They all come to a point at the arrowhead, which someday I hope I will be able to present you with your arrow of light.

(present belt totems)

Boys, parents and guests of Pack [number] please join me in congratulating these boys in their achievement with the Cub Scout Cheer.
(I yell "CUB" -- audience yells "SCOUTS" (3 times) than conclude with a rousing clapping.)

ADVANCEMENT - KING ARTHUR'S COURT

EQUIPMENT: Crown, large sword (wood or plastic), king cape, and anything else to make you look like a king (satin shirt, jewelry, etc.), Treasure chest, and a scroll (a rolled up piece of paper). Cubmaster, assistant, older boys den

SET UP: Before meeting tell assistant when boy with scroll comes in read scroll. Have him arrange the boy's den in two columns or rows so the boy getting the award can walk down through the two rows, have them on one knee.

Before the Ceremony: Five minutes before the ceremony take one of the boys with you (if he has a costume have him get in it now). Put on your costume. Send in the boy with scroll.

ASSISTANT: (reading off the scroll) Here ye Here Ye all rise, the King of Scouts has arrived. (Cubmaster enters) All be seated. By proclamation by the king it is said that the following boy or boys are to stand.

CUBMASTER: I have been asked here tonight to welcome some boys into (Scouting, if it is a Bobcat or the Wolf Den or the Bear Den or Webelos Den). Would (boys name) pass through the Cub Scout gauntlet (the older scouts in two rows on their knees). Will the parents join me up front. (When the boy gets to you have him go down on one knee.) For filling all of your obligations for your (Bobcat, Wolf etc.). I here by knight thee Sir (Bobcat, Wolf, etc.) (Touch the sword to both shoulders). Arise Sir (Bobcat, Wolf, etc.). Hand award to parents, parents present award to boy.

ADVANCEMENT - HOLIDAY MAGIC

[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: Holiday Magic is our theme tonight, and with that in mind, we celebrate some real magic with the Cubs in our Pack. I say this because there is a sense of magic in the way our Cub Scouts have grown over the past few months. Sure they've grown physically—our parents can attest to that what with all of the food these guys have been eating and all the new clothes that the boys have already outgrown. But beyond the physical, the Cub Scouts have been growing in mind and spirit as well. And there is real magic in that. It doesn't come from shoveling more food into them; it's almost like they get it out of nowhere. Let's take a look...

The magic starts with the boys becoming Bobcats. We start with someone who is new to the Cub Scout program, give them a book and some help from the Den and his parents, and the next thing you know he knows and understands the Cub Scout "basics." He knows the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack; the Motto, Salute, Handshake, and Scout Sign; and the meaning of Webelos; and he is better equipped to handle difficult situations that we hope and pray won't come his way. But he's really grown, and not from a drop of water or a morsel of food. He has gained a very special something by sheer will power and work. Magical!

(BOBCAT)

Tonight's Advancement Magic begins with some boys in our Pack who have earned the Bobcat rank. [List names of Bobcat recipients and call them with their parents to the front of the room.]

I told you that the boys learn and grow like magic as they complete the eight steps of Bobcat. Let's ask them to join us now in the Cub Scout Promise. [Direct everyone to recite the Promise.]

This is the time I like best because I get to celebrate with the boys and their parents the hard work they've done. But I also know it has been the boys and their families that have worked hard together. So I don't award the badges to the boys and I don't ask the Den Leader to award them either, we ask the families to award the boys their badges. [Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them with the Cub Scout handshake. Offer an applause and ask them to take their seats.]

The magic doesn't end with the Bobcat! In fact, that is but the start of the magic. As with Holiday Magic, the magic only begins with the first candle or the first special decoration. In the Cub Scout program, the next step (for the second grade) is the Wolf advancement. Again the magic is overwhelming. Here you take a boy who has just begun to really read the "bigger people" books—maybe he's begun to write in cursive. But he's growing and learning so, so much! In Cub Scouts he's doing all sorts of really neat activities.

(WOLF)

Tonight we are happy to present the Wolf badge to the following boys. [List names and invite them with their parents to come forward.] I mentioned that these guys have been doing all sorts of neat things. I'd like them to tell you some of the things they enjoyed most in completing their 12 achievements. [Ask boys to tell some of the things they've done. You might want to prep them ahead of time so they're not caught off guard.]

As with the other badges, we know who has been right there along side these Wolves helping them complete their achievements. So again, we ask the parents to please award the boys their Wolf badges. [Hand out badges to parents to give to the boys. Congratulate them and offer a suitable applause. Have them sit down.]

No magic show—holiday or not—ends with the first act. And so it is with our Advancement Magic. The next act begins with an understanding that "I" am not the center of all. In fact, it starts with the understanding that God is the center of all. That's why the first achievement in our next rank is focused on our life with God. And it continues with completing requirements that focus on our country, our family and then ourselves. It's a special time of year; that's why tonight's theme is Holiday Magic. And that special time, regardless of our personal faith, is focused on celebrating the wonders our God has done for us. And I think it's especially fitting that the Bear badge begins with its focus on God and our faith.

(BEAR)

So let's recognize the boys who have been working so hard and have completed their requirements in the areas of God, Country, Family and Self. [List off Bear candidate names and invite them and their parents to the front of the room.]

We know these guys have done a lot of hard work to get to this point. But in celebration of the season, we are especially interested in learning what you did for Achievement 1 or 2. Can some of you share that with us now? [Ask boys to tell some of the things they did as part of Achievement 1 or 2. WARNING!!! You really need to let them know ahead of time so they can remember what they did.]

[Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them. Offer an applause and ask them to take their seats.]

And the magic continues! When we think of these Cub Scouts magically changing, I don't think there is a better example than the changes that happen in the 4th and 5th grades, when they start to move out more independently. In the 4th grade, the boys begin the Webelos program. Here they start to "be their own boss." They are now asked to work on requirements in the Activity Badge areas more or less on their own and then report how they are doing to their den leaders. And as they complete specific Activity Badges and some requirements that help them get ready for Boy Scouts, they earn the Webelos badge.

(WEBELOS)

Tonight our Pack has some boys who have been doing just that. [List names and invite them with their parents to come forward.] These guys have worked hard. They have earned the

Physical Fitness Activity Badge and at least two others and they have studied some of the basic requirements of the Boy Scout program. We award them with the Webelos badge.

[Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them. Offer an applause and ask them to take their seats.]

Finally, we come to the "grand finale" of our own little magic show—the biggest, most difficult, "trick" is always the closing act. It's all been really special, but the last piece is always the best. And in the Cub Scout program, it's no different. For those Cub Scouts who have really applied themselves and have really done their best, we have a special recognition. After the Webelos Scout has completed his Webelos badge and completed even more Activity Badges, after he has actively participated in his den, and after he has demonstrated that he truly is ready to become a Boy Scout, knowing and understanding the requirements just as a boy earning the Scout badge in Boy Scouts, he earns the Arrow of Light Award.

(ARROW OF LIGHT)

Tonight's Advancement Magic program is topped with our awarding the Arrow of Light to the boys who have truly earned it. [List names and invite them with their parents to come forward.] These fellows have worked hard, really applied themselves, and have proven to their Den Leaders, their parents, and most importantly, to themselves, that they are ready to become Boy Scouts.

[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 an applause and ask them to take their seats.]

It's a really magical season. There is a special magic in the air. People seem to take special notice and show an extra bit of kindness to one another. And just as we wish for this kind of magic to continue the whole year through, we hope that the magic of our Cub Scouts' hard work and growing stays strong the whole year long.

ADVANCEMENT - EIGHT STEPS TO SCOUTING

PROP: "Cub-a-labra," with 8 candles.

We are here tonight, Cub Scouts and parents, to honor the Cub Scouts who have advanced since we last met as a Pack, and to present them with awards they have earned. As he travels up the long advancement path, the Cub Scout achieves many goals in attaining the 5 ranks of Cub Scouting. At last he reaches his highest goal and becomes a Boy Scout. These candles represent the steps in his advancement. Their light stands for the help and encouragement given him by his leaders, family and friends.

The Tiger (*light candle #1*) is the youngest member of the pack. He learns to Search, Discover and Share with an adult partner and other members of the Tiger Cub Group.

The Bobcat (*#2*) Cub Scout, the beginner, must learn and abide by the Cub Scout Motto, the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. He stands with much enthusiasm on the first step of the advancement ladder, which, as he climbs it, will bring to him knowledge, skills, enjoyment and good fellowship.

Next comes the Wolf (*#3*) Cub Scout, who must complete 12 achievements to reach the rank of Wolf. He gains knowledge of the United States flag, of keeping strong. He learns of tools, knots, safety, his neighborhood, books and reading. He has mastered several feats of skill, has made a collection and has shown his willingness to help in his home and take on family responsibilities.

The Bear (*#4*) Cub Scout reaches his rank by completing 12 increasingly difficult achievements that show he is growing in knowledge and skill. The Bear Cub Scout learns about his duty to God, his duty to our country, has participated in family events and had fun with his den. He should be proud to have climbed more than halfway up the advancement ladder.

The Gold Arrow Point (*#5*) is given to a Wolf or Bear Cub Scout who has finished the achievements for that rank and who goes onward to complete 10 additional elective projects. He is honored for his ambition, interest and hard work.

Ten additional elective credits must be earned to qualify for a Silver Arrow Point (*#6*). Only Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts having the highest ability and interest obtain the Silver Arrow Point.

Upon entering a Webelos (*#7*) den, a Cub Scout begins the last part of the trail to Boy Scouting. As a Webelos Scout, he works to earn a variety of activity pins such as Citizenship, Physical Fitness and Readyman. They prepare him for the many challenges he will face in life.

The Arrow of Light (*#8*) is Cub Scouting's highest award and is the only Cub Scout badge that may be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. A boy who has earned the Arrow of Light Award is fully prepared to enter Boy Scouting.

As we go forward with our advancement program, may our way be charted by friendship, and may we always remember the Cub Scout Motto: DO YOUR BEST.

ADVANCEMENT - AKELA AND THE CUB SCOUT TRAIL

CHARACTERS: Akela, Indian Brave, Cub Bobcat, Wolves. Add a boy any place, dividing dialogue. In smaller dens, Wolves one, two, and three and last can be combined.

COSTUMES: Uniforms, Indian headdress, headband made of colored paper. Wolf and Bear masks or ears and noses, designed so boys can be heard.

PROPS: Indian's drums (oatmeal boxes disguised with colored paper), fishing poles, bows, arrows, cooking pots, card with paw print visible to entire audience. (Drums. Akela and Brave stride in. Cub Scout enters.)

CUB: Akela! Great Chief! I want to be a Bobcat Cub Scout. Listen Meoww!!!

AKELA: That doesn't make you a Bobcat. Do you know the Promise and the Law of the Pack?

BRAVE: Do you know the Sign and Handshake? The Motto? Salute?

CUB: I don't know any of them.

AKELA: Go and learn them. Then you'll be a Bobcat. (Drums. Cub leaves. Bobcat enters.)

BOBCAT: Great Akela! I'm a Bobcat who wants to be a Wolf. Arooo!

AKELA: Can you climb a tree? Swim like a fish? Tie a strong knot?

BOBCAT: Not yet.

BRAVE: There are 12 feats you must do.

BOBCAT: I only have 2 feet.

BRAVE: Not feet, feats! Achievements! They are written in the Book of Wolves.

BOBCAT: Now how can I do 12 achievements all by myself?

AKELA: Great Cub Scout Leader and Great Parents will help, too! Go! (Drums, Bobcat leaves. Two Wolves enter, fighting.)

BRAVE: (Separates the Wolves.) Who disturbs the camp of AKELA?

WOLF 1: We only took six months to become Wolves.

WOLF 2: Now we have lots of time to mess around.

AKELA: There's more to do in the Book of Wolves Electives. Earn Arrow Points.

BRAVE: Have you caught a fish? Shot an arrow? Prepared a feast? (Indians load Wolves with fishing poles, bows, arrows, pots; Wolves exit. Third Wolf enters.)

WOLF 3: O' Great Leader! Now I'm old enough to become a Bear.

AKELA: Bears must know the wild animals and how to use a knife.

BRAVE: Twelve achievements in the Book of Bear. (Last wolf runs in.)

LAST WOLF: Akela, I've done the twelve achievements to become a Bear.

AKELA: Has the Great Parent signed something to show you have done them? (Last Wolf holds up large card with BIG paw print, shows to audience.) Come forward, Wolf. (Exchange Wolf mask for Bear mask.) Now you are a Bear. Gather around me, brave Cubs. (All characters on stage.)

BRAVE: The Bobcat, Wolf, and the Bear have followed the trail. Now, the dance of celebration. (Drum. All do Indian dancing. Exit, dancing.)

ADVANCEMENT - MISSION CONTROL

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Committee chairman, Cubs advancing and their parents

EQUIPMENT: Frisbees (**amount depends upon the amount of awards**), awards to be handed out.

CUBMASTER: Outer Space calling Mission Control, Outer Space Calling Mission Control.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Go ahead Outer Space.

CUBMASTER: This is the Rocket Ship Wolf Calling. We're getting ready to land. Are you ready to receive our astronauts?

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: You are cleared to land Wolf Ship.

(Someone from back of room throws frisbee with awards attached to CM)

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Would Wolf Astronauts _____, _____, & _____ and their parents please come forward. Tonight you boys are being honored by receiving the Wolf badge—the symbol of your first complete trip into Cub Scout Outer Space. We recognize your achievements and wish you continued success in your Scout exploration.

(Hand out awards.)

CUBMASTER: Outer Space calling Mission Control, Outer Space calling Mission Control.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Go ahead Outer Space.

CUBMASTER: This is the command ship Bear calling. We are set to land.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Come in Bear ship.

(Another frisbee is thrown with awards attached)

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Would Bear astronauts _____ & _____ and their parents please come forward. You have completed many mission in the last two years. For your work and accomplishments we are awarding you the Bear badge of rank tonight. Congratulations and may your success continue next year.

(Hand out awards.)

CUBMASTER: Outer Space calling Mission |Control, Outer Space calling Mission Control.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Come in Outer Space.

CUBMASTER: This is the space shuttle Webelos calling. We are ready to land. Are we cleared?

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Everything is A-OK. Proceed to land. **(Frisbee is thrown with awards)**

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Would Webelos Astronaut _____ and his parents please come forward. _____, you have achieved the third award in Cub Scouting tonight by completion of the Webelos exploration. The flight has been difficult at times but you have succeeded with honor. We salute you.

(Present award.)

CUBMASTER: Outer Space calling Mission Control, Outer Space calling Mission Control.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Go ahead Outer Space.

CUBMASTER: This is the moon voyager Arrow of Light calling for landing clearance. Please signal when ready!

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: You may land Arrow of Light. A welcome is being prepared for your pilots.

(Frisbee is thrown with awards)

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Would astronauts _____ & _____ and their parents please come forward. These astronauts join a select community of Cub Scouts who have accomplished the most difficult tasks placed before them and are now eligible to wear the badge of the Arrow of Light. This honor may be carried forth with them should they continue in the scouting program. You join other Scouts who this year proudly wear this emblem of skill and achievement. We look toward you as an example of how young men of today radiate the promise for tomorrow.

(Present awards.)

Perhaps some of you Cub Scouts will actually be astronauts in rocket ships and space shuttles. All of you are the explorers of our future. The drive and dedication to doing your best in this program today promises hope and success in whatever you choose for tomorrow. I salute you all.

(Give Salute.)

ADVANCEMENT - DEN INDUCTION AND GRADUATION

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, den leaders, Scoutmaster

ARRANGEMENT: One large lit candle at the center of the table, behind it are 5 smaller unlit candles. Graduation bridge.

CUBMASTER: We are here tonight to honor those boys who are moving forward in the Scout program. Before you shines a large candle which represents the Spirit of Scouting. This candle brings to mind the spirit of Baden-Powell and all other Scouters who have given their time to Scouting. It also represents the spirit of adventure and excitement you find in Scouting.

(Lights the first candle from the big one.)

First come the Tiger Cubs, the beginners. They and their adult partners have been busy in their Tiger Cub den. These Tigers now stand ready to continue in Cub Scouting by becoming part of a Wolf den. There are many new adventures and challenges that await them in the coming year. Will these Tiger Cubs and partners please come forward? *(Reads off names.)*

Tigers and partners, to welcome you to the Wolf den your den leader will present to you the yellow Wolf neckerchiefs. Yellow stands for warm sunlight, happiness and good cheer. May your journey in the Wolf den be filled with sunlight, happiness and good cheer. *(Parents place neckerchiefs on Tigers.)* Congratulations.

(Lights the second small candle.)

During the year in their Wolf den, these boys have learned about the flag of the United States, how to keep strong, and many other things. It is now time for them to move up. *(Reads off names.)*

We welcome you into the Bear den by presenting to you the blue Bear neckerchiefs. Blue stands for truth, loyalty and the sky above. May you stay true and loyal to our country and your family and friends. May you soar high in the sky above. *(Bear den leader presents the neckerchiefs; parents replace the old ones with new ones.)* Congratulations and welcome to the Bear den.

(Lights the third candle.)

The Bears have accomplished many things in the past year and we are proud of their work. Now they are ready to join the Webelos Scouts. *(Call them forward.)*

As part of the Webelos den you will learn what it takes to be Boy Scouts. The Webelos neckerchiefs are very distinctive, as the Webelos are special because you will soon be loyal Scouts. Wear the neckerchief with pride. *(Webelos den leader presents the neckerchiefs.)* Congratulations and welcome to the Webelos den.

(Lights the last candle.)

A boy stays in a Webelos den for two years working on many types of activity badges. These boys are now ready to join a Boy Scout troop *(call boys and parents forward)*

Webelos Scouts, your journey in Cub Scouting is now complete and we encourage you to continue on in Boy Scouting until you achieve the highest award in Scouting, the rank of

Eagle Scout. You have been a part of our pack family and we have enjoyed watching you grow. You will leave us with memories of many great times together. Tonight we have members of Scout Troop_____to welcome you and your family into their Troop. As in Cub Scouting, your parents will continue to be an important part of your Scouting experience. We ask your parents to remove your neckerchief and stand with you as you prepare to cross the bridge into Boy Scouting.

SCOUTMASTER: Scouts from Troop , please welcome our new members as they cross the bridge into Boy Scouting. The new Scouts have traveled long and are prepared to continue their journey with us. (*Graduating Scouts cross the bridge with parents following.*)

Scouts, we welcome you and your parents into our Troop. We present to you the Troop neckerchiefs. As in Cub Scouting, the neckerchief will remind you of your commitment to Scouting and all that you are going to accomplish as a Boy Scout. Please repeat the Boy Scout oath. Welcome to the Troop.

ADVANCEMENT - TIGER CUB G-R-R-R-E-AT TIME GRADUATION

EQUIPMENT:Blue flannel board on an easel or tabletop. For each Tiger Cub, a brown paw print is affixed to the board with either a picture or a word large lettering on it conveying the big idea that his family helped do with the den.

PERSONNEL:Tiger Cub Coach, Cubmaster, two to three Tiger Cubs and parents

TIGER CUB COACH: This year, our Tiger Cubs had an awesome time. Let's find out what they did. (*Tiger Cub Coach calls each boy forward with his parents. The coach allows each boy to place his paw print on the display board and say briefly what he and his family did with the den.*) You boys have certainly shown what it means to be Tiger Cubs. You learned everything about being Tiger Cubs, and the Tiger Cub Promise: Search, Discover, Share. It sounds like you had a G-R-R-R-R-E-AT time being Tigers!

CUBMASTER: There's one giant paw print up here already, and let's see what it is. (*He turns over a large paw print to show the picture of a Cub Scout on the back.*) It's a Cub Scout! You boys have done such a great job being Tiger Cubs, you're now ready to graduate into Cub Scouting. (*Cubmaster and Tiger Cub Coach congratulate each Tiger Cub graduate with the Cub Scout hand-shake.*)

TIGER CUB COACH: Let's all say the Cub Scout Promise now, with our Tiger Cub graduates. (*Leads the pack in saying the Cub Scout Promise.*)

ADVANCEMENT - A VERY SPECIAL COMPUTER

EQUIPMENT: A large box, that someone could hide in, decorated with flashing lights, pictures of gauges or meters and an opening that a juice can and awards could be passed through. Computer printout with the names of Cub Scouts receiving awards. Candy bar and candy bar wrapper, apple and a can of apple juice, and broccoli. Tape recording with computer sounds and a bell.

NOTE: Use this computer also to present recognition or appreciation for leaders. For example, insert flower seeds into the computer and have the output be a bouquet of flowers.

In today's world, computers have become a very valuable resource. Computers can be found on the desks of teachers, scientists, engineers, secretaries, technicians, receptionists, doctors, lawyers, and students. Computer skills are taught in schools beginning at a very early age. Computers are also found in most homes. We can play games, keep track of our finances, write letters, and school reports on computers. We can even use them to help us present awards to Cub Scouts.

Tonight, I have brought a very special computer. Let me demonstrate the special nature of this computer. I have an apple. If I put the apple into this amazing computer, let's see what happens. *(Cubmaster inserts the apple, lights flash and computer makes noises, finally a bell rings and out comes a can of apple juice.)*

See, I told you this computer is very special. Let's see what happens if I put in a candy bar. *(Cubmaster inserts a candy bar, lights flash and computer makes noises, finally a bell rings and out comes only the candy wrapper.)*

It appears that the computer is hungry. Let's try one more item. I have some broccoli. *(Cubmaster inserts the broccoli, lights flash and the computer makes noises, finally a bell rings and out comes the broccoli, untouched!)* I guess the computer is not as hungry as I thought.

Now, let's try for some awards. I have some computer paper here. Let's insert the paper and see what comes out. *(Cubmaster inserts the paper, lights flash, and the computer makes noises, finally a bell sounds and out comes a computer printout with the boy's name on it. Cubmaster takes the printout and holds it up.)*

Will _____ and his parents please come forward? The computer gave me a printout with your name on it. It says that you are to receive your Bear (or Wolf, etc.) badge. But I don't have a Bear badge here to present, all I have is a picture of the Bear badge. Maybe the computer can help. Let's insert the picture and see what comes out. *(Cubmaster inserts the picture, lights flash, and the computer makes noises, finally a bell sounds and out comes the advancement card with the Bear badge on it.)*

Isn't this a wonderful computer? I would like to have your parents present you with this award. It represents a lot of hard work and you have earned it.

(Cubmaster continues to present awards by asking for additional printouts, calling the boys and their parents forward one at time (or one rank at time) and inserting the printouts in return of the badges.)

ADVANCEMENT - KIPLING'S STORY

When Baden-Powell started the Scouting movement, he felt that any Scout who took the time and trouble to master skills should be rewarded. He gave to each Scout who passed certain tests a badge to wear on his uniform. It recognized the importance of what the Scout had done and let others know of his achievement.

Cub Scouting is based on one of the stories in Rudyard Kipling's "Jungle Book". It was called Mowgli's Brothers. We know it as the Story of Akela and Mowgli. In Kipling's story the black panther, Baghera, is the mighty hunter who teaches the cubs the skills of the jungle. In Cub Scouting we use the symbol of Bobcat.
(Announce boys who have earned Bobcat rank.)

The next adventure is the Wolf Trail. This is a big adventure for a boy. The Wolf Trail is much longer than the Bobcat trail. A Scout should "Do His Best". That's a part of the promise he made to become a Bobcat.
(Announce boys who have earned Wolf rank.)

In the Bear book, we learn how Baloo, the wise old brown bear, teaches Mowgli the Law of the Pack. The requirements are a little bit more difficult than those for the Wolf badge. "Obey the Law of the Pack" is another part of the promise he made to become a Bobcat.
(Announce boys who have earned Bear rank.)

Webelos Scouting is an integral part of Cub Scouting. It has some distinct differences from the program for younger Cub Scouts, but it shares in Cub Scouting's main purposes. In Webelos Scouting, he learns new ways to "Help Other People at All Times", another part of the promise he made to become a Bobcat.

(Announce boys who have earned Webelos rank.)

The highest award a Cub Scout can receive is the Arrow of Light. Usually awarded during a special ceremony, it is important to mention this light at the end of the Cub Scouting tunnel. This "Light" with all the skills and tools it represents, is carried forward to brighten the new world of Boy Scouting. It is in Boy Scouting and after that a boy will keep the final promise he made when became a Bobcat - "Duty of God and Country".

ADVANCEMENT - DINNER MENU ADVANCEMENT

[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.]

INTRODUCTION: Tonight we have a feast to beat all feasts! Come sit at table with me while we dine on the finest of Cub Grub.

We start with the appetizer—the first course of our meal. And for tonight's appetizer the menu calls for Bobcat tidbits. "What are these?" you ask. Why they are the small, but important bits and pieces of the Cub Scout program that every Cub Scout must learn as part of being a Cub Scout.

(BOBCAT)

Tonight we are proud to serve Bobcat Tidbit Badges to the following Cub(s). [List names of Bobcat recipients and call them with their parents to the front of the room.]

As is the tradition in our Pack, it is not the Awards Chairperson or the Cubmaster who gives the boys their badges, but the parents who have been working hand-in-hand with the boys to complete their requirements. [Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them with the Cub Scout handshake. Offer an applause and ask them to take their seats.]

Next on the menu is our salad. And tonight, as a special treat, we are dishing out Wolf Cub Salad. Greens, as you know, contain the vitamins that help our bodies grow. And what better salad is there than Wolf Cub Salad—full of the vitamins that build our second graders into bigger, better Cub Scouts.

(WOLF)

[List names and invite them with their parents to come forward.]

[Hand out badges to parents to give to the boys. Congratulate them and offer a suitable applause. Have them sit down.]

Our next course, of course, is a finely prepared Bear Borscht. This is a finely prepared soup that is the perfect blend of God, Country, Family and Self.

(BEAR)

And tonight we congratulate the following Cub(s) for having completed their requirements in these four areas. [List off Bear candidate names and invite them and their parents to the front of the room.]

[Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them. Offer an applause and ask them to take their seats.]

What about the main entrée? Well the menu for tonight's feast is a hardy helping of Webelos Wellington. The recipe for this wonderful dish includes three heaping measures of Activity Badges (one of which is Physical Fitness), practicing the Boy Scout Law and Promise, and knowing other parts of becoming a Boy Scouts. This morsel is only served as "well done."

(WEBELOS)

And tonight, we recognize the following Webelos whose jobs have been completed and well done. [List names and invite them with their parents to come forward.]

[Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them. Offer an applause and ask them to take their seats.]

Dessert for a feast such as this can only be one thing—not just the cake, but the icing on the cake. And tonight we recognize those Webelos Scouts who are just that—the crème de la crème. These Scouts have persevered. They have worked very hard, and have earned the highest award offered to a Cub Scout—the Arrow of Light. This *is* the dessert of Cub Scouting.

(ARROW OF LIGHT)

[List names and invite them with their parents to come forward.]

[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 an applause and ask them to take their seats.]

ADVANCEMENT – MOHAWK BOBCAT CEREMONY

Author: Michael McCumber, Cubmaster, Pack 81, Chelmsford, MA

EQUIPMENT: Electric campfire (or real one if you're outside)

SETTING: Campfire is lit, the room is dark other than the campfire. The Cubmaster sits at the campfire. Hopefully the campfire is bright enough to read the ceremony. A microphone can be placed in/near the electric campfire so that the cubs can be heard and so that the Cubmaster doesn't have to speak loudly. The Cubmaster does almost all the talking. The text below can be added to by asking questions of the boys and by referring to specific things about the boys, dens, or pack. Make it personal, Cubmaster to the boys getting their Bobcat.

INTRODUCTION: (Some of my ancestors were members of the Mohawk Indian Nation, so I used that. But others can use a nation that was in their area. Describe the Indian nation a little bit as an introduction)

CUBMASTER: (to all) When a Mohawk boy has learned certain skills or knowledge, an elder of the tribe sits with him at a fire and questions him about what he has learned and gives him some advice for his next stage of learning.

Will (name the boys) please come and join me at the council fire.

CUBMASTER: (Talking to the boys, not the whole pack) The Bobcat trail has seven tracks:

The First Track is: The Cub Scout Promise. Will you please recite the promise with me?

The Cubmaster and boys say it together:

I,, promise to do my best,
to do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the law of the Pack.

CUBMASTER: What does the promise mean?

CUBMASTER: Duty to God: Put God first. Do what you know God wants you to do.

My Country: Do what you can for your country. Be proud that you are an American.

Help other people: Do what you can to aid others.

Obey the Law of the Pack: Be a good Cub Scout. Be proud that you are one.

The Second Track is: The Law of the Pack

The Cub Scout follows Akela: Akela is a good leader and teacher.

Your mother and father are Akela. In the pack, the Cubmaster is.

In the den, your Den Leader. In school, your teacher.

Listen, and hear the words of Akela.

The Cub Scout Helps the pack go.

Come to the meetings. Do what you can to help.

The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.

You can have fun when you are part of the pack.

Learn things from others. Do things with them.

The Cub Scout gives goodwill. Smile. Be Happy.

Do things that make others happy.

They don't have to be big things. Little things help too.

The Third Track is: What does Webelos means? Webelos means "We'll Be Loyal Scouts."

The Fourth Track is: The Cub Scout Sign.

You have learned the Cub Scout sign: The two fingers stand for two parts of the promise. "To help other people" and "to obey"

The Fifth Track is: The Cub Scout Handshake. You have learned the Cub Scout Handshake.

The Sixth Track is: The Cub Scout Motto. You have learned the Cub Scout motto:

Do Your Best. When you play a game, when you study in school, when you are at home. Whatever you do, do your best.

The Seventh Track is: The Cub Scout Salute. You have learned the Cub Scout Salute.

A salute is a way to show respect to your leaders.

It shows that you look up to them and respect them.

We salute the flag to show respect to our country.

Please stand and salute your parents and ask them to join us.

MORE: At this point, the Cubmaster can use one of the other ceremonies for Bobcat. Present the badges to the parents, pin the badge on upside down, etc.

ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS GRADUATION - YELLOW BRICK ROAD

EQUIPMENT:A paper pathway cut from yellow paper; four small tables; one yellow, one blue, one white, and one red candle in candlesticks for each graduating Webelos den.

PERSONNEL:Cubmaster, Webelos den leader, assistant and den chief, Scoutmaster and senior patrol leader of troop receiving the graduates; graduating Webelos and their parents

ARRANGEMENT:Lay the yellow paper pathway across the stage or area that graduating Webelos Scouts will cross to go from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. In front of the path, place the four tables at intervals. The Cubmaster stands at the first table, where the yellow candles are placed. The Webelos den leader stands at the second table, where the blue candles are placed. The assistant Webelos den leader stands at the third table, where the white candles are placed. The Scoutmaster and senior patrol leader stand at the fourth table, where the red candles are placed.

CUBMASTER: As we have seen many times throughout America's history, it is our way to meet challenges and tests and to rise above them. Even in trying times such as the 1930s, this country ended the decade with the triumphant release of *The Wizard of Oz*. Although it may appear to be simple entertainment, the message it sent was meaningful. It said to Americans, "Look what we can do when we work together with heart, with brains, and with courage."

Den chief, please lead the

Webelos den forward, *(The den chief leads the first graduating den and parents along the path, stopping them in a semicircle behind the first table.)* I have watched each of you travel along the path of Cub Scouting. I have observed your demonstrations of fitness, both moral and physical. As it takes thought to keep yourselves in a state of fitness, I declare that the members of this Webelos den have proved they have brains. *(The Cubmaster lights a yellow candle, and the den chief leads the group along the path to form a semicircle behind the second table.)*

WEBELOS DEN LEADER: I have watched each of you travel along the path of Cub Scouting. I have observed your demonstrations of character in thought and action. As it takes deep feeling to meet adversity with character, I declare that the members of this Webelos den have proved they have heart.

(The Webelos den leader lights a blue candle, and the den chief leads the group along the path to form a semicircle behind the third table.)

ASSISTANT WEBELOS DEN LEADER: I have watched each of you travel along the path of Cub Scouting. I have observed your demonstrations of citizenship many times along the way. As it takes strength to stand up for your country and your flag, I declare that the members of this Webelos den have proved they have courage. *(The assistant Webelos den leader lights a white candle, and the den chief leads the group along the path to form a semicircle behind the fourth table.)*

SCOUTMASTER: We have heard your Cub Scout leaders declare that you understand the qualities of fitness, character, and citizenship. As these are the tools that you will need to continue your path into Boy Scouting, we welcome you and your parents into Troop _____ *(The senior patrol leader lights a red candle, and the Scoutmaster welcomes each*

boy with the Scout handclasp. The new Scouts and their parents take their places at the back or side of the stage, and the ceremony is repeated for each Webelos den.)

ADVANCEMENT – ROCKET TO THE TOP

EQUIPMENT: Prepare boxes to stack on top of each other. Pin or tape awards to each section, to be removed as boys come forward.

NARRATOR: This month's theme, "Space: The New Frontier," reminds us that the Scouting program, like the space program, has the ability to launch these boys to new horizons and to reach where they have never been before. Also like a rocketship, Scouting is built in stages, which helps these boys reach their final destination. In the space program, that destination may be a far-off galaxy. In Cub Scouting, it is the Arrow of Light and becoming a Boy Scout.

The Bobcat badge is like the launching pad of a rocket. It is the foundation on which the Cub Scout program rests. It gives Cub Scouts a solid base from which to blast off into their adventure in Cub Scouts. *(Call boys and parents forward.)*

The Wolf badge is like the booster rockets that lift the rocket off the launch pad into the sky. The boy has not yet made it into outer space, but he has begun his journey toward his destination. *(Call boys and parents forward.)*

The Bear badge is the stages of the rocket that help propel the ship out of the earth's atmosphere. The boy is well on his way toward a new frontier. *(Call boys and parents forward.)*

The Webelos badge is like the next stage of the rocket, which keeps the ship on path as it approaches its final destination. *(Call boys and parents forward.)*

The Arrow of Light is like the final stage of the rocket. These boys have enjoyed their journey through Cub Scouting, but they eagerly anticipate the new adventure that is now before them in their destination of Boy Scouting. *(Call boys and parents forward.)*

Congratulations to all these boys, who have faced the challenge of meeting their own new frontier.

ADVANCEMENT – 20 ACTIVITY PINS

This evening, we're proud to announce that our pack is continuing with a very special award. In the Webelos program the boys work on 20 different activity badges.

During the past 2 years as Webelos, they have, as a den and as individuals, worked on all 20 or these badges. The Webelos leader provides guidance; the boys do the work. Even though they're working in the den, not all boys finish all the requirements.

In nearly ____ years that our pack has been in existence, close to ____ boys have gone through the Webelos program. Of that number, only ____ boys have earned all 20 Webelos activity badges.

To give you an idea of the extent of their accomplishments, here are the activity areas and a sample of the requirements:

Aquanaut - a minimum of 4 requirements, among them, swim 100 feet, ½ with backstroke.

Artist - a minimum of 5 requirements, among them; draw or paint an original picture, frame it.

Athlete - 4 requirements, among them, run 600 yards in 2 minutes, 45 seconds or less.

Citizen - 8 requirements, including write a 50-word essay on the US President or other great American.

Communicator - a minimum of 9 requirements including using a signal code to send a message of a few words to a friend.

Craftsman - 7 requirements, including make 4 different useful wooden object.

Engineer - 5 requirements, including building a working catapult.

Family Member - a minimum of 4 requirements, among them tell what is meant by family, duty to family, and chores.

Fitness - a minimum of 4 requirements including telling an adult what drugs, alcohol and tobacco could do to your body.

Forester - 5 requirements including identify 6 forest trees on a hike.

Geologist - 5 requirements to include collecting 5 geological specimens and identify.

Handyman - a minimum of 4 requirements including mow a lawn and properly rake and dispose of the cut grass.

Naturalist - 4 requirements, including be able to identify the poisonous plants and reptiles in our area.

Outdoorsman - 5 requirements among them tie 5 knots or attend your Boy Scout camp.

Readyman - 8 requirements among them, explain what first aid is and tell what you should do in case of an accident.

Scholar - 6 requirements, including take an active part in a school service activity.

Scientist - 9 requirements, including explain how crystals are formed and make some.

Showman - 4 requirements, including write and put on a puppet play, or play 4 tunes on a musical instrument or memorize and give a monologue.

Sportsman - 4 requirements, including knowing skills, rules, equipment, safety courtesies of 2 team and 2 individual sports and take part in them.

Traveler - 5 requirements including use timetables to plan a trip and figure out cost per mile by bus, railroad, or plane.

Would the following boy(s) please come forward: _____, the pack is honored to recognize your outstanding achievements as a Webelos Scout by presenting you with this display on which you may mount your patches and activity badges.

Congratulations gentlemen!

ADVANCEMENT - FORTUNE COOKIE

PREPARATION: Purchase fortune cookies for each of the boys. Hand-write in small print or use a printer with condensed print so the message can be small enough to fit on a strip to be placed in the cookies. Use messages like: "Congratulations - You are a Wolf" "You are a hard worker You have earned a Bear Badge!" "We'll be loyal Scouts it's true and so have you been." Put fortune cookies into microwave, one at a time, for about 20-30 seconds. Warm cookie will be pliable enough to pry open. Quickly remove the original strip of paper and slip your own fortune in; press back into closed position before it hardens again. Keep cookies for different ranks separate.

CUBMASTER: We have had a wonderful year full of hard work and good fortune. Will please come forward? You have made many wise choices as a Cub Scout that have brought you here tonight. Please choose your new fortune and read it to the audience..."

(NOTE: Fortune cookies are an American invention and were introduced to China by Chinese Americans.)

ADVANCEMENT – THE FORTUNE-TELLER

PROPS NEEDED: Crystal Ball, Gypsy shawl or blanket, bracelets, earrings and rings. table and chair (You may wish to have someone other than the Cubmaster be the Fortune-teller.) You will need to rehearse each award presentation using these general examples as a guideline.

CUBMASTER: I seem to have misplaced my list of awards somehow. How will we ever be able to make the presentations? Oh, I know! There's a Fortune-teller; I'll go ask her!

CM: Can you help me? I have forgotten which Cub Scouts have earned rank advancements and award tonight.

FORTUNE-TELLER: Let me look into my crystal ball and we'll see what it will tell us. (Wave hands around hall) I see...I see... I see a boy; about 8 or 9 (I'm sure he is 9 years old), with blonde hair and freckles...He has something around his neck. I can't quite make it out. Oh it's a Cub Scout Bear Neckerchief! Does that mean anything to you?

CM: Well...we only have one blonde headed Bear Scout, his name is Sammy Smith. Is that him in there?

FT: No this boy's name is ... is (Close your eyes tightly and grip hands in the air) It is Billy! Yes, that's it!

CM: Oh yes! Billy is a Wolf Scout who is graduating into the Bear Den tonight! Billy, will you and your parents please come forward to receive your Bear Neckerchief and be presented to your new Den Leader?

CUBMASTER: Thank you Fortune-teller. Now what else do you see?"

FORTUNE-TELLER: It's coming...It's coming now. I see something gold, no... It's silver I think. No...It's gold and silver. Now I see another silver...they look like sharp painted stones of something...

CM: Those must be the arrow points! Now I remember! But who are they for? I remember that Scott had some kind of award (look puzzled) But I can't quite recall. Scott come forward but don't tell me, let's find out from the Fortune-teller.

FT: (Eyes closed and touching Scott's forehead and temple)... I can feel something...it is soft and ... and ...furry! (jerk hands away) (Touch Scott's nose) I feel, oh, it's wet and cold! (Jerk hand away and take Scott's hand and touch his fingertips.) Your hands are...very rough and very sharp! Drop hands), Do you understand any of this?"

CM: I think so Scott must have earned his Wolf Award. Yes! That's it. Will Scott's parents please come forward, etc.

Other "Fortune Telling" stunts may include reading cards, (like flash cards or old maid cards rather than face cards), dropping a handful of objects and reading the pattern they form on the floor. Reading the palm of the advancing Cub Scout. The point is it keep it light,

simple and humorous.

Prepare some unknown facts about the advancing Scouts beforehand, to make it look like she really can predict things. These may include the name of one of his pets, or his favorite movie etc. They could be written on cue cards behind the crystal ball or on her lap under a tablecloth.**ADVANCEMENT - CROSSING OVER INTO A WEBELOS DEN**

PROPS: Bridge and candles

CUBMASTER: Will the Denner from Webelos Den 1 escort (Cub Names) to the front.

Could I have the former Den Leader and Webelos Den Leader come up front.

Could I have the parent(s) of (Cub name(s)) come up and join us.

You were the first Den Leader along his Cub path. Please escort Cub(s) to our first candle.

(1st candle is Bobcat)

DEN LEADER: The Bobcat is asked to follow the Cub Scout trail and follow the Law of the Pack. You have shown a willingness to do so by your participation in the Pack activities.

You have helped the Pack go and I hope it has helped you grow.

Please escort Cubs to our second candle. (Light Wolf candle)

DEN LEADER: In the life of Akela the Wolf taught him the language of the ground, how to track and the way to find food. In your life the advancement to Wolf required you to learn new skills and start to find your way in advancement.

Please escort Cub(s) to our third candle Bear. (Light BEAR candle)

DEN LEADER: From the Bear Akela learned the secret names of the trees, call of the birds and the language of the air. Just as Akela learned things that required more skill, so too have you learned new and more challenging skills which required more work on your part, help from your parents and Den Leader and with this help you earned the Bear rank of Cub Scouting.

Please escort Cubs to our fourth candle. (Light Webelos candle)

WEBELOS DL: You left the Bear Den and a new Den Leader has taken over the guidance of your Cub Scout path. You have learned the way of the forest in Forester and you learned the way of the camper in Outdoorsman. These are the skills of the Webelos which you have mastered.

It may look like you are at the end of our advancement bridge, but in scouting there is always more to strive for. (Light candle for Arrow of Light) Before you is the Arrow of Light. The crossover point of the Cub Scout Advancement Trail.

CUBMASTER: You have accepted the charge to go after the Arrow and set an example for our Pack to be proud of. Congratulations!!! A whole new adventure awaits you on your new Boy Scouting advancement trail. As you embark on this new challenge always remember the motto of the Cub Scout: "DO YOUR BEST".

ADVANCEMENT - ANCESTORS

CUBMASTER: Each of us is a combination of our ancestors. Some of us have blue eyes, some have brown, and others have green. Some of us have hair that is red, brown, blond, or black. The color of our eyes or hair can be linked to our parents, our grandparents, even our great-grandparents. Each of us has talents and abilities. We may play the piano or draw or play sports well.

These could have been passed down to us from our ancestors. Maybe we had someone in our family long ago who was a talented musician, artist, or athlete. Even though each of us is different in many ways, we are also very much alike. For example, we all wear the same Cub Scout uniform. We all promise to obey the Law of the Pack and to do our best in our activities.

Tonight, we have some boys who have done their best and have earned their Bobcat badge. *(Call boys and parents forward; present badges. In turn, call for those earning Wolf, Bear, and Webelos badges.)*

These Cub Scouts have done their best, worked together, and developed new interests and skills that will help them be better citizens. If their ancestors were here now, they would be very proud of them. Let's show them how proud we are and give them a big hand!

ADVANCEMENT - AKELA'S PACK

Equipment: Badges to be awarded.

Personnel: Akela (Cubmaster), boys who have earned badges and their parents.

If there is enough room at the front of the hall, ask the pack to make a big council circle around Akela. If not, boys remain at tables.

In turn, Akela asks each boy who has earned an award to step into the council circle with his parents. Akela asks the pack, "Look well, O Wolves. Is this Cub worthy of his _____ (badge or arrow point)?"

Pack responds "He is!"

Akela then gives badge to parents to pin on sons' uniform. When all badges have been awarded, Akela asks the pack to stand, make the Cub Scout sign, and repeat the Law of the Pack.

ADVANCEMENT - ANIMAL TRACKS

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, 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 facts that we know are: red in color, spotted, has a short stubby tail, and belongs to the Lynx family. Could it be a Bobcat?

The next track was harder to trace 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. 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 - TIN FOIL AWARDS

SETTING: In case you're not too familiar with all of this "tin foil meal" nonsense , know that the Scout's mealtime world revolves around tin foil. Tin foil meals are to Scouts what a magnificent soufflé is to the world's greatest chefs. For this award ceremony, have your imitation fire set up in the front of the room and have the awards wrapped in tin foil, marked for easy identification, and scattered among the fire's coals.

You also need a pair of tongs to pull the finished "meal awards" from the fire as you announce the recipients.

For each level (Bobcat through Arrow of Light), call the recipients forward with their parents to receive their awards. Fish their awards from the fire as you call their names. Make sure to ham it up as much as possible for the boys.

ADVANCEMENT – ALL RANKS ADVANCEMENT

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: Would (INSERT NAMES) and their parents please come forward and stand here facing the audience.

[Assistant Cubmaster escort the Scouts and their parents to the stand next to the ceremony table, facing the audience, with the parents standing behind their Scout.]

CUBMASTER: Scouts, as you gaze up at the night sky, you will see a constellation of stars to the north called the Big Dipper. The big star is the North Star. For many years man has used these stars as a guide to show them the way as they traveled. As you join Cub Scouts you are starting a trip. You will experience adventures and excitement, meet new friends and learn new skills. However, as you begin this trip you need a 'North Star' to guide you. The 'North Star' is Akela ... Akela can be your parents, your Den Leader, even me your Cubmaster. It is our responsibility to help you along the way.

I ask you parents and our Den Leaders: Will you accept the responsibility to be 'Akela' for these Bobcat Scouts, to help guide them along the Cub Scouting trail?

[Wait for them to mumble something like, "I do".]

Now Scouts, join me in reciting the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack. Cub Scout Sign...etc. Scout sign two. [Walk in front of the Scouts and face them.]

Scouts, you have now started your own Scouting Trail by earning the Bobcat badge.

[Present Bobcat badge to parents. Assistant Cubmaster, place the new Bobcat Scouts appropriate neckerchief around his neck.]

Parents, you may pin the badge on your Scout. Place the metal pin on the left shirt pocket flap upside down. Scouts, when you have performed your first good deed, you may turn the pin right side up and then present it to your mother.

Congratulations! You may be seated.

Wolf Ceremony

CUBMASTER: Just as when Akela first went into the forest and learned from the WOLF, a Cub Scout in the second grade begins working on the requirements for the Wolf badge. Cub Scouts learn about Akela and the story of Mowgli and his survival in the Jungle. When a boy has completed 12 Achievements on the Wolf Trail, in such areas as physical fitness, exploring the world around him, fixing, building, collecting, safety, our flag, our family and our Duty to God, he receives his WOLF badge.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: Would (INSERT NAMES) and their parents please come forward and stand here facing the audience.

Assistant Cubmaster escort the Scouts and their parents to the stand next to the ceremony table, facing the audience, with the parents standing behind their Scout.]

CUBMASTER: You've completed all the requirements for your Wolf badge and have moved along the Cub Scout trail. Receive now the mark of the Wolf, a Red mark, symbolizing strength and valor.

[Assistant Cubmaster, mark each Scout with RED face paint]

It is my pleasure to award your Wolf 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'.

Parents, you may pin the badge on your Scout. Place the metal pin on the left shirt pocket flap upside down. Scouts, when you have performed your first good deed, you may turn the pin right side up and then present it to your mother.
Congratulations! You may be seated.

Wolf Arrow Points

CUBMASTER: We also have some boys who have earned their Wolf Gold & Silver Arrow points. Would the following Scouts and their parents please come forward to receive them?

[Assistant Cubmaster escort the Scouts and their parents to the stand next to the ceremony table, facing the audience, with the parents standing behind their Scout.]

[Cubmaster awards the arrow points to the Scouts, announcing the names and number of Arrow Points as he hands them to the parents.]

Let us now congratulate these scouts on a job well done. [Applause.]

Bear Ceremony

CUBMASTER: When the scout reaches third grade he begins working from the Big Bear Book. Just as Akela met the BEAR with courage, the Scout walks the BIG BEAR TRAIL. On that trail he finds and conquers 12 challenging achievements in the categories of God, Country, Family and Self. He then receives his bear badge.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: Would (INSERT NAMES) and their parents please come forward and stand here facing the audience.

[Assistant Cubmaster escort the Scouts and their parents to the stand next to the ceremony table, facing the audience, with the parents standing behind their Scout.]

CUBMASTER: You've completed all the requirements for your Bear badge and have moved along the Cub Scout trail. Receive now the mark of the Bear, a Green mark, symbolizing nature and your growing knowledge of the world around you.

[Assistant Cubmaster, mark each boy with GREEN face paint]

It is my pleasure to award your Bear 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'.

Parents, you may pin the badge on your Scout. Place the metal pin on the left shirt pocket flap upside down. Scouts, when you have performed your first good deed, you may turn the pin right side up and then present it to your mother.

Congratulations! You may be seated.

Bear Arrow Points

CUBMASTER: We also have some boys who have earned their Bear Gold Arrow points. Would the following Scouts and their parents please come forward to receive them?

[Assistant Cubmaster escort the Scouts and their parents to the stand next to the ceremony table, facing the audience, with the parents standing behind their Scout.]

[Cubmaster awards the arrow points to the Scouts, announcing the names and number of Arrow Points as he hands them to the parents.]

Let us now congratulate these scouts on a job well done. [Applause.]

Webelos Rank Ceremony

CUBMASTER: In fourth and fifth grade, the Scout is brought into the tribe of Webelos. He enters a Webelos Den, some with names like the Scorpions or Cobras. The boy prepares himself for Boy Scouting. He works on 20 different activity badges from five skill groups: Physical, mental, outdoor, community, and technical skills. After three months in the Webelos Den and after earning three activity badges including Fitness, and learning about the Boy Scout ways, he earns his Webelos Rank Badge.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: There are Cub Scouts among us tonight who have earned their Webelos Rank. Would (INSERT NAMES) and their parents please come forward and stand here facing the audience.

[Assistant Cubmaster escort the Scouts and their parents to the stand next to the ceremony table, facing the audience, with the parents standing behind their Scout.]

CUBMASTER: You've completed all the requirements for your Webelos badge and have moved along the Cub Scout trail. Receive now the mark of the Webelos, a Blue mark, symbolizing vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

[Assistant Cubmaster, mark each boy with BLUE face paint]

It is my pleasure to award your Webelos 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'.

Parents, you may pin the badge on your Scout. Place the metal pin on the left shirt pocket flap upside down. Scouts, when you have performed your first good deed, you may turn the pin right side up and then present it to your mother. Congratulations! You may be seated.

Webelos Activity Pins Ceremony

CUBMASTER: We also have some Scouts who have earned Webelos Activity Badges. Would the following Scouts and their parents please come forward to receive them?

[Assistant Cubmaster escort the Scouts and their parents to the stand next to the ceremony table, facing the audience, with the parents standing behind their Scout.]

[Cubmaster awards the Activity Badges to the Scouts, announcing the names and which Activity Badges are being awarded as he hands them to the parents.]

Let us now congratulate these scouts on a job well done. [Applause.]

Arrow of Light Ceremony

CUBMASTER: 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 Badges 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.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: 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 escort the Scouts and their parents to the stand next to the ceremony table, facing the audience, with the parents standing behind their Scout.]

CUBMASTER: The arrow of light is much more difficult to obtain than a belt loop, an activity badge or even one of the other rank patch. To obtain this award these scouts have met a number of requirements, including completion of eight activity badges, participation in camps, hikes and boy scout activities, the memorization of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law, and the commitment to live by these 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 candleholder, the Arrow of Light symbol is made up of an arrow and a rising sun which symbolizes 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.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: [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 the 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.

CUBMASTER: 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 award boys their certificates, and present the parents with the Arrow of Light badge. Parents pin it on the boys. 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.

[Mark each boy with YELLOW face paint]

The AOL Charge

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: In Boy Scouts, when they have an Eagle Court of Honor, a charge or challenge is made to the new Eagle Scout. Tonight, I want to offer such a challenge to each of you. You have now achieved the highest rank in Cub Scouts. I challenge each of you to continue to live by the ideals you have learned in Cub Scouts, especially the Cub Scout motto: "DO YOUR BEST".

I challenge each of you to continue your high level of achievement in Boy Scouts.
I challenge each of you to look at the Arrow of Light badge and think about what it represents:

The sun shedding its light on all that we do.

A reminder that you should be a light for those around you.

The seven rays of the sun represent the seven days of the week.

A reminder that you should do your best every day.

The arrow is symbolic of everything that is straight and true.

Just as you should be straight and true in your lives.

I challenge each of you to follow where that Arrow of Light points:

Forward on the trail of Boy Scout ranks.

Upward to higher challenges.

I challenge each of you to soar to great heights and obtain the Eagle Scout Award.

Now as a symbol to remember this occasion, I give to each of you, one of the arrows that Chief Akela shot into the target. [Go to the target, pull out arrows, and hand them to each AOL Scout].

Congratulations and good luck. Parents, Guests and Cub Scouts of Pack 92, would you please join with me in giving these boys a standing ovation for achieving the highest award in Cub Scouting.

ADVANCEMENT - REACHING TOWARD THE STARS

Personnel: Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Cub Scouts receiving awards, their parents.

Equipment: Large cardboard rocket made with four stages and a capsule. Cut small windows in each section. Cover with colored cellophane paper. Attach a flash light or candle behind each stage to show each rank. Have the Assistant Cubmaster light each section as the boys are called forward.

Cubmaster: As the rocket reaches toward the stars in stages, so it is in Cub Scouting. The first stage is Bobcat. Would the following boys and their parents please come forward? (Read names and present awards.)

The second stage in your journey is Wolf which carries you through the atmosphere. Would the following boys and their parents please come forward? (Read boys names and present awards.)

The third stage is Bear. Now you have broken through the atmosphere and are hurtling through space. Would the following boys and their parents please come forward? (Read boys names and present awards.)

The fourth stage is Webelos. You are just about ready to enter orbit. Would the following boys and their parents please come forward? (Read boys names and present awards.)

The fifth and final stage in your journey through Cub Scouting is the hardest to achieve and has taken a lot of hard work, but you made it. You have now achieved orbit. Would the following boys and their parents please come forward to receive the highest award in Cub Scouts, the Arrow of Light? (Read boys names and present awards.)

ADVANCEMENT – PATRIOTIC SYMBOLS

This ceremony could allow some leaders to portray the characters in costume.

CUBMASTER: Ladies and gentlemen, we have some honored guests here tonight. I would like to introduce Uncle Sam, Lady Liberty, and Yankee Doodle. Each of these individuals is an important symbol to the people of our country. Tonight, they are here to present some other symbols to some deserving young men. These symbols represent hard work, diligence, and jobs well done.

YANKEE DOODLE: We have some Cub Scouts who have earned some special awards. Would the following Cub Scouts and parents please come forward? (*Call the names of those receiving Wolf badge and arrow points.*)

LADY LIBERTY: I would like to call forward those Cub Scouts who have been working for some time and have achieved much. I would like them to present them with their awards. (*Call the names of those receiving Bear badge and arrow points and their parents.*)

UNCLE SAM: I would like to recognize some of the older boys in this group. You have given unselfishly of yourselves. For your loyal support over the years, I would like to present

you with your awards. *(Call the names of those receiving Webelos badges, activity badges, or compass points and their parents.)*

CUBMASTER: I would like to thank our three guests for coming to help us tonight. And a special thanks to all the boys who have worked so hard to be examples and role models of good American citizens!

ADVANCEMENT - PAW PRINTS ON THE TRAIL

ARRANGEMENT: Awards are attached on the back of paw prints (Tiger, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, use Webelos sign for the Webelos); Paw prints are visible on walls and other part of the room, grouped by the rank.

CUBMASTER: The Cub Scouts of our pack have been hiking and having outdoor fun this month. As they have been finding new things to do along the way, many achievements have been completed along this Cub Scout trail. The only problem is that these awards have been left out on the Cub Scout Trail where they were completed. So my trusty hiking buddy and myself are going to have to hit the trail ourselves in search of tonight's awards. *(Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster begin scouring room, looking with binoculars, holding hand to brow as if to look ahead. They stop and point to Tiger Paws.)*

Ah ha!! We have found evidence of Tiger prints along the Trail. This must mean that we have some Tiger Cubs who have completed a Big idea this month with their Tiger Cub Partners. Will the following boys and parents please come forward? *(Present Tiger Paws.)*

(Leaders continue on search until coming to Bobcat paw prints, Wolf paw prints, Bear paw prints, and Webelos "paw prints. " Rank ceremonies for each could be as follows.)

The Bobcat has alert ears and his movements are swift and sleek. We have several Bobcats here tonight who swiftly tracked the seven steps of what it takes to be a Cub Scout. Would the following boys and their parents come forward?

The Wolf is an animal of intelligence and loyalty. He has learned about his country and his home to which he will remain loyal. He has also learned many ways of nature and new skills to help Mother Earth stay healthy. Would the following boys and their parents come forward?

The Bear has always been the symbol of strength. The bear has learned many ways to use his strength to improve his body, his mind and his environment. He has done this by continually exploring new ideas and learning new skills. Would the following boys and their parents come forward?

Webelos may not be named after an animal but it does stand for something special. Webelos means "We'll be loyal Scouts." These young men have traveled far and have learned much. They have learned to take care of the environment. Webelos are apprentice outdoorsmen, foresters, geologists and naturalists. And they will keep learning on their trail to Boy Scouts. Would the following boys and their parents come forward to be awarded the rank of Webelos?

ADVANCEMENT – PULL TOGETHER

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, advancing Cub Scouts, parents, T: A ceremonial awards board. Set up the board with strings and panels in place, certificates, badges, and arrow points to be awarded; safety pins; five colored candles (white-Bobcat, yellow-Wolf, red-Bear, blue-Webelos, green-Arrow of Light) in any kind of candelabra, and a table.

ARRANGEMENT: Cub Scouts seeking Wolf rank line up to the right of the ceremonial awards board with their parents. The Den Leaders stand to the left of the board. All face the audience. As the ceremony opens, the only candles burning are those that represent ranks for which no awards are to be given. Badges and arrow points to be awarded are fastened (transparent tape is good) to the appropriate panel of the ceremonial board. Certificates may be placed on a table, ready to be presented with the badges and arrow points.

CUBMASTER: (Lights the candle representing the Wolf rank.) In order to advance to the Wolf rank, you Cub Scouts and parents have worked together, played together, and made things together. As a Cub Scout team you must pull together a little longer and harder to earn each succeeding rank. Will parents and boys pull the string attached to the panel representing the Wolf rank?

(Out of the base of the ceremonial board a panel appears with the word "Wolf" on it. Fastened to the panel is Wolf badges and Gold and Silver Arrow Points for the eligible Cub Scouts.)

DEN LEADER: (Takes the badges and arrow points to present to the parents.)

Parents, pin this badge on the left pocket of your son's uniform shirt. The Wolf Cub Scout Book will show you the correct position when you sew the badge on his shirt. And here is a certificate of your son's new rank. He will carry it with pride. Congratulations to you, parents and Cub Scouts, on the progress you have made. Keep climbing together.

(This procedure can be used for each rank, including the Arrow of Light Award, lighting the appropriate candle as each rank is awarded.)

ADVANCEMENT - A PIECE OF WOOD

EQUIPMENT: 4 piece of wood.

CUBMASTER: Every piece of wood (*except round stock*) has six sides: two are called faces, two are called edges, and two are called ends. (*Point out these sides as you speak*). It is important to notice the "grain" of the wood and to which way the grain is running. It is important to know the direction of the grain in order to select the proper saw to use for cutting.

This board is very much like our Cub Scouts. They all have the same parts, head, eyes, ears, and mouth but each one has a different grain. The den leaders learn the boys "grain" as the year progresses. Some boys are straight with a fine grain while others swerve a bit and are a little on the course grain side. The important thing is that all these pieces of wood have a purpose in a project and add to the beauty of the finished product.

Will the following boys and their parent please come forward to receive their awards tonight? (*call each boy individually and recite which award they are receiving*)

ADVANCEMENT - A TRIP ACROSS THE COUNTRY - FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA

Tonight we're going to take a trip—a trip across the country—from sea to shining sea.

We'll begin in the east and move our way west, like our forbearers did as they settled this great land. When our country first began as a new country, the land on the east coast was settled. People moved from other countries to this land of opportunity.

The trip through Cub Scouting goes doing much the same way. When boys first join a Pack, they settle in this new world we call Cub Scouting. And like the first settlers of the new world, they learn new ideas and new ways to live. The new Cubs have learned about the Pack and about Cub Scouting. They have discovered the Law and the Promise, the Cub Scout Sign, handshake, and salute, and other important things that make being a Cub Scout possible.

(BOBCAT)

Tonight we have several Cub Scouts, new to the Pack, who have just begun their trip. [List names of Bobcat recipients and call them with their parents to the front of the room.]

[Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them with the Cub Scout handshake. Offer an applause and ask them to take their seats.]

Once the settlers became comfortable with how to live in the new world, they became more adventurous. They set out from the east to cross the Appalachian Mountains. As they crossed the mountains, they found new adventures and new challenges. In Scouting, the Wolf Cub Scout moves forward too, crossing his own "mountains" to meet new challenges and adventures. He learns about the American flag and his state flag; he begins to work on being physically fit, and he spends time learning more about his family, his home, and his neighborhood.

(WOLF)

Tonight we have some Cubs who have crossed the mountains of the Wolf trail and have met the challenges and welcomed the adventures that have brought them. [List names and invite them with their parents to come forward.]

[Hand out badges to parents to give to the boys. Congratulate them and offer a suitable applause. Have them sit down.]

So our trip continues. From the Appalachian Mountains, the settlers moved further west, into the Great Plains. Here they were greeted with challenges they had never imagined. But they also found the room to grow. That's exactly what happens after a Cub Scout leaves the Wolf den and becomes a Bear. He faces more challenges, but he also learns and grows by facing those challenges.

(BEAR)

What does it take to face challenges and succeed in them? We can look to several of our Bear Scouts to find out. Tonight we have several Bear Scouts who have done just that. [List off Bear candidate names and invite them and their parents to the front of the room.]

[Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them. Offer an applause and ask them to take their seats.]

Across the Great Plains and into the Rockies our settlers traveled. The Rockies presented to them the greatest of challenges. But again, they rose to the challenges, because they knew that with the hard work and hardships came a freedom and a strength that made it worth the effort. What about the Cub Scout's path? The next phase of their trail is the Webelos. Here the Cub Scout begins to let go of the security he has known from working closely with his parents. He starts his climb into a freer, but more responsible and more challenging level. He no longer has his parents sign off his completed requirements, but reports them to the Den Leader himself. He is becoming more responsible—the challenge—but is also growing more independent, learning to handle his freedom well.

(WEBELOS)

Tonight there are several Webelos Scouts who have struggled up their own Rockies and have met the challenges offered. [List names and invite them with their parents to come forward.]

[Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them. Offer an applause and ask them to take their seats.]

So the settlers finally crossed the Rockies. Can you imagine what it was like for those that found their way to Yosemite Valley. It was a struggle to cross the course terrain, but the sights that awaited them were beyond compare. The settlers who spent their lives crossing the country, one step at a time, received the reward they richly deserved. They saw the golden rays of the sunset along the Pacific Coast and knew that they had done it themselves.

And our Cub Scouts who grow into Webelos Scouts and advance the full trail of the Cub Scout program are also rewarded for their great accomplishments. They don't get riches of gold or silver; they don't get a life free of hard work, but they do get to know, deep down within themselves, that they have made it to the greatest reaches, for they have earned the Arrow of Light.

(ARROW OF LIGHT)

Tonight we celebrate the accomplishments of those Webelos Scouts in the Pack who have reached the summit, the top, the farthest reaches. We recognize and congratulate them for their efforts; efforts that took their greatest strength to complete. [List names and invite them with their parents to come forward.]

[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 an applause and ask them to take their seats.]

ADVANCEMENT - TOGETHER

EQUIPMENT: One thin 24-inch-long branch for each boy receiving an award, plus four wrapped branches

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, assistant Cubmaster, advancing boys and their parents

ARRANGEMENT: Place awards on one-half of a table in front of the room. Place branches in a container on the floor next to the empty side of table. The assistant Cubmaster stands behind the table to assist in placing the branches.

CUBMASTER (holding up one branch): This branch alone is not very effective. It couldn't be a shelter or a warming fire by itself. It is only when this branch comes together with others that it can become something very precious. Would _____ and his parents come forward?

(Each boy and his parents come forward to accept awards from the Cubmaster. As they return to their seats, they stop by the container of branches, select one, and, piece by piece, build a log cabin fire lay. The assistant Cubmaster assists with the placement as needed. When all awards have been given, the Cubmaster walks over to the fire lay and continues.)

CUBMASTER: I ask you to look now at what we have built. Remember that when we work together, we become something very precious. We can provide shelter and warmth for one another. We can fire one another with enthusiasm and strength, and we can bask in the warm glow of accomplishment when we have done our best. Congratulations to all of the fine young men who have helped our pack glow brighter tonight.

ADVANCEMENT - TRAIL TO EAGLE

CUBMASTER: The eagle is a majestic bird. Congress adopted it as our national bird. As a symbol of America, the eagle stands for the courage, honesty, generosity, industriousness, determination, and inner strength that characterizes Americans. The purposes of Scouting are character development, personal fitness, and citizenship training. The Eagle Rank is the highest award with which Scouting can honor its young men I'd like to introduce Eagle Scout _____ from Troop _____ who will help with our Cub Scout advancements this evening. (Present awards - keeping boys up front.) These boys are on their Scouting Trail to Eagle. They are learning all the things that will help them grow into fine young men, ready to uphold the ideals that the eagle represents. Congratulations Scouts.

ADVANCEMENT - FAMILY HERITAGE

PROPS:Old clothing, old family photo, any old tools, kitchen items or gadgets. In dens during month have boys write a short description of a favorite ancestor. Display these around the room with the artifacts.

Awards:Have a shoebox for each boy. Label with boy's name and the date.

CUBMASTER: Dress as an "old person" (if Scouting hasn't already turned you gray!). You are a wise old family member.

"Back when I was young, I remember a tradition we used to have, when a new building was being built. They would take a strong box and fill it with things to remind us about what things were like in the days when the building was built. They put newspaper clippings, money, pictures, awards, and little things like that in. Many years later, sometimes as long as 100 years or so, when the building is being replaced they always look for this box in the cornerstone of the building. Some people call it a time capsule. It tells us what was important to the people who put it there.

Tonight, we are giving you each your own box. It is a Cub Scout time capsule. It symbolizes all of your Cub Scouting years. It holds the awards you earned this month. Keep this box and add to it. Treasure your ears as a Scout and leave this behind to show your kids what was important to you. The best way to save your family heritage is to start today with you. *(Bring each boy forward to receive a box and his awards.)*

ADVANCEMENT - COMPUTER OVERLOAD

Cast: Cubmaster, Advancement Chairman, and Den Leader (to work computer).

Equipment: A large box to cover Den Leader, flashing lights wired to box, a slot in the box through which tops the data and awards, a can of smoke of some sort (powder could be used.)

Cubmaster: Well, we have a new computer for our pack. It is the latest and most modern computer on the market. I will need our Advancement Chairman to help us with this computer, because it took many hours of special training in order to work this new machine.

First, we will need to feed our computer with data for our boys who have worked hard this month on the achievements. Will the Advancement Chairman input the data that we have gathered on our boy's hard work.

(Advancement Chairman inserts the data sheets through the slot in the computer. The computer lights start flashing. Then the computer starts to shimmy and shake, and with a puff of smoke, the awards are spit out through the slot and the computer lights stop flashing.)

Cubmaster: It looks like the computer just couldn't handle all of the hard work that the boys did this month, and went into an overload condition. But, thank goodness, not before it was able to compute the awards the boys have earned. (Call the boys to come forward to receive their awards starting with the Bobcat rank.)

ADVANCEMENT - BOBCAT DO YOU SEE THE STARS

Cubmaster: My friends, you are like that Indian boy, wishing that you can answer the call of the drum and be members of the tribe. Every boy who joins Cub Scouts, whatever his age, first earns the Bobcat badge by learning the Cub Scout Promise, the Cub Scout sign, Cub Scout salute' Cub Scout Handshake, the meaning of Webelos, the Law of the Pack and the Cub Scout Motto.

Asst CM: Would the following scouts and their parents please come forward? [List boys earning the Bobcat badge.]

Cubmaster: [Scout's name], do you see the stars in the sky? That is the Big Dipper, and the big star is the North Star. For many years man has used these stars as a guide to show them the way as they traveled. As you join Cub Scouts you are starting a trip. You will have adventures, meet new friends and learn new skills the way.

Cubmaster: As you begin this trip you need a North Star to guide you. The North Star is Akela. Akela can be your parents, your den leader, even I, your Cubmaster. It is our responsibility to help you along the way.

Cubmaster: [Parents names], will you accept the responsibility to be [Scout's name]'s Akela, to help guide him along the Cub Scout trail?

Cubmaster: [Scout's name], you've already started your trip by earning the Bobcat badge. Congratulations!

(Present badge to parents to pin on their son's shirt.)

Cubmaster: [Scout's name], here is a star for you to place in your room. At night this star will shine reminding you of your start on the Cub Scout trail.

Cubmaster: Pack ____, would you please join with me in congratulating and welcome [Scout's name] to our pack.

ADVANCEMENT – TOUGHEN UP

CUBMASTER: Cub Scout-age boys dream of being great athletes, Olympic champions, or other people of outstanding physical strength. They enjoy testing and showing off their muscles as they practice their skills and toughen up. This is part of being a boy. It is part of his training toward being young men.

Tonight we have some boys who have achieved the rank of Bobcat. (*Call boys and their parents forward.*) As athletes must begin by learning the rules of the game, these boys have begun by learning the Cub Scout Promise and Motto.

For a boy to earn the Wolf badge, he must continue to practice his skills, just like an athlete must continue to train to stay in condition. The following boys have trained, toughened up, and are prepared to receive their Wolf badge. (*Call boys and their parents forward.*)

Training must continue for athletes to strengthen their bodies. The following boys have concentrated on improving their strength and pulled themselves up to complete the requirements for the Bear badge. (*Call boys and their parents forward.*)

Once the rules have been learned and the skills mastered, athletes are ready to use their mental skills to improve their performance. Both physical and mental skills were part of the learning experience for these boys who have earned the Webelos badge. (*Call boys and their parents forward.*)

All these boys have "toughened up" their abilities and skills as they completed requirements to advance in rank. It will be exciting to see them continue to progress in the year ahead!

ADVANCEMENT – WOLF TO BEAR GRADUATION

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Cub Scouts.

EQUIPMENT: Candles or penlights, Bear neckerchiefs, copies of The Big Bear Cub Scout Book, electric council fire.

CUBMASTER: The wolf was greatly admired by the Indians for his swiftness, his hunting ability, the Indian scout was called a wolf, and the sign was two fingers spread apart, symbolizing the erect ears of the wolf. The wolf was considered a great 'medicine animal' and in some tribes, the Indian scout wore the skin and head of the wolf when on a scouting expedition.

(The Cubmaster calls the Cub Scouts forward who are going to be Bears. They are handed a lighted candle or penlight and stand in front of the council fire.)

You have followed the trail of the Indian by attaining the rank of Wolf Cub Scout. You have proven yourself brave, swift, and alert, as your Indian brothers of the past. Now you must go on to greater honors for yourself and your parents by earning the Bear badge to prove your greatness. Learn the ways of our animal friends. Learn about the earth and how to grow food. Look up to our skies and learn the stories the stars tell.

Let this light be a sign to others that you are now a Bear!

Congratulations!

(Blue neckerchiefs and Bear books are handed the boys as they blow out their candles or turn off their penlights.)

ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS POUCHES

CUBMASTER: In addition to the Webelos award, you are also to receive a special gift from Akela. It is a pouch containing three things:

The first is a pinch of soil to remind you from where you have come, It is the earth that supports all life. It is your parents who gave you life and it is Akela who has given you love, wisdom and knowledge that you now possess.

The second gift in the pouch is a mixture of herbs and spices. It is to remind you of the powers you have within you. If you were asked to name the single most noticeable herb in the mixture, you might each give a different answer, just as the strongest power within each person is different. Some will make their mark using their intelligence, others by using their hands, others by helping other people, and others by using judgment and common sense.

The third gift in the pouch is the feather of an eagle. It symbolizes that which has been given to eagles since the time of your ancestors and it is perhaps the most difficult to understand. Like freedom, the eagle has to soar and survey the land beneath him; so to will you have the freedom to choose the goals in your life and pursue them with the eagle's courage. Know who you are, where your powers lie, and use them to achieve your goals. You are to soar with the eagles!

ADVANCEMENT - POWERFUL ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

PROPS: paper pinwheels; tub with boat, pitcher with water to pour into tub; lamp and power source.

CUBMASTER: All this month we've been talking about power. Our boys have really turned on the power as they used their energy and completed lots of achievements. Would the following boys come up for Wolf recognition? (Boys and parents come, each blow pinwheels) Just as the wind was one of the earliest known power sources, so these young scouts have achieved great and powerful goals as they have earned the Wolf Rank. Some have even reached hurricane force winds and achieved greater power by earning additional arrow points. (Present awards)

(Have boys for Bear Rank come forward) Have all work together to pour water into a tub and make the boat float.) The power of water has long been recognized. Floods can quickly wash away homes and other structures and cause great destruction; but water is also a power for good—the electricity it generates provides power for many other activities. These boys can choose to channel their energy to destructive or helpful uses. It is their choice. Tonight we have some bears who have showed us the power to do good works. (Present awards)

(Invite Webelos to come forward. Have boys turn on a light by either a switch, connecting to wires to complete a circuit, or whatever is desired). Electricity ... that amazing source of power that has changed our lives forever. A lightning-quick energy is also found in these Webelos Scouts who continue to energetically get more and more activity badges. We commend this highest source of power. (Present awards)

Just as power is all around us, so is there power within us to do great good. If we seek to do our best, to reach out and help others, that power will grow until we can accomplish whatever we want. Let's give these young men some POWERFUL applause!

ADVANCEMENT - DOES NOT COMPUTE

Cubmaster studies a piece of paper with confused look on his/her face.

Webelos leader enters “what is the problem - you look confused.”

Cubmaster - “I can’t decode this message. I’m sure one of our Webelos has earned an award, but I just can’t compute.

Webelos Leader -“Let me see if I can figure it out. Let’s type the information into our computer. Read it off to me and I’ll enter it into our computer. I’m sure we can figure it out.”

Cubmaster quickly reads through Arrow of Light requirements as Webelos leader enters the information into the computer (cardboard computer with keyboard.)

Webelos leader excuses himself to go into the hall to get the printout. Comes back in with printout and reads.

“Tonight a member of our pack has come to receive the highest rank that can be earned in cub scouting. When he first became a cub, he could not compute or understand all the skills necessary to become a Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and to earn the Arrow of Light. (Have the boy and his parents come forward.) has worked very hard to follow the ideals learned in cub scouting. He has fulfilled all of the requirements to earn his Arrow of Light. Just as a computer relies on a mother board in order to function, has relied on his mother to help him earn this advancement. For this, we would like him to present this mother’s pin to his mother and express his thanks to her. (present pin) And now, we would like to present the Arrow of Light to you and congratulate you for your achievement this night. Congratulations.”

ADVANCEMENT – FOLLOW THE ARROW

When a member of a Cub Scout den is transferring to a Webelos den, the Denner of the den he is leaving may read this poem as a closing part of a ceremony. Then give him a Webelos Scout Book.

So long, good luck!

We've played together and worked together,

Had maybe a fight or two.

We've taken trips and had some slips

And we've seen many projects through.

You earned your Wolf and arrow points.

You earned your Bear degree.

But now you'll earn your Webelos badge,

A good Boy Scout soon to be.

So as you follow the Arrow! Good luck! Happy Scouting!

ADVANCEMENT - WHAT HAVE WE HERE ON OUR CHRISTMAS TREE

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Cubs advancing and their parents.

EQUIPMENT: Small Christmas tree hung with paper ornaments with badges earned by Scouts on them. Awards are placed on the tree with the Bobcats on the bottom and the higher ranks going up the tree. Put an Arrow of Light badge on the top of the tree on a star.

CUBMASTER: What have we here? What unusual decoration this Christmas tree has. It appears to be decorated with Cub Scout Badges. Wait a minute, there are names on these ornaments. It seems that several Cub Scouts have been hard at work, and I think it's time that we recognize them for their efforts.

First we have some Bobcats. They have been learning basics of Cub Scouting, and we are proud to have them join us.

(Read names and present badges)

Next I see some Wolf badges. These boys have really been busy learn about the flag and being helpful to their families.

(Read names and present badges or arrow points)

Why, I believe there are some Bear badges here. These boys are a little older, and they have had to work a little harder to earn their Bear.

(Read names and present badges)

Now I see some Webelos activity badges.

Look at what these boys have achieved.

(Read list of what the badges are and summary of requirements. Read names and present badges)

But I see another rank badge still on the tree. It is a Webelos badge. These boys have been in the Webelos den for several months now and have earned three activity badges including Fitness.

(Read names and present badges)

At the top of our tree is the star—The Arrow of Light. All of you Scouts continue working and advancing so that the star can be earned by you.

ADVANCEMENT – CHIEF AKELA’S BOBCAT CEREMONY

Author: Pack 43 of Larkspur, CA

PERSONNEL: Akela (Cubmaster in Native American costume), Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leader(s), 6 Webelos Scouts, Bobcat candidates and their parents.

EQUIPMENT: Advancement ladder
Blank coup sticks for the new Bobcats
Arrow of Light candelabra
Script concealed on the shelf behind it
Bobcat badges for advancing Cubs

ARRANGEMENT: The ceremony begins with the beating of the ceremonial drum by the Asst. Cubmaster. Akela then approaches the campfire from the center aisle, so that all present can see his regalia.

AKELA: Why do you sound the ceremonial drum?

ASST. CUBMASTER: Because we have boys who seek the fun of Cub Scouting.

AKELA: Have these boys been properly prepared?

ASST. CUBMASTER: Yes, Akela, they have. As Tiger Cubs they have learned the Tiger Cub motto. The Bobcat candidates now know the Cub Scout Motto, Promise, and Law of the Pack. They know the Cub Scout sign, salute, and handshake. Each boy has prepared himself to move to the next step of Cub Scouting by his thoughts, deeds, and participation in the Pack.

AKELA: Many moons before the paleface came to America, the Indian lived and hunted in these great redwood forests. Food was plentiful. The fields were rich with berries, the water with fish, and the woods were full of game. The tribes lived in villages near the great "earth-mother" , who we call "Diablo".

I am Akela, the Great Chief of the Webelos tribe and the head of the council of braves. Our totem is the Arrow of Light, which is the final goal of all cub scouts and the highest honor they can earn. This board shows the Arrow of Light and points the way of the trail. The arch represents progress along the cub scout trail to boy scouts. The candle that I now light represents the Spirit of Akela and the light of Cub Scouts.

We learn our ways from the wisest of the forest animals. From the Wolf we learn the language of the ground, we learn to follow the tracks of other animals, and we learn the ways of the food of the forest. From the Bear, we learn the secrets of the trees and birds, the language of the air and the sky.

But to begin the Cub Scout journey, we follow the Bobcat, a tenacious creature that is always hungry for knowledge and adventure. (To the Cubmaster) Cubmaster, which boys are ready to take the sign of the Bobcat?

ASST. CUBMASTER: Akela, we have ___ boys who are prepared to take the sign of the Bobcat. (read the list), please come forward with your parents.

AKELA: Do these boys know the things required to be a Cub Scout?

ASST. CUBMASTER: Yes, Akela, they do. I would like the Webelos Scouts to come forward at this time. Webelos means "We'll be Loyal Scouts" , so it is only right that these boys administer the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack, Motto, Sign, Salute and Handshake.

FIRST WEBELOS SCOUT: Boys, make the cub scout sign and recite the Cub Scout Promise with me.

I (name) promise to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people and to obey the Law of the Pack. ("two")

AKELA: Each candle on the Board represents a part of the Cub Scout Promise. The first part of the promise is "to do my best" . As a Cub Scout, we do not ask or expect you to be perfect. But we expect you to do the best you possibly can as you seek the Arrow of Light. (Name the first Bobcat) _____, please step forward and light the first candle, which represents doing your best.

"To do my duty to God and my country" . Duty means what you ought to do. Practice your religion, be a good American, and obey our country's laws. (Name the second Bobcat) _____, please come forward and light the second candle, which represents doing your duty to God and country.

"To help other people" . When you receive your Bobcat badge, it will be given to you upside down. After you do a good deed, you can turn it right side up. This reminds us to always help others who are in need. (Name the next Bobcat) _____, step forward and light the next candle which represents helping other people.

In the Cub Scout Promise, we say we will obey the Law of the Pack, knowledge of which is also a requirement of the first rank of Bobcat.

SECOND WEBELOS SCOUT: Boys, make the Cub Scout sign and recite the Law of the Pack with me:

The Cub Scout follows Akela. The Cub Scout makes the Pack go. The Pack makes the Cub Scout grow. The Cub Scout gives goodwill. ("two")

AKELA: This law has a special meaning for Cub Scouts. "The Cub Scout follows Akela." Akela may be your father, mother, teacher, Den Leader, or Cubmaster. In fact, it can be anyone who helps you learn about the world around you, because a good scout listens and learns. Remember, any good leader must first learn to follow.

(Name the next Bobcat) _____, please step forward and light the third candle, which represents following Akela.

"The Cub Scout makes the Pack go." You are a member of a Pack – Pack [number] - and you are each a member of a den. (mention the specific dens now if appropriate) You help the pack go by attending all meetings and by completing the requirements and electives of each rank.

By being an active scout you help others in your den and in the pack do the same.
(Name the next Bobcat) _____, please come forward and light the next candle, which represents the Cub Scout's role in supporting his Pack.

"The Pack makes the Cub Scout grow." The other members of the Pack will help you learn new things. You will do a lot of things together and have a lot of fun. Remember that as a group we can do much, much more than any of us can do alone.
(Name the next Bobcat) _____, please come forward and light the next candle, which represents the importance of teamwork in the success of our Pack.

"The Cub Scout gives goodwill." If you smile at others, they will smile back. Your first act as a Bobcat will be to do a good turn. Always think about what you can do for others - they don't have to be big things, for little things help, too.
Name the next Bobcat) _____, please light the candle which represents the goodwill that Scouting brings all over the world.

Now we have lit all the candles, and you probably think you know all there is to being a cub scout. Well, in a way you do and in a way you don't. You will learn a great deal more. Remember that sometimes we are weak and falter. (Snuff out a candle) If we falter once, the light on the path is still bright. But if you are weak and falter many times, see how the light dims into darkness. (Snuff out several candles). But if you are true to yourself, the light of Akela is always near, and if you do your best the light of Akela will help you find your way along the path as you follow the Arrow of Light in Scouting. (Relight candles)

Now you will demonstrate the other signs of Cub Scouting. Webelos Scout, do these candidates know the Cub Scout Motto?
THIRD WEBELOS SCOUT: Yes, Akela, they do. Candidates, repeat the Cub Scout Motto with me: "Do Your Best." You don't have to be perfect, just do your best. Akela, as you can see, they do know the Cub Scout Motto.

AKELA: Webelos Scout, do they know the Cub Scout Sign?

FOURTH WEBELOS SCOUT: Yes, Akela, they do. Candidates, show me you know the Cub Scout Sign. Always make them with your arm straight and the wolf ears held high. This sign means everyone should be silent and attentive. It reminds us that before we speak, teach and lead, we must listen, learn and follow. Akela, as you can see, they do know the Cub Scout Sign.

AKELA: Webelos Scout, do they know the Cub Scout Salute?

FIFTH WEBELOS SCOUT: Yes, Akela, they do. Candidates, show me you know the Cub Scout Salute. Hold your arm straight and be proud that you are an American and a Cub Scout. You will use the salute in countless flag ceremonies during your Cub Scout years. Akela, as you can see, they do know the Cub Scout Salute.

AKELA: Webelos Scout, do they know the Cub Scout Handshake?

SIT: Make the Cub Scout handshake with me. We will all now congratulate you on becoming Bobcats in Pack [number]. Akela, as you can see, they do know the Cub Scout Handshake. (All Webelos boys shake hands with the new Bobcats and take their seats)

AKELA: Boys, you are growing up in a world of your own. It will be different than the world your parents grew up in. But throughout your journey, your parents will help you find the way. In scouting, you will learn about a great number of things, like your American heritage and what to do in an emergency. At every step, your parents will help you with these tasks. And so, we ask them to join us in the Cub Scout Parent's Promise:

We, the parents of a Cub Scout
Do promise to assist our son in earning his Cub Scout badges
And to judge him as the individual he is.
We will be faithful in our attendance at Pack meetings
And assist in every possible way as we help our son to do his best.

We are now ready to pin the Bobcat badge on these boys. Only one obstacle remains, and that is the requirement that the badge be pinned on upside down until these new Bobcats do their first good turns. Only then can the badge be worn right side up.

ASST. CUBMASTER: Congratulations, new Bobcats! Now I would like to present you with your coup stick. This will be our way of monitoring your advancement during your years as a Cub Scout. You will be able to paint it a color chosen by your Den and make markings on it to signify each achievement in Cub Scouts. Please take your coup stick, place it on the Bobcat rung of the Advancement Ladder, and be seated with your parents.

AKELA: This concludes this ceremony. I now return to the forests of Mount Diablo to prepare for spring. In June, I will return to help each boy who remains graduate to the next step in Cub Scouts. Good night!

ADVANCEMENT – COMPUTER GAMES

CUBMASTER: There are a lot of computer games on the market today, and while I was surfing the Internet the other day, I found a really good one that I want to share with you. It's called "Advancement." Now unlike many of the games out there, this one doesn't have all the wiz-bang violence and high-speed flying and diving; it doesn't involve racking up billions of points on the scoreboard; and it can only be played by a very select group of people—Cub Scouts. This is a "game" that checks out your ability to "Do Your Best."

And as in any game, the player must first learn the rules of the game. In this program, the players start in any grade, from 2nd through 5th. They learn the rules, such as the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack; what the different signs and signals mean in the activity, like the handshake and Scout sign; and special phrases and messages used during play, like Webelos and "Do Your Best." Once they've learned these basic rules, they are ready to begin the game in earnest. And once the player has learned the rules, the computer places an icon on the screen that shows the player has completed the "rules" phase—the icon looks like this. [Cubmaster holds up a Bobcat badge.] It looks like a Bobcat!

(BOBCAT)

As a matter of fact, I think we have some Cub Scouts here tonight who also found that program and have been studying the "rules" so that they are ready to join in. [List names of Bobcat recipients and call them with their parents to the front of the room.]

As with any program, software or otherwise, we have to understand what we are getting ready to do and how we're supposed to do it before we get started. You guys have done that. Just to help remind the rest of the players, will join with me now in reciting the Cub Scout Promise?

[Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them with the Cub Scout handshake. Offer the keyboard applause and ask them to take their seats.]

Now according to the way this "Advancement" game is played, there are four levels of play, each with its own degree of skills required. To get to the first level, the player has to get through 12 achievements. And like in other computer games, the player has to "learn" how to do things to complete these achievements. In the first level, the achievements include everything from doing physical feats of skill to learning about the flag and holding a flag ceremony to learning make the right decision in unsafe situations. And once you've completed the 12 achievements, another icon is displayed [holds up Wolf badge]. This one looks like a Wolf.

(WOLF)

Among all of you computer wizards out there tonight, it turns out we have some who have reached this level of the program. [List names and invite them with their parents to come forward.]

These players have spent a lot of time learning new skills and have reached the Wolf level. [Hand out badges to parents to give to the boys. Congratulate them and offer Power Outage applause. Have them sit down.]

Once the program advances the players to the next level, the achievements become a little tougher and the players have to make some program choices to complete this level of the program. I guess the program uses "if... then" statements or something. Anyway, at this level, the players again try to complete 12 achievements, but in four different subject areas—God, Country, Family, and Self. Once they've completed 12, a new icon is displayed [hold up the Bear badge].

(BEAR)

Again, we've got some real program experts with us tonight who have completed these achievements. [List off Bear candidate names and invite them and their parents to the front of the room.]

These Cub Scouts have mastered their level to get the Bear icon, but they are encouraged to keep working on this level until the program moves them up to the next level.

[Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them. Offer the Computer Freeze applause and ask them to take their seats.]

The Advancement program is a little different than other programs. Because once you've gotten the Wolf icon, you still stay at that level until the program tells you it's time to begin working on the next level. But while you're working at the Wolf level, you still do other things and learn new skills. And as you do, the program gives you bonus icons [hold up arrow points]. An arrow point is awarded each time a boy completes ten electives; a gold arrow point for the first ten and a silver arrow point for each ten after that.

(ARROW POINTS)

[List off Arrow Point candidate names and invite them and their parents to the front of the room.]

These players (in both the Wolf and Bear levels) have really mastered the program and are gaining a lot from it. Tonight we award them with the extra arrow points they've earned.

[Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them. Offer the "You've Got Mail" applause and ask them to take their seats.]

This Advancement program is really a pretty smart program. Whether or not a player gets the icon for a level, the program automatically advances the player to the next level when the player is ready to take on new challenges. For those who have advanced to the level above

Bear, they begin to get ready for an even greater, more challenging program that they'll be able to enjoy in just a couple of levels later—it's called the Boy Scout Advancement program. So the players in the next level begin to "prep" for this

Unlike the Wolf and Bear levels, this next level of play involves completing separate activities for which the program recognizes the player. These activities are more challenging than the Bear achievements, but then again, the players are ready for them too. While the player completes the activities, he also works on special challenges—part of the "prepping" I mentioned. This assures that the player will understand the rules and requirements of the program after this one. As the player completes an activities, he gets a mini-icon [hold up Activity Badge pins] and when he has gotten certain mini-icons and completed the "prep" challenges, the program gives him yet another icon [hold up Webelos badge].

(WEBELOS)

With us tonight are some players who have done just that. They have worked the program to get several mini-icons (or Activity Badges) and some have even completed the prep challenges to get the Webelos icon. [List names and invite them with their parents and Webelos Den Leaders to come forward.]

[Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them. Offer the Pac Man applause and ask them to take their seats.]

So the program seems to go on and on. But really, there is a "finish" to the program, and some very hard-working players even reach the pinnacle (the top) of the program by going all out. These players have to "capture" other mini-icons and complete even more of the challenges in this level of the program. But when they have, the program awards them the top icon [hold up Arrow of Light Award]. It takes a lot of program skill and perseverance—sticking to it—just like with any other computer program. This icon is so special, that the players who get it carry it over into the next program, Boy Scout Advancement.

(ARROW OF LIGHT)

Tonight we recognize those players who have displayed their skills in the program, have worked hard to master the challenges of the "game" and have come out on top. [List names and invite them with their parents to come forward.]

[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 a BIG applause and ask them to take their seats.]

One final word about this program. Anyone can play. And for the players who Do Their Best, they all come out winners!

ADVANCEMENT - CUB SCOUT CHEF

Equipment: Large pot, two smaller pots or bowls that will fit inside the large pot, wooden spoon, 2 cups sugar, one egg, 1 teaspoon baking soda, dash salt, 1 cup flour, 1/4cup chocolate chips, awards

Personnel: Cubmaster or advancement chair dressed as a chef with white apron and chef's hat.

Preparation: Place smaller pots inside the large pot. Put awards into one pot and cover them with foil. Add the ingredients, which are measured in containers all ready to add at the appropriate time.

CUB SCOUT CHEF: I am the Cub Scout chef. It is my job to cook up some awards for our pack. I have developed a special recipe for this event. Let's try it!

I have all my utensils and ingredients before me. The large pot represents the Cub Scout program, the container that holds it all together. This stirring spoon is the district and council. They help us mix our pack in with the whole BSA program.

First, I add 2 cups of sugar, which represents the achievements that the boys have been working on. Next, I add an egg, which stands for the parents who help hold the program together. (*Crack egg and let it 'plop' into the ingredient bowl.*) Now, I add 1 teaspoon of baking soda and a dash of salt. Like Cub Scout leaders, they are the key ingredients that bring the others together and cause them to change. Next comes a cup of flour. This represents the boys -- the staple of Cub Scouting. Last, I add a handful of chocolate chips, which represent the awards the boys have earned.

Now I'll stir this pot of Cub Scouting and see what happens. Yes, my delicious recipe worked! (*Uncover the pot with the awards and pull out the badges.*) It appears I have stirred up some awards! (*Have the boys and their parents come forward. Hand each badge to parents to award to their boy. Have the boys and parents remain in front of the group until all awards have been presented.*)

Congratulations Cub Scouts!

ADVANCEMENT - INSECT ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

Make a very large butterfly net and catch the boys sitting in the audience. Have his badge or whatever he is receiving on a colored construction paper bug which has been mounted on a collection board until this point.

ADVANCEMENT - JUNGLE BOOK

When you joined the pack, you learned part of The Jungle Book, "The Story of Akela and Mowgh" in your Wolf book. This story tells us about how the pack takes in a man cub and protects him from many dangers. The pack accepts him into their brotherhood and trains him in the ways of the pack. For him to be accepted into the pack, he must have two of the pack speak for him. In the story, Baloo the brown bear would teach him the Law of the Pack. And Bagheera the black panther will teach him the skills of the jungle.

You have learned your lessons well. You have shown your knowledge of the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, and the Cub Scout Motto. You have completed the seven tracks to your Bobcat badge. You also have followed the Cub Scout Motto, Do Your Best. *(Hand parents the badges)* These Bobcat badges are presented by your parents to you to signify the help and support the parents give to all Scouts. As Akela is the head of the pack, your parents guide and teach you in the ways of the pack. The badge is to be pinned upside down until you complete a good turn. *(Parents pin on badges)* Pack _____, I present you our newest Bobcats!

From our story we remember that Bagheera the black panther was to teach the man cub the skills of the jungle. This path is longer and harder than the Bobcat trail. When you entered this path, you undertook the responsibility to learn of the 12 tracks of achievement. They included feats of skill, patriotism, health, community, family and worship. You have successfully completed these paths and have shown your skill and knowledge. You have followed what you learned as a Bobcat and have done your best. Your path will continue and you will learn more skills this year as you work on your electives. *(Hand parents the badges)* Your Wolf badges have been given to your parents to signify the help that they give in teaching you the ways of the pack. *(Parents pin on the badges, right side up)* Pack _____, I present you with our newest Wolves!

Baloo, the wise old brown bear, was always asked to the Pack Council because he was wise and taught the wolf cubs the Law of the Pack. He stood his ground and taught them well. All the wolf cubs learned of God, country and self. They learned games, skills, and leadership. Baloo taught them well to be brave and strong. Akela oversaw the training and approved. You all have followed the Law of the Pack, the Cub Scout Promise, and the Cub Scout Motto, and have done well. *(Hand parents the badges)* Your Bear badge has been given to your parents who will present it to you. Parents, your continued support of your sons shows in their good work along the Cub Scouting trail. *(Parents pin on the badges)* Pack _____, I present you our newest Bears!

ADVANCEMENT - FLYING SAUCERS

You need several Frisbees. Tape badges of rank, arrow points, and other awards to them. Have a leader who is good at sailing Frisbees stand some distance from the awards table, preferably behind the audience.

When the Cubmaster or a Webelos den leader has called forward boys and their parents to receive their badges, he then calls for the appropriate awards from "outer space". The assistant then sails a "Flying saucer" to the front.

ADVANCEMENT - TIGER CUB SCOUTING TRAIL CROSSOVER

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Tiger Cub Coach

PROPS: Crossover Bridge, Cub Scout neckerchiefs.

CUBMASTER: _____, as Tiger Cub Coach, would you please assemble the Tiger Cubs and their parents on the far side of the bridge?

TIGER CUB COACH: (*Addressing the Tiger Cubs and their parents*) For the past several months, you have met together to Search, Discover and Share new experiences as a fulfillment of the Tiger Cub Motto. I would now like to present you with your Tiger Cub graduate patch and certificate.

CUBMASTER: It is now time to move along the Scouting trail to the next part of the program. In Cub Scouting, your family is as important as it is throughout your whole Scouting experience. You have just witnessed another important part of Scouting - the awarding of badges and achievements. 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.

Parents, we would now ask that you present your son with his Cub Scout shirt so that he may cross the bridge from Tiger to Cub Scout. (*Parents put Cub Scout shirt on Tigers.*) (*Tiger Cub Coach*), would you please escort our new Cub Scouts across the bridge to be welcomed into the Pack?

On behalf of the Pack _____, I would like to welcome you and present each of you with your official Cub Scout neckerchief (*have scarves rolled and ready to put on*). Parents, as you help your son with his scarf, I will read to you the Cub Scout Parents, promise which we will ask you to repeat when your son receives his first badge, the Bobcat:

As a parent of a Cub Scout, I will do my best to help my boy live up to the Cub Scout promise and obey the Law of the Pack. I will work with my boy on his achievements and projects. I will attend the pack meetings and help as needed to make the pack go.

Pack _____, please join me in a big round of applause for these new Cub Scouts and their parents as they return to their seats.

ADVANCEMENT - TIME MACHINE

Prepare ahead of time a large refrigerator box to look like a time machine, use lots of buttons and a string of Christmas tree lights to make it look like it might really be one. The flashing kind of lights would really add to the authenticity.

Put in the Cub Scout (have a den chief in the box with him) If it is a Wolf advancing to Bear den, the den chief could change his neckerchief, A Bear advancing to a Webelos- Webelos neckerchief, a Webelos graduating to the troop - a troop neckerchief. Or, put an adult in and out steps the boy receiving his awards.

You could highlight several events from the past during your ceremony and give the boys a patch from that event (if they are available from Scout Trading Post or check leaders to see if they have extras they would be willing to part with) with each advancement.

ADVANCEMENT - BOBCAT GOLD RUSH

Equipment:Gold pan, gold nuggets (*rocks sprayed gold*),Bobcat badges, pin
Personnel:Miner (*advancement chair dressed up as a gold rush miner*)and
Cubmaster

MINER (*holding gold pan and nugget*): I've been out panning for gold all day, and I've found only one small nugget!

CUBMASTER: Perhaps you're looking in the wrong place.

MINER: What do you mean? Where should I look?

CUBMASTER: You need to look in the Scouting program, in fact, right here in your Cub Scout pack.

MINER: What does Cub Scouting have to do with finding gold?

CUBMASTER:I'll show you. How do you know that nugget you found is gold?

MINER:Well, the gold is heavier than the sand and leaves traces in the bottom of the pan.

CUBMASTER:Yes, just as Scouting is strong and leaves values and strong character in boys and adults.

MINER: This gold will never rust or tarnish; it will last forever and can be molded into many things.

CUBMASTER:Our Cub Scout Promise and ideals will not tarnish and will last throughout time in the hearts of the boys ... the very same boys who will grow up to do many different things. If the boys live up to their promise, they will have hearts of gold.

MINER:But I had to work hard all day to discover this pay dirt.

CUBMASTER:The boys and their parents also had to work hard on the advancement trail to discover their "pay dirt." Tonight we have _____ new boys who have earned their Bobcat badge. This badge and the satisfaction of a job well done are their pay dirt. (*Have den leader escort boys and parents forward.*)

MINER:You're right! I have been looking in the wrong places. There is gold in this pack. Just look at those nuggets! (*Pointing to boys and parents.*)

CUBMASTER (*addressing the new Bobcats and parents*): The boys and parents who make up this pack are indeed our golden nuggets. Tonight we would like to present you with your Bobcat badge. (*Have badges in gold pan.*) Parents, I give to you your son's Bobcat badge so that you can present it to him. You must give him the encouragement and support he needs to move along the advancement trail. Parents, now we will ask that you pin the Bobcat badge on your son's left pocket.

(Announce each boy's name as you give the parent the badge to pin on.) Congratulations, and welcome to our pack. *(Have den leader give each boy and parent a gold nugget as they return to their seats.)*

ADVANCEMENT - GIFT WRAPPED

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Cubs advancing and their parents.

EQUIPMENT: Gift wrap awards in holiday paper and place beneath small decorated tree (or hang as decorations on the tree) on advancement table.

CUBMASTER: We're in the holiday season. This is a time when we give and receive gifts among our friends and families. Tonight we have some special gifts to give to some of our Cub Scouts. These gifts are special because these gifts have been earned. These gifts represent hard work on the part of these boys. The first gifts go to our newest Cub Scouts who have earned the Bobcat badge.

(Read names and present with "gift")

And now, to celebrate the time and effort spent by these boys, we would like to give gifts to those who have earned their Wolf badges.

(Read names and present with "gift")

Next a group of boys who richly deserve this gift. They have completed requirement for their Bear badges.

(Read names and present with "gift")

Our Webelos Scouts are not forgotten. They have been working and have earned activity badges and Webelos Badges.

(Read names and present with "gift")

We congratulate each of you! Be proud of these gifts from Scouting that you have worked hard to earn. Remember, a gift is much richer when you share it. So, please share what you have learned in Cub Scouting with others, and thank those who have helped you experience this special holiday

VARIATION: Have a Christmas tree light bulb with the Cub Scout's name lettered on with a marking pen. Use one Blue colored bulb for Bobcats, Red for Wolf, Green for Bear, Gold for Arrow Points and White for Webelos. Cubs being given awards are called forward with their parents and screw in a bulb into a strand not plugged in. When all the awards have been presented, plug in the strand of Advancement lights. The Cub can take his bulb home after the meeting.

CUBMASTER: These lights show how much these boys have added to our pack.

ADVANCEMENT - CHRIS THE COMPUTER

Equipment: A computer made out of a box (to be worn by the Assistant Cubmaster), an additional box that should look like a computer printer and include a slot for the awards, awards to be presented

Personnel: Cubmaster, assistant Cubmaster (as the computer), advancing boys, and their parents.

CUBMASTER: We have the most modern technology to date to help us compute our advancement this evening, with the help of Chris the Computer. *(Assistant Cubmaster comes in as Chris the Computer, with his printer on a rolling stand or carrying it.)*

CHRIS THE COMPUTER: Well, well, I see by my database that we have many Cub Scout awards, and before my printer overloads, let's see what we have. *(He pushes a printer button, and out comes the first award. He hands it to the Cubmaster)*

CUBMASTER: This award is *(These awards are)* for _____ (boy's name). *(He speaks briefly about each boy's accomplishments in earning his badges, and then gives the parents the badges to pin on the boy's shirt. He continues until all the awards are presented.)*

ADVANCEMENT - BOYS ARE LIKE THE BIRDS

Personnel: Cubmaster, boys receiving awards, their parents.

Equipment: None.

Cubmaster: Birds are warm-blooded animals, with internal skeletons, and bodies partly or wholly covered with feathers. Their young are hatched from eggs. Most birds are capable of flight. Birds come in all shapes and sizes just like Cub Scouts. Birds and boys can be fascinating to watch. Tonight we have some boys who need watching. They have worked hard to advance in rank.

(Call forward Bobcat and parents.)

Tonight we are here to congratulate our new Bobcat on his rank accomplishment. He is new to our Cub Scout program, as the egg is new to the world of birds. Both the egg and Bobcat are emerging into a new and different world.

(Call forward Wolf and parents.)

Next we have several boys who have earned their Wolf rank. They can be compared to baby birds in the nest which are still dependent on their parents for nourishment and protection.

(Call forward Bears and parents.)

Now we have some boys who have earned their Bear rank. These boys are like the birds still in the nest. They have become bigger and stronger, but are still dependent on their parents. They are exercising their wings to become independent.

(Call forward Webelos and parents.)

Our Webelos Scout has worked hard for his new rank. He is our adolescent bird who is just waiting to leave the nest. He is ready to conquer and explore the world, which is his to live in. Our Webelos will be prepared for his new exploring only through the guidance he receives from his parents and leaders in the stages of his development.

Congratulations; go forward and explore.

ADVANCEMENT - SANTA'S MAGIC

Equipment: Christmas tree with lights, extra large cardboard telephone, small Christmas stockings with awards inside, candy canes for all children at the pack meeting.

Personnel: Santa Claus, elf (Cubmaster).

Setting: Hang the stockings with awards inside on the tree. Light the Christmas tree and dim the room lights. Santa Claus is outside the room but can be heard by the audience.

Cubmaster: (speaking into telephone) Santa Claus, you will be welcome at the pack meeting. What can we do to help you get here, Santa?

Santa Claus: Why, sing "Here Comes Santa Claus". It will give me all the magic I need to arrive. But remember, everyone must sing for the magic of their voices to guide me.

Cubmaster: Okay Santa. We'll do our best! (Hangs up the phone and leads the song.)

On the last notes of the song, Santa arrives, calling "Ho, ho, ho, Merry Christmas!" and carrying his bag of gifts, including candy canes for all the children. He takes the stockings from the tree and picks out the advancement awards, calling for the recipients and their parents to come forward. After the parents have pinned awards on the boys' uniforms, Santa gives candy canes to all the children.

ADVANCEMENT - WOLF'S OR BEAR'S TEETH CEREMONY

PROPS: Set of plastic vampire teeth from a novelty shop or costume shop

CUBMASTER: Would (*boy's name*) and his parents please come forward?" (*Hand each Scout the teeth and ask him to put them in his mouth*) Even though these teeth are only plastic, they resemble the teeth of the ferocious Wolf (Bear). Do you know what the two long teeth are called? (*Let him answer with the teeth in his mouth for fun*) The Wolf (Bear) uses these teeth to grip its' prey, and then its' powerful jaws clench tightly around it so that it cannot get away.

During the past few months you and your parents have been working on your Wolf (Bear) Rank, and now that you have completed all the requirements for that award, it is like you, now that you have it in your 'Teeth' and it will never get away from you! Just to show you that you have 'Caught Up' with your 'Prey' and caught it, I will put this award between your 'Teeth' and let your parents take it from you to present to you! Don't bite them now..... Congratulations on a successful hunt! Now focus on your next target, that of Bear (Webelos) Scout and don't let it out of your sight!"

ADVANCEMENT - BRIDGE TO SCOUTING

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Cubs advancing and their parents

EQUIPMENT: 2 doors with a bridge between, candles, Wolf , Bear, Webelos, and Arrow of Light posters.

CUBMASTER: You see before you two doors. One representing Cub Scouting and the other Boy Scouting. Both doors can be opened to adventure. Tonight our boys will only open one of these doors; (unless a boy is graduating), some to begin a journey of fun and adventure, the others who have started on the road and are advancing on.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: Will the following boys and their parents please come forward to receive their Bobcat badge.

CUBMASTER: Boys you have expressed a desire to join the Pack and be part of the adventure team. There were many requirements for you to learn when you registered to become a Cub. Have you learned them? (Boys say "We Have")

To show that you have learned these requirements please repeat with me the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack and the Motto. Parents your sons have passed the requirements for the Bobcat rank. It is with pleasure that we present the badge for you to present to your sons. For it is you that will help your son down the Cub Scout trail. One last requirement for the cub is to do a Good Deed. So that we know that he has done this we ask you to place the badge on him upside down. When he has done a good deed you may turn it right side up. Congratulations to you all and welcome to the pack.

Between the doors is a bridge. This bridge is one a boy must cross each year until he is 11 and can go through the Boy Scout door to Adventure. There are some Cub Scouts here that have passed their 12 achievements for Wolf and Bear. We have some Webelos who have been working hard on their activity badges. Will these boys and their parents come forward as their names are called.

Congratulations to you all on the work you have been doing. Soon, you will be able to pass through the Boy Scout door to adventure.

(If you have a Arrow of Light and or graduation, do it now, but with a special ceremony.)

ADVANCEMENT - CUB COMPUTER

Equipment: Cardboard computer with changeable rank cards for screen.

Personnel: Cubmaster, boys receiving advancement awards and their parents.

Place awards behind computer.

CUBMASTER: *(typing data into the computer, then putting Wolf insignia decal on screen):*

I see that the computer lists several Cub Scouts who have earned their Wolf badges.

They are _____, _____ and _____. Would they please come to the computer station with their parents.

(speaks briefly about their accomplishments in earning the Wolf badge, then gives parents badges to pin on the boys' shirts.)

Follow similar procedures to award Wolf points, Bear badges and arrow points, and Webelos activity badges. Change rank decals on screen for each rank.

Make computer prop from cardboard box. Have a slot in the screen so that cardboard sheets with Cub Scout rank stickers can be displayed on the screen. Use Cub Scout Insignia *(large)* stickers, Supply No. 34650.

ADVANCEMENT - TIGER CUB GRADUATION PATCH

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Den Leaders, and the boys of the new Den.

PROPS: Each boy in the den is to have a tom-tom.

CUBMASTER: Would the Webelos Scouts bring the parents and Bobcat candidate(s) forward? During the past year in the Tiger Cub program, you have prepared for today. Remember the Motto: "Search, Discover, Share". And the Promise: "I promise to love God, my country, and to learn about the world".

The Cub Scout colors are blue and gold. They have a special meaning. BLUE stands for truth, spirituality, steadfast, loyalty, and the sky above. GOLD stands for warm sunlight, good cheer and happiness. Your family and I, and all those who will influence you as leaders, will represent Akela. We would like to present you with the Tiger Cub graduation patch, which is to be worn beneath the right shirt pocket of your Cub Scout uniform.

Now, with your parents, you are to enter the Cub Scout program. You and your family will find many new adventures along the Cub Scout trail. Parents, remember to always guide your Cub Scout. May the Great Spirit always be your side. Seek to help him, following the Cub Scout Motto: "Do Your Best", and to respect and appreciate all the things around him. With these things in mind, we would like to welcome you to Pack _____.

ADVANCEMENT - OUR FOREFATHERS

EQUIPMENT: Tall clear container; Red lamp oil; Blue water (food coloring); Clear vegetable oil colored with fine powdered non-dairy coffee creamer. Colored liquids should be in clear containers FOR THE AUDIENCE TO SEE.

NOTE: At the end of the ceremony you will have a container with three layers of liquid. This really works but the liquids need to be poured gently.

CUBMASTER:

White represents the foresight our forefathers had to create this nation. Tonight _____ has progressed on the Cub Scouting trail by earning his Wolf Badge. (*The Wolf recipient pours in the white liquid*). Along with your badge is your parent's pin. Please present it to your parent. Congratulations.

Blue represents the loyalty our forefathers showed. We have tonight _____ who has demonstrated loyalty to our Pack and we are pleased to announce he has completed the requirements for his Bear badge. (*The Bear recipient pours in the blue liquid*). Here is your badge and your parent's pin. Please pin it on your parent. Congratulations.

Red represents the courage it took for our forefathers to give us our freedom. Tonight we honor _____ who has earned his Webelos badge. (*The Webelos recipient pours in the red liquid*). Here is your badge and your parent's pin. Please pin it on your parent. Congratulations.

When we see these colors on our flag, let them remind us of the efforts of our forefathers in building the country we now live in.

Let's now give a "round of applause" for these Scouts who have advanced this month.

ADVANCEMENT - BOBCAT PROSPECTORS

ARRANGEMENTS: Bobcat badge recipients and families are standing in front with Cubmaster.

We have here tonight Bobcat badge prospectors. Like gold prospectors of old, they have worked very hard digging and panning for the Bobcat badge.

They first went to the Cub Scout Hills and dug out a nugget called Promise. It was such a big promise but they did not have any problem carrying it out.

While in the hills they learned to salute in a Cub Scout way.

Then they followed the Cub Scout sign to the Webelos Stream and learned the meaning of the word Webelos. In the stream they panned for the Law of the Pack. It was not easy for they had to memorize and also understand the meaning of the Law. While they were doing this, they learned what it meant to do their best, which is the Cub Scout Motto.

I am proud to introduce our new Bobcats and their families. Please notice, unlike the gold prospectors, these Bobcats look clean and neat in their uniform!

ADVANCEMENT - STORIES FROM THE JUNGLE BOOK

PROPS: Jungle items, stuffed animals, Jungle Book movie music, etc. Go WILD!

CUBMASTER: A lot of the symbols in modern Cub Scouting are from the stories in The Jungle Book. In the book, Baloo the bear had an important relationship with the boy Mowgli. Mowgli was considered a "man cub." Baloo was the teacher, and more importantly he was his friend. He was also an honorary member of the wolf pack led by Akela. Baloo taught Mowgli the way of the jungle to protect him. He taught him to be courteous to the other animals and to respect all living things. Baloo was firm with his teachings but he was also fun. He reminds us that it is easier to learn when we are having fun.

We are all a part of a pack. It is a place to feel safe while we learn. Akela is your parents and your leaders. Without them, we could not have a pack.

You Cub Scouts are like Mowgli and wolf cubs. You are here to have fun while learning about the Law of the Pack. Will (boys' names) please come forward with your parents to be presented to our pack?

ADVANCEMENT - A GREAT MANY TREASURES

ARRANGEMENT: Place awards on posters that depict grain fields, forests, rocky mountains and sunshine.

Our country has a great many treasures and so does our pack.

Bobcats are like the raindrops that keep our crops growing. They are fresh and new and bring with them a clean excitement. Their enthusiasm helps keep us alive.

Congratulations, _____,
on earning your Bobcat rank. You are as welcome as rain.

_____ has earned his Wolf rank and we see that he continues to grow. Just like trees in the nation's abundant forests, he has matured and branched out to reach new heights. Stronger than he once was, he can more easily withstand the winds of danger. His roots are becoming more firmly embedded in the healthy soil of Cub Scouting.

The Bear is like our rocky mountains. _____ has earned his Bear rank. He is now solid and immovable in his commitment to the promises he makes in Cub Scouting. Just as the rocky mountains that stood for million of years, Bear is unchanging through bad weather, as well as good.

The brightness of the Webelos is like that of the sun that shines over our great nation. His knowledge of Scouting ideals is warm and welcome. By earning his Webelos rank, _____ has continued to shine day after day and has helped others to grow. Congratulations and "Shine on"!!

ADVANCEMENT - WORTH OF A BADGE

EQUIPMENT: "Nuggets" of gold-painted pebbles and Assayer's scales. Ask parents if they have a scale at home. How about a toy scale? If not, make your own. Make from scrap wood. Pans are *coffee can* tops suspended with string. Use cardboard triangle for pivot.

(Call forward the award recipients and their parents.)

Here's a scale and some gold nuggets. And here are the badges to be awarded tonight. Let's see what these badges you Cub Scouts have earned are worth in gold. *(Put all badges to be awarded in one pan of the scale, then balance it with "nuggets " in the other. Try ahead of time to see how many "nuggets" you'd need to balance the scale.)*

It didn't take much gold to balance the badges, did it? Does that mean the badges aren't worth much? Yes and no.

Yes, because it's true that these badges are just small pieces of embroidered cloth. They don't cost much in money.

But that does not mean they don't have great value. These badges represent the work you have all done to advance on the Cub Scouting trail and the help your parents have given you. That work and the love and concern your parents have shown, are beyond price. So it is a pleasure to present your award tonight. *(Present badges to parents to pin on son's uniform shirt.)*

Wear your badges with pride. Remember they are symbols of something priceless, beyond the price of gold. Congratulations.

ADVANCEMENT - SURPRISE PACKAGE

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster and Cubs dressed as elves

EQUIPMENT: Large gift wrapped box, Christmas music, Smaller bags or boxes with Den numbers marked on each one (Contents could be something small for each boy and his family like candy, stickers, etc.) and a box wrapped in Christmas paper with advancement badges inside.

SETTING: Elves push the large gift wrapped box to center stage next to the Cubmaster.

ELF: This is a special delivery for Pack ____ from the North Pole. Will you accept it?

CUBMASTER: What a surprise! Thank You, yes.

(Play Christmas music softly in the background. As the elves leave, the Cubmaster inspects the box.)

CUBMASTER: Do you think we should open it?

(He opens the box and inside are the smaller bags or boxes with the Den numbers on them. He calls a Den Leader forward from each Den to receive their gifts. They pass on the items to their families.)

CUBMASTER: There is one more package in this

box and it doesn't have a Den number on it. Should we open it, what could it be?

(He opens the package) These aren't gifts! These are badges that the boys in our Pack have earned.

(He calls the Cubs and their parents forward to receive the badges.)

Congratulations to all of you. I know you have worked hard to earn these badges. And I know you have helped a lot of other people through your work!

ADVANCEMENT - GREAT SPIRIT OF THE CALDRON

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Buy 10 pounds of dry. Dry ice will keep for hours in a cooler. 2 one gallon plastic milk containers full of water and a stool or big box to elevate the dry ice. At the pack meeting place the dry ice in a big container. Periodically pour water over the dry ice to make a cloud pour out of the container. Turning off some of the lights helps with the effect. Recite the following after the water is poured on the dry ice. Call Cubs and parents forward after each award.

CUBMASTER:

Oh great spirit of the caldron, please come alive
All of the Cub Scouts have finally arrived
You can tell us who has worked on their advancements so hard
We hold your great wisdom in such high regard
Caldron, Caldron give me the facts
Who are the new Bobcats
Caldron your sides are all black
But do we have any new Wolves in this Pack
Oh great spirit of the caldron don't dissapoint
Who has earned a Wolf Arrow Point
Caldron, Caldron do not despair
Has anyone finally earned their Bear
Oh great spirit of the caldron you are rarely heard
Do we have any Bear Arrow Points, give us the word.
Oh great spirit of the caldron, who was active during the summer
If you don't tell us tonight that would be a bummer
It appears, oh Caldron, that some Scouts went to camp in July
Surely they earned a lot of awards you can not deny
Caldron, Caldron tell us before we get tired and bored
Have any of the Webelos earned an award
Oh great spirit of the caldron go back to sleep
for another year your secrets you can keep.

ADVANCEMENT - A HISTORY OF CUB SCOUTING #2

[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.]

We all know that the Boy Scout movement in America was started by William Boyce after he was directed to an address in London by a boy who refused a tip because he was a Scout. Mr. Boyce was so impressed by his talk with Lord Baden-Powell that he helped incorporate the Boy Scouts of America of February 8, 1910. It is this date that we celebrate each year with our Blue and Gold Banquet.

Almost as soon as Scouting began, younger boys started clamoring for a chance to participate in Scouting. This resulted in the Wolf Cub program being started in England in 1916. It wasn't until August 1, 1929 that the first demonstration Cub units were started. By 1933, it was felt the time had come for promoting Cub Scouting as a part of the Boy Scout program.

As we read in the Wolf book the basis for much of the program came from THE JUNGLE BOOK by Rudyard Kipling. In this book is the story of two wolves who find a man cub who is being hunted by SHEREKAN, the tiger. They take in the boy, whom they name Mowgli, (which means frog) and raise him as part of their family.

The wolves are part of a pack, which is led by Akela, the great gray Lone Wolf. Once a month, the new cubs are presented to the pack for acceptance. If two members of the pack do not accept them, they are turned out. When Mowgli was presented to the council, none of the other wolves would speak for him. Just as Mother wolf was ready to give up. Baloo, the kindly brown bear who taught the wolf cubs the Law of the Jungle stood up and said, "I will speak for the man cub." When no one else spoke, Bagheera, the black panther rose and offered to pay one bull if the man cub would be accepted into the pack. And so it was that Mowgli became a part of the Wolf Pack, for the price of a bull and on Baloo's good word.

In looking back at old Cub Scout books, we are reminded that the Cub Scout program has survived with very little change. In a 1934 Cub Book, the rules for becoming a Bobcat are:

- 1) He has taken the Cub Promise.
- 2) Explained & repeated the Law of the Pack.
- 3) Explained the meaning of the ranks.
- 4) Shown the Cub sign and Handclasp.
- 5) Given the Cub Motto and Cub Salute.

Today as Bobcats, we must do the same requirements. When Akela says that we are ready, we are presented to the Pack or recognition.

(BOBCAT)

[List names of Bobcat recipients and call them with their parents to the front of the room.]

[Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them with the Cub Scout handshake. Offer an applause and ask them to take their seats.]

Just as the Wolf cubs learned about the world around them by taking short trips into the woods, so have our own Cubs grown in their understanding of nature and of their families.

(WOLF)

[List names and invite them with their parents to come forward.]

[Hand out badges to parents to give to the boys. Congratulate them and offer a suitable applause. Have them sit down.]

Originally, only two arrow points could be earned for each rank. The basic rank was called the Bronze Badge. The first ten electives earned the Cub the Gold Rank, and the next ten elective the Silver Rank. Today we award the Gold Arrow Point for the first ten elective and Silver Arrow Points foreach ten additional electives.

(ARROW POINTS)

[List names and invite them with their parents to come forward.]

[Hand out badges to parents to give to the boys. Congratulate them and offer a suitable applause. Have them sit down.]

Just as Baloo the kindly Bear, taught the young Wolves the secret names of the trees, the calls of the birds and the language of the air so must each of you help others in you Den in order to meet the requirements for Bear.

(BEAR)

[List off Bear candidate names and invite them and their parents to the front of the room.]

[Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them. Offer an applause and ask them to take their seats.]

Up until a few years ago, the next rank was Lion. In 1967, this was dropped and the Webelos program expanded to cover an entire year. The Webelos Colors (GOLD representing the Pack; GREEN, the Troop, and RED the Explorers) and 15 activity badges were added at this time. A new Webelos Badge was also created and the original Webelos Badge retained as the

Arrow Of Light.

The Webelos rank is the transition between Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting. Originally the name was derived from the three ranks: Wolf, Bear, Lion and Scouts. To become a Webelos requires a further expanding of one's horizons. Activity Pins must be earned and involvement in Church and Civic activities are encouraged.
(WEBELOS)

[List names and invite them with their parents to come forward.]

[Hand parents the awards to present to the boys and congratulate them. Offer an applause and ask them to take their seats.]

The Arrow of Light is the highest award in Cub Scouting. It can also be worn on the Boy Scout uniform in recognition of your achievement. To be standing here tonight, means that you have reached the highest point along the Cub Scout trail. Do not stop here for the trail leads on to Boy Scouting and great new adventures that can only be dreamed about for now.

(ARROW OF LIGHT)

[List names and invite them with their parents to come forward.]

[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 an applause and ask them to take their seats.]

ADVANCEMENT - WHOLE PACK GRADUATION

NOTE: This ceremony eventually has all the boys and Leaders standing in front of the Pack. You will need a lot of room if you have a large Pack. This was written for a Pack of about 90 and needed all the school's risers and most of the gym!

EQUIPMENT: Set of risers or a stage with broad steps leading up. Each boy needs to have his scarf and you may need extras if you have more of one rank than the one following it. Service stars for each boy and Leader can be presented at this ceremony.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: Second year Webelos, please come forward and stand on the top row of the risers.

CUBMASTER: Will (Read names of those in the Bear Dens) and their parents please come forward? You have worked long and hard to earn the rank of Bear. Tonight you will become a new Webelos Den. Remember the hard work you have put in and the support of your parents. This will get you to our next step on the Cub Scout Trail. Parents, you may return to your seats.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER. Would all Bears please stand on the second riser?

CUBMASTER: Will (Read names of those in the Wolf Dens) and their parents please come forward? You also have done a good job of working on your Wolf rank. This is the step that will enable you to proceed on the trail to Bear. Parents you may return to your seats.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: Would all the Wolves stand on the bottom riser please.

CUBMASTER: Tiger Cubs and parents, please come forward and stand on the floor in front of the Wolves. You are just starting your trip along the Scouting trail. You have searched, discovered and shared the world around you. These patches show you have graduated from the Tiger Cubs and are ready to become Bobcats. Parents, please pin this patch to your son's shirt. (They do) Congratulations Parents, you may return to your seats, New Cub Scouts, please remain where you are.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: _____ has been a leader of Den _____ for years. Please come forward. (Repeat until all Leaders are present.)

CUBMASTER: Please accept the sincere gratitude of your Pack for your work with the Cubs in your Den. This star may be small, but it represents many hours of your time given to Scouting. I am also giving you service stars for the boys of your Den. They too have put in many hours toward their Badges. Den Leaders please present these to your Dens at their next meeting. Would you please stand on the floor at the ends of the risers.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: Tiger Cubs, for the past few months you and your family have explored all sorts of new and exciting things and places. Now it is time to move along the Cub Scout Trail to the next part of the program.

Your family is important throughout your whole 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.

CUBMASTER: On behalf of Pack ____ I would like to welcome you. You will be receiving your Wolf Scarf tonight. The Wolf Scarf is gold, like the sun. It stands for joy in a job well done. Have fun as you learn the way of the Wolf Scout. Would the Wolf Scouts please pass their scarf to the new Cub Scout in front of them. (Leaders will need to provide help and a scarf for any boy who doesn't get one from the Cub Scout behind him.)

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: Wolf Scouts, you have spent this year learning about Cub Scouting by earning Bobcat and Wolf. You have "Done Your Best" to live up to the ideals of Cub Scouting.

CUBMASTER: Tonight you will receive your Bear Neckerchief. The Bear Neckerchief is blue. Blue stands for truth, loyalty, and obedience. You must learn to obey before you can expect others to obey you. The blue neckerchief chief stands for obedience to the Law of the Pack.. On behalf of Pack_____ I congratulate you. Would the Bear Scouts please pass their scarves to the Cub Scout in front of you. (Again Leaders assist.)

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: Bear Scouts, tonight you start the Webelos trail. The Webelos Den has one big purpose. That's to prepare you for Boy Scouting. You will work on very exciting Activity Pins, learning things that may lead you to lifelong hobbies or professions. At the same time, you will study Boy Scout requirements so you will be ready to become a Boy Scout.

CUBMASTER: Each of your parents has helped you along the Cub Scout trail this far. It is important now that your, parents continue to stay with you in your Webelos Den. We will soon have the pleasure, we know, of seeing you presented the Webelos Badge. Again on behalf of Pack ____ I congratulate you. Would the new Boy Scouts (outgoing Webelos) please pass their scarf to the new Webelos Scout in front of them. (Leaders assist.)

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: Would the rest of the Webelos please come forward. Please fill in any open spot on the risers. I would like to recognize the hard work each of these boys has done this year. Each boy has live up to the Cub Scout Motto, "Do Your Best", in each Activity Pin earned. Each boy as also been working to fulfill the Scout Motto of "Be Prepared" by working on the Boy Scout requirements These boys will now be working on their second year on the Webelos Trail and are the senior Cubs in the pack. New Cub Scouts should look to these boys for direction and assistance. As second year Webelos it is up to you to model the way for the younger cubs and represent the Pack by being true to the Cub Scout Promise.

CUBMASTER: The entire Scouting program runs on a volunteers who help teach our sons the principles of Scouting. Without them, the is no program. Would the Den Leaders, Webelos Den Leaders, their assistants, the Den Leader Coach, Tiger Cub Coach, Committee Chair and all members of the Committee please step forward? Parents please give these people a BIG round of applause as they return to their seats. Would the Scouts now please return to their seats.

ADVANCEMENT - THAT DIAMOND IS NOW COMPLETE WEBELOS CEREMONY

As Cub Scouts you have come before the Pack to receive the badge of the Webelos. Your worthiness is witnessed by the activity pins you have earned and now wear on your uniform. In Cub Scouting there are four badges of rank that a scout can earn. When sewn on the uniform they form the shape of a diamond. That diamond is now complete but your life in scouting continues while you achieve as Webelos and expand your knowledge of Boy Scouting.

The greatest honor for a Cub Scout is to earn the Arrow of Light as he walks the Webelos trail and the ultimate goal of all Cub Scouts is to advance to Boy Scouting. Receiving the Webelos badge now identifies you as the senior Cub Scouts in the Pack. You are expected to lead by setting a good example for all other Cub Scouts to follow. The badge of the Webelos is presented to your parents to pin on your uniform upside down until you have done a good deed in the eyes of Akela.[After badge has been pinned on] I now ask you to form a living circle, [Scouts only] give the Cub Scout sign and recite the meaning of the word Webelos out loud.[We'll Be Loyal Scouts]

ADVANCEMENT - WOLF/BEAR HEADDRESS CEREMONY

EQUIPMENT: Wolf Bear Headdresses.

AKELA: This is the Ceremonial Wolf Headdress. It represents the origin of Cub Scouting as told in the story of Mowgli in the Jungle Book. The Wolf Pack adopted the 'an Cub' and taught him the ways of the Pack. So have we done to each of the members of our Pack. The erect ears of the wolf are symbolized by the Cub Scout sign. In some tribes, the Indian Scout was called Wolf, and wore the skin or head of the wolf when beginning a scouting expedition.

Tonight, we have Cub Scouts who have earned the rank of the Wolf. Will they and their parents please come forward. (Read names and wait till all are present.)

You are not beginning your expedition, but ending it. You have earned the rank of Wolf. Now you will begin a new expedition, on the trail of the Bear. To your parents I present the Wolf Badge. They may present it to you as the Wolfskin that marks you as a member of the Wolf Pack.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: I wear on my head the Ceremonial Bearskin. The Bear is respected by all other animals because of his size, loyalty to its young, and hunting ability. The Bear, Baloo, taught Mowgli the Law of a Jungle.

Tonight we have Cub Scouts who have earned the rank of Bear. Will they and their parents please come forward. (Read names and wait till all are present.)

You too will be respected by your fellow Cub Scouts as you have attained greater stature tonight. Continue to obey the Law of the Pack and you will soon join the ranks of the Webelos Tribe as a warrior Scout. To your parents I present the Bear Badge. They may present it to you as the Bearskin that marks your stature in the Pack.

ADVANCEMENT - BLUE FACE PAINT - BEAR BADGES

EQUIPMENT: Blue face paint, Bear Badges

BEAR DEN LEADER: When the Cub Scout reaches third grade he begins working from the Big Bear book. Just as Akela met the bear with courage, the Scout walks the Big Bear Trail. On that trail he finds and conquers twelve challenging achievements in the categories of God, Country, Family and Self. He then receives his Bear Badge.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: Would the following Cub Scouts and their parents please come forward? (List boys earning the Bear Badge.)

CUBMASTER: (Scout's name) you have completed all the requirements for your Bear Badge and have moved along the Cub Scout Trail. Receive now the mark of the Bear, a blue mark, symbolizing bravery.

Mark each boys' face with BLUE face paint.

CUBMASTER: It is my pleasure to award your Bear 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."

ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS WHITE FACE PAINT

EQUIPMENT: White face paint, Webelos Badge.

WEBELOS DEN LEADER: In the fourth and fifth grades, the boy is brought into the tribe of Webelos. He enters a Webelos Den (Patrol) with name like the Scorpions or the Sharks. The boy prepares himself for Boy Scouting. He works on twenty different Activity Pins from five skill groups: Physical, Mental, Outdoor, Community, and Technical Skills. After three months in the Webelos Den and after earning three Activity Pins and learning about the Boy Scout ways, he earns his WEBELOS badge.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: There are Cub Scouts among us tonight who have earned their Webelos Badge. Would the following please come forward with your parents to be recognized and honored by the Pack?

(List boys earning the Webelos Badge.)

CUBMASTER: (Cub Scout's name), you've completed all the requirements for your Webelos Badge and have moved along the Cub Scout Trail. Receive now the mark of the Webelos, a white mark, symbolizing vigilance, perseverance, and justice.

Mark each boys' face with WHITE face paint.

CUBMASTER: It is my pleasure to award your Webelos 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."

ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS "W" FEATHER CEREMONY

EQUIPMENT: Indian Headdress for each boy, using 3 blue feathers alternated with 2 yellow feathers. Fan the feathers so that the blue ones look like "W". Use Velcro to hold band around the head. Campfire and Indian Music.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have Cub Scouts who have earned the Webelos Badge. Will (Read names) and their parents please come forward and sit at the place of honor at the head of the campfire? (You may have the rest of the Webelos Den come and sit around fire too.)

I have here an Indian Headdress that was designed especially for the legendary Webelos Scout who has completed each of his five major tests of endurance. Notice how the blue feathers form a "W ". Each of the five Feathers has a special meaning.

Feather number one represents the meaning of the Webelos Badge and Uniform. The blue "W" on the Webelos Badge shows you are moving from Cub Scouting into Boy Scouting.

Feather number two represents the three Activity pins you must earn, of which one has to be Fitness. A Warrior Scout also had to pass a fitness test along with many others.

Feather number three shows you have led your den in a Flag ceremony that you planned yourself.

Feather number four stands for the requirements of Boy Scouting, which you have learned along with the Boy Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Salute, Sign and Handshake.

Feather number five represents your efforts to serve God and live up to your religious beliefs.

I shall now place this headdress on your head. (Do so to each boy.) Wear it proudly, Webelos Scouts! You've earned it. I present this patch to your parents to present to you. Please give them the proper salute! (The proper salute to mother is a kiss.) Now I salute you, Webelos Scout! (Scout returns salute.)

ADVANCEMENT - RED FACE PAINT - WOLF BADGES

EQUIPMENT: Red face paint, Wolf Badges.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: Just as when Akela went into the forest and learned from the Wolf, a Cub Scout in the second grade begins working on the requirements for the Wolf Badge. Cub Scouts learn about Akela and the story of Mowgli and his survival in the jungle. When a boy has completed 12 achievements on the Wolf Trail, in such areas as physical fitness, exploring the world around him, fixing, building, collecting, safety, our Flag, our family and Duty to God, he receives his Wolf Badge

CUBMASTER: Would the following boys and their parents please come forward? Parents please stand behind your son.

Read boys names.

You have completed all the requirements for your Wolf Badge and have moved along the Cub Scout Trail. Receive now the mark of the Wolf, a RED mark, symbolizing strength and valor. Mark each boys' face with RED face paint.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: (Present Wolf Badges to parents as Cubmaster paints faces.)

It is our pleasure to award your Wolf Badge to your parents, who have been your Akela in completing these requirements. Parents, please pin the Wolf Badge to your son's left shirt pocket and congratulate him on a 'Job Well Done'. Parents, as your son's Akela, you are entitled to proudly wear the parent's Wolf pin enclosed with your son's Wolf Badge.

CUBMASTER: Parents, you have played an important roll in your son's advancement to Wolf. Your son will eagerly be wanting to earn Arrow Points to go under his Wolf Badge. For your son to do this he will still be look looking to you as is Akela. Just as your son has committed to the ideals of Cub Scouting by following the Cub Scout Promise I ask you also to make a promise: Please repeat After me:

We will continue to Do our best
To help our sons Along the achievement trail
And to share with them
The work and fun of Cub Scouting.

CUBMASTER: It is my pleasure to congratulate each one of you on earning your Wolf Badge.

ADVANCEMENT - THREE WEBELOS CANDLES

EQUIPMENT: Parent's Pin, Webelos Badge, a Green Candle, a Red Candle, and a Yellow Candle.

CUBMASTER: Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents please come forward? (Read names)
Tonight you are to receive the Webelos rank. This rank is the next to last step in Cub Scouting. It requires that a boy begin to learn skills of the adult world. You have begun to learn about Boy Scouting and have agreed to live by its Promise and Law. Your parents have continued support you in this effort. As a token of their help, please pin this Parent's pin on them. (Boy does)

The rank of Webelos entitles you to wear the Webelos Colors. These three ribbons are green, red and yellow. To symbolize your achievement in earning this award, we have three candles here tonight. (Choose three parents to stand behind the candles and light them as each color is explained.)

Green indicates knowledge of the Scout Oath and Law and signifies the learning of manhood.

Red signifies the achievement of three Activity Pins.

Yellow indicates you have been an active Cub Scout for at least three months in your Webelos Den, and have performed many good turns, helping your Den, Pack and family.

Now parents, you may pin the Webelos Badge on your son's uniform. Congratulations new Webelos Scouts. Thank you parents for helping to your son. Please continue to help him as he completes the last step of his Cub Scout Trail. Pack _____ welcome these new Webelos with a Grand Howl.

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ARROW OF LIGHT - THE STORY OF THE SIX ARROWS

Setting: Center stage, Cubmaster, Webelos, and Council Fire.

Many years ago there lived a tribe of Indians who had a peculiar method of choosing their chief. When the chief of a tribe became too old and knew he had only a short time to live, he would call before him all the braves of the tribe and give to each a bow and six arrows.

When these arrows hit an object they were so constructed they would break and could not be use again. Each brave took a bow and arrows and promised that he would eat no meat except that killed with the six arrows. He was to remain away from camp as long as he could and the one remaining away the longest would be made chief.

Now it so happened that there was a young Indian by the name of Arrow of Light who wished very much to be chief and for many moons had spent much time practicing with the bow and arrows and learning the ways of the wild animals. When his chief sent out word that he was about to choose a new chief, Arrow of Light secured the bow and arrows.

It was late in the afternoon when he started out and he went at once to a place where he had often seen deer come down to drink. He was obliged to wait all night but he had a great deal of PATIENCE. Just as it was getting light he saw a fine deer on the water's edge near him. He shot the deer. Then he took stone, skinned the deer, prepared the skin for clothing, and hung the meat where the wild animals could not reach it. He lived here for many days but finally the meat was almost gone so he resolved to start out again.

He had not traveled far when he came face to face with a huge bear. The bear growled and started toward him, but Arrow of Light was very BRAVE. He waited until the bear was near him. With his second arrow he shot and killed him. He used the skin to make a fine robe to sleep under in cold weather and the meat supplied him for a long time. But at last the food was gone and he was obliged to start out again.

He was walking along the path thinking how well he had done to kill such big animals with his arrows when suddenly he saw an Indian lying on the path before him. He bent over him and saw that it was one of his friends who had started out at the same time he had, but who had used up all his arrows and was starving. He knew that his friend must have food at once or he would die. He looked around but all he could see was a squirrel.

He had been saving his arrows for bigger game but he showed his FRIENDSHIP for his Indian friend by shooting this squirrel and cooking it for him. The next day the Indian was able to walk slowly so they went on together. Soon they saw a huge panther ready to spring upon them. Arrow of Light knew that he could escape but his friend was so weak that he would easily be killed so he used up another arrow to kill the panther, thus showing his UNSELFISHNESS.

As they went on together looking for a deer, they heard a wolf in hot pursuit of one. Before long they carne upon a freshly killed deer. Arrow of Light's friend said to him, "Here is some meat all ready for you," but Arrow of Light had promised that he would eat only the meat that he had killed for himself. He showed his HONESTY by refusing to eat it.

Arrow of Light now had only one arrow left and wanted to kill a deer with it. Soon he saw a deer but just as he was about to shoot, the deer gave a jump and the arrow missed him. Now Arrow of Light was very much discouraged so he walked by himself into the woods. He still had FAITH IN THE GREAT SPIRIT and he looked up and prayed, "Oh, Great Spirit, I have tried to do my best. I have been helpful and honest but here I am many days journey from home and I know I shall starve before I reach there unless you help me." As he prayed he suddenly felt something press against his foot and looking he saw the arrow that had missed the last deer. It had not hit any object and was whole. He felt the Great Spirit had helped him. He took this arrow and killed a deer and he and his friend arrived home safely.

When the old chief heard his story he spoke thus, "Oh, Arrow of Light, you have showed, Patience in waiting for the deer, Courage in facing the bear, Friendship in helping your friend, Unselfishness in killing the panther, Honesty in refusing to eat the meat you did not kill, and Faith in the Great Spirit in asking his help. These are the qualities we need in our chiefs and it therefore gives me great pleasure to declare you to be chief of our tribe." Arrow of Light proved his worthiness to be made chief.

A great arrow, the symbol of the tribes leadership, was presented to him. Because of his great leadership it was named after him. This is where we got the Arrow of Light award.

Tonight we have a boy who has earned this great award. Will _____ and his parents please come forward.

ARROW OF LIGHT - WHEN AKELA WAS A CUB SCOUT

CUBMASTER: Tonight we are recognizing _____ Webelos Scouts from our pack who have earned the Arrow of Light award, the highest in Cub Scouting. They bring honor not only to themselves but to our pack as well. Let's go back and review the Cub Scout trail over which these boys have traveled. Will the Arrow of Light candidates please come forward? When these Webelos first joined our pack, they learned the meaning of the Cub Scout colors. Blue stands for truth and spirituality, steadfast loyalty, and the sky above. (Light blue candle). Gold stands for warm sunlight, good cheer, and happiness. (Light gold candle) When the two are joined together only then do we have the Spirit of Scouting. (Light white candle from both blue and gold) We all know that the Cub Scout advancement follows the life story of Akela, an Indian brave of the mythical Webelos tribe. As we follow the Cub Scout trail, we follow in the footsteps of Akela and, like Akela, Learn many things so that someday we, too, may become brave Scouts. The first thing that Akela had to learn was the Law of the Pack. (Light first red candle to audience left with white candle.)

When Akela was of Bobcat age, he was taken on short trips into the forest by his father. Here among the great trees and streams he became acquainted with the animals. From the Wolf he learned the Language of the ground, the tracks, and the ways to food. Much the same as Akela, our Cub Scouts worked and Learned and received the rank of Wolf. (Light 2nd red candle).

Later, Akela learned from the big kindly bear the secret names of trees and from other friends, the calls of birds and the language of the air. Just as Akela learned new things that required a little more skill, so too, do our Cub Scouts earn their Bear badges. (Light 3rd red candle).

From his father, Arrow of Light, Akela learned the speech and calls of the Webelos tribe. After Akela had learned the ways of the Wolf and the Bear, he was admitted into the lower ranks of the young braves. Thus, he became a Webelos Scout. He had to work very hard to keep up with the young braves because they were very skillful and there were many new areas of learning. So, too did our Webelos learn new skills. But, most important, they began to learn more about the ways of the Scout. Only after passing the required achievements did they earn their Webelos Badge.... Here we should stop and think of the inner meaning of the word Webelos. It means "We'll be loyal Scouts". Loyal to our country, our home, and to God. (Light 3 white candles - 1 for each preceding loyalty). Now, as we look back down our Cub Scout trail, we see how bright the pathway is, Bright because you Cub Scouts have helped make it so. You light the pathway through Cub Scouting by doing your best, and giving good will.

The ultimate dream of Akela, to become a brave Scout, was very close now but there were many tests to be passed and he worked even harder than before to achieve that dream. Our Webelos, too, worked very hard. They began to learn the laws of the Scouts, some of their skills, and participated in many of their activities. They have reached the end of the Cub Scout trail and have found that it is not an end at all, but only a beginning leading onward and upward to the great brotherhood of Scouting, a new adventure. (Light 4th red candle).

The Arrow of Light has a special meaning. It is a sun over an arrow with seven rays - one for each day of the week. They remind you to do your best every day as you follow the arrow

that leads to Scouting. By earning and wearing the Arrow of Light award, you show Cubs and Scouts that you are ready to be a Scout. Because your parents have helped you along the path, they deserve your thanks for their help. As I call your name, will you please step forward, with your parents, so we can present you with your award.....

ARROW OF LIGHT - THE SUNBURST

Begin by dimming the lights. Curtain opens and standing in a circle of lit candles is a costumed Indian Chief (talk to your OA Chapter). He begins by raising his arms and yelling:

"SILENCE! Many moons ago as the white man started to encroach on land once owned by the Indians. They found themselves unable to exist because they lacked the necessary skills to survive in that environment. The great chief saw this and decided to take braves from each tribe and teach them the skills necessary to survive in hopes that they would return to their people and teach them. He taught each brave skills in science, crafts, engineering, citizenship, geology, and forestry. When he saw that his braves had successfully acquired these skills, he sent them back to their people to pass along their knowledge. Some tribes did not recognize these braves as leaders chosen by the great chief. When the great chief saw this, he decided they should have an emblem to separate them from the other braves. He decided to use the arrow because it is straight and true, just as the lives of his braves should be. He decided to use the sunburst to act as a way to light their path. Tonight we have these young braves to receive the symbolic arrow and sunburst as the great chief of long ago gave to his braves."

(Call each Webelos forward and list his Cub Accomplishments. Ask him to remain with you. After all are called forward---)

CHIEF says: Now that each of you have received your Arrow of Light, go forth into the world and teach others what you have learned.

ARROW OF LIGHT- THE LIFE STORY OF AKELA

Tonight we are recognizing Webelos Scouts from our pack who have earned the Arrow of Light Award--the highest honor in Cub Scouting.

We all know that the Cub Scout advancement plan follows the life story of Akela, an Indian brave of the mythical Webelos tribe. As we follow the Cub Scout trail, we follow in the footsteps of Akela and, like Akela, learn many things, so that someday we, too, may become brave Scouts. The first thing that Akela had to learn was the law of his tribe. It is the same in Cub Scouting. In order to become a Bobcat, our boys must learn the law of the pack.

Bobcat_____ , will you light the candle representing the rank of Bobcat. (He does so).

When Akela was of Bobcat age, he was taken on short trips into the forest by his father. Here, among the great trees and streams, he became acquainted with the animals. From the wolf he learned the language of the group, the tracks and the ways of food. Much the same as Akela, our Cub Scouts worked and learned and received the rank of Wolf.

Wolf Cub Scout , will you light the candle representing the rank of Wolf. (He does so.)

Later Akela learned from the big, kindly bear the secret names of trees and from other friends the calls of birds and the language of the air. Just as Akela learned new things that required a little more skill, so, too, do our Cub Scouts earn the Bear badge.

Bear Cub Scout , will you light the candle representing the rank of Bear. (He does so.)

From his father, Arrow of Light, Akela learned the speech and calls of the Webelos Tribe. After Akela had learned the ways of the wolf and bear, and had passed the tests of the tribe, he was admitted into the lower ranks of the young braves. Thus, he became a Webelos Scout.

Webelos Scout will you light the candle representing the rank of Webelos. (He does so.)

Here we should stop and think of the inner meaning of the word Webelos. It means "We'll be Loyal Scouts"--to our country, our home and to God. Now, as we look back down our Cub Scout trail, we see how bright the pathway is--bright because you Cub Scout have helped make it so. You light the pathway through Cub Scouting by doing your best, being square and giving goodwill.

Will our Assistant Cubmaster please select those boys worthy of receiving the Arrow of Light; and bring them and their parents forward. (He brings them forward.)

Webelos Scouts, the emblem you see before you represents the Arrow of Light Award. You have completed the four ranks of Cub Scouting--Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos. There are seven rays in the Arrow of Light. As they are lighted, you will hear how they stand for the seven great virtues of life.

1. Wisdom - Wisdom does not necessarily mean superior knowledge. It means putting to the right use the knowledge that one possesses.
2. Courage - Courage is not the quality that enables men to meet danger without fear; it is being able to meet danger in spite of one's fear.
3. Self-Control - Self-Control isn't limited to the control of one's temper but control of one's self in all things.
4. Justice - Justice is the practice of dealing fairly with others without prejudice or regard to race, color or creed.
5. Faith - Faith is the conviction that something unproved by physical evidence is true.
6. Hope - Hope means to expect with confidence. Always hope for better things to come.
7. Love - There are many kinds of love: love of family; love of home; love of fellow man; love of God; and love of country. All these loves are necessary for a full life.

You Webelos Scouts have fulfilled all requirements for the Arrow of Light Award. Placed before you are the burning candles which represent the ranks of Cub Scouting. May it always be said of you, as a brave of the Webelos Tribe, that you have reached the top of any ladder of achievement set before you. You are soon to go into Scouting--there to be tested again. May you every be successful.

It is an honor for me to recognize you Webelos Scouts and to present you with these arrows. You may hang your arrow in your room to remind you of the good times we have had together in Pack.

ARROW OF LIGHT - WEBELOS ARROW OF LIGHT CANDLE LIGHTING

PERSONNEL: Akela, Arrow of Light Award Candidate and parents, two Webelos Scouts.

EQUIPMENT: Arrow of Light Ceremonial Board, four red candles, three White candles, Arrow of Light Award Certificate, straight pins.

ARRANGEMENT: Akela and two Webelos Scouts stand at left of candles, Candidate and parents at right.

1ST. WEBELOS: (lights four red candles) The four red candles represent Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Scout. The Arrow of Light means progress along the trail from Bobcat cub Scout to Scout -- the trail to good citizenship. That is why the Arrow of light was chosen as the award for the highest rank in Cub Scouting.

2ND WEBELOS (Lights white candles): Webelos means, "We'll be loyal Scouts." Loyalty is one of the important things a Cub Scout stands for. He is loyal to his God, his country, and his home.

AKELA : (To Arrow of Light Candidate) (Name), will you give me the Cub Scout sign and repeat the Cub Scout Promise. (He does so.) To you I give the Arrow of Light Award and Certificate to present to your son. The badge is worn on his Cub Scout uniform -- centered on the left shirt pocket. He may also wear it on his Scout uniform when he joins a troop. (Parent pins badge on uniform.)

I salute you, (Name), as a qualified Webelos Scout. May you soon know the adventures of a Scout. (Give handshake to Webelos, shakes hands with parents.)

ARROW OF LIGHT - THE LARGE WHITE CANDLE

EQUIPMENT: Cubmaster or Webelos Leader, narrator, Arrow of Light cut-out, one each of white, black, red, blue, and green dinner candles. Seven birthday size white candles.

TURN OUT THE LIGHTS AND LIGHT THE LARGE WHITE CANDLE.

CM or WL: (Standing behind the table) Will Webelos (name) and his parents please come forward.

NARRATOR: (Standing in back or out of sight) Tonight (name) you are about to receive the highest award in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light. Before this is bestowed upon you, let us, with the white candle representing the Spirit of Scouting to light our way, retrace the steps you have taken to earn this award. You joined our Pack in (date). In (date of Bobcat) as a member of Den #____ you, after demonstrating the necessary requirements, were awarded the Bobcat badge. (CM or WL light the black candle with the white one).

In (date of Wolf) after successfully completing your achievements, you took your second step and you were awarded your Wolf Badge. (CM or WL lights the red candle) While a Wolf, you were later awarded a gold and _____ silver arrows, showing your ability to go beyond the required. In (date of Bear) after hard work and determined efforts you took the step to the rank of Bear. (CM or WL lights the blue candle).

In (date of entry into Webelos den) you moved up the ladder into a Webelos den. All through your Cub Scouting, you were guided by the Arrow of Light with its seven rays representing the seven virtues of life: WISDOM, (CM or WL lights small white candle on the far left and then alternating from left to right, he lights one candle as each virtue is read), COURAGE, SELF CONTROL, JUSTICE, FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE.

Upon completing the rigid requirements for the Arrow of Light (CM or WL lights the green candle) we are extremely proud of you and your accomplishments. Throughout your Cub Scout career you were helped and advised by your parents. We will at this time present the Arrow of Light to them and we ask that they in turn award it to their son. (Present badge to parents) (As the parents present the badge to the boy) (name) as you proudly wear this symbol on your uniform as a Boy Scout, we, of Pack # _____, are confident that you will continue to live and be guided by the Arrow of Light. CONGRATULATIONS!!

ARROW OF LIGHT - TONIGHT WE HONOR

- 1) Use den chiefs to escort boys and parents to stage.
- 2) Light main candle on table.
- 3) Hand out candles to each boy when they reach center stage.
- 4) Light boys candle when given award.

NARRATOR: Tonight we honor the Webelos Scouts that have completed the requirements for Cub Scoutings highest goal - the Arrow of Light award. The Arrow of Light is the highest award that any Cub Scout can obtain. This is the only award that a Cub Scout may wear after he becomes a Boy Scout.

As I call your name the den chiefs will escort you and your parents to the center of the room. It is my honor tonight to present the Arrow of Light to the following boys.

Den chiefs bring forth the following Arrow of Light candidates.

Call names.

This candle represents the spirit of Scouting. As I light your candle you will be joining the ranks of those boys that have earned this award before you. Do you promise to fulfill the Cub Scout promise and the Cub Scout motto, do your best, when you receive the Scout badge? If so say we will.

Let the spirit of Scouting burn forever in your hearts long after these candles have gone out.

ARROW OF LIGHT - CROSSOVER - "THE BOY SCOUT TRAIL" GRADUATION

Invite Scoutmaster or other leaders of troops your Webelos are joining. Have a rustic bridge or archway to Scouting. Ask Scoutmasters to stand at far end of bridge or archway. Cub master and Webelos den leaders stand on near side.

CUBMASTER: Boys, for the last time I'm addressing you as Webelos Scouts. You've come to the end of Cub Scouting and are about to start up the Boy Scout trail. I'm sure you'll have even more fun than you did as Cubs and Webelos Scouts. Now I'll ask you to repeat with me for the last time the Cub Scout Promise. Then I'll ask you to salute and shake hands with your Webelos den leader and cross the bridge (or go through the archway) into Boy Scouting.

Lead Promise.

Boys shake hands with Webelos den leaders and cross bridge. If you give the boys a graduation gift this is the place to give it.

Scoutmaster welcomes the boys into the troop, when they all cross then lead the boys in the Scout Oath.

ARROW OF LIGHT - THESE SEVEN VIRTUES

PERSONNEL: Arrow of Light candidates and parents, Cubmaster, Den Leaders, Committee personnel, Den Chiefs (as required).

EQUIPMENT: Arrow of Light prop, seven candles in holders plus seven on the prop (or use electrical Christmas candles and turn bulb just enough to not light), Arrow of Light badges and pins.

ARRANGEMENT: Arrow of Light prop is on table at center stage, Cubmaster is standing beside table, other leaders are off stage, room lights are dim and single candle is lit and on table near prop.

CUBMASTER: Will the following Webelos Scouts and their parents please come forward. (Webelos and parents advance and stand at opposite side of table from Cubmaster.) Before you is the Arrow of Light emblem. The seven torches you see represent the rays of the Arrow of Light and remind us of the seven virtues of life. We should practice these each day.

ASST. CM.:(Lights first candle) Wisdom. Having wisdom doesn't just mean that a person is smart. It means that he uses what he knows to live better.

WEB. DL. : (Lights second candle) Courage. This means more than not being afraid of danger. You must meet danger in spite of your fears.

WEB. DC.: (Lights third candle) Temperance. This means knowing when you've had enough of anything. When to stop eating, playing and even working too much.

D. LEADER: (Lights fourth candle) Justice. Justice means to be fair and a good sport with others we play and work with regardless of their race, color or religion.

C. CHMN.: (Lights fifth candle) Faith. Faith is belief in god, heaven, and things we cannot see but know are there.

ADV. CHMN.: (Lights sixth candle) Hope. Hope means to look forward to things you believe will happen. You hope for better things tomorrow but strive to make them happen today.

A LEADER: (Lights seventh candle) Love. Love of family, home, fellowman, God and country. These loves are important for a full and happy life.

CUBMASTER: You will find if you live by these seven virtues, you will be happier. It is my pleasure to present your parents with the Arrow of Light badge to present to your son. This is the only badge you can wear on your uniform as long as you are in Scouting.

ARROW OF LIGHT - THE SPIRIT OF SCOUTING

PERSONNEL: Arrow of Light Award Candidates and their Parent, Webelos Den Leader, Committee Member, and Den Chiefs.

EQUIPMENT: Ceremonial board, about 18 inches square, with four candles: blue-spirit of Cub Scouting, white-spirit of scouting, yellow-Arrow of Light rank, green-Scout; Arrow of Light awards, straight pins.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: Tonight we honor the Webelos that have completed the requirements for Arrow of light Award. The arrow of light Award is the highest award that any Cub Scout can obtain. This is the only award that a Cub Scout may wear after he becomes a Boy Scout.

(Den Chiefs come forward and get their candles. Then they line up down the middle making a two rows for the families to come through.)

COMMITTEE MEMBER: This candle(white) represents the spirit of Scouting. As I light this candle may the tiny flame remind us all of our good times in the past and good times yet to come in Scouting.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: Now I will light the way for you Webelos who have fulfilled all the requirements for the Arrow of Light award.(Light the Den chiefs candles)

LEADER: Now will the following Webelos and their parents come forward to receive the Arrow of Light award.(call each name).

COMMITTEE MEMBER: Before you is a blue candle that represents the spirit of Cub Scouting-that spirit of giving goodwill and doing your best.(Lights the blue candle) Do you promise to fulfill the Cub Scout Promise and the Cub Scout motto, Do Your Best, when you receive the Scout badge? If so say, "We will".

WEBELOS: We will.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: These Webelos have faithfully promised always to keep alive the spirit of Cub Scouting. As their parents, do you also promise to continue to help your boy in his Scouting adventures? If so, say, "We will."

PARENTS: We will.

LEADER: Now, Webelos and parents, form a circle, holding hands. The yellow candle represents the Arrow of Light. I am using the flame from the spirit of Scouting to light the yellow candle. (Light the yellow candle) Remember that the spirit of Cub Scouting and Scouting are one of the same. The spirit of the entire Scouting movement is one of service, high ideals, and fellowship. Webelos, will you please repeat after me the Webelos promise: "I (name), promise to do my best....to show that a Webelo Scout.....is faithful to his Cub Scout Promise....to be a true Webelo Scout....by joining a Boy Scout troop....and to uphold the Scout Oath and Law.....as I have upheld the Cub Scout Promise....and the Law of the Pack."

LEADER: Thank you, Webelo Scouts. And now, as parents of these Webelo Scouts, do you promise to help your son carry out the pledge he has just taken? If so, repeat after me, "We will."

PARENTS: We will.

LEADER: To you parents, I present these Arrow of Light awards your Webelo Scout sons may now wear. It is a great honor for me to greet you as winners of the Arrow of light award. (Gives each Webelos handshake). Notice that we are leaving the green candle unlighted. It represents a Boy Scout. This is to remind you Webelo Scouts of something yet to be enjoyed- a grand adventure that will open to each of you when you join the Boy Scout troop. Good luck and success to you and your family in your future Scouting career.

ARROW OF LIGHT - A DAY OF

The arch is the sun rising at daybreak, starting another week in scouting.

THE FIRST DAY - Is Sunday, a day of worship and development of the boys spiritual life.

THE SECOND DAY - is Monday, a day for improving understanding within the family.

THE THIRD DAY - is Tuesday a day of developing habits and attitudes of good citizenship.

THE FOURTH DAY -is Wednesday, a day of strengthening the ability to get along with other boys and respect other people.

THE FIFTH DAY - is Thursday, the day for personal achievements by developing new interests and skills.

THE SIXTH DAY - is Friday, the day to work on good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body.

THE SEVENTH DAY - is Saturday-the day for fun and finding new things to do.

This gives us the seven rays of the sun to brighten our week. The arrow is to remind us to continue to go straight up the pathway in Scouting and in life. Putting all these together we have the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting.

ARROW OF LIGHT - SEVEN GREAT VIRTUES OF LIFE

EQUIPMENT: Some kind of "Arrow of Light" model or symbol. Eight candle holders (7 of them could be incorporated with the "Arrow of Light" symbol.) Bow, Arrow, target. Advancement ladder or board, crossover bridge.

WEBELOS LEADER: Den Chief will you light the candle representing the rank of Webelos.

Here we should stop and think of the inner meaning of the word Webelos. It means "We'll be loyal Scouts" -- to our country, our home, and to God. Now, as we look back down our Cub Scout trail, we see how bright the pathway is. Bright because you Webelos have helped make it so. You light the pathway through Cub Scouting by doing your best and giving goodwill.

Den Chief will you please bring forward the following boys and their parents. (Name boys and parents)

WEBELOS LEADER: Webelos Scouts, the emblem you see before you represents the Arrow of Light Award. There are seven rays in the Arrow of Light. As we light the candles representing the rays, you will hear how they stand for the seven great virtues of life.

1. **WISDOM** - Wisdom does not necessarily mean superior knowledge. It means putting to the right use, the knowledge that one possesses.
2. **COURAGE** - Courage is not the quality that enables men to meet danger without fear. It is being able to meet danger in spite of one's fear.
3. **SELF-CONTROL** - Self-control isn't limited to the control of one's temper but control of one's self in all things.
4. **JUSTICE** - Justice is the practice of dealing fairly with others without prejudice or regard to race, color or creed.
5. **FAITH** - Faith is the conviction that something unproven by physical evidence is true.
6. **HOPE** - Hope means to expect with confidence. Always hope for better things to come.
7. **LOVE** - There are many kinds of love; Love of family, Love of home, Love of fellowman, Love of god, and Love of country. All these Loves are necessary for a full life.

WEBELOS LEADER: Members of Pack ____, These Cubs have been many places, seen many things. They have earned their Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Badges. They have earned many Arrow Points, Activity pins and Sports pins. They know their Boy Scout Oath and Law. They have shown "Duty to God". They have been camping. They went together to the Boy Scout meeting and have learned about the fun and adventure that awaits them. Akela would you now please present the "Arrow of Light" Award to these Webelos.

CUBMASTER: You Webelos Scouts have fulfilled all requirements for the Arrow of Light Award. May it always be said of you, that you have reached the top of any ladder of achievement set before you. Many of you are on your way to Boy Scouting, the be tested again, may you all be successful.

CUBMASTER: (Present awards)

CUBMASTER: (Thank the parents for helping their boys earn the award.)

WEBELOS LEADER: The Webelos will now shoot the ceremonial arrow into the target representing their going forward in life, always aiming to do their best. (Shoot arrows) (Use a copy don't use their career arrow).

WEBELOS LEADER: It is an honor to me to recognize you Webelos Scouts and to present you with your career arrow. Hang it proudly to remind you of good times we had together in Pack _____.

CUBMASTER: At this time I would like to introduce Mr. _____ the Scoutmaster of Troop _____.

SCOUTMASTER: I would like to introduce the people helping me tonight. (Introduce Boy Scout Leaders and their Scouting position)

We are here tonight to welcome these Webelos Scouts into our troop. I will send two Scouts over the bridge to bring the boys and their parents into the Troop. When they reach the Boy Scout side of the bridge we will welcome them and present each Webelos his troop neckerchief.

(Send escorts over the bridge)

CUBMASTER: As I call out the names, will the Webelos leader please remove their Webelos scarf symbolizing that the boy has reached the end of the Cub Scout trail.

(Read name of the next boy as the escorts approach the Cub side of the bridge)

SCOUTMASTER: (After all boys and parents have crossed over have SPL lead the Troop in the Scout Oath and Law.

ARROW OF LIGHT - AKELA'S LIFE STORY

EQUIPMENT: Ceremony board or log with three small candles and one large candle; tom-tom; artificial camp fire.

SETTING: Akela enters and walks behind the fire. Akela gives the Cub Scout sign and tom-tom beating stops.

NARRATOR: Akela was the big chief of the Webelos tribe; tall, stalwart, straight as an arrow, swift as an antelope, brave as a lion - he was fierce to an enemy but kind to a brother. Many trophies hung in his teepee. His father was the son of the great yellow sun in the sky. He was called the "Arrow Of Light" His mother, from whom he learned those wondrous things that mothers know was called "Kind Eyes". He began to understand the signs and calls of the Webelos tribe. Then he was taken on little trips to the forest among the great trees and streams. Here, from the Wolf he learned the language of the ground; the tracks and the ways to food. (At this point, Akela lights the small Wolf candle using the large candle)

AKELA: With this candle, representing the "Spirit of Akela" we light the trail of the Wolf. From the signs along the Wolf trail, I see the following braves are ready for advancement in the Wolf Clan of Akela's tribe. (Akela calls the names of the boys receiving Wolf badges and arrow points. They come forward and stand before the campfire. Akela presents awards.)

NARRATOR: Then from the big, kindly bears, he learned the secret names of the trees, the calls of the birds, the language of the air.

AKELA: (lighting the Bear candle) With the "Spirit of Akela" we light the Bear trail. From the signs along the Bear trail I see the following braves are ready for advancement into the Bear Clan of Akela's tribe. (He calls forward the boys who are receiving Bear badges and arrow points)

NARRATOR: But before he could become a Scouting "brave" on his own, he had to prove himself by trying out new skills, performing certain tasks and passing tests of accomplishment.

AKELA: (Lighting the Webelos candle) With the "Spirit of Akela" we light the trail of the Webelos. From the signs along the Webelos trail, I see that the following braves have shown their skills in... (He calls the names of the boys receiving activity badges and indicates which badges they earned.)

NARRATOR: There Akela was required to pass the highest test of all. He must prove himself qualified to wear his father's name "Arrow of Light".

AKELA: From the signs further on down the Webelos trail, I see that the following braves have proven themselves worthy to wear the "Arrow of Light", the highest award in Akela's tribe. (He calls forward the boys who have earned the Arrow of Light Award.) (Drum stops) From the four winds, Akela hears that you braves are doing well along the trails that will lead you into Boy Scouting and the highest trail of all, that of Eagle. Now will all Cub Scouts stand and repeat with me the Cub Scout Promise.

ARROW OF LIGHT - FLAG , SCOUT OATH , AND ARROW OF LIGHT

EQUIPMENT: 3 Candles in a holder with the Arrow of Light symbol, 1 red, 1 white, & 1 blue

WEBELOS LEADER: Have you noticed the strong bond between our flag and the Scout Oath? Let me show you.

(Light White candle in center)

One of the colors on our flag is white. It's the symbol of purity and perfection. It is the first point of our Scout Oath, our duty to God.

(Light Red candle)

The color red in our flag denotes sacrifice and courage, the qualities of the founders of our country. Red is the symbol of the 2nd part of our Scout Oath. Our Duty to other people requires courage to help anyone in trouble and the self-sacrifice of putting others first.

(Light Blue candle)

Blue is the color of Faith. It represents the faith of our founding fathers and reminds us of the 3rd part of the Scout Oath. Our duty to ourselves requires us to be true-blue strong in character and principle, and to live a life with the importance of being good. The candles have now lit the Arrow of Light. The indian sign of the sun over the Arrow dictates that it's the Arrow of Light. The 7 rays of the Sun stand for the 7 days of the week and remind us to Do Our Best Every Day, the arrow... means to follow the straight path.

(Call boys and parents forward and present awards.)

ARROW OF LIGHT - CUB SCOUTING IS A CHALLENGE

Tonight we pay special tribute to (#) Webelos Scouts who have earned their Arrow of Light award.

I light the first candle to represent the Cub Scout and his parents, all three working together. The parents guiding the Scout along the trail.

The second candle symbolizes the leadership provided by others to help the Cub along his trail... his Den Chief, Den Leader, Webelos leader, Cubmaster, and committee members. Akela leads the way!

The third candle represents the Chartered Sponsor of the Cub Pack. We salute (name of chartered sponsor) for making it possible for these Scouts to have their program.

The fourth candle represents the spirit of Cub Scouting and Scouting. They are one and the same. The spirit of the entire Scouting movement is one of service, high ideals and fellowship.

The fifth candle represents fun and fellowship... the fun that Scouts, parents, and leaders have together. Fellowship with boys you might never have met except through Cub Scouting.

The sixth candle represents citizenship and the Scouting challenge. Young men learning to respect God and country and of his moral obligation to himself and his fellow man.

Cub Scouting is a challenge to all who become involved. A challenge to live up to high ideals, bring forth creative ideas and learn to express yourself. It is also learning to accept the ideas of others who may not agree with you and learning to compromise and work out differences.

The seventh candle represents achieving. The trail has been long, but parents and leaders helped the Cub Scout along the trail. They have reached the end of the trail. The arrow is, at last, aglow. The Arrow of Light is the highest award in Cub Scouting and the only award that can be carried into Boy Scouting and its symbol worn on the uniform.

Congratulations! an award well-earned.

ARROW OF LIGHT - I SALUTE YOU

CUBMASTER: Tonight I have the honor of presenting the Arrow of Light to one of our Webelos Scouts. Would (name) and his parents please come forward to receive this award, a Webelos Scout must have passed the following requirements: Been active in the Webelos den for 6 months, have earned the Webelos badge, know the Scout Promise and the Scout Law, give and know the meaning of the Scout Motto, slogan, sign, salute and handshake, know the hurry cases in first aid, have earned a total of seven activity badges, have visited a troop meeting with his den attended an outdoor activity, participated in a father-son overnight or day hike and attended another troop meeting but this time with his parents. Will you now light the awards board in the order of which you have progressed along the Cub Scout trail. From Bobcat to Webelos. Now welcome to the highest award, the Arrow of Light, which you, with the help of your parents, have obtained. So it gives me great pleasure in giving this award to your parents to present to you. Because your parents have helped you along the Cub Scout trail, here are the miniature Arrow of Light pins for you to present to them. I salute you, (name), as a Webelos Scout. You will soon know the adventure of a Boy Scout.

ARROW OF LIGHT - TRUENESS OF THE PATH

EQUIPMENT: Arrow of Light symbol, 7 - 1" candles and matches, 2 candles with protectors for boys, Arrow of Light Badges and/or pins.

Place symbol on table and light candles. Lower lights in room.

WEBELOS LEADER: Tonight we honor (name) with the presentation of his/their Arrow of Light Award(s). We ask (names) and his/their parents to come forward.

(Hand candles to each boy and have them light candles from the flame of one of the candles burning on the symbol. Boys continue to hold their candle.)

The arrow you see on the symbol represents the trueness of the path you will follow in Scouting. You have started on your journey in Scouting, and you have flown straight and true to your target. Now you must aim for a new target, remember that the 7 rays of the sun are reminders to do your best 7 days of the week. In recognition of your achievements, we now present to you the Arrow Of Light Award!

(Take candles from boys and extinguish. At same time hand them the award. Parents pin award on boy if metal pin is used.)

Congratulations boys, we hope that with the rest of the time left in our Den, you will finish the rest of your activity badges and become a good example for the rest of the Webelos in your Den to follow.

ARROW OF LIGHT - THESE SEVEN YELLOW BANDS

EQUIPMENT: Cubmaster dressed as Akela Indian Chief. A blue arrow shaft with 7 yellow bands or strips around it.

AKELA: I have summoned before the pack tonight to pay honor to one of our Webelos Scouts. Will Webelos Scout (name) please bring his parents before Akela. We honor tonight with the highest award in Cub Scouting; The Arrow Of Light.

This arrow represents the Arrow Of Light. It's shaft is straight and true; to remind us a Scout is to be straight and true in keeping his promises. The feathers on this arrow help guide it on it's course; just as the ideals of Cub Scouting guide a boy in his course of life. The color of the arrow symbolizes loyalty. A Cub Scouts uniform is blue to remind him to be loyal to his country. These seven yellow bands around the shaft represent the seven virtues of life. The seven virtues of life are WISDOM, COURAGE, JUSTICE, SELF CONTROL, FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE. If a boy learns these virtues and applies them in his life, then in his life he will grow to be a happy man.

As we award with this Arrow of Light tonight, we will also give him this arrow as a reminder of Cub Scouting. To remember the ideals he has learned as a Cub Scout, and remain straight and true as he grows to manhood.

ARROW OF LIGHT - THE ARROW OF LIGHT COMES OUT OF THE SUN

AKELA: Medicine man, I understand there are those amongst us tonight who have earned the highest honor in our Webelos tribe. Tell me by what name is this honor called.

MEDICINE MAN: Akela, it is known by the name "Arrow of Light".

AKELA: Present the candidates to this council for proper recognition.

MEDICINE MAN: Will the following Webelos Scouts and their parents please come forward. (Read names from list).

CHIEF: Webelos Scouts, you have fulfilled all the requirements for the Arrow of Light award. This is your last step in Cub Scouting before crossing the bridge into Boy Scouts. Be proud in your accomplishments. Before you, are the burning candles representing the ranks for Cub Scouting. You will notice that there is still one candle unlit, that of the Arrow of Light. I now ask a mighty brave to light this last candle. (As a brave lights the candle, continue reading)

The arrow of Light comes out of the sun,
It shows the Cub Scout race you have run,
Good Cub Scouts and Webelos you have been,
Always Akela's true friend,
Now you'll find Scouting real fun,
As you cross the bridge into the sun.

CHIEF: May it always be said of you as a brave of our tribe of Webelos that you reach the top of any ladder of achievement set before you. You are soon to go into Boy Scouts. There to be tested again. May you ever be successful. Having been bestowed the highest honor of your Webelos tribe, will you forever "Do Your Best"?

MEDICINE MAN: I now call upon our mighty brave to shoot from his long bow the "Arrow of Light", signifying the highest honor that this tribe can bestow on one of its worthy braves. As the Arrow of Light speeds to its target, may you remember that the spirit of Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting are one and the same. The spirit of the entire scouting movement is one of service, high ideals and fellowship.
(Medicine man - Call out names one at a time as arrow goes to the target. A brave will retrieve the arrow from the target and hand it to the candidate.)

CHIEF: It is an honor for me to recognize you for having earned the Arrow of Light award and to present you with these arrows and your badge. May they remind you of the good times you have had together in our Webelos tribe.

ARROW OF LIGHT - INDIAN ARROW OF LIGHT CEREMONY

PERSONNEL: Medicine-man, Akela, Aid

EQUIPMENT: Bells, Council fire

ARRANGEMENT: Lights out, Council fire lit.

MEDICINE-MAN: (Walks up to the fire, raises arms and calls out to Akela to come forth.)

Ha a a a a ah h h h; Ha a a a a ah h h h; Ha a a a ah h h

AID: Shakes bells.

MEDICINE-MAN: Ha a a a a ah h h h; Ha a a a a ah h h h; Ha a a a ah h h (Repeat as many times as you feel comfortable)

AKELA: Who summons Akela?

MEDICINE-MAN: I Lone Wolf, medicine-man of the Webelos tribe summon you here tonight.

AID: (shakes bells)

MEDICINE-MAN: We have (#) braves who have proven themselves strong of mind, brave of heart and true of spirit.

AKELA: That is good! But how do you know this to be?

MEDICINE-MAN: These braves have followed the Cub Scouting trail for many moons. They have worked long hours and many days to be here tonight. I... Lone Wolf have seen this.

AKELA: Then so be it, braves of the Webelos tribe.

AID: (Shakes bells)

AKELA: (Walks over to Council fire): Who are these braves that are.... strong of mind.... brave of heart and ... true of spirit.... Let their names be sung in the songs of our tribe.

MEDICINE-MAN: Webelos brave (name) come forward with your parents.

AKELA: I am pleased to present this Arrow of Light award to you with the help of your parents. (Akela gives award to Scout, Medicine-man gives pin to parent to pin on the Scouts left pocket, Akela gives boy small pin so he can pin it on his mother.)

AKELA: Wear this Arrow of Light with pride, you have worked hard for it. Good luck as you enter Scouting. Remember that a good Scout makes a good citizen.
(Repeat the above for each Scout receiving the award.)

ARROW OF LIGHT - HIS PATH IS FULLY LIT

PERSONNEL: Webelos Leader or Cubmaster, Scouts, parents.

EQUIPMENT: Arrow of Light Ceremonial board.

ARRANGEMENTS: Room is in darkness. Leader introduces Webelos Scout(s) who are receiving Arrow Of Light, and explains they have met the requirements to receive the highest award in Cub Scouting.

LEADER: The purpose of Cub Scouting is to light the way to Scouting. The first rank in Cub Scouting is Bobcat. (Turn on first light). Before becoming a Bobcat he learns the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, knows the Cub Scout Sign, handshake, motto and salute. The rank for second grade Cub Scouts is wolf. (turn on second light) Twelve achievements are required to earn the Wolf badge. Then he works on Arrow Points until he is in the third grade. He can earn as many Arrow points as time and ambition will allow. Twelve achievements are also required for the Bear badge. (Turn on Light #3) You can see that as a boy progresses in Cub Scouting, his way becomes lighter. After receiving his Bear badge, he works on Arrow Points until he is in the fourth grade.

Now he becomes a Webelos Scout. (Turn on light #4) Webelos Scouts do not earn cloth badges. They wear the Webelos tri-colors on their sleeve and work on Activity Badges which are metal pins. Webelos is the secret name for "We'll Be Loyal Scouts" and it is the name of the Indian tribe of which Akela is Chief. The Webelos Scout is older... he can do more for himself. His parents no longer sign for his advancement... his Webelos Leader does this. He works on the Arrow of Light Award. (Turn on light #5) To receive this award, he must earn the Citizen Activity Badge and at least two more of four specific badges. (Turn on light #6)

He learns the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout Motto, Slogan, Sign, Salute and Handclasp. He learns the parts of the Scout Badge. He understands and supports the Outdoor Code. He plans and leads a flag ceremony at a pack meeting. Now he has earned the Arrow of Light Award, the highest award a Cub Scout can earn. (Turn on light #7)

Now his path has been fully lit on his way to Scouting. Now we review his path to Scouting. (All lights out) This is what his path looked like before he entered Cub Scouting. (Turn on all lights) This is what his path is like now that he has progressed through the ranks of Cub Scouting to the Arrow of Light. Goodbye Cub Scout... Hello Scout.

ARROW OF LIGHT - WHEN YOU FIRST BECAME A CUB SCOUT

Cubmaster asks Cub Scouts who have completed their Webelos requirements to come forward with their parents. The boys stand facing the audience, their parents stand directly behind them. Now the lights are dimmed and a large Webelos emblem is illuminated. (This one might consist of a light bulb mounted in a wooden box with a cut-out of the Arrow of Light emblem on the front of it. White tissue paper covers the cut out portion on the inside.)

CUBMASTER: You have reached the highest rank on cubbing and will soon be 11 years of age. You have visited the Boy Scout troop of your choice and talked with the Scoutmaster. When you first became a Cub Scout, you learned that the inner meaning of Webelos was "We'll be Loyal... loyal to home, loyal to country, loyal to God. We'll be Loyal Scouts.

It is through these three ranks, Bobcat, Wolf, and Bear that you have progressed as a Cub Scout, and it is into Scouting that you are now about to enter.

You were guided in your progress through these ranks by the Arrow Of Light... (Cubmaster points to it). Let this Arrow of Light continue to light your way as you move onward and upward along the Scouting trail.

It is now my pleasure to present to you the Arrow of Light, which you may wear on your Cub Scout uniform now and your Boy Scout uniform later. Because your fathers and mothers came through the ranks of Cub Scouting with you, I shall present the badge to them and ask them, in turn, to present the badge to you. (pause while this is carried out).

First, may I congratulate all of you for the fine work you have done in Cub Scouting, and extend the best wishes of the entire Pack to you and your parents for good luck along the Scouting trail.

ARROW OF LIGHT- AS AKELA GREW

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Webelos Award candidate(s) and parents.

EQUIPMENT: Graduation Ceremonial Board

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have a special recognition. We have a Webelos Cub Scout who is receiving his Arrow of Light. Would (boy's name) and his parents come forward. (They stand on the right side of Cubmaster) (Cubmaster hands square to Webelos Scout and he puts it in place on ceremonial board.)

As Akela grew in his tribe, he learned the responsibilities he had in the tribe. He learned to be honest in his dealing with the tribe. Like Akela, you learned as Bobcat and Wolf the responsibilities you must have to be in this pack. You learned to be honest with your fellow Cub Scouts, leaders, and parents.

Akela learned to skillfully hunt squirrel, deer, and bear. He learned to find water and food where there seemed to be none. He grew to be tall and strong so that he could walk proud among his people.

(Cubmaster gives light to Webelos scout and he puts it in place.)

Like Akela, you were given light, or knowledge, from your leaders. Akela learned many things from his Mother. You have learned many things from your Den Leaders (give den leader's name.)

As Akela grew in age and stature, he was turned over to warrior scouts to be trained and disciplined to become one of them, a warrior scout. So too, you were presented to the Webelos leaders and became a Webelos Scout. In Webelos, you learned more about Scouting skills and how to control, your emotions. You learned the true meaning of the word "Webelos-We'll Be Loyal Scouts".

(Give "W" to Webelos Scout and have him put it in place.)

Akela was sent out in the wild country to prove to the tribe that he was worthy to be a warrior scout. He was sent out for three moons by himself with nothing but clothes, knife, bow and arrows. He was able to conquer the hardships he faced in the wilds. When he came back, he was made a warrior, standing next to his father, "Arrow of Light."

You are now receiving your Arrow of Light Award, and your testing just begins. For now you are leaving Cub Scouting and are going into Boy Scouting. You'll find it fun and exciting, but you'll also find it rough and tough. Good luck from us in the pack and may you become a successful Eagle Scout.

(Cub Scouts form circle around graduate and give him the grand howl.)

(Cubmaster presents gift to Scout and the award to parents. He then takes the scout to the bridge and presents him to the Scoutmaster.) Include the Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader from the troop the Webelos will be going into to accept him as he "walks across the bridge of accomplishment and graduation!!

ARROW OF LIGHT - ON THE STRAIGHT AND NARROW TRACK

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Arrow of Light ceremonial board, table, awards to be presented

SETTING: Cubmaster is in front of room with the ceremonial prop on table.

CUBMASTER: Tonight our pack recognizes (names) who not only bring honor to themselves but to our pack as they have worked hard to earn the highest rank in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light award. This badge is the only badge that a boy can wear from Cub Scouting to Scouts and can be worn proudly with the Eagle award. Will Webelos leader (name) please come forward and join me in conducting this ceremony for these boys. Will the parents of these Webelos Scouts please come forward and join their sons. (Webelos leader lights a candle after each statement.)

CUBMASTER: Webelos Scouts, the Spirit of Scouting candle is lit with pride tonight because you have earned the Arrow of Light.

The second candle we light by (name of council) rights. They sanction your award with such delight.

The third candle represents the pack. To congratulate you for staying on the straight and narrow track.

The fourth we light for your Scouting skills as you accept the challenge and conquer the hill.

The fifth we light for your Webelos den. They are proud to call you brother and friend.

The sixth we light for your parents tonight, to show their heartfelt pride that burns so bright.

The seventh we light just for you. To say congratulations Scout brother true, we're so very, very, proud of you.

ARROW OF LIGHT - WEBELOS SCOUT IS FAITHFUL TO HIS CUB SCOUT PROMISE

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos leader

EQUIPMENT: Ceremonial prop that holds four candles: **WHITE**-spirit of Scouting; **BLUE**-spirit of Cub Scouting; **YELLOW**-Arrow of Light rank; **GREEN**-Boy Scouting, awards to be presented.

SETTING: At the opening of ceremony only the **WHITE** candle is lighted. Use it to light the blue and yellow candle as the ceremony progresses.

WEBELOS LEADER: Will the following Webelos Scouts and their parents please come forward. (Name the Webelos individually.) You Webelos Scouts have fulfilled the requirements for the Arrow of Light award, the highest rank in Cub Scouting. You visited a Scout troop and talked to the Scoutmaster.

CUBMASTER: This white candle represents the spirit of Scouting. (Lights **BLUE** candle) Before you is a blue candle that represents the spirit of Cub Scouting... that spirit of giving goodwill and doing your best. Do you promise to fulfill the Cub Scout promise and the Cub Scout motto: "Do Your Best", when you receive the Scout badge?

Webelos candidates: We will.

CUBMASTER: These Webelos Scouts have faithfully promised always to keep alive the spirit of Cub Scouting. As their parents, do you also promise to continue to help your boy in his Scouting adventures? Parents: We will.

WEBELOS LEADER: Now, Webelos Scouts and parents, form a living circle. (Instructs parents in the formation.) The Webelos Scouts will repeat after me the Webelos promise as I light the yellow candle representing the Arrow of Light award. (Lights **YELLOW** candle.) Remember, the spirit of Cub Scouting and Scouting are one and the same. The spirit of the entire Scout movement is one of service, high ideals, and fellowship.

Cub Scouts repeat after me:

I, (name), promise to do my best,
To show that a Webelos Scout,
Is faithful to his Cub Scout promise.
To be a true Webelos Scout,
By joining a Scout troop,
And to uphold the Scout Oath and Law,
As I have upheld the Cub Scout promise,
And the Law of the Pack.

WEBELOS LEADER: Thank you, Webelos Scouts. And now, as parents of these Webelos Scouts, do you promise to help your son carry out the pledge he has just taken?

PARENTS: We will.

WEBELOS LEADER: To you parents I present these Arrow of Light awards that your Webelos Scout sons may now wear on their Webelos uniform and transfer to their Scout uniform when they become Boy Scouts. (Presents awards.)

It is a great honor for me to greet you as recipients of the Arrow of Light award.
(Gives Cub Scout handshake.)

CUBMASTER: Notice that we are leaving unlighted the GREEN candle representing a Boy Scout. This is to remind you Webelos Scouts of something yet to be enjoyed... a grand adventure that will open to you and your family in future Scouting careers.

ARROW OF LIGHT - WISDOM, COURAGE, SELF-CONTROL

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos Leader, Candidates, Parents. Drum beater, Narrator, Webelos, Den Chief.

EQUIPMENT: Headdress and blanket for Webelos Leader, Fire, Arrow of Light badge, Drum, Ceremonial Board, Story of Akela, Scout Vespers

SETTING: Darkened room or outdoors after dark. Webelos Den Leader in costume in front of fire. Drum beater giving soft steady beat in background. Candidates offstage. Ceremonial board has one candle lit, the other seven unlit.

NARRATOR: Reads story of Akela (if short on personnel this could be taped)

WEBELOS LEADER: Rises and raises his right hand: drum stops. You, have heard the story of Akela. Will those braves who are of Akela's tribe join me around the campfire (The Webelos Den lead by Webelos Den Chief enters and forms a circle around the fire.)

WEBELOS LEADER: Tonight we have braves who have earned the highest award in Cub Scouting - The Totem of Akela - The arrow of light. The seven rays of the arrow of light stand for the seven virtues - (Webelos leader to light candles one at a time as he says)

WISDOM, COURAGE, SELF-CONTROL, JUSTICE, FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE. If you live by these great virtues, you will be a happy man, and a happy man is a successful man.

Will the brave and his parents please come forward. At this time our Cubmaster will present the awards.

(Cubmaster to enter from off-stage and present award to parents who will then proceed to pin award on boy.)

After awards have been presented Webelos leader faces the audience and says: "Let us end this ceremony by singing the Scout Vespers Song."

ARROW OF LIGHT - LOOK AT THE ARROW

EQUIPMENT: Arrow and candle

Tonight we honor Webelos Scout _____ in achieving the Arrow of Light rank.

Will _____ please come forward with his parents.

The Arrow of Light rank is the highest rank that can be achieved in Cub Scouting. The arrow signifies his rank, the rays above the arrow, seven in number, represent the seven days of the week that a scout must be true.

Let us now look at the arrow. The point points to the right direction to go in life. The shape, round, signifying that the scout spirit is a never ending spirit. Length, long and straight, signifies that a boy must be straight and honest with himself and others, and that this is sometimes a difficult and long journey. The feathers, three, represent the guides that help you through your journey in life and scouting.

Each feather represents:

- 1) Den Leaders
- 2) Parents
- 3) Self

It takes all three to put the arrow on target.

We now allow _____ to pin the parent's pin on _____ and give _____ his rank Arrow of Light.

ARROW OF LIGHT - SEVEN LIGHTS

Equipment: Arrow of Light Ceremony Light box with 7 Christmas light bulbs on top, unlit. (1 blue, 5 clear, 1 green) and a flashlight.

Setting: Room lights are dimmed or out. Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster are behind the Light box. Cubmaster uses flashlight to read ceremony.

CM: Tonight we honor ____ Webelos Scouts who have completed the requirements for Cub Scouting's highest goal - the Arrow of Light Award. (Asst. turns on interior light.) Will the following Webelos Scouts and their parents please come forward? (Read names) You have learned the Scout requirements, visited a Scout Troop, and secured a Scout application. You were guided in your progress through Cub Scouting's rank by the Arrow of Light. (Turns on blue light.)

The Blue light that is now lit represents the Cub Scout spirit that all Cub Scouts have. (Turns on first clear light.) First you became a Bobcat. You were taught to follow Akela. As a Bobcat you learned the Cub Scout Promise, handshake, sign and motto.

(Turn on second clear light.) Next you followed Akela and expanded your knowledge as you earned Wolf. You had adventures and fun. (Turn on third clear light.) After Wolf, Baloo, the Bear helped Akela teach you more difficult things as you earned your Bear rank. (Turn on fourth clear light.) As a Webelos Scout, you had The opportunity to explore many new areas - science, travel, first aid, physical fitness, and many more. You visited and took part in Scouting events and a special Webelos camp.

Tonight you will receive the Arrow of light. (turn on the fifth clear light.) Wear this award with pride. Continue to let the Arrow of Light guide you through your Scouting career as you now work toward your Eagle. (Present awards to parents and shake boy's hands.) (Turn on the green light.) This green light represents the light represents the Boy Scout spirit that you now have. Congratulations.

ARROW OF LIGHT - BROKEN ARROW

EQUIPMENT: An Arrow for each boy, two council fires, awards

SETTING: Cubmaster at first fire, boy scouts at second. A ward is attached to arrow.

AKELA: Will (Read names) and their parents please come forward and take their place of honor at the Council Fire?

Tonight (Read names) have achieved two high honors. They will receive the Arrow of Light award and graduate from Cub Scouting into Boy Scouting.

I hold in my hand an arrow. As you can see, it is straight and true, for only an arrow that is straight and true will hit its mark. (Hold up arrow so Scout can see its shaft.) In order to fly straight, it must also have at least three feathers. These represent the first three ranks of Cub Scouting you achieved; Bobcat, Wolf and Bear. With these awards in place you began to ascend along the shaft, toward the tip of the arrow, the Arrow of Light Award. This is the culmination of all your Cub Scouting efforts. Without a hard, sharp tip, the arrow is not a very effective weapon. Since you have achieved this, the highest rank in Cub Scouting, you will now be a more effective Boy Scout as you take with you the things you've learned and continue to progress along the Scouting trail.

Please stand. I now present you with this arrow, to which is attached your award. Parents, please pin the Arrow of Light on your son. now give your parents the proper salute. (The proper salute to a mother is a kiss.)

Since you are graduating from Cub Scouting tonight, you will no longer be a Cub Scout? except in memory. Because this arrow represents the path along which you have come, but not the path along which you must now go, I will ask you to return the arrow.

(Take the arrows and break them over your knee, just enough to crack, but not completely in two.) This broken arrow will now be forever a reminder to you, that you achieved every rank in Cub Scouting, and graduated with honor. It will no longer fly, just as you will no longer be a Cub Scout. But you will always wear the Arrow of Light symbol on your uniform, as a reminder of your accomplishment. You now may keep this broken arrow for your trophy skin. I give you one last salute before you leave our council fire to join your new Boy Scout brothers at their council fire. (Salute.) Always be straight and true! Now walk to your new council fire.

ARROW OF LIGHT - EAGLE FEATHER

EQUIPMENT: "Eagle " Feather, Arrow of Light Light box, Drum, Akela Costume.

WEBELOS LEADER: Tonight we have our Arrow of Light presentation. The Arrow of Light is the highest award a Cub Scout can achieve and is the only Cub Scout award that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. Will the Arrow of Light candidate(s) and their parents please come forward? (Read Names) To help with this presentation we would like to call on the great chief Akela, chief of all the Webelos. But before I can call the great chief we must have complete silence. Let's give this great man the respect he deserves. (Beat drum when silence is obtained to bring in chief.)

AKELA: Why have I been summoned?

WEBELOS LEADER: Chief Akela, (Read names) is (are) ready to receive the Arrow of Light award. Do we have your approval to present this award?

AKELA: Does he (Do they) have Scout spirit?

WEBELOS LEADER: Yes.

AKELA: (to Scouts) Raise your right hand in the Cub Scout sign and repeat the Cub Scout Promise for all of those present tonight. (Scouts do.)

Do you plan on living up to the promises in the Cub Scout Promise? (Scouts answer)

You have battled the Bobcat, trapped the wise Wolf and wrestled the great Bear. You have passed the trials of strength to join the mighty Webelos tribe. You have climbed the great mountain and reached into the sky to grasp the Arrow of Light. This is one of the Feathers you will wear in your war bonnet as you continue to climb higher until you are worthy to soar with the Eagle. (Present feather with award attached to the parents.) Parents pin this award on your son. It is an honor to have you as member(s) of the Webelos tribe. Be proud of your accomplishments.

WL: Please remain silent while the chief leaves us. (Drum beats softly while chief exits.)

ARROW OF LIGHT - PAINTED FACES

PREPARATION:

Ceremony Table with AOL awards and pins;

AOL Ceremonial Board with 4 candles:

Blue -- Spirit of Cub Scouting

Yellow -- Arrow of Light Award

Green -- Boy Scout

White -- Spirit of Scouting

Tom-tom, spotlight, poster paints: blue, yellow, green, white; Crossover bridge, large AOL sign (wood or cardboard) with string for each recipient; handbook and neckerchief for each recipient

PARTICIPANTS:

Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Webelos Leader, Scoutmaster, Webelos Den Chief, AOL recipients and their parents

ARRANGEMENT:

At the opening of the ceremony, only the white candle is lit; Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster are at front of room; Webelos Den Chief is at back of room with recipients; Webelos leader is on one side of room, Parents on other side. Scoutmaster waits on other side of bridge. Throughout the ceremony, a tom-tom drum is beaten, slowly.

When the tom-tom starts, the Den Chief leads the blindfolded recipients from the back of the room to the Webelos Den Leader (in arm-to-shoulder "link up"), who then leads them to their parents. The parents then lead them (individually) to the ceremony table.

CUBMASTER: (while the Scouts are being guided to the table)

As a Cub Scout, you have been guided through the Cub Scout Trail with the help of many Akelas. Soon, when you become a Boy Scout, you will find that, while there are still many people willing to help, you take on more and more responsibility for blazing your own trail to Eagle.

(Assistant Cubmaster removes blindfolds when in front of table)

(Names of AOL recipients), you have been called before the Pack because you have satisfied the requirements for Cub Scouting's highest rank: The Arrow of Light.

(Asst. Cubmaster lights Blue Candle, as the Cubmaster reads)

CUBMASTER: The first band of color is to remind you of the lessons you learned as a Cub Scout. The white candle represents the ideals of Scouting, as embodied by the 12 points of the Scout Law. Blue represents the spirit of Cub Scouting -- the spirit of giving goodwill and doing your best. Do you promise to fulfill the Cub Scout Promise and the Cub Scout motto, Do Your Best, when you receive the Arrow of Light badge?

(Webelos Scouts answer, "We do"; Webelos Leader applies Blue Paint to each recipient's face).

CUBMASTER: Webelos Scouts have faithfully promised always to keep the spirit of Cub Scouting. As their parents, do you also promise to continue to help your boy in his Scouting adventures.

(Parents answer, "We do").

CUBMASTER: The second band of color, white, represents the Scout Law. Even though youth and adult leaders will cheerfully show you the skills you need, it will be up to you to live up to the 12 points of the Scout Law. Daily you will be faced with decisions and, at times, the trail will seem most difficult to follow. Make your choices by always remembering the Scout Law. In all you do, do you promise to be forever Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent?

(Webelos answer, "We do"; Webelos Leader applies white paint)

Cubmaster (as the Assistant Cubmaster lights the yellow candle)

CUBMASTER: The third band of color, and the yellow candle, stand for the Arrow of Light. Within the tepees of many braves, the Arrow of Light has an honored place. Its shaft is straight and narrow -- just as is the path that you Scouts should follow throughout your life. Its tip points the way -- the way to success in all that you do. It is pointing to the right -- a symbol that nothing should be left undone; if it is within your power to do it, see that it is done. And lastly, this is the symbol of the seven rays of the sun, one for each day of the week; this is to remind you that every day is a new day -- a day to Do Your Best in everything:

A day to honor your God and Country,
to do your Good Turn,
a new chance to follow the Scout Law
and to remember these words: On My Honor

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: (as the Webelos Leader places the wooden AOL's over each recipients head)

Just as each boy has blazed his own trail toward the Arrow of Light award, they each have crafted their own Arrow of Light to help them remember their promise to keep the Spirit of Cub Scouting alive. Do you promise to let its light shine forth from you, to set an example for others to follow in your footsteps, to set your eye on the Eagle and never waiver?

(Webelos reply, "We promise"; Webelos Leader applies yellow paint).

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: Then I, Akela, have the distinct honor to say to you: You are now full-fledged Arrow of Light holders!

(Cubmaster hands the parents the Arrow of Light awards and asks them to pin them upon the boys).

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: Next, we ask the Webelos to pin upon their mom or dad a miniature Arrow of Light, and to give them a big hug to thank them for all their help.

WEBELOS LEADER: You may wear the awards on your Scout uniforms, centered below the left shirt pocket. It is a great honor for me to greet you as winners of the Arrow of Light award. (all leaders shake hands of recipients)

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: The last candle, and the last band of color, is Green; it symbolizes the beginning of your path toward Eagle as a Boy Scout. As your Den Leader applies the paint on each of you, I ask that (Scoutmaster's name), Scoutmaster of Troop, come forward and light the Green Candle to start you on your way as Boy Scouts.

(Scoutmasters name) will now lead you across the bridge that connects Cub Scouting with Boy Scouting, where (names of Boy Scouts that will be greeting Webelos as they cross) will be waiting to greet you and present you with the handbooks and neckerchiefs you already have earned through your diligence this past month.

ARROW OF LIGHT - YOUR JOURNEY TO MANHOOD

This Arrow of Light ceremony has a more up to date flare to it. It would be more effective if it were used in an outdoor (summer) pack meeting. Try to find a neighbor or an Order of the Arrow team who is fairly proficient in archery, to assist you. Have a target set up a short distance away. The archer has special awards arrow in his quiver.

Ladies and gentlemen, tonight we present before you Cub Scout (S)_____. He has reached a milestone in his Cub Scout journey. He has been working for several years in the pack to earn his award tonight. The Arrow of Light is the highest award in Scouting, and it is very symbolic. The Arrow of Light is the only Cub Scout award that can be carried over and worn on the Boy Scout uniform. It is the beginning of _____'s journey through Boy Scouting. He has set a goal in Scouting just as a target and shoots for the bulls eye. The arrow in this archer's quiver is just like this boy. In order for it to reach it's goal it must be pointed in the right direction. Through Scouting, _____ will be pointed in the right direction. Like the arrow shaft, this boy must be straight and true to succeed in his journey to the target.

(Archer takes out the arrow and sets it in the bow.)

Scouting teaches a boy these traits. A boy's family provides the support to propels the boy to reach his goal.

(Archer shoots arrow at target.)

With the force of his family and Scouting, a boy can reach his goal. His goal of course is, honorable manhood.

(Walk over and remove arrow from target).

We present you with this arrow to remind you about tonight, and how your journey to manhood through Scouting begins. Also your Arrow of Light Badge that represents the Seven virtues of Life. By applying these seven virtues in your life, your journey will be successful.

We congratulate you in this special achievement.

Thank you for your membership in our pack. (Applause.)

ARROW OF LIGHT - I AM

PERSONNEL: Chief Akela, Lord Baden Powell, Indian Braves: Lone Indian Brave, Cub Scouting Colors, Four Winds, Ideals of Cub Scouting, Ships of Scouting, Seven Virtues of Life; Cub Scouts: one each Wolf, Bear, 1st & 2nd year Webelos; Adult Leaders: Den Leader, Cubmaster, Committee Member & Parents...

MATERIALS: 7 wax candle or oil yard torches: each character carries one except Lone Indian Brave...blazing fire in the middle or two - one on each side of the staging area.
The Council of Light

LONE INDIAN BRAVE: I hold the Council Talking Feather and the Spirit of Scouting Light. Tonight, we will honor those Cub Scouts who have traveled far and wide, on but the beginning of their Scouting Trail. Like thousands before, these young men have sought after, reached for, and now achieved the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouts, the Arrow of Light. Assemble the "Council of Light".

(ENTER 5 INDIAN BRAVES REPRESENTING THE COUNCIL OF LIGHT: Colors of Cub Scouting, Four Winds, Ideals of Cub Scouting, Ships of Scouting, and Virtues of Life. The Braves form a half circle behind the Lone Indian Brave, facing the audience. Braves can enter with torches blazing or they can light them as they speak to add to the drama. After the Braves are in place, Chief Akela and Lord Baden-Powell enter and stand on either side of the Lone Indian Brave: Akela on stage right and Baden Powell on stage left.)

LONE INDIAN BRAVE: Greetings, Chief Akela, great leader of the Webelos Tribe. Greetings, Lord Baden Powell, founder of our great brotherhood. All has been prepared. Welcome to the Council of Light. Would the following young Scouts please join the Council?

(Read names of Scouts. Have them assemble in front of Akela and BP in a half circle facing Akela and BP, not the audience. Akela's assistant should collect the certificates and patches and be prepared to distribute them after Baden Powell speaks.)

CHIEF AKELA: It is good to see the Council of Light being called again. Many old friends have traveled far to make our fire burn brightly. You, who sit before the Council are honored for achieving Cub Scouting's highest rank, the Arrow of Light. The friends you see before you look like braves, but have come to you in the past in many different ways. They are your friends, guides and source of inspiration. Listen well!

COLORS OF CUB SCOUTING: (step forward) I am the Colors of Cub Scouting. The yellow of the wolf represents fun, friendship, and good cheer. The blue of the bear stands for truth, loyalty and obedience. When added to the yellow and blue, the red and green of the Webelos stands for courage and perseverance. All of these colors together signify the unity of one among many. Never forget your colors.

THE FOUR WINDS: (step forward) I am the Four Winds. The trail of your Cub Scout adventures was aided by the north, south, east and west winds. The north is your parents, who help to keep you on the trail. The south is your pack: with the wisdom of the group, you were

able to travel farther. The east is your den, and the fellowship of friends. The west is your own sense of self-worth, which enables you to see things through and master the skills of life. Keep the winds with you for they will always be the wind in your sails.

THE IDEALS OF CUB SCOUTING: (step forward) I am the Ideals of Cub Scouting. From long ago, the ideals have passed, from one scout to another. Be square - truthful and honest toward everyone. Be loyal - honor yourself, your friends, neighbors, family and god. Be fair - with everyone and everything, take no advantage. Be happy - a smile is the language of every land. Be game - don't quit or give up, always "do your best".

THE SIX SHIPS OF SCOUTING: (step forward) I am the 6 ships of Scouting. You have sailed on these ships many times as a Cub Scout, and are certain to take passage again in the future. You will always be welcome on these strong and mighty ships that will carry you to your destination. They will last forever. Scholar-ship, fellow-ship, friend-ship, sportsman-ship, workman-ship, and statesman-ship. Their purpose is never ending. They are for you.

THE SEVEN VIRTUES OF LIFE: (step forward) I am the seven virtues of life. You can always see me in the Arrow of Light badge you wear as the seven rays of sunlight. Each can make your path a little brighter. Together, they can light the trail ahead. If you live by wisdom, courage, self-control, justice, faith, hope and love you will become a happy man, and a happy man is a successful man.

CHIEF AKELA: You have heard from all of the Council of Light except one. What you have heard is of the past and the present. What you will hear now is but one possible future. What it holds for you, no one can tell. Only you can travel the trail of the eagle. Listen well to our founder.

LORD BADEN POWELL: The trail of the Eagle is one with many challenges. You will come to many forks in the path and must make some difficult decisions. Each experience will be a learning one. Each new plateau reached, you will find yourself in smaller and smaller company. The world is at your feet. You have shown the courage, dedication and desire to complete your Cub Scouting trail. It is an accomplishment that should be your foundation on the trails of Boy Scouting.

These trails are full of rich and rewarding experiences that can enhance your life forever. They can make the trials and tribulations of everyday life seem less important. As a Cub Scout, you were asked to take an oath and observe the Law of the Pack. Boy Scouting is no different, except the Scout Oath and Law are the heart of your Patrol and the Troop itself. Be sure before you begin, that you accept them and will do your best to honor them. They can aid and support you for life.

I now ask each of you to dedicate yourselves to Boy Scouting by turning around and facing your family, friends, and peers, giving the Scout sign, and, with me, reciting the Scout Oath and Law. On my honor... A Scout is Trustworthy...

Gentlemen, it is with great pleasure that I accept you into the Council of Light.

Lone Indian Brave: Chief Akela will now present you with a Certificate of Recognition on

parchment paper, acknowledging your achievement and Lord Baden Powell will give you a special patch, in honor this occasion.

The certificate reads as follows: Presented himself before Chief Akela, Chief of the Cub Scouts, at Marin Council's 1996 Scout-o-rama. his physical and mental skills, spiritual growth, and character, having been tested while a member of his Cub Scout Pack, has passed all the tests necessary to continue on the Scouting trail as a Boy Scout. He has indeed "done his best".

On behalf of Scout Troops everywhere, Lord Baden Powell, the gfounder of Scouting, accepted him into Boy Scouting. By his own words, he recited and agreed to live by the Scout Oath and Law. He is ready to embark on his journey on the Trail of the Eagle.

Through the new skills and experiences soon to be learned from Lord Baden Powell and the fundamental teachings of Chief Akela, his journey on the Trail of the Eagle will not only be exciting, fun, and full of adventure, but prosperous and successful.

Congratulations. May the Spirit of Scouting be with you always. Given on this 3rd day of May, 1996, Marin Council, Boy Scouts of America. Signed by Chief Akela "Do your Best" and by Lord Baden-Powel "Be Prepared".

Lone Indian Brave: Our council fire begins to die. Let us go our separate ways and take with us the memory of this celebration until we meet again. the Council of Light is closed. May the Spirit of Scouting be with you all.

(All place their torches in the fire ring and depart in reverse order.)

ARROW OF LIGHT - THE PACK PAYS TRIBUTE

Materials needed are blue and yellow paints, Arrow of Light Badge, certificates and parent's pins.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we recognize certain of our Webelos Scouts who have achieved the highest rank in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light. Will the following Webelos Scouts and their parents please step forward (call each scout by name).

The pack pays tribute to you tonight for the honor you have earned. You have worked long and hard to reach this peak. You have earned your Webelos Badge and at least eight Webelos Activity Badges. You can recite from memory the Boy Scout Oath and the 12 points of the Scout Law, and you practice them in your everyday life. You know the Scout Motto, slogan, sign, salute and handclasp and what they stand for. You also understand what the different parts of the Scout Badge stand for. You know the parts of the Boy Scout uniform and have visited a troop. All of this you have done, and so much more.

In earning the Arrow of Light, you have shown that you have done your best. The color blue stands for the spirit of Cub Scouting, and this arrow shows the way of the Scouting trail. (Draw arrow on forehead in blue.)

The color gold stands for the rays of the sun and is used to show the seven virtues of life: wisdom, courage, self-control, justice, faith, hope and love. (Draw seven rays on arrow in yellow.)

These seven virtues will help you lead a happy and successful life. Remember them always. (Present parents with badges to present to their sons. Have boys pin their parents with the parent's pins. Congratulate each with a firm handshake. Recognize Webelos Den Leader for his or her role in the boys' development.)

ARROW OF LIGHT - YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED YOUR JOURNEY

By Rick Clements

PEOPLE REQUIRED: 1) Cubmaster, 2) Asst. Cubmaster (Asst. CM), 3) Den Leader and Asst. Den Leader (DL/ADL)

PROPS: 1) One 3 foot length of rope for each Cub Scout, 2) Arrow of Light Awards (with tape affixed to the card the badge is on)

ARRANGEMENT: (The Cubmaster, Asst. CM, Den Leader and Asst. Den Leader are in front for the presentation of the award.)

ASST. CM: Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents please join their Den Leaders and me? (List names of scouts receiving the Arrow of Light.)

ASST. CM: Our Cub Scouts are guided to Cub Scouting's highest rank by the Arrow of Light. The seven rays of the Arrow of Light represent wisdom, courage, self-control, justice, faith, hope, and love.(The Den Leader/Asst. Den Leader leads each scout one by one with his parents to the Cubmaster.)

DUADL: (scout's name) has earned his Arrow of Light.
(Cubmaster & Asst. CM welcome each boy with a Cub Scout handshake.)

CUBMASTER: The Arrow of Light is important. It's the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. But, more important than the badge itself is what you have learned, the work you have done to help others and the fun you have had earning it.
(Hand the card, to which an Arrow of Light is taped, to the parent.)

CUBMASTER: Please place the Arrow of Light on your son's uniform.
(After all parents are done)
CUBMASTER: The parents may now be seated.

ASST. CM: (name), can you tell me a memorable event or activity you participated in as a Cub Scout, or do you have some advice for the younger scouts?
(After each boy replies, tie his rope to the rope of the boy before him.
The first boy will tie his rope to the last boy's rope to make a circle. The Arrow of Light Webelos should be standing on the outside of it.)

CUBMASTER: This circle represents the circle of brotherhood, which is Scouting. Will the first year Webelos please come to join us now? Cubmaster: First year Webelos, please stand on the inside of the circle holding onto the rope. Cubmaster: Congratulations! Second year Webelos, you have now completed your journey in our Pack. As you continue on your journey toward Boy Scouting, strive to serve as the shining example that your Arrow of Light represents. You may now return to your dens. Cubmaster: First year Webelos, when the second year Webelos cross over to Boy Scouts, you will then be the oldest boys in our Pack. You will be the youth leaders of our Pack. May you serve our Pack well in that rank. Good luck to you!

ADVANCEMENT - JUNGLE BOOK CEREMONY FOR ADVANCING TO BOY SCOUTS

By Edward A. Haluska

PEOPLE REQUIRED: 1) Akela, the leader of the wolf pack (the Cubmaster) 2) Scoutmaster and Boy Scouts from the patrol(s) that will be accepting the Cubs Scouts Props: 1) Bridge (a small symbolic one is adequate) 2) New Boy Scout bandannas 3) Suitable recorded music and tape player

HINTS: 1) It is very common for the Boy Scouts to be responsible for the crossing over ceremony. If you want to use this ceremony for crossing over, be sure to discuss it with the leaders of the Boy Scouts who will be participating.

2) The music is mainly for the parents. During the crossing over, play something suitable like "Forever Young" or "Where Are You Going My Little One?"

AKELA: The moon is full, just as it was long ago on that night in the jungle when Mowgli first joined the Seonee wolf pack. It has been many years since Mowgli returned from living with the wolves. After he returned, he taught us many of the lessons he learned while in the jungle. The most important was that the strength of the wolf is the pack, and the strength of the pack is the wolf. That is why we are here tonight in this council ring. But just as Mowgli had to leave the pack, tonight we also have some man cubs among us who have grown strong and tall. The time has now come when they too must leave the pack to find their place in the world of men. They have learned many lessons as they have walked the trails of the bobcat, wolf, and bear. But tonight, because these cubs are ready to begin their next adventure on their way to manhood, we will not look to the way of the jungle for guidance. Instead, we will read from a book that men use when they seek wisdom. To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die;

A time to plant, and a time to pluck what is planted;
A time to kill, and a time to heal;
A time to break down, and a time to build up;
A time to weep, and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn, and a time to dance;
A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to gain, and a time to lose;
A time to keep, and a time to throw away;
A time to tear, and a time to sew;
A time to keep silent, and a time to speak;
A time to love, and a time to hate;
A time of war, and a time of peace.

AKELA: We have now come to the time and season when we must let go. So let us begin. Parents, bring forward these man cubs.
(Akela calls out the names of the Cubs who will be advancing to Scouts. Parents and Cubs come forward and face the rest of the pack.)

AKELA: Akela of the humans!

SCOUTMASTER: What is it that you want, Akela of the man cubs.

AKELA: We have among us several boys who have grown tall in body and strong in character. They have learned well the ways of the pack, but now they yearn to run with other boys who are also between their childhood and manhood. They have been with the pack for many moons, and have been a source of pride for us all. But now it is now the season when they must leave us.

SCOUTMASTER: We understand. Bring them to the bridge between us.

(If you have recorded music, start it now.)

(Akela now leads the cubs, one at a time, to the center of the bridge between Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. The boy is stopped at the center of the bridge, and Akela then removes the Cub's Webelos bandanna and any other Cub Scout insignias. The Scouts of the patrol that the Cub will be joining then place a Boy Scout bandanna on the boy and lead him to their group.)

AKELA: Although these boys are no longer with our pack, we still call on the Great Akela of all Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts to always guide their way. We ask that the Great Akela watch over them as they learn to soar with the Eagles. And, in the fullness of time, after the great wheel of life has turned full circle, when the season again comes to the time to gather in, and the moon is full, we pray that these boys will return, tall and proud and strong, and present their own man cubs to be accepted into the pack. But until then, let us send them on their way with a last wolf howl. (Akela leads pack in wolf howl.)

ARROW OF LIGHT - MEMORABLE - ARROW OF LIGHT CEREMONY

by Rick Clements

PEOPLE REQUIRED:

- 1) Cubmaster
- 2) Asst. Cubmaster (Asst. CM)
- 3) Den Leader and Asst. Den Leader (DL/ADL)

PROPS:

- 1) One 3 foot length of rope for each Cub Scout
- 2) Arrow of Light Awards (with tape affixed to the card the badge is on)

(The Cubmaster, Asst. CM, Den Leader and Asst. Den Leader are in front for the presentation of the award.)

ASST. CM: Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents please join their Den Leaders and me?

(List names of scouts receiving the Arrow of Light.)

ASST. CM: Our Cub Scouts are guided to Cub Scouting's highest rank by the Arrow of Light. The seven rays of the Arrow of Light represent wisdom, courage, self-control, justice, faith, hope, and love.

(The Den Leader/Asst. Den Leader lead each scout one by one with his parents to the Cubmaster.)

DL/ADL: (scout's name) has earned his Arrow of Light.

(Cubmaster & Asst. CM welcome each boy with a Cub Scout handshake.)

Cubmaster: The Arrow of Light is important. It's the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. But, more important than the badge itself is what you have learned, the work you have done to help others and the fun you have had earning it.

(Hand the card to which an Arrow of Light is taped, to the parent.)

Cubmaster: Please, place the Arrow of Light on your son's uniform.

(After all parents are done...)

CUBMASTER: The parents may now be seated.

ASST. CM: (name) , can you tell me a memorable event or activity you participated in as a Cub Scout, or do you have some advice for the younger scouts?

(After each boy replies, tie his rope to the rope of the boy before him. The first boy will tie his rope to the last boy's rope to make a circle. The Arrow of Light Webelos should be standing on the outside of it.)

CUBMASTER: This circle represents the circle of brotherhood which is Scouting. Will the first year Webelos please come to join us now?

CUBMASTER: First year Webelos, please stand on the inside of the circle holding onto the rope.

CUBMASTER: Congratulations! Second year Webelos, you have now completed your journey in our Pack. As you continue on your journey toward Boy Scouting, strive to serve as the shining example that your Arrow of Light represents. You may now return to your dens.

CUBMASTER: First year Webelos, when the second year Webelos cross over to Boy Scouts, you will then be the oldest boys in our Pack ... the youth leaders of our Pack. May you serve our Pack well in that rank. Good luck to you!

ARROW OF LIGHT – STRAIGHT ARROW CEREMONY

AKELA: I have summoned you before the council tonight to pay honor to one of our Webelos Scouts. Will ____ please bring his parents before Akela? We honor _____ tonight with the highest award in Cub Scouting - the Arrow of Light.

This arrow represents the Arrow of Light. Its shaft is straight and true, to remind a Scout to be straight and true in keeping his promises. The feathers on this arrow guide it on its course, just as the ideals of Scouting guide a boy on his course through life. The color of the arrow is blue to symbolize loyalty. A Cub Scout's uniform is blue to remind him to be loyal to his country. These seven yellow bands around the shaft represent the seven virtues of life. These are wisdom, courage, self-control, justice, faith, hope and love. If a boy will learn these virtues and apply them in his life, he will grow to be a happy man.

As we award _____ with his Arrow of Light tonight, we also give him this arrow as a reminder to remember the ideals he has learned as a Cub Scout; and to remain straight and true as he grows to manhood.

ARROW OF LIGHT - RUN, CLIMB AND CALL

Ceremony starts with:

lowered lights

artificial fire is glowing red

tripod suspended with black pot (dry ice inside - coffee can with neckerchief)

in the background is the slow beating of the tom-tom

Brave & Akela standing with arms crossed - looking straight ahead

Brave: Many moons ago there was an Indian tribe. There were many boys. Through-out the year the great chief Akela would watch to see who was ready to follow the arrow of light. Each year, Akela would stand before the council fire...

(pause)

Brave: Akela ... it is time...

Akela: Brave - run to the mountain ... climb to the top and call to the great eagle ... have the eagle fly high into the sky and bring back a piece of the beauty of the sun for our tribe.

(Brave runs off and returns shortly - with a piece of the sun)

Akela: Brave - run to the great forest - climb the highest tree and chirp to the flying sparrow... have him fly as high as he can go and bring back the bluest piece of sky for our tribe

(Brave runs off and return shortly - with a piece of the sky)

Akela: Let us pour the beauty of the sun into our council mixing pot.

(Brave pours bucket of sun into cauldron)

Akela: Let us pour the beauty of the sky into our council mixing pot.

(Brave pours bucket of sun into cauldron & fans smoke into room)

Akela: From this day forward - blue will stand for truth & loyalty. Yellow will stand for warm sunlight, happiness, and good cheer. All members of our tribe will wear blue & gold from now on.

(Akela reaches into coffee can & pulls out wolf-neckerchief... holds it up high for all to see)

Akela: It is good

(pause)

Brave: Akela ... it is time ...

Akela: Brave ... go forth and bring me those boys who are ready to follow the arrow of

light...

(Brave wanders thru crowd ... eventually bringing candidates to front ... forming a line on either side of Akela - arms crossed - and silent)

Akela: It is good

Akela: Would the parents of these braves come forward.

Akela: Each of you has learned much...

You have traveled to many places ...

You have helped others...

You have done your best ...

You have been loyal to God and to our tribe ...

You have earned our tribe's highest award... the Arrow of Light

(Brave & Akela - Both raise their arms and shout for joy - followed by a pause)

Brave: Akela ... it is time ...

(Akela pins badge on each boy ... while this next part is being done)

Brave: The arrow-of-light has a blue field with a blazing yellow sun - our tribe's colors. Blue for loyalty ... yellow for happiness.

Akela: On the badge is an arrow ... an arrow that points the way for you to follow... an arrow that stands for the oath you have taken and the law that you have learned. It is time for you to leave our tribe ... you have learned all we can teach ... now you must to follow the arrow.

(Brave lights Akela's candle passes out candles to boys)

Akela: Take two things with you on your journey of life ... your parents, always behind you ... helping you and supporting you ... and every now & then giving you a little push.

(pause) and take this speck of light ... it is the spirit of scouting ... by itself it is small but when multiplied by all the scouts in the world it becomes a beacon to help you to see your path. **(pause)** Let this light remind you to help other people... to be true to your country and to God. Let this light remind you most of all to be true to yourself...

(pause)

Brave: Akela ... it is time

(Akela & Brave walk to Bridge & stand on either side)

Akela: If you are truly ready you will be called to cross the bridge to your new tribe ... learn from them. Always follow your arrow of light...

(Akela & Brave stand stoically/silently... nodding as boy passes ... lighting his candle)

Akela: Scout Name ... Troop # calls you (then, Next Scout Name Troop # calls you, etc.)

(Pause after everyone bridges ... Troop(s) administer Oath or whatever Troop desires)

Akela: Let us celebrate ... and all dance around the fire ...

(Lights come up ... boys all dance around the fire)

ARROW OF LIGHT - LIKE AN ACORN

When you first see an acorn, it may seem quite small and insignificant. Who could guess the great potential lying inside its small shell? A cub scout is like an acorn. Although he may appear to be small, he has the potential of greatness within him. As an acorn sprouts and grows, it turns into a majestic tree - sought after for its strength and admired for its beauty. It is very popular and its useful purposes seem unlimited.

Would _____ please come forward with his parents. _____ was like the acorn when he first joined cub scouts. He was full of potential and ready and willing to learn and grow. In the Wolf, Bear, and Webelos dens, he has grown by learning the ideals of scouting. He is developing character along the way. has gone above that which is required to gain his Webelos and has earned the Arrow of Light, He is reaching to new heights each day as he follows the Cub Scout Motto to "Do Your Best."

This is the highest award you can earn in Cub Scouting but it is not the end to your growth. Just as the mighty oak grows each day for years and years, you too will continue to grow and learn. Follow the path which leads onward in scouting - and one day you will reach above the oaks and soar with the Eagles.

ARROW OF LIGHT - CAREER ARROW

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster as Akela, Boys receiving their Arrow of Light and each-of the boys parents.

EQUIPMENT: Candles, stand for candles, one marked arrow for each boy receiving his Arrow of Light.

After all other awards have been given, dim the lights and light the candies on the stand.

**Akela takes out one arrow, explains the markings on it, then asks "Who does this belong to"? The boy's parents stand and say, "Akela, that is my son's arrow. I know because I helped him up the trail to the Arrow of Light".

AKELA: "What is your name"?

PARENTS: "Mr. and Mrs. _____ (or whatever is appropriate).

AKELA: "Who is your son"?

PARENTS: " _____ " (Gives son's name).

AKELA: "Come forward with your son". (if there is more than one boy receiving his Arrow of Light, repeat the above for each boy.)

As they come forward and stand before Akela, he presents the Arrow to each boy, congratulates him and says, (from the back of the Arrow card), "Now, (Cub Scout's name , (give other boys' names also when appropriate), you hold the highest award in the Cub Scouting Program. You are now ready, for a great adventure as a Boy Scout. Hiking, camping, and advancement along the Eagle Trail are waiting for you after you join your Troop. BE PREPARED!!!

Akela then shakes each boy's hand who has received the Arrow of Light, and congratulates him. Turn to the audience and have them give him (them) a HUGE round of applause for their great accomplishment.

Explanation of markings:

The YELLOW mark tells me that this boy has completed his Bobcat requirements.

The RED mark means that he has completed his Wolf, after that red mark there is a gold and _____ silver arrow points that he earned as a Wolf. (Fill in as necessary.)

The GREEN mark shows that he gained his Bear rank and after that green mark he again earned, a gold and _____ silver arrow points . (Fill in as necessary.)

Next he joined a Webelos Den and earned _____ Webelos Activity Pins shown here by the _____ black marks; then he earned his Webelos Badge which is marked in BLUE. Then he earned _____ Webelos Activity Pins (fill in as appropriate) and now his Arrow of Light is signified by the WHITE marking on the arrow.

ARROW OF LIGHT - LEAVING CUB SCOUTING FOREVER

EQUIPMENT: Signs with each insignia on it (Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light). A bridge to walk over.

PEOPLE: Cubmaster, 3 or 4 assistants, Boy Scout Troop Leader.

CUBMASTER: Most awards here are fun, goofy or crazy. Not this one, this is a time to be serious. This is a very important day for these Scouts. They are leaving Cub Scouting forever. Starting on a new trail (to Boy Scouts). Receiving the highest award in Cub Scouting, The Arrow of Light. Before you see the Cub Scouting trail. (The signs of each rank)

FIRST DL: Bobcat - The Bobcat is asked to follow the Cub Scout trail and follow the Law of the Pack. You have helped the pack go and we hope it has helped you grow. (Have boys stand in front of Bobcat sign.)

SECOND DL: Wolf - As a wolf you had to learn new skills and start to find your way in advancements. You were required to fulfill 49 Wolf activities - to receive your Wolf badge. (Have boys stand in front of Wolf sign).

THIRD DL: Bear - As a Bear you had to learn new and more challenging skills which required more work on your part, as well as help from your parents and Den Leader. To achieve your Bear badge, you had to achieve 12 Bear activities. (Have boys stand in front of Bear sign).

FORTH DL: Webelos - As a Webelos, you had to earn three activity pins and fulfill 15 requirements which were all leading you to the Arrow of Light which is the hardest of all Cub Scouting ranks to achieve. (Have boys stand in front of Webelos Sign.)

CUBMASTER: To earn your Arrow of Light. You had to show your knowledge of Scouting.

FIRST DL: You had to participate in Boy Scout camping.

SECOND DL: Earn an additional 5 activity pins - which is a big challenge in itself. Some of you have gone far beyond this, earning several more activity pins.

THIRD DL: Learned new skills and acquired new knowledge you can use the rest of your life.

CUBMASTER: Before you, you see the Arrow of Light This has a special meaning. Did you notice the Indian sign for the sun over the arrow? That is why it's called the Arrow of Light. Notice the seven rays of the sun - one for each day of the week. They will remind you to do your best every day as you follow the arrow that leads you to Boy Scouting.

CUBMASTER: This is a joyous time - and a sad time. I am happy that you are advancing but sad that you are leaving. I have watched you grow from Bobcats to becoming Boy Scouts. I hope you carry a part of us with you as you grow. You are always welcome at our Pack Meetings.

FIRST DL: The Arrow leads you to your final Cub Scout trail - The Bridge to Scouting.

SECOND DL: Parents of these fine young men. Please come up. As parents you have helped your Scouts

through all the ranks of Scouting. You must now join them in crossing the bridge to Boy Scouts.

CUBMASTER: (Present the Arrow of Light to the parents, parents presents award to boys.) Send boys and parents over bridge.

TROOP LEADER: I would like to welcome you into Boy Scouting. (He could say a little about Boy Scouts.)

CUBMASTER: Congratulations on earning your Arrow of Light and good luck on your Boy Scout Adventure.

ARROW OF LIGHT - GIFTS AND TALENTS

We each have several gifts and talents. Each day we have the ability to improve our talents and develop new ones. Cub Scouting gives us the opportunities to try new areas and learn new skills.

(Call the boy up.)

_____ has improved his skills in many areas by earning the pins. He has also received awards for (name some awards received).

He has improved his memorization skills by learning the Scout Oath, Law, etc. (Name other requirements.)

Developing each of these talents has allowed him to earn the highest award in Cub Scouting - the Arrow of Light. Before we pin this award on you, we would like you to pin the mother's pin on your mother to thank her for her help. (Award the Arrow of Light.) Congratulations.

ARROW OF LIGHT – ARROW OF LIGHT AND GRADUATION CEREMONY

NOTE: Ideally, this ceremony should be performed in an outdoor campfire setting; for example, at a pack picnic. This allows for a more natural feel as well as for the use of torches, firepots, and other "special effects". If an indoor setting is preferred by the pack, candles should be used in place of smudgepots. Either the team or the Pack can provide the tokens called for in the ceremony. The team should have something prepared in case the Pack doesn't (an arrow with a felt banner, leather thong bolo, etc.). The team needs to make sure (via the Webelos leader) that the Cubs participating in the ceremony know and can recite the Scout Oath and Law as they are called upon to say both in the ceremony. When performing the speaking parts, memorization is important, but also try to become familiar enough with the part so the words come out naturally.

Also, since this ceremony doesn't tie in with any Order of the Arrow induction ceremony, sashes should NOT be worn.

Arrow of Light Ceremony

(The three principles (Chief, Medicine Man, Guide) enter from the rear and take their positions: Chief at the North, Medicine Man at the West and Guide at the east.)

CHIEF: (pausing for a moment to look out among the pack)

Cub Scouts, leaders, parents and guests; my brothers, Weuchsowagam, the Medicine Man, Witschindin, the Guide, and I, Takachsin, the Chieftain, bring you greetings and salutations. We have come before you tonight to fulfill a prophecy spoken in the legends of our tribe.

MEDICINE MAN: The words of the prophecy say that in the springtime of each year, young braves will be found who have met the challenges of Akela and are ready to become warriors. My brothers and I have watched your pack and have found such braves among you. We have come to present them with the highest honor: the Arrow of light. But before this can happen, they must take a journey through their memories.

GUIDE: Many moons ago, you entered the Cub Pack. The first challenges you encountered were from the Bobcat clan. As you met them, you learned what it means to be a Cub, the Law of the Pack, and the three words that would inspire you to meet all other challenges: Do Your Best.

(Light firepot or candle)

Having started on the trail, you next sought to join the Wolf clan. Here you were met with twelve challenges, harder than the Bobcat tests, But with the cleverness of the Wolf itself, you met them and continued on your journey.

(Light firepot or candle)

MEDICINE MAN: Now the trail became darker and fainter as you came to the Bear clan. Again twelve challenges were presented before you. As you met them, your knowledge grew and your spirit strengthened. It was this strength of spirit, like the Bear, that prompted you to move onward.

(Light firepot or candle)

CHIEF: As you neared the summit, you joined the Webelos clan. The time of your testing had begun. In the Webelos clan you began to learn about Scouting. Just as you learned the ways of the brave as a Bobcat, Wolf, and Bear, as a member of the Webelos learn the ways of the warrior.

(Light firepot or candle)

In time, you earned the Webelos badge, blazing the rest of the trail on your own. Now at last you have reached the summit and the end of this journey.

(To other principles) Let the Arrow of Light be conferred upon them.

GUIDE: (to Chief) Wait Brother Takachsin! Before receiving this most high honor, they must hear its legend so they may understand and appreciate what they are to receive.

CHIEF: (to Medicine Man) Brother Weuchsowagam, let the legend of the Arrow of Light be known to all present.

MEDICINE MAN: (Moves forward) In the ages past, when the Nations of the red man spread across the land, there was a young member of one tribe called Akela. Akela wished to be a warrior as the older men of his tribe were, but no one would consider him so. "Little Akela, he is too young to join the hunt," they would say. "Too slow to run with the Bobcat clan, not clever enough to hunt with the Wolf clan. Such a young one is not strong enough to join the Bear clan." No matter how hard Akela worked, all ways were barred to him. But the Aged Chieftain of the tribe saw Akela differently than the rest. "The spirit of this young one burns brighter than the largest fire. Akela has served his brethren well for one of his age. The time will come when the tribe will need only that which Akela can give."

One night in the fall during the harvest, a party of warriors was canoeing back to their village after a hunt. On this night, the fog rolled thick across the river. The fog was so heavy, the river path back to the village was hidden from view. A nearby river path to the right led to a roaring chasm. The warriors did not know the safe path to take and were trapped.

Akela had been practicing his hunting skills in the hills above the river and had seen the danger to the canoe. He wrapped an arrow in a skin, set it aflame, and shot it into the sky toward the safe river path. The warriors in the canoe saw the flaming arrow through the fog and followed it to the river path and the village.

The warriors went to the Chieftain saying, "We were trapped on the river and the Highfather sent an Arrow of Light through the sky to guide us." The Chieftain smiled and said, "The sign that led you to safety came not from the heavens but from one who you thought was too young to do anything." He brought Akela forward to the surprise of the warriors.

"Akela has proved himself worthy to wear the name of warrior. He has aided his brothers in their time of greatest need. Hereafter, all young members of our tribe shall become warriors only after meeting the challenges of the Arrow of Light. Let them each be filled with the spirit of Akela and follow his example of unselfish service to our brethren." And it was made so and carried through to the present day as you Webelos stand before us now, ready to receive the Arrow of Light.

GUIDE: Will the following Webelos and their parents please stand before us as your names are called. (As Guide recites or reads names, the Medicine Man should direct Webelos to make a line across the southern end of the circle. Parents should stand behind their son(s).)

CHIEF: Before this honor is conferred upon you, I must see your devotion to the high ideals of Scouting. Therefore, I ask you all now to raise your right hand to the Scout sign and repeat with me, the Scout Oath and Law.

(Raises hand in the sign of the Boy Scout (followed by other principles and Webelos) and recites Scout Oath and Law with other principles (Medicine Man and Guide) and the Webelos who will be awarded the Arrow of Light)

GUIDE: Having met all of its challenges, it is our duty and privilege to award you with the highest Cub Scout honor: the Arrow of Light.

(To parents) Because of the support and guidance you have given these braves, I give the Arrow of Light to you to present to them. (moves to the front and gives the Arrow of Light card and/or patch to the parents who then present it to their son(s).)

MEDICINE MAN: My brothers and I also present you tokens from your pack. (or say our tribe if your team supplied the tokens) Keep this in remembrance of this occasion. (Moves forward and presents each Webelos with a token. As he presents the tokens, the Chief and Guide congratulate each Webelos with the Scout Handshake)

(If you are going to induct the Webelos into your troop at this time, continue, else jump to the closing (see below))

Graduation Ceremony

GUIDE: (After all principles have returned to their places) Parents, you may be seated.

CHIEF: As we have said before, this ceremony marks an end of a journey. But even as this journey ends, another is just beginning. Here at the summit of Cub Scouting you have found the start of a new trail. This trail is a pathway that leads to the realm of our brothers in the sky, the Eagles.

MEDICINE MAN: But the trail will also be long and difficult. As you journey, you must keep the spirit of Akela strong within each of you. It will give you strength and guidance as you move onward.

GUIDE: (Medicine Man moves between the members of the Scout troop and the Webelos) The time has come for you to begin on the new trail. To join the clan of the warriors: The Scout Troop. Each of you shall now cross the bridge and be welcomed by the Troop members.

MEDICINE MAN: As the night is a bridge between each day, let this be a bridge for each of you to the fellowship of Scouting. (Medicine Man moves aside to let the Cub Scouts pass and cross the bridge. Webelos cross and are welcomed by a Troop member, after all have crossed and are greeted, Guide continues)

Closing Ceremony

GUIDE: (To all still standing) You may now be seated.

CHIEF: Once again, I congratulate you on your achievements. Having finished the work for which we were called to do, we now depart this gathering of your Pack. Before we go, I would remind you to keep Akela's spirit alive. Let it ignite a spark within each of you that will fan into a fire as you grow.

(Pause)

We challenge all the younger braves present to continue on your trails and strive to reach the summit and the Arrow of Light. May the great master of all Scouts be with you until we meet again. (Principles silently depart)

ARROW OF LIGHT – PACIFIC LORE AND THE CHIPPEA/NAHAK LODGE

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At rear of room, Allowat Sakima instructs parents to paint Yellow/Orange stripes on boy's faces. Allowat-Sakima steps to center stage bathed in spotlight and holding spear. Turns to audience as drum booms three times.

I, Allowat Sakima, Chief of the fire, call this gathering of our clan to order. Let all present be silent and heed [hold spear high]

[Kneel] Great Spirit, you who have given us the four hills of life, I ask you to hear me. We your people honor you for the gift of life you have given us. Make your face shine upon us as we gather this night to mark the crossing of our young braves from youth to adulthood, and present them with the symbol of their passage, the arrow of light. [stand]

To those present in our lodge not of this tribe: Greetings. We of the clan of Nahak, people of the Great Bear, celebrate the 4 Hills of Life given to us by the Great Spirit. Each hill has a special meaning and color.

The first hill is infancy. Its color is pale, pale as were your newborn faces, which had yet to see the light of the day outside the Lodge.

The second hill is youth and its color is the yellow-orange of the earth, to remind you of the ties which bind you to the great Earth-Mother.

The third hill is adulthood, and its color will be the dusty rose of life, to remind you of the tribulations of many seasons.

The fourth hill is old age, and the ever-deepening shade of rose burned upon your faces, to remind you of the wisdom that comes from the shadow of deepening twilight.

Black symbolizes that which lies beyond the fourth hill.

See, at the entrance of our kiva stands those of our clan who would cross to the threshold of the third hill this night. I call upon the givers of life to these braves to approach and present them to me. But hear me! In asking your sons to be given the color of the third hill, you must also be prepared to relax the reigns by which you have bound them in their youth. If you agree to this, then approach the council fire.

[Scouts and parents approach stage/do not climb steps].

My young braves, turn and give honor to the ones who have imparted life upon you. Parents, now give the blessing to your sons and be seated.

Are you prepared to begin your journey? Then receive from me the color of the Third Hill. [ALLOWAT SAKIMA paints faces and climbs steps]

My brothers, come sit around the circle of the council fire and hear this tale. It is part of the wisdom of our people, a story of the beginning times-

[ALLOWAT SAKIMA tells story of the rainbow raven]

[Boys stand] My brothers, you are like the rainbow raven of our legend. For you, too, have many colors [ALLOWAT SAKIMA points with spear to Webelos colors, rank and arrow points]

And you, too, must show your willingness to be like the rainbow raven and sacrifice self in service of the Great Spirit, your nation, and your clan. Are you prepared to do this? [Boys answer "yes", in turn] so now, receive the greatest wisdom of our people. It is this: only by a life of service to others can you achieve true greatness.

But, unlike the raven who lost his colors forever, you are about to embark upon a new quest Not a quest of the raven, but of a greater bird: in place of the Bobcat, will be Tenderfoot. In place of activity pins will be merit badges. And in place of the Arrow of Light, will be the badge of the mighty Eagle itself. Will you follow me on this quest? [Boys answer "yes", in turn].

Know that your journey will require strong medicine. Receive now from me this medicine pouch. In it you will place the things you value, as symbols of strength along the way.

The first item you will place in your pouch is your Webelos colors. As you journey along the scouting trail, you will face many tribulations. And you will add more medicine symbols, each according to your own vision and wisdom. Each will give you the strength to face the next ordeal, to climb ever higher. You will wear this pouch upon your belt.

Families, gather around the circle of the fire. My brothers, Akela will now present you with a special gift, a symbol of your accomplishments as you climbed the second hill [Den Leader presents boys with painted arrows]

My brothers, to complete your passage, receive now from Allowat Sakima, the symbol of the fire: The Arrow of Light.

Wait! One of your brothers is not present in this circle as he has joined your clan only recently. [Fetch missing cub]. I charge you to guide his steps that he may not stumble from the scouting trail. Do you accept this charge?

[Boys answer "yes", in turn] {Note: This is optional-for any cub who may not have completed the Arrow of Light, that he does not feel left out}

You have indeed learned well, for you have taken another step on the path of service!

[Raise spear over head] And now, may the Great Spirit, the Great Scoutmaster of all true scouts give us his blessing and guide us until our clan gathers again. My brothers, go forth in service and peace. This council fire is concluded. [3 taps of spear.]

ARROW OF LIGHT – O.A. LODGE 127 ARROW OF LIGHT CEREMONY

Characters:

Dress:

Chief Akela

Double Trailer
War Bonnet
Long Breastplate
Feather Flag

Medicine Man

Horned Bonnet
Dream Catcher

Guide

Roach
Bow

Guard

Roach
Deer Antler Staff

Drummer

Plain

Fire Keeper

Plain

Cubmaster

Webelos Den Leader

MATERIALS: Fire wood, , Water buckets, Arrow of Light Board, Paper, Torch fuel, Spirit of Scouting Candle Arrows, Tiki torches, "Seven Rays" script, Candles, Fire extinguisher, Drum and beater, Matches, Leather pouch for awards, Shovel, Blanket

"Story of the Arrow" script

Drum starts to beat. Slow tempo. Chief Akela enters the ceremony area, positions himself behind the council fire and faces the audience with head bowed.

Medicine Man enters the ceremony area carrying a blanket. He places the blanket in front of the council fire and positions himself with his back to the blanket, facing the audience with his head bowed.

Guide enters the ceremony area and lights the Spirit of Scouting Candle by the Arrow of Light Board. He positions himself on the west side of the ceremony area, facing the audience with his head bowed.

Guard enters the ceremony area and positions himself on the east side of the ceremony area, facing the audience with his head bowed.

When all are in position with their heads bowed the drum will continue to beat for a short time. When the drum stops, all will raise their heads. The Chief will start the four winds. The drum stops.

CHIEF AKELA: (raises the feather flag) I am the North Wind. People say I am cold, but to you I will always bring the warmest of winds because you have been true-blue Cub Scout and Webelos Scouts, and have always lived up to the Law of the Pack.

MEDICINE MAN: (raises the dream catcher) I am the South Wind. I wish you good Scouting. Over hill and dale I have carried stories of you and your experiences. As Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts, you have been happy, game, fair and a credit to your Den and Pack.

GUARD: (raises the deer antler staff) I am the East Wind. I wish you well. I have spread the story of your fun and happiness in Cub Scouting with Pack ____ and how you lived up to the Cub Scout Promise and were fair and helpful.

GUIDE: (raises the bow) I am the West Wind. I would like everyone present to know that these Webelos Scouts did not walk the Cub Scout Trail alone. Each had the wonderful help of his parents. Parents, continue to help your boys to go and grow.

GUARD: Chief Akela, there are some among us worthy of the highest award in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light.

CHIEF AKELA: (tilts the feather flag towards Guard) My brother, - seek them out that are worthy of this award and bring them before our council fire.

GUARD: It shall be done Chief Akela.

Guard goes among the audience and finds the Webelos Scouts who are getting their Arrow of Light. He forms them into a line and tells them to follow him. The drum beats slowly.

Guard slowly leads the Webelos to the Guide. He stops when he is about two feet away. He raises his right hand in the Cub Scout sign. The drum stops.

GUARD: Hakola.

GUIDE: Hakola. Who are these who follow the path of the arrow?

GUARD: These are they who are worthy of the Arrow of Light.

GUIDE: Go forth, seek the arrow on the upward trail.

The drum starts to beat. Guard leads the Webelos to the Medicine Man. The drum stops.

GUARD: Hakola.

MEDICINE MAN: Hakola. Who are these who follow the path of the arrow?

GUARD: These are they who are worthy of the Arrow of Light.

MEDICINE MAN: Go forth, seek the arrow on the upward trail.

The drum starts to beat. Guard leads the Webelos to the Chief Akela. The drum stops.

GUARD: Hakola.

CHEIF AKELA: Hakola. Who are these who follow the path of the arrow?

GUARD: These are they who are worthy of the Arrow of Light.

CHIEF AKELA: Go forth, seek the arrow on the upward trail.

The drum starts to beat. Guard leads the Webelos to the blanket and tells them to stand facing Chief Akela. The drum stops.

CHIEF AKELA: Webelos Scouts, listen to the story of the arrow.

Fire Keeper who is hidden from the audience, reads the story of the arrow.

The drum starts after the story of the arrow is finished.

The Medicine Man walks over to the Arrow of Light board.

When the Medicine Man is in position at the board, Guard leads the Webelos to the board and positions them facing it.

Guide walks over and positions himself behind the Webelos.

Guard walks to the side of the Arrow of Light board to read the meaning of the seven virtues. The drum stops.

GUARD: The seven candles represent the rays in the Arrow of Light. As they are lighted, you will hear how they stand for the seven great virtues of life.

Medicine Man lights the first candle and says the name of the candle, while Guard recites the script for the seven virtues.

MEDICINE MAN: Reads script for Seven Virtues from Staging Den and Pack Ceremonies.

When Guard has finished with all seven virtues he leads the Webelos back to the position in front of the blanket, facing the audience.

Guide and Medicine Man return to their places by the council fire.

Chief Akela tilts the feather flag towards Guard.

CHIEF AKELA: My brother, go forth and seek out the parents of these Webelos Scouts and bring them before the council fire.

Guard goes out into the audience and finds the parents of the Webelos (Cubmaster/Webelos Den Leader job to set them up) and brings them forward, placing them behind their sons. Guard returns to his position.

Chief Akela then explains the Arrow of Light badge.

CHIEF AKELA: The Arrow of Light Badge is the only Cub Scout Award that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. It serves as a link between the two programs and points the way toward new adventure in Boy Scouting.

Chief Akela gives out the large Arrow of Light Badge to the mother.

CHIEF AKELA: Will you pin on the Arrow of Light Badge on the left pocket flap of your son.

Chief Akela gives each Webelos a miniature Arrow of Light Pin.

CHIEF AKELA: Here is a miniature Arrow of Light Pin for you to pin on your Mother. Do so now, if she is present.

Mothers, you should take pride in wearing the minLight pin. It symbolizes not only your sons achievements, but that he has had your support during his time in Cub Scouting. He will need your continued support when he moves on to Boy Scouting.

Chief Akela then gives the cloth Arrow of Light Badge to the father.

CHIEF AKELA: Here is your sons Arrow of Light Award, please present it to him now.

Chief Akela now gives each Webelos an arrow and shakes his right hand as a Cub Scout. Medicine Man helps pass out the arrows.

CHIEF AKELA: These arrows have passed down from previous Arrow of Light recipients, so one day you may be asked to pass it on to Cub Scout who is about to receive their Arrow of Light.

Chief Akela and Medicine Man returns to their position after the arrows have been passed out. Chief Akela tilts the feather flag toward Guard.

CHIEF AKELA: My brother, please escort these parents back to their seats.

Guard escorts parents to their seats and returns after they are all seated.

Chief Akela tilts the feather flag toward Guide.

CHIEF AKELA: My brother, please escort these Arrow of Light recipients back to their seats. Guard escorts parents to their seats and returns after they are all seated.

The drum starts to beat.

Guard slowly leaves the ceremony area.

Guide blows out the seven rays candles and slowly leaves the ceremony area.

Medicine Man folds the blanket and slowly leaves the ceremony area.

Chief Akela walks over to the Spirit of Scouting candle and carefully blows it out.

The drum stops.

CHIEF AKELA: This ends your Arrow of Light ceremony.

Chief Akela picks up the Spirit of Scouting candle and slowly leaves the ceremony area.

ARROW OF LIGHT – WEBELOS GRADUATION – CUB SCOUT FAMILY GRADUATION

This ceremony can be held indoors or outdoors, in uniform or in Indian costume.

PERSONNEL: Webelos Den Leader, graduating Webelos Scout and his parents, Scoutmaster, Patrol Leader, five Cub Scouts to hold posters, Den Leaders, Pack Committee Members.

EQUIPMENT: Small posters of all Cub Scout ranks, Boy Scout neckerchief and neckerchief slide.

ARRANGEMENT: All Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, den leaders, and committee members line up in two columns. Cub Scouts hold small posters bearing the five Cub Scout ranks. The Webelos Den Leader, graduating Webelos Scout, and his parents stand at one end of the double column. The Scoutmaster and Patrol Leader of the graduate's new troop face them at the other end of the column.

When all are in their places, the Webelos Den Leader reads a review of the graduate's accomplishments during his Cub Scout years, mentioning awards he has received.

WEBELOS DEN LEADER: Our accomplishments are never made without help. And significant in [graduate's names] growth has been the help he has received from his parents. I thank you for the help you have given your son and your cooperation with his den and pack leaders. Of course, we shall miss you as you move on into Boy Scouting - but, we are honored to present Troop [number] such an outstanding family! All of us here wish you continued success as you climb the Scouting trail.

(The graduate and his parents now pass down the line between the two columns, receiving good wishes and good-byes from all pack members. Cub Scouts might sing "For They're a Jolly Good Family," to the tune of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" as the graduate and his parents pass down the line. When the graduating Webelos Scout and his parents reach the end of the column, the Scoutmaster welcomes them.)

SCOUTMASTER: You have had a great experience in Cub Scouting and Webelos Scouting. Boy Scouting will introduce you to new skills that lead to more great fun - hiking and camping. Mr. and Mrs. [name], we hope you will continue to help your son, and we will look forward to your active participation in making our troop one of the best.

In so doing you will be assured that your son is receiving full benefits from his Scouting experience.

(The graduate's patrol leader now replaces the Webelos Scout neckerchief with the neckerchief of his new troop and gives him the Scout handshake. Close with a graduation song, grand howl, or other appropriate closing.)

(All exit.)

ARROW OF LIGHT – COUNTING COUP CEREMONY

SETTING: Scout leader dressed in Indian outfit as Akela, standing or sitting by a ceremonial fire.

PARTICIPANTS: Akela, Cubmaster, Webelos Leader.

Note: If trophy skins are being presented, involve parents to help with awards. Insert the presentation at **. 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 and have earned the Webelos Badge. 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 camp out 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.

The Arrow of Light is the only Cub Scout Rank that may be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. As an Adult he can wear the special square knot badge to always recall his having earned the Arrow of Light. Tonight we have (number) Webelos Scouts who have earned Cub Scouting's highest award.

Will the following boys and their parents please come forward? (List boys earning the Arrow of Light badge.)

Long ago the Indian braves would collect eagle feathers. Regardless of how an Indian brave accumulated feathers, he was not allowed, according to tribal law, to wear them until he had won them by doing a brave deed. He had to appear before the tribal council and tell or re-enact his deed. If the council thought the brave was worthy, the brave was allowed to wear the feather in his hair or war bonnet. These honors were called "counting coop." The Indian displayed his honors on his clothing, on a banner, or on a stick.

The Webelos Scout "counts coop" by wearing the many rank awards and activity pins on his uniform, but he will soon be a Boy Scout and will not be allowed to wear them any more. ** (I would like to present these Webelos with a trophy skin displaying their own scouting honors.) (Cubmaster presents skins to boys.)

You've completed all the requirements for your Arrow of Light badge and have completed the Cub Scout trail. It is our pleasure to award you this certificate of accomplishment, and award 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."

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 that represents the Arrow of Light on your uniform. In view of that significance, I offer my sincere congratulations to each of you.

(Shake the hand of each scout and parent.)

In Boy Scouts, when they have an Eagle Court of Honor, a charge or challenge is made to the new Eagle Scout. Tonight you have achieved the highest rank in Cub Scouts, and I want to offer such a challenge to each of you.

I challenge each of you to continue to live by the ideals you have learned in Cub Scouts, especially the Cub Scout motto: "DO YOUR BEST".

I challenge each of you to continue your high level of achievement in Boy Scouts.

I challenge each of you to look at the Arrow of Light badge and think about what it represents:

*The sun shedding its light on all that we do. A reminder that you should be a light for those around you.

*The seven rays representing the seven days of the week. A reminder that you should do your best every day.

*The arrow which is symbolic of everything which is straight and true. Just as you should be straight and true in your life.

I challenge each of you to follow where that Arrow of Light points:

*Forward on the trail of Boy Scout ranks.

*Upward to higher challenges.

I challenge each of you to soar to great heights and obtain the Eagle Scout Award. As Akela, I will be honored to join you, wherever you may be, to see you receive this achievement.

Parents, Leaders, Guests and Cub Scouts of Pack ____, would you please join with me in giving these boys a standing ovation for achieving the highest award in Cub Scouting? Congratulations and good luck!

ARROW OF LIGHT – AKELA’S ARROW OF LIGHT

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, narrator, boys, parents, two people to work the room lights and spotlight, drummer.

EQUIPMENT: Webelos prop stand, Arrow of Light with stand, The Official Boy Scout Handbook, Boy Scout Eagle badge poster, council fire, spotlight, drum.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have the special privilege of witnessing the presentation of the most sought - after award in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light.

(Lights are turned out, a drum beats slowly, the campfire is lit.)

NARRATOR: I, Akela, have heard the drums speak. I call to the council fire Webelos Scouts [names], and their parents. Gather around this campfire so that the other braves may look upon you. I, Akela, have heard of your great achievements and have brought for you the reward of your deeds. Look upon the symbol that stands beside you. (Spotlight on the Webelos prop stand.)

It is empty, and before you lie symbols placed here by your leaders. I, Akela, say to you Webelos Scout [name], pick up the green arrow and place it in the left portion of the stand. Now with your left hand on the arrow, give the Cub Scout sign. Do you promise to continue to follow the trail of the Eagle, wherever it may lead you? If you do, say, I do promise.

(If more than one, say, "Do each of you promise?")

Webelos Scout [name], pick up the red arrow and place it in the right portion of the stand. With your left hand on the arrow, give the Scout sign. Do you now promise to obey the Scout Oath? Now, Webelos Scout [name], pick up the yellow arrow and place it in the center of the stand. With your left hand upon the shaft, give the Scout sign. Do you promise to be forever trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent? If you do, say, I do so promise.

(If more than one, have all give sign and ask them to repeat, We do so promise.)

Now as you look at this Webelos symbol, you see that it resembles the Scout sign. Like your three outstretched fingers, it stands for the three parts of the Scout Oath. The sides of the fleur-de-lis are like your thumb and little finger that, when brought together, stand for the bond that ties all Scouts together. Now you are ready to receive the highest award of Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light.

Before you stands the Arrow of Light. Within the teepee of many braves, this symbol has an honored place. Its shaft is straight and narrow - just as the path that you should follow throughout your life. Its tip points the way - the way to success in all that you do. It is pointing to the right - a symbol that nothing should be left undone; if it is within your power to do it, see that it is done. And lastly, the symbol of the seven rays of the sun – one for each day of the week to remind you that every day is a new day, a day to do your best in everything. A day to honor your God and your country, to do your Good Turn, a new chance to follow the Scout law and to remember these words: ON MY HONOR.

Will Cubmaster [name] hand to the parents the Boy Scout Handbook and have them pin upon their boy the Arrow of Light. Now the boys will pin upon their mom or dad the miniature Arrow of Light, and give them a big hug and kiss for all their help.

Will Cubmaster [name] hand to the boys the ceremonial Arrow of Light.

CUBMASTER: Each boy will hold the Arrow of Light and pass it to the next. Now that you have received the Arrow of Light, let its light shine forth from you. Promise now to set an example for others to follow in your footsteps, set your eye on the Eagle (spotlight on Eagle poster) and never waiver. Do you so promise?

CANDIDATES: We promise.

NARRATOR: I, Akela, say you are now full-fledged Arrow of Light holders.

ARROW OF LIGHT - LOOK FORWARD

This holiday season is a time for focusing more on good cheer, and serving others. We reach beyond ourselves and give to others. As we are heading into a new year, we look forward to new beginnings, setting new goals, and moving on to new adventures.

Tonight we have a Webelos who has gone beyond that which is necessary to earn a Webelos badge. Would _____ please come forward with his parents.

_____ has worked hard this last year. He has earned (name some major awards). He has completed all the requirements to earn his Arrow of Light. Each year as you see the Christmas lights, let them remind you of your Arrow of Light and your experiences in Webelos. We are all at the end of one year and looking forward to the next. You are at the end of your Cub Scouting, and can now look forward to the years of adventure you have ahead of you in scouting. Congratulations.

ARROW OF LIGHT – NATIVE AMERICAN STYLE #2 - THE TWIN ARCHERS

PERSONNEL: Akela, medicine man; two archers (Cub Scouts); Arrow of Light candidates and their parents.

EQUIPMENT: An archery target, 3 to 4 feet in diameter; a candelabra with five lighted candles representing the ranks of Cub Scouting; bow and arrows for each archer (arrows are later presented to candidates); Arrow of Light Awards and certificates; safety pins.

ARRANGEMENT: The target is set up at the rear of the stage, no more than 10 feet away and in such a position that no person can pass behind it; the candelabra is at the front.

AKELA: Medicine Man, I understand there are those among us tonight who have earned the Arrow of Light Award. Present them to this council for proper recognition.

MEDICINE MAN: Will the following Webelos Scouts come forward. Please bring your parents with you. (Arrow of Light candidates and their parents come forward.)

AKELA: You Webelos Scouts have fulfilled all requirements for the Arrow of Light Award. This is your last step in Cub Scouting before entering Boy Scouting. You have already visited a Boy Scout troop and have talked to the Scoutmaster. Before you are the burning candles that represent the ranks of Cub Scouting. May it always be said of you, as a brave of the Webelos tribe, that you reach the top of any ladder of achievement set before you. You will soon go into Boy Scouting, there to be tested again. May you ever be successful. Will you always do your best?

ARROW OF LIGHT CANDIDATES: We will.

AKELA: I now ask that two of the best archers of the tribe come forward. As each Webelos Scout's name is called, an archer will shoot from a strong bow an Arrow of Light, signifying the highest honor that this tribe can bestow on one of its worthy braves.

(Archers come forward.)

Will the Webelos Scouts and their parents form a living circle. (Akela may coach parents.)

As the Arrow of Light speeds to its target may you remember that the spirit of Cub Scouting and of Boy Scouting are one and the same. Entire Scouting movement is one of service, high ideals, and fellowship.

(At this point the name of each candidate is announced slowly and with dignity by the Medicine Man, who pauses after each name until an arrow is shot. The archers retrieve their arrows and stand near Akela.)

To you parents I give the Arrow of Light Award and certificate which you will present to your son. The badge may be worn on his uniform now, centered on the flap of his left shirt pocket, and on his Boy Scout uniform later. (Presents awards.)

It is an honor for me to recognize you Webelos Scouts and to present you with these arrows. You may hang your arrow in your room to remind you of the good times we have had together in Pack [number]. (Presents arrows. The archers may assist, if necessary.)

We know that you will become worthy members of your Boy Scout troop. Boy Scouting will be a grand adventure for each of you.

ARROW OF LIGHT – WEBELOS GRADUATION – THE MILEPOST

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos Den Chief, graduating Webelos Scout and his parents, Scoutmaster, and two Scout aides.

EQUIPMENT: Troop neckerchief for graduate.

CUBMASTER: (Addressing audience.) Cub Scouting is part of the great Scouting movement. In the final months of his Webelos Scouting experience, a boy learns the requirements for the Boy Scout badge. He decides what troop he will join and, with his parents, arranges for his entrance into Boy Scouting. Tonight our Pack has the privilege of bringing another Webelos Scout to this significant milestone.

(Addressing Den Chief.) Den Chief [name] and his parents forward. (The Cubmaster greets them.) [Webelos Scout's name] has chosen Troop [number] as his preference. The Scoutmaster of Troop [number], Mr. [name], is here. We will ask him to come forward with his aides.

(The Cubmaster introduces the Scoutmaster and his aides to the Webelos Scout, his parents, and the audience.)

[Webelos Scout's name], I remember the night you became a Cub Scout. You and your parents stood in this same spot. That night a whole new world of opportunity was opened to you through Cub Scouting. During the past years you have experienced that good feeling that comes in giving goodwill to others. Now you have the privilege of becoming a Boy Scout. This ceremony marks the completion of your Cub Scouting, just as it marks the beginning of a whole new experience in Boy Scouting.

[Addressing Scoutmaster] Scoutmaster [name], Pack [number] is proud to present Webelos Scout [name], holder of the Arrow of Light Award. It is our hope and belief that you and your Scouts will provide him the finest opportunity to carry on his Scouting.

SCOUTMASTER: [Webelos Scout's name], it is a real privilege to welcome you into Troop [number]. As a Boy Scout you will hike and camp. You will learn many useful things. You will have an opportunity to continue to grow into a useful citizen because you will participate in civic activities and learn the thrill of helping other people by practicing the habit of doing a Good Turn every day.

And now Scouts [name] and [name] will exchange your Webelos Scout neckerchief for our troop neckerchief, a symbol of graduation into Boy Scouting.

(Aides replace the Webelos Scout neckerchief with a Boy Scout neckerchief, give the Scout handclasp, step back, and salute. The graduating Webelos Scout should have been coached to return this salute. The Webelos den Chief leads the Pack in a yell for the graduate. The Cubmaster dismisses the graduate with a warm handshake, and aides escort the graduate, the Scoutmaster, and the family off.)

ARROW OF LIGHT - HIS POCKET

Make a poster strip of each of the Arrow of Light requirements. Make a large pocket and sew it onto a sheet for your props.

We have a lot of uses for pockets. They are great to put things in. We can pull things back out of our pockets and use them as we need them.

Would _____ please come forward with his parents.

_____ has gone through Webelos this year, he has had an opportunity to put many things in his pockets. His pocket isn't actually a pocket in his jeans or his shirt. This pocket is a special place where he stores his experiences. The things which he has learned in Webelos will be stored in this special place where they can be easily reached when needed to help him in his life. I've asked some volunteers to help me show you what he has in his pockets.

(Have members of the pack read the word strips of the Arrow of Light requirements one at a time as they place them in the pocket. After all requirements have been read, present the mother's pin for her help in filling the boy's pockets with worthwhile experiences, Reach into the pocket and pull out the Arrow of Light Award.)

We would now like to present you with this highest award in cub scouting - the Arrow of Light. As you wear it, let it be a constant reminder of all the knowledge and experience you have gained as a Webelos. Congratulations.

ARROW OF LIGHT - SOAR TO NEW DESTINATIONS

Each year new discoveries are being made. We reach new heights, soar to new destinations, go further into space and at faster speeds. It seems that we are closing the gap between us and other planets as we learn more about them. We have someone among us who has soared to new heights. He has reached for the stars and achieved the highest rank in Cub Scouting, that of Arrow of Light.

Would _____ please come forward with his parents. You are like the astronauts who set their sights on the stars. They want to go beyond the limits that many of us set. They want to go further and faster than others. Congratulations on achieving your Arrow of Light. Continue to aim high and reach for your goals as you go along your scouting trail.

ARROW OF LIGHT - HONEYBEES

There is one insect who is known for its hard work and great contribution to the world, the Honeybee. Honeybees live in large groups. Each of the honeybees has its own job which benefits the entire hive. There are queens and drones responsible for laying eggs. Some gather nectar and pollen. Others feed and care for the young bees, make wax to build up the honeycomb. Many have the job of fanning their wings to circulate fresh air and keep the hive at a comfortable temperature. Others act as guards and are ready to fight off dangers to the hive. The bees spend their lives working hard, cooperating, and helping others. In order for a hive to thrive, each must do as the Cub Scouts and “Do Your Best.” would you please bring your parents forward.

_____ has been as busy as a bee. He has worked hard and gone above and beyond the requirements of a Webelos. He has worked within his Webelos Den and learned well. He has benefited the entire group - our Pack -just as the bee does for his hive.

Tonight we would like to present him with his Arrow of Light and challenge him to continue following the scouting ideals.

“Bee” sure to Do Your Best

“Bee” kind to others at all times

“Bee” willing to help others

“Bee” grateful for the country that you live in

“Bee” willing to stand up for what you believe in

“Bee” loyal to God and as the Scout Motto says “Bee” Prepared.

Congratulations.

ARROW OF LIGHT - TURN BACK THE CLOCK

Tonight we have for you a special edition of This is Your Life. We would like to Turn Back the Clock on one of our Webelos. could you come forward with your parents as we go back in time?” Have parents tell a story and show pictures of the boy as a young child. Next, have Wolf and Bear leaders tell something about the boy while he was in their den. Have Webelos leader tell of the pins that he has earned and any experience that stands out in his mind. By turning back the clock, we have seen what has helped you become the boy you are now. Tonight we would like to present you with the Highest Award you can earn in Cub Scouting - the Arrow of Light. We congratulate you on all your efforts and wish you luck as you continue on in scouting - reaching towards the Eagle.

ARROW OF LIGHT - THE FINAL RANK

EQUIPMENT NEEDED: Arrow of Light badges with a safety pin, a picture of or wooden symbol of the Arrow of Light, one piece of rope about 3 feet long for each boy receiving the Arrow of Light rank, Career Arrows (*directions found in the Staging Den and Pack Ceremony book*).

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents please join me on the stage (*call out each boy individually*).

CUBMASTER: Our Cub Scouts are guided to Cub Scouting's highest rank by the Arrow of Light. The seven rays of the Arrow of Light represent wisdom, courage, self-control, justice, faith, hope and love. These boys have proven themselves worthy of this rank. The Arrow of Light is important. It's the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. But, more important than the badge itself, is what you have learned, the work you have done to help others and the fun you have had earning it.

Parents, we place in your hand the final rank in Cub Scouting which your son has worked hard to achieve. Please pin the Arrow of Light to your sons' right pocket below his other ranks (after the parents have pinned the rank on the pocket) Parents please be seated.

Boys, please tie the end of your rope to the boys' rope to your right to form a circle. This circle represents the circle to brotherhood, which is Scouting. Will the first year Webelos Scouts from den _____ please come forward and stand inside the circle.

Congratulations second year Webelos, you have now completed your journey in our pack. As you continue on your journey, please strive to serve as the shining example that your Arrow of Light represents. As we call your name, please hand the rope to the first year Webelos across from you and accept a token of your den leaders' well wishes and love. These are career arrows made special by your den leader that shows your achievements during your years in pack.

First year Webelos, when the second year Webelos cross over to Boy Scouts, you will then be the oldest boys in our Pack ... the youth leaders of our organization. May you serve our pack well.

ARROW OF LIGHT - TOUGHEN UP

There are several things we can do to toughen up our bodies. We can lift weights, do aerobics, walk, run, swim, and get involved in team sports. Tonight we have someone who has toughened up, not only physically, but mentally, spiritually, and morally by building good character.

Would _____ please come forward with his parents. _____ has been working since he was a Bobcat in toughening up in all of these areas. He has (list some awards, belt loops, pins, etc. that he has earned). We believe that he is now tough enough, because of all his hard work, to receive the Arrow of Light. Congratulations on earning the highest cub scout award.

ARROW OF LIGHT – POUCH CEREMONY FOR ARROW OF LIGHT

Thanks to John Van Blarcom, Cubmaster, Den Leader, Pack 1776 Waldorf, MD

"In addition to the Arrow of Light Award, you will also receive a special pouch your Akela's made for you with three items in it.

The first item is a pinch of soil to remind you from where you have come, it is the earth that supports all life. It is your parents who gave you life and it is the many Akelas in your life who have given you love, wisdom and the knowledge that you now possess.

The second gift in the pouch is a mixture of herbs and spices. It is to remind you of the powers you have within you. If you were asked to name the single most noticeable herb in the mixture, you might each give a different answer. Just as the strongest power within each person is different. Some will make their mark using their intelligence, others by using their hands, others by helping people, and others by using judgement and common sense.

The third gift in the pouch symbolizes the feather of an eagle. It symbolizes that which had been given to eagles since the time of our ancestors, and it is perhaps the most difficult to understand. Like freedom, the eagle had to soar and survey the land beneath him; so too will you have the freedom to choose the goals in your life and pursue them with eagle's courage. Know who you are, where your powers lie, and use them to achieve your goals. You are to soar with the eagles."

In addition, we had the older Webelos to hand down a large arrow to the younger Webelos den to pass down their leadership in the pack. The arrow was wall size to display in the den. The pouch this year was made of denim and I placed the dirt and herbs in separate snack size baggies. You certainly could embellish more with a leather pouch and wrapping the dirt and herbs in leaves, origami pouches, or wax paper tied with thongs.

ARROW OF LIGHT - FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA

We are fortunate to live in this beautiful land of America. We have been blessed with freedoms that others can only dream of. There are great diversities from sea to shining sea. We have mountains and valleys, plains and rivers, and a great mix of landscapes. We have a great blend of people and cultures in our land also. Each person brings with them their own unique abilities, talents, and accomplishments. Tonight we have a Webelos who has covered a lot of territory in scouting. He has earned his Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and has now come to us to receive his Arrow of Light.

Would ____ please come forward with his parents. We would like to thank 's parents for being there along his cub scout trek. Thank you for walking beside him and encouraging him.

(Present mother's pin)

Your course towards Arrow of Light has not always been easy. I'm sure it's a lot like trying to cover America. Some parts were like walking in a valley or plain and were easy, while others were more like climbing a mountain. They made you work harder and tested your strength and endurance. We're proud of you for your hard work and would like to now present you with your Arrow of Light.

ARROW OF LIGHT - CUB GRUB SPECIAL RECIPE

I need some assistants to help me with a special recipe tonight. could you please come up with your parents to help me with this recipe? Read off the following ingredients and have your assistants place them in a big pot:

- 1- Scout oath or promise and Scout law on paper
- 2- Signs for motto, slogan, sign salute and handclasp
- 3- A scout badge
- 4- Boy scout shirt
- 5- Rope tied in square knot
- 6- 8 activity pins
- 7- Picture of Webelos Woods and troop meeting and activity
- 8- Registration form

9- With a spoon, stir in at least 6 months of being actively involved in cub scouts
Since you parents have been there to light a fire under your boy and help him with his cub scouting, we would like to present you with this mother's pin. You have added all the ingredients to successfully complete the requirements for Arrow of Light. We would now like to present this Arrow of Light Award to you. Pull out cupcake with patch inside - (place foil around patch and slide into cupcake before frosting. Could have blue frosting on cupcake and 7 lit yellow candles to represent the 7 rays on arrow - if building codes permit.)

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INDUCTION - WEBELOS INDUCTION WITH THE FOUR WINDS

PERSONNEL: Webelos candidates, their parents, 4 adults (1 in each corner of the room), Cubmaster, Webelos leader, someone to operate the lights.

EQUIPMENT: 5 candles, Webelos neckerchiefs, slides, & colors.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have Cub Scouts that are ready to join a Webelos Den. Will the following boys please come forward:_____,_____.

(Light candle on table in front of Webelos and turn out lights)

The winds can be both friend and foe to man. The winds can bring storm and destruction as well as the rain clouds that provide moisture and then blows than away so the sun may warm our land and hone. Tonight the winds bring us messages of good will. Let's listen to their message.

NORTH WIND: I am the North Wind. People say I am cold, but to you I will always bring the warmest of winds because you have been a true blue Cub Scout while in Pack and have lived up to the Law of the Pack.

SOUTH WIND: I am the South Wind. I wish you good Scouting. Over hill and dale. I have carried stories of you and your Cub Scouting experiences. As a Cub Scout you have been happy, game, and fair... a credit to your Den and Pack.

EAST WIND: I am the East Wind. I wish you well, I have spread the story of our fun and happiness as Bobcats, Wolves, and Bears in Cub Scouting in Pack ____and how you lived up to the Cub Scout Promise and helped other people.

WEST WIND: I am the West Wind. I would like everyone to know that these Cub Scouts going into Webelos did not walk the trail of Cub Scouting alone. Each had the wonderful help of his parents or guardian. Parents, please continue to help your Cub Scout to go and grow.

CUBMASTER: What are all the winds trying to say?

ALL WINDS: (in unison) We will be with you forever. We wish you the best of luck on the Webelos trail.

WEBELOS LEADER: The purpose of the Webelos Den is to help the boys earn Cub Scouting's highest award, the Arrow of Light. It also helps prepare than to go into Scouting when they leave 5th grade. The Webelos Dens meet in the evening. Sometimes we have meetings or go on trips on Saturdays. As you noticed in the Webelos Handbook, we work on 20 Activity badge areas. We will also visit Boy Scout Troops to help the boys who are about to graduate decide which Troop they want to join. You parents, will be called upon to assist in our activities from time to time.

CUBMASTER: Will the mothers now pin the Webelos colors on the right sleeve of your son's uniform shirt?

Will the Scouts please remove their Cub Scout neckerchiefs?

Will the fathers please place the Webelos neckerchief on the boys? (say boys names) will be a member of Webelos Den ____, led by Mr._____, Please come forward and welcome these new Webelos Cub Scouts and their parents into their den?

Congratulations! I hope you will have a rewarding and memorable journey a long the Webelos Trail.

INDUCTION - BOBCAT FAMILY WELCOME

Have a rustic candle holder with one candle for each incoming Bobcat. A separate candle represents the spirit of Cub Scouting. Call forward Bobcat candidates and their parents, and ask them to all join hands behind the ceremonial table. Extinguish room lights.

CUBMASTER: (lighting separate candle) This candle represents the spirit of Cub Scouting. It is a spirit of fun, of brotherhood, and of service. It will burn in your hearts during your whole career in Cub Scouting and later in Boy Scouting. We welcome you, both boys and parents, into our pack. Cub Scouting is for the whole family, not just for boys. Fun and friendship will be yours in our pack because we all join hands to make it so.

You parents have certain responsibilities in Cub Scouting. We ask that you attend all pack meetings and that you work with your son on his advancement. From time to time, we will also ask you to assist with den and pack activities. Your reward will be the joy of seeing your son, and the sons of others, grow as Cub Scouts and as budding young men. Will you accept your responsibilities?

(Ask parents to say, "We will.")

Please pin the bobcat pins on your son's uniform. (Parents do this.)

Now will the new Bobcats please join me in repeating the Cub Scout Promise? (Lead boys in Promise.)

As a symbol of your acceptance into our pack, and your agreement to do your best to follow the Promise, I will ask each of you to light a candle that joins you with the spirit of Cub Scouting.

(Announce each boy's name as he lights a candle.)

We gladly welcome your families into our Cub Scout family.

INDUCTION - AKELA BOBCAT INDUCTION

CHARACTERS: Akela (Cubmaster) and 2 Chiefs (Webelos leaders or committeemen)

PROPS: Small campfire with light hook-up. Akela wears war bonnet & wraps self in red blanket. Two Chiefs wear 1 or 2 feathers head dresses & scout leaders uniforms. Chiefs carry tom-toms or Indian rattles.

SCENE: Campfire set up in middle of stage area. House lights off. Akela enters with chiefs, to the beat of tom-toms. Akela sets down by campfire facing the audience. When he starts talking, the chiefs start walking slowly from opposite ends of Cub Scout seating area. Cubs to receive Bobcat awards fall in behind chiefs & follow them to campfire. Cubs gather around campfire in front of Akela. A Chief stands on each side of Akela.

AKELA: All new Cub Scouts please stand and follow Chief _____ and Chief _____ to the campfire.

I, Akela, welcome you to the great tribe of pack _____.

I Akela, salute you.

One of the requirements for you to become a Bobcat in this great tribe is to give the Cub Scout Motto and Salute. At this time salute these two chiefs and repeat with them the Cub Scout Motto: "Do Your Best". This is the Cub Scout Sign. It is Known all over the world. The two top fingers represent the alert ears of the wolf and they also stand for the two parts of the Cub Scout Promise: "To Help Other People" and "Obey". You must know this sign and use it whenever you say the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack.

Raise your right hand in the Cub Scout Sign and repeat with me the Law of the Pack.

The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives good will.

The next requirement is knowing and following the Cub Scout Promise.

I, Akela, promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
To help other people and to obey the Law of the Pack.

Another requirement is knowing the meaning of Webelos. Now say with me the meaning of Webelos: "We'll be loyal Scouts".

The last requirement is knowing and using the Cub Scout handshake. At this time, Chief _____ and Chief _____ will congratulate you on completing the Bobcat requirement with the Cub Scout handshake.

Would the parents of these new Bobcats please come forward and stand behind their sons. (After all parent come up, pass out awards).

Parents we welcome you. Cub Scouting is for the whole family. Fun and friendship are found in Cub Scouting. As parents you have certain responsibilities. We expect you to attend the

monthly pack meetings and work with your son on his achievements. When called upon, we will expect you to assist. Along with the other parents in various leadership capacities.

Our new Bobcats and their parents may now be seated.

(Two Chiefs slowly beat tom-toms as they and Akela exit).

INDUCTION - INDUCTING THE NEW FAMILY

EQUIPMENT: Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Boy Scout Handbooks; Bible, two blue, two yellow and one white candle; Bobcat badges and membership certificates.

CUBMASTER: Friends, we welcome you to our ceremony for new Cub Scout families. Before you burn five candles; two are blue, two are gold, and the center one is white. In front of the colored candles are the letters "C", "U", "B", "S". These four letters spell "Cubs," but each letter by itself stands for something special.

(note: Use Den Chiefs, Den Leaders or Committeemen for voices.)

VOICE 1 The "C" stands for Courtesy. A Cub Scout is courteous. He is courteous to old folks, his friends, his teachers, and especially his parents. He is courteous in all that he says and does.

VOICE 2 The "U" stands for unity. When a boy joins a Pack, his parents join too. He does not work alone but with other boys. He learns to get along with others.

VOICE 3 The "B" stands for Bravery. The Cub Scout is courageous enough to stand up for the things that he thinks are right--honest, equality, fair-play, thereby making the world a better place in which to live.

VOICE 4 The "S" stands for Service. A boy not only does service to himself while he is a Cub Scout but he also serves others. He strives to help spread good will in every way he can.

CUBMASTER: Cub Scout, you see before you four books: the Wolf book, the Bear book, the Webelos book, and the Boy Scout handbook. They stand for the steps that a boy climbs as he goes higher and higher in Cub Scouting and finally reaches the very top as a Boy Scout. Also, before you lies a Bible open to these words: "Remember now, thy Creator, in the days of thy youth" --Ec 12:1. That means that each boy should remember God, his Maker, in all that he says, does and thinks. The great white candle in the center stands for God, just as God should stand in the center of our lives.

You have come here tonight seeking admission to the friendship and fun of Cub Scouting. You have attended a meeting of the Den you expect to join. You have learned, along with your parents who are here with you, those things necessary to become a Bobcat.

INDUCTION - FAMILY WELCOME WITH BOBCAT PRESENTATION

CUBMASTER: We are happy again to welcome ____# of boys and their families, who have joined our Pack. Will the following families please come forward. (Read names of boys in attendance.)

On the table beside us is a unique ceremonial board. It contains but two yellow candles. One candle (light first candle) stands for us, the parents. The other candle (light second candle) stands for our sons, the Cub Scouts. With both candles in place, the ceremonial board is in balance. Should we remove the parent's candle (loosen wing nut and remove first candle), the Cub Scout candle goes down. This is what will happen if we, the parents, do nothing with our Cub Scout sons. If, on the other hand we work with our sons and guide them along their way, we can create a balance (replace candle and tighten wing nut) which can be compared to the beauty and symmetry of a tree.

ASST CUBMASTER: "The Family Tree", by Hellen Crawford

There's one thing in God's nature world
That means a lot to me--
It symbolizes much of life
It is a lovely tree!!

With roots so deep in God's rich earth
It's not disturbed by weather--
Like families with faith in God
Who live in peace together.

Its trunk, the body strong and firm,
Like parents anywhere--
To guide, control, direct, sustain
The offspring which they bear.

The branches which like children spread
In every known direction--
Until the fruitage of their growth
Has reached its full perfection.

And so a tree appears to me
The gem of God's creation--
As it portrays our families
Which constitute a nation.

CUBMASTER: And now we want to receive these parents and their sons into the fellowship of the Pack.

Will every parent stand and join with these new Cub Scout Parents in repeating after me...
"We, the parents of a Cub Scout, do promise to assist our son in earning his Cub Scout badges. We will be faithful in our attendance at pack meetings, and assist in every possible

way, as we help our son to Do His Best."

Will all the Cub Scouts now stand, give the Cub Scout Sign, and join these new Bobcats in saying the Cub Scout Promise.

"I, _____, promise to do my best, to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people, and to obey the Law of the Pack."

The two yellow candles, representing the parents and the boys will now be joined together to light the center blue candle, which represents the Pack. For without the boys or their parents, the Pack could not exist.

Because you parents have helped your son earn the Bobcat badge, will you pin it on him and then give him his certificate. Traditional in Scouting is the turning of the Bobcat badge upside down until the boy does a good deed.

Each of the mothers will now be presented the Mother's Ribbon, on which the boys will pin each rank as he earns it. We ask that you wear the ribbon to all Pack Meetings and any other Scout functions.

Welcome again to the Cub Scout family of Pack _____.

INDUCTION - BOBCAT CAMPFIRE INDUCTION CEREMONY

EQUIPMENT: Artificial campfire; stick for each Cub Scout to receive a badge; Bobcat patches, straight pins.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, new Bobcats and their parents.

The Cubmaster calls forward the Bobcats and their parents and asks them to form a semicircle behind the fire, with parents behind boys.

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouts, you have learned the things a boy must know to join our pack. Will you show that now by making the Cub Scout sign and repeating the Cub Scout Promise? (Lead Promise.)

Parents, we welcome you into our pack, too. You know that you have a role in Cub Scouting as a guide in your son's advancement and as a participant and helper in the pack's activities. If you accept this responsibility, please say, "We will." (Parents give assent.)

This campfire represents the warmth of membership in our pack. Will you Bobcats please show that you wish to join in that warmth by adding your stick to the fire, showing that you want to do your best and be a friend to the others in the pack?" (Boys place sticks.)

Now I will give your parents your bobcat badge to pin on your shirt.

INDUCTION - TIGER CUB WELCOME TO THE PACK AND SCOUTING

MATERIALS: Blue Candle, Yellow Candle, Orange Candle and a small candle for each Tiger Cub member.

PARTICIPANTS: Cubmaster, Tiger Cub Group Organizer, Tiger Cub Group.

CUBMASTER: Many years ago, Akela decided that the young boys of his nation should learn of the many great traditions shared by his Tribe. He called the Elders of the Tribe to his Council fires and told them of his plan.

The seven, eight, nine and ten-year old boys would become a group called "Cub Scouts." They would work together to learn the fine ideals of the Tribe, concern for others, responsibility to the nation and their great God, and to always try to do the best they could. He gave them a motto to live by..."Do Your Best"...and called the group a "Pack." The Blue (Light blue candle) of the sky and the Gold of the (light gold candle) Sun would be their colors and each boy made a promise saying...

I, _____ , promise,
To do my best,
To do my Duty,
To God and my country,
To help other people,
And to obey the Law of the Pack."

TIGER CUB ORGANIZER: As time passed, Akela decided that boys younger than the "Cub Scouts" should also be given a chance to do and learn those things that would help them to grow to become better members of the Tribe. He knew that one of the most important parts of growing is learning to relate to others, so he gave each of the younger boys an adult partner to work with. They would participate in activities together, sharing ideas and values, learning about each other and discovering new interests. The six-year-old boys who would be a part of this group would be called "Tiger Cubs" and they would adopt the color of the Tiger as a symbol of their Group. They would be a special part of the "Cub Scout" Pack and learn about Cub Scouting. As a symbol of this special relationship I am lighting the Orange Candle using the flame of the Blue and Gold candles.

CUBMASTER: Our Pack has a group of these special boys who want to be a part of Cub Scouting as Tiger Cubs. We are going to welcome them to the fellowship of our Pack tonight. Will the members of our Tiger Cub Group please come forward.

The Tiger Cub program has been planned especially for first grade boys. It will give each of you an opportunity to share a part of yourself with your Tiger Cub partner, working together to have fun, learning about many things, and making new friends. The motto of the Tiger Cubs BSA - SEARCH, DISCOVER, SHARE - tells what you can do together. You will work together and on occasion with the Pack, to enjoy your activities in Tiger Cubs. We look forward to having you as a part of our Pack.
(Give each participant a small candle)

(Hold orange candle for Tiger Cub Partners).

Will you please repeat the Tiger Cub Promise with me.

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

Now, would each Tiger Cub adult member light their candle from the Tiger Cub flame and then light their Tiger Cub partner's candle as a symbol of working together.

Will all of the members of the Group hold their candles closely together. See how bright a flame you can make by holding your candles in a Group? Your Tiger Cub Group can create a flame, too, if you "team" together for the best results.

Welcome to Scouting.

INDUCTION - RECIPE FOR CUB SCOUTING

This may be used for welcoming Tiger Cubs and their partners or new Cubs and their families into the Pack. This ceremony may easily adapted into a Cubmaster's minute, closing thought etc.

EQUIPMENT: Bobcat pin for each Tiger Cub advancing to Bobcat, Recipe below written on recipe card.

CUBMASTER: (Call forward Tiger Cubs and their adult partners or new Cubs and their parents.) Some of you may know that when you get to a Boy Scout, you will be cooking outdoors a lot. You will probably get a chance to do that as a Cub too. To cook a good dish, you have to use a recipe. If you don't, you're going to have some awful eating.

We have a recipe for Cub Scouting too. Ever ingredient is important. If we don't put each ingredient in our Cub Scouting dish, the result will be as bad as a hamburger without the meat.

The ingredients are:

Boys: The more the merrier.

A bucketful of games and sports

Some crafts. We learn how to handle tools and useful things.

A dollop of seriousness. We learn how to do our duty to God and country.

A cupful of trips and hikes. We explore the world around us just as you Tiger Cubs have been doing.

Two barrels full of good leaders. We can't have Cub Scouting without these volunteers.

And parents-maybe the most important ingredient of all after you Cubs. Without the help of your parents the Pack cannot give you the best Cub Scouting.

Mix all these ingredients together and you are sure to have a great time in Cub Scouts. It is a pleasure to welcome you to our Pack. Now I will ask your partners to present you with your Bobcat badge.

(While doing this, have other Cubs and parents sing the Cub Scout Welcome Song found in the CUB SCOUT SONG BOOK-Have the words written on a large sheet of poster board where all can see.)

INDUCTION - THE TEST OF A ZULU BOY

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Bobcat candidates and their parents.

EQUIPMENT: White adhesive tape, Bobcat badges, safety pins.

ARRANGEMENT: The Cubmaster brings boys and their parents forward.

CUBMASTER: (Boy's name) has successfully completed the test for Bobcat. Before I present him with of the Bobcat, let me tell you all a story of long ago, about the test young Zulu boys were given.

Before they were allowed to become Scouts and warriors, Zulu boys had to pass a pretty tough examination. This is what they had to do:

When a boy would soon be old enough to be a warrior, he was taken aside and stripped of his clothing and painted white all over. He was given a shield and a small spear with which to protect himself and to kill small animals. He was then sent into the bush.

If anyone saw him while he was white, he would hunt and kill the boy; and that white paint took about a month to wear off. It would not wash off.

So, for a month the boy had to hide in the bush and live as well as he could. He had to follow the tracks of the deer, and creep near enough to spear the animal to get food and clothing for himself. He had to make fire to cook with by rubbing two sticks together, he had no matches. He had to be careful not to let his fire smoke too much, or it would catch the eye of Scouts on the lookout for him. He had to be able to run long distances, to climb trees, and to swim rivers in order to escape from his pursuers. He had to be brave, and to stand up to a lion or any other wild animal that attacked him.

He had to know which plants were good to eat and which were poisonous. He had to make his own cooking pots out of tree bark or clay. He had to build himself a well hidden hut to live in. He had to take care that wherever he went, he left no tracks for his enemies to follow. If he snored when he was asleep, it would give him away to a keen-eared enemy. So he learned to sleep with his mouth shut, and to breathe quietly through his nose.

For a month he had to live this life, sometimes in burning heat, sometimes in cold and rain. When at last the white stain had worn off, he was able to return to his village, where he was received with great joy and allowed to take his place among the young warriors of the tribe. He could go on to become a "ring-kop" that is, a proven warrior, who was allowed to wear a ring on his head. Then he could possibly go on and earn the honorable title of wolf. But you can imagine that a good many boys who went out did not get through their white period at all. Some got killed by wild animals; some got killed by enemies and some died of starvation, cold, or drowning. It was only the best among them who succeeded.

It was a pretty stiff exam, wasn't it.

Cub Scouting has its test also. With the help of your parents, you have completed the first test of a Cub Bobcat.

It is my pleasure and joy to present this badge and to call you a "Bobcat". (The Cubmaster give the badges to parents to pin on their sons.)

Are you now ready to follow the trail of the (Wolf, Bear, or Webelos). (The boys answer.)

You have answered that you are ready. Then seal that pledge by giving the Cub Scout Promise. (They do)

Let me now, as the leader of this tribe, give you a reminder of the tests that lay before you. (The Cubmaster places a strip of white adhesive tape on each boy's forehead.) Remember that some do not successfully complete the tests. In the Cub Scout Promise, you promised to do your best. If you always remember to do your best, you will successfully walk the trail of the (Wolf, Bear, or Webelos). Go now and do your best and return to me as an honorable (Wolf, Bear, or Webelos).

INDUCTION - BOBCAT DRUM BEAT CEREMONY

Log fire with red light, Teepee, Indian blanket, Indian headdress for Cubmaster and Assistant, Flashlight, Drums for Webelos boys.

Before meeting, all awards are placed in envelopes with the boy's name and given to the committeemen in teepee. With all lights out except log fire, the Webelos Den sits around the fire. Committeeman starts ceremony by calling the names of boys to receive Bobcat badges to come to the campfire, bringing their parents with them. As they come to the front of the room, Webelos beat drums.

CUBMASTER: It gives Akela great pleasure in welcoming you boys and your parents into our tribe.

(Name), I am giving your Bobcat badge to your parents. He (or she) will pin it on upside down. When you have performed your first good deed as a Cub Scout, the badge may be turned right side up.

Mr. and Mrs. (name) , as you know, we in the pack will need your cooperation in helping (Cub's Name) along the trails of Cub Scouting in many ways. For this reason, I ask you to repeat the parent's promise after me.

I _____, promise to do my best to help my son be a good Cub Scout, to encourage him to fulfill the Cub Scout Promise, and to obey the Law of the Pack. I further promise to assist him in his Cub Scout achievements and electives; to cooperate with the Den Leader, Cubmaster, Pack Committee; and to participate actively in the Cub Scout program.

Good luck, boys.

(Drum beat as boys return to seats.)

INDUCTION - LIVING IN A.D. 2030

PERSONNEL: Bobcat Inductees, Parents, Den Leaders, Cubmaster.

EQUIPMENT: Large cardboard background painted black (or covered with black paper) with star-shaped holes and a moon-shaped hole in the middle. Use yellow cellophane over the holes and back light to give a star-lit effect. Cubmaster should be in an "astronauts" costume which can simply be a pair of blue coveralls and blue ball cap with NASA labels.

ARRANGEMENT: Chairs for the Pack meeting are arranged in a circle. The back drop "sky" is at the open end of the circle. The back drop has light behind it and the room lights are dimmed.

CUBMASTER: Tonight, we hold our Pack meeting beneath the stars to welcome new members into our Pack. Just as astronauts are selected for America's Space Program, we will inspect these new Cubs to see if they have completed requirements for the first rank of Bobcat. Will the Den leaders please bring the Bobcat candidates forward.

(All Den Leaders come forward with new Bobcats).

CUBMASTER: Den Leaders, please lead the Cub Scouts in the Promise and the Law of the Pack so we may know that they are ready to start the next challenge of the Wolf rank.

(Den Leaders lead the new Cubs in the Promise and the Law).

CUBMASTER: Let the moon and the stars in the sky bear witness; these Cubs have learned their requirements well. They will continue to learn to be responsible individuals with proper guidance from responsible adults. Will the parents or guardians of the new Bobcats please come forward.

(Parents enter circle behind respective Cubs. Cubmaster hands them the Bobcat badge with a pin in its bottom.)

CUBMASTER: Place the Bobcat badge on your Cub's uniform upside down until he has accomplished his first good turn. you must also pledge to help him advance along the Wolf trail and to assist the Pack in providing him the best program possible. (Parents acknowledge) These Bobcats must now and always live by our motto, Do Your Best!

(Cubmaster salutes Cubs and Cubs return the Salute. Cubmaster gives each Cub the handshake and congratulates each.)

CUBMASTER: And now, while the moon and stars shine brightly, let the Pack meeting continue. (Room lights are turned up.)

INDUCTION - BOBCAT THREE CANDLE BALANCE CEREMONY

EQUIPMENT: Balance candle board, white, blue and gold candles, Bobcat badges.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, den chief or assistant Cubmaster

We are happy tonight to welcome (number) new Bobcats and their families into Pack No. _____.

As I call your names, please come forward and stand next to our awards table.

And now (Cubs' names), I would like for you to tell me the Cub Scout motto, and the Law of the Pack. On the table you see our balance board with three candles, the white candle that is burning so brightly, stands for the Spirit of Scouting. This candle brightens all of our meetings. The blue candle, (den chief lights candle) stands for the Cub Scout, and the yellow candle, is for the parents. Parents, without our help, our son's candle will fade and finally go out (den chief blows out candle and then relights it). If we work with our sons and guide them along Akelas trail, their light will always shine brightly.

Mr. & Mrs. _____, would you please repeat after me the parents pledge.

"We as parents will do our best...to aid and assist our son in his Cub Scout activities...we will encourage him with leniency...and realizing that the Cub Scout program...is one of equal participation for boys and parents.. we will assist as we are able...in serving as leaders, advisers or workers."

Mr. & Mrs. _____, since you have helped your son to achieve his first step along Akelas trail, I ask you to pin this badge, upside down, on his left shirt pocket.

Bobcat: You must do a good deed in order to turn your Bobcat badge right-side-up, and tell your den leader about your deed at your next meeting.

Congratulations to all of you., and welcome to Pack No. _____

Den No. _____, how about a special cheer for our new Bobcat and his family!

INDUCTION - BOBCAT INDUCTION, THE PROMISE THAT BINDS

EQUIPMENT: Bobcat investiture board with candles.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Bobcat candidates, parents.

CUBMASTER: The top three candles on our ceremony board represent the Cub Scout promise. This is a promise which binds all Cub Scouts together in a common goal. It is through this promise that we are guided and directed.

I light the white candle which stands for "I promise to do my best." This is not always easy to do. Cub Scouts should do the best they can.

I light the red candle which stands for the second part of the promise "To help other people". Helping others not only makes them happy, but it makes the Cub Scouts happy, too. You help other people by doing a good turn each day.

I light the blue candle which stands for loyalty and obedience. The third part of our Promise "Obey the Law of the Pack", means that you will follow Akela, who is any respected leader. you will be loyal to our pack and make the best pack on the country. You give good will, which means that your attitude of helpfulness and friendship can benefit other people as well as yourself.

Together these three candles represent the Cub Scout Promise, (Point to the white candle) I promise to do your best, to do my duty to God and my country (Point to the red candle), to help other people (Point to the blue candle), and to obey the Law of the Pack.

In the center of the board are three white candle representing the Law of the Pack. (Light the 1st candle) The Cub Scout follows Akela. (Light the 2nd candle) The Cub Scout helps the pack go; the pack helps the Cub Scout grow. (Light 3rd candle) The Cub Scout gives good will.

These same three white candles represents the Cub Scout's loyalty to God, Home and Country...when you give the Cub Scout salute, three of your fingers are hidden (show salute) and those three fingers stand for God, Home, and Country. Please give the salute and remember the hidden meaning.

The remaining candles stand for the ranks of Cub Scouting. We will light the Bobcat candle and additional candles as the other badges of rank are presented tonight.

(Presents Bobcat badge to parents and boy. Handshakes and congratulations all around.)

INDUCTION - BOBCAT INDUCTION WITH COUNCIL FIRE

EQUIPMENT: Council fire.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Bobcat candidates, parents.

CUBMASTER: To the North Wind.....which gives us endurance.

To the East Wind.....which brings us morning light.

To the South Wind.....with its warm breath of summer.

To the West Wind.....from the land of tall mountains and great plains which bring us rain,
also the land of Akela's forefathers.

I now declare this Council open.

Will the following Cub(s) and his parents please come forward.

(Call boys names and have the parents stand behind the fire with boys kneeling by the side of the fire.)

Many, many moons ago the great Chief Akela called a council to see what could be done to make his Tribe the best of all the Tribes. After many hours Akela called the braves to the Council fire. Welcome you braves who wish to become a Cub Scout in Pack ____.

Your presence here signifies to me, Chief Akela, that you are sincere in your desire to join this pack. This is your first time to come before me.

Who is Akela? Akela is the Sub Scout name for a good leader. The Cubmaster is the one called Akela in Cub Scouting. During your time in Cub Scouting I hope you will come to Akela's council many times.

(Have boy(s) stand and face the pack.)

Now give the Cub Scout sign and repeat the Cub Scout Promise with me.

I ____ promise to do my best, to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people at all times and to obey the Law of the Pack.

From this day forward, blue will stand for truth and loyalty, yellow will stand for the sun, light and good cheer.

(Put on cap and neckerchief. Present the parents the Bobcat badge to present to their son.)

INDUCTION - BOBCAT HUNTING FOR CUB SCOUTS

BOYS NEEDED: New Cub Scouts who have just completed Bobcat.

Leaders Needed: Cubmaster (Akela) in appropriate Indian costume, Asst. Cubmaster, parents and new Bobcats.

EQUIPMENT NEEDED: Cub Scout totem board with candles placed in proper places and lit. Artificial camp fire if possible, American Flag, Pack Flag & stands, Den Flags. Appropriate Indian costume. Simple three-feathered headdress and blanket will do if indian costume is not available.

SET-UP: Cub Scout totem board set on table in front of room. Camp fire set in front of table. Cub Scouts, leaders, parents & others arranged as needed. Lights are dimmed.

AKELA: Who comes here?

A.C.M. Boys, hunting the fun of Cub Scouting.

AKELA: But who do you seek?

A.C.M. Akela, the Great Spirit of Cub Scouting.

AKELA: Are these boys wise in the ways of the Bobcat?

A.C.M. They are, Akela.

AKELA: Show me. (A.C.M. asks the boys as a group for the Cub Scout Promise & the Law of the Pack).

AKELA: I can now call you Cub Scouts because you have completed the requirements necessary for your participation in the great game we call Cub Scouting.

Tonight you have repeated before me the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. You have assumed a very important responsibility. You have agreed to "Do Your Best" and to "Do Your Duty to God and Your Country," to "Help other People, and "To Obey the Law of the Pack." These are things which are not always easy, but I think you will enjoy them. All that we ask is that you do your best - no one can do more.

INDUCTION - BOBCAT INDUCTION WITH ACHIEVEMENT BOARD

EQUIPMENT: 1" X 6" board, 2 nails, 2 strings 18" long, 2 metal washers.

ARRANGEMENT: Drive a finishing nail into each end of the board, slightly off center, with 1/4" left protruding. Print ACHIEVEMENT on one side of board and PARENT COOPERATION on the other. Tie a washer to one end of each of the string.

Ask the bobcat candidate to take one string and the washer and lift the board from the floor by hooking the washer over the nail. It will slip off.

Ask the Bobcat's parents try the same thing with the same string.

When they have tried and failed, pull the second string from your pocket and give it to the boy. Tell him and his parents to put a washer on each nail and together pull the board up. Together, they should succeed. The board should slip so the words can be seen.

Explain that achievements in Cub Scouting will always depend on the Cub Scout and his parents working together, just as they have done tonight.

INDUCTION - DENNER AND ASSISTANT DENNER CEREMONY

Select a denner in your usual manner (such as election, alphabetical orders or drawing). After the boy is selected, use the following ceremony, which should be read by the den leader or den chief.

Cub Scout (name) has been chosen to represent Den (number) as we walk together through the doorway to adventure. We ask his help as each adventure begins and ends. It will be his duty to open the doorway to each meeting and to be sure the evidence of our adventure has been cleared away at the meeting's close.

Cub Scout (name), do you accept this as your responsibility?
(Cub Scout answers:) I do.

Then we present to you this cord as your key to open the doorway for our next adventures.

ASSISTANT DENNER

As above, select an assistant denner, The den leader or den chief can then read the following ceremony.

Cub Scout (name) has been chosen to be our assistant denner. His duty will be to help (denner's name) as we all take part in our meeting adventure.

Cub Scout (name), do you accept this as your responsibility?
(Cub Scout answers:) I do.

Then we present to you this cord as your key to help open the doorway for our next adventures.

INDUCTION - BOBCATS JOINING THE BROTHERHOOD OF SCOUTING

We have here with us this evening boys who have asked to join the fun and brotherhood of Cub Scouting.

These Bobcat candidates have indicated their desire to join our Pack by learning that which is required to become Cub Scouts; the Cub Scout Promise, The Law of the Pack, the meaning of Webelos, the Cub Scout sign and salute, and the Cub Scout handshake.

They have proven themselves worthy by passing the tests for acceptance by the Cub Scouts of America and our Pack.

Since Cub Scouting is a family-oriented organization, I wish to ask the parents of our Bobcat candidates these questions:

Will you accept the challenge of working with your son to help him complete the achievements required for advancement? If so, answer "I will".

Will you be faithful in your attendance at Pack meetings and other functions with your son? If so, answer "I will".

Will you assist when called upon to help our pack, in whatever way you are able? If so, answer "I will".

Bobcat candidates, you have heard your parents promise to assist you on the Cub Scout Trail. Now, will the candidates please answer these questions:

Will you do your best to live up to the Cub Scout Promise? If so, answer "I will".

Will you always remember and abide by the Law of the Pack? If so, answer "I will".

Will you also be faithful in your attendance at Pack meetings, den meetings, and other functions? If so, answer "I will".

Will you help your parents help you along the Cub Scout Trail? If so, answer "I will".

Members of Pack, you have heard our Bobcat candidates and their parents answer the questions I have asked of them. They have been found worthy of joining our Pack and the fun and fellowship of Cub Scouting. Do you accept them as fellow member of Pack? If so, Cub Scouts and parents, please answer "We do".

(Light Candle) Bobcat candidates, the candle I am now lighting represents the Spirit of Cub Scouting. May it ever burn in your hearts and shine from your eyes.

With the help of our Webelos leaders and your parents we will now induct you as Bobcats in Pack _____.

Welcome to Cub Scouting and to our Pack.

INDUCTION - CUB SCOUT\ PARENT BOBCAT CEREMONY

CUBMASTER: New Bobcats, tonight you will become Cub Scouts and begin a long and wonderful experience which you will share with thousands of other boys around the world. Please repeat with me the Cub Scout Promise. (They do so.)

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 to 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'."

CUBMASTER: (To parents) I would like to present you with your son's Bobcat badge. Please pin it on him. It is customary to put the badge on upside down until he does his first good turn as Cub Scout.

(Congratulations and handshakes all around.)

INDUCTION - BOBCAT INDUCTION WITH PARENT

The new Bobcats line up, their parents standing behind them. The Bobcats give the Cub Scout sign and recite together the Promise and the Law of the Pack! The Cubmaster says it with them but first reminds them to speak loudly.

Then he asks all the Bobcat parents to give the Cub Scout sign and repeat the following, one line at a time.

As a parent of a Cub Scout,
I will do my best,
To help my boy,
Live up to the Cub Scout Promise,
And to obey the Law of the Pack.

I will work with my boy,
On his achievements and projects,
I will attend the pack meetings,
And help as needed,
To make the pack go.

INDUCTION - BOBCATS SEARCHING FOR THE JOYS OF SCOUTING

PERSONNEL: Akela (Cubmaster); Assistant Cubmaster; Bobcat candidates and parents.

EQUIPMENT: Webelos candle board with Arrow and seven candles on arc and one candle in front as Spirit of Cub Scouting, Bobcat pin.

Bobcat candidates are out of room with Assistant Cubmaster. They are let into the room which is lighted only by the Spirit of Cub Scouting candle.

AKELA: Who goes there?

ACM: Boys in search of the joys of Boy Scouting.

AKELA: Whom do you seek?

ACM: Akela, the great spirit of Cub Scouting.

AKELA: Are these boys wise in the ways of the Bobcat?

ACM: They are, Akela.

AKELA: Show me.

(candidates repeat Cub Scout Promise and Law of Pack)

AKELA: Cub Scouts, you have passed the test necessary for your entrance into the great game of Cub Scouting. You have repeated the Promise and the Law of the Pack. You have assumed responsibility that is not light; and have agreed to do your best, to help other people and to obey the Law of the Pack. These tasks are not always easy, but they are ones from which you will get much pleasure and satisfaction.

The totem before you represents the flight of time (the arrow) and the rising sun (the semicircle). The seven candles across the top represent the spirit of Cub Scouting. These seven candles also have another meaning. The first candle means "I promise to do my best" (lights candle); the second means "to help other people"; the third means "to obey the Law of the Pack"; the fourth means "the Cub Scout follows Akela"; the fifth means "the Cub Scout helps the pack go"; the sixth means "the pack helps the Cub Scout grow"; and the last "the Cub Scout gives good will." Notice the brightness of things about us. The totem now represents a boy who is living the Cub Scout Promise and obeying the Law of the Pack. When a Cub Scout does not obey the Promise and Law of the Pack, it is very noticeable, just like this darkness. (snuffs out candles) Remember your Cub Scout promise and live it every day.

INDUCTION - BUFFALO BLOOD TIGER CUB INDUCTION CEREMONY

EQUIPMENT:Buffalo Blood (tomato juice) rifle (starter pistol or cap gun, cup, Tiger Cub T-Shirt.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Assistant CubMaster, Tiger Group Leader.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have a young man who has reached the age of Tiger Cubs. Will (Read Names) please come forward.

In our Pack, we ask all Tiger Cub candidates to prove their worthiness by partaking of the Ceremonial Buffalo blood. This is a ritual used by Native American long ago in induct men into warriorhood.

We ask our might Pack hunter to take his trust rifle and shoot the Buffalo grazing on the school lawn.

Assistant Cubmaster leaves the room with the rifle. There is a noise in the background, mooing of the buffalo, running, a shot! Sounds stop and the Assistant Cubmaster returns somewhat disarranged. but with a bottle of Buffalo blood. He hands it to the Tiger Cub Group Leader who pours it in a cup. Candidate faces the Pack and accepts the cup.)

Cubmaster; Now, as the young Native American boys of long ago partook of the Buffalo Blood to become warriors, we ask you to do likewise, to become a Tiger Cub in our Pack (Tiger Cub drinks)

Will MR (Tiger Group Leader's name) now present this new tiger Cub the Tiger Cub T-Shirt. (He does and all shake hands.)

INDUCTION - NEW FAMILY TWO CANDLE BALANCE

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster committee or advancement chairperson may step in Bobcat candidates, Parents.

EQUIPMENT: A table and a balanced board with a candle on each end, Bobcat badges.

CUBMASTER: (addressing the audience.) We are happy to welcome all the families with their sons who are here to join our pack. (The Cubmaster calls the names of all new families.) Will you please come forward?
(Parents and sons come forward)

On the table before us is a unique candle set. There are but two candles. One candle stands for us, the parents. The other candle stands for our sons.

With both candles in place, the candle set is in balance. Should we remove the parent's candle the Cubmaster removes one candle, the Cub Scout candle goes down. This is what will happen if we, the parents, do not assist our Cub Scout sons. The Cubmaster returns the candle to bring the pair back into balance.

Now we want to receive these parents and their sons into the fellowship of Pack _____. Will all the parents please rise?

Cubmaster lights candles.

INDUCTION - DEN CHIEF THE MEANING OF THE CORDS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Cub Scout, new Den Chiefs and their den leaders.

EQUIPMENT: Two 4-foot lengths of rope made of yarn - one blue, one Yellow, copy of Den Chiefs Handbook, Den Chiefs cords and patches.

Arrangement: Table with two candles (gold and blue) and the Den Chiefs Handbook. Cub Scout with blue yard to the Cubmaster's right; on his left, Den Chief with yellow yarn.

CUBMASTER: I, Akela chief of the Webelos, pondered long into the night on who should lead the young Cub Scouts of Pack _____. An important council was held with the Scoutmasters, chiefs of our older brothers, to choose these important leaders. We now call to our council these chosen ones. Scouts of Troop _____ please come forward.

Den No. _____ leader _____ and den No. _____ leader _____, will you please come forward and stand by your den chiefs.

This blue totem represents the Cub Scout pack with all its Cub Scouts, leaders and parents, also the Cub Scout, promise and the Law of the Pack.

This gold totem represents the Scout troop, its leaders, parents, and the Scout oath and law. You will notice these ropes are made up of many strands representing all the boys in the pack and troop. Let us bind together these ropes into a bond of friendship. You now see these symbols become the totem of the den chiefs office. This is known as the "Den Chiefs Cord".

Den leaders, please present these cords to our den chiefs which will be worn encircling the left sleeve. _____ and _____, wear this badge of office proudly in recognition of your new position as an officer in your troop. Also, we of Pack No. _____, in recognition of your high office and the important service you will be rendering your troop and your pack, want to present to you this Den Chief's Handbook and certificate of office. Now, _____ and _____, face your respective den leader, give the Scout sign and repeat after me the den chief's oath.

I, (Scout's name), promise to help the Cub Scouts in my den to the best of my ability, to encourage, to guide, and to protect them in den and pack activities, to show them by example what a Scout is. I will strive to be prompt and dependable. To cooperate with the leaders in carrying out the den program. As each Cub Scout reaches 9-years of age or completes the third grade, I will encourage him to join the Webelos den. As he approaches age 11 or completes the fifth grade, I will do all in my power to interest him in becoming a Scout.

When I, Akela was a boy, I was taken on many trips by my chief. To learn the ways of the braves and prepare men for the day that I would become chief. You now have become a chief in Akela's pack, to lead the younger ones that they shall become mighty hunters and honorable Webelos Scouts. Congratulations, _____ and _____ and welcome to our Pack.

_____, how about leading us in a cheer for these two fine Scouts!

INDUCTION - DEN LEADER INDUCTION CEREMONY #1

ARRANGEMENT: Committee Chairman and Cubmaster stand behind table in front of the room. On table is a lighted candle and a Den Leader's Book.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: The den leader occupies a unique and essential place in Cub Scouting. He\she fills a particular need for boys of Cub Scouting age and performs a fundamental service which no one else can give. He\she therefore, becomes as indispensable person in our scheme of operation. Name has been selected by the pack committee to serve as Den Leader for Den . Name will you please come forward.

 Name will you promise to:

1. Take advantage of all training opportunities.
2. Be responsible for the organization and operation of your den.
3. Attend monthly pack committee meetings, monthly pack meetings, and monthly council roundtables.
4. Work with the parents of your Cub Scouts, so they will have the opportunity to share in the fun of Cubbing.
5. Observe the policies of our chartered institution, of the Land O'Lakes council, and the National Council.
6. Keep your den in operation 12 months a year.

If so, please answer "I will".

CUBMASTER: Wearing the Den Leader's uniform not only identifies you as a very important member of the Boy Scouts of America, the largest boys organization of its kind in the world.... but it also sets a good example for the Cub Scouts in your den.

We would like to welcome you as a new leader in our pack and present to you the den leaders book.

Congratulations and good Cubbing.

INDUCTION - WEBELOS DEN INDUCTION

EQUIPMENT: Webelos colors and/or neckerchief and/or handbook

CUBMASTER: _____ of Den , a Bear Cub Scout, is now 10 years old and is eligible to advance into the Webelos Den.

CUBMASTER: Webelos is a very exciting part of Scouting. It is a chance for a boy to have adventure in the outdoors. It is his chance to go on over-night campouts with his Dad and other Webelo Scouts...to fix his own meal...to be with his Dad. It is a chance for adventure in developing his skills by working on 20 different activity badges such as Geologist, Scientist, Engineer, Athlete, Citizen and others.

This is a big step towards Boy Scouting. Congratulations! (Hand out equipment)

INDUCTION - DENNER INSTALLATION WITH THE SPIRIT OF CUB SCOUTING

This ceremony should be held as soon as a new denner and/or assistant denner is chosen.

EQUIPMENT: Table, candle, denner and assistant denner cords.

Den Leader: (Lights the candle) Will _____ and _____ please come forward.

On the table in front of you stands the candle representing the Spirit of Cub Scouting. The spirit can be kept alive as long as we all work together to a common goal.

_____, you were elected as our new denner and assistant denner. You both know the duties involved with each job. Do you willingly accept the duties and will you perform them to the best of your ability? If so, answer yes.

I'm happy and proud to present to you your badge of office. Wear it on the left shoulder with pride and honor.

Congratulations!

DEN CEREMONY - DENNER INSTALLATION #1

This ceremony should be held at a den meeting, as soon as the denner is elected.

PERSONNEL: Den leaders den chief, denner assistant denner.

EQUIPMENT: Table, den diary (if desired), white candle in holder, denner cord.

ARRANGEMENT: The den leader or den chief can perform the installation. The assistant denner could be installed at the same time.

DEN LEADER: (Denner's name), please step forward. (Lights candle). Before you burns a white candle, which represents the spirit of Cub Scouting. It takes a team to keep the spirit alive, to keep the candle burning. You have just been elected to be a member of that team. As denner, your duties are to assist me and our den chief.

You will keep the den diary, help take attendance, and collect den dues. (This may vary depending on the responsibilities the den leader wishes the denner to have.)

During the week, you will set a good example for the other members of our den by being honest, fair, and showing true Cub Scouting spirit.

Do you accept these responsibilities, which will help us keep the spirit of Cub Scouting alive and the candle burning bright?

DENNER: I do.

DEN LEADER: I am happy to present to you the denner cord, which is to be worn on your left sleeve during your term of office. Wear it proudly an with honor. Congratulations!

INDUCTION - THE DESIRE TO JOIN THE PACK

PERSONAL: Cubmaster, Den Leader, new Bobcat and parents

CUBMASTER: Do we have any boys who desire to join the Pack?

DEN LEADER: (Comes forward) Akela, I have a boy who has shown his desire to join the Pack.

CUBMASTER: How has he shown his desire?

DEN LEADER: He has studied the Bobcat requirements and understands the purpose of Cub Scouting.

CUBMASTER: Does he come alone?

DEN LEADER: No, his parents wish to join the Pack also.

CUBMASTER: Fine bring him up. (Den Chief escorts new Bobcat and his parents to front).

What is your name? (Answer)

I understand you wish to become a member of our Pack? (Answer)

Do you know the Law of the Pack? (Answer)

Are you prepared to try to follow the Cub Scouts ideals and obey the Law? (Answer)

Are you prepared to work hard and to advance in rank? Are you willing to do your best? (Answer)

Good. You are about to start on the Cub Scout trail. Please repeat with me the Law of the Pack.

(Addressing parents) Cub Scouting is a family program. Parents have certain responsibilities too. They are expected to help their son advance in rank. They are expected to attend Pack Meetings with their son, and help at other times when called upon. Are you willing to do these things to help your son achieve the goals and fun that will be his in Cub Scouting? (Answer)

(To boy and parents) You are all starting the Cub Scout trail which leads to the great game of Scouting. May each of you be happy in our Pack. (Shake hands with parents and boys).

The Cubmaster then gives each boy the Cub Scout handshake and gives Bobcat pins to parents. The parents pin badges on their son's shirt.

INDUCTION - NEW LEADER - THREE SECRET LETTERS F-H-G

EQUIPMENT: 5 candles, candle board with 2 holes in top and 3 holes in the bottom.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Before you is a ceremony board that has five candles on it. The top two, like the alert ears of a Wolf, represent the two upright fingers of the Cub Scout sign. They mean TO OBEY, and to HELP OTHER PEOPLE.

The three candles at the bottom represent the folded three fingers of our Cub Scout sign. These three fingers stand for the three secret letters in our Law, F-H-G. These letters mean Follows, Helps, Gives. They also mean Fair, Happy, Game. And finally, they can remind us of something each Cub Scout respects, Freedom Home and God.

All of our leaders want to do their best to teach Cub Scouts to learn to follow, to help, to give, to be fair and happy whatever the game might be and to respect their freedom, home and God.

Will the new leaders please come forward? Please repeat after me:

"I (name) promise to do my best, to help the Cub Scouts in my den and in my pack to do their best, to help other people, and to do their duty to God and their country, and to obey the Law of the Pack".

As chairman of this pack, I take pleasure in presenting to you your registration cards and personally welcome you into active leadership in Cub Scouting. May the days ahead be happy, game, and fair.

INDUCTION - TIGER CUB WELCOME AND FIRST ACT AS CUB SCOUT

Cubmaster calls forward the Tiger Cubs and their parents. Ask the boys and parents to repeat their Tiger Cub promise: "I promise to love God, my family, and my country, and to learn about the world."

CUBMASTER: Tiger Cubs, we are now very happy to welcome you and your parents into our pack. I'm sure you have had a lot of fun as Tiger Cubs, and I can promise you that you'll have even more fun as Cub Scouts." (Briefly outline the pack's plans for upcoming events.) "As your first act as Cub Scouts, I'm going to ask you to repeat after me the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack." (Show how to make the Cub Scout sign, then lead them through the Promise and Law of the Pack by repeat-after-me method. Ask parents to put new Cub Scout neckerchiefs on their sons. Then ask the whole Pack to give their den yells, or lead them in the grand howl in honor of the new Cub Scouts and parents.)

INDUCTION - "FROM TIGER TO BOBCAT"

(CALL FORWARD TIGER CUBS AND THEIR ADULT PARTNER)

CUBMASTER: "It is a great pleasure for all of us to welcome you Tiger Cubs as full fledged Cub Scouts in our pack. In Tiger Cubs, the MOTTO is "SEARCH, DISCOVER, SHARE" and you have been doing a lot of that this past year. You'll be doing even more during the coming year because in Cub Scouting we search, discover and share, too."

"I'm sure that most of you have already passed the Bobcat requirements to your parents or adult friends. So let's see if you can remember one of the requirements, the Cub Scout Promise. Please join me in repeating it. (Lead promise using repeat after me method." Give Bobcat badges to boys adult partners to pin on their shirts.)

"Now I'll ask the denners of all our dens to come forward." (When denners arrive, have them give Cub Scout handshake to the new Bobcats.) "It's really great to have you boys in our pack. Now let's give them a big welcome by having our denners lead their den cheers." (In turn denners lead den cheers.)

INDUCTION - I AS A LEADER OF THE PACK

(Cubmaster ask all leaders to come forward, calling each one by name and giving Pack position. Ask each one to give cub Scout Sign and repeat the following in phrases.

I as a leader of Pack ____ promise to work in harmony with other members of the committee at all times for the benefit of the youth members.

I realize that I have the opportunity to influence the lives of young people in the Scouting program by my example as a leader.

I pledge to spend as much of my time as I can to learn how to be the best qualified leader that I can be.

I promise to support the rules and regulations of the Pack Committee, and will work hard to provide the boys of Pack ____ with an exciting and worthwhile program.

I accept my leadership role as a serious and important responsibility. I promise I will always do my best.

INDUCTION - VOICES SPELLING CUBS INDUCTION OF THE NEW FAMILY

NEED: Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Boy Scout Handbooks, two blue, two yellow candles, Bobcat badges and membership certificates.

CUBMASTER: Friends, we welcome you to our ceremony our new Cub Scout families. Before you burn 4 candles; 2 blue and 2 gold. The four letters you see spell CUBS, but each letter by itself stands for something special.

(Use Den Chiefs, Den Leaders and Committee persons for voices.)

1st Voice: The "C" stands for COURTESY. A Cub Scout is courteous to old folks, his friends, his teachers, and especially his parents. He is courteous in all that he says and does.

2nd Voice: The "U" stands for UNITY. When a boy joins a Pack, his parents join too. He does not work alone, but with other boys. He learns to get along with others.

3rd Voice: The "B" stands for BRAVERY. The Cub Scout is courageous enough to stand up for the things that he thinks are right--honesty, equality, fair play, thereby marking the world a better place in which to live.

4th Voice: The "S" stands for SERVICE. A boy not only does service to himself while he is a Cub Scout, but he also serves others. He strives to help spread goodwill in every way he can.

CUBMASTER: Cub Scout, you see before you four books, the Wolf Book, the Bear Book, the Webelos Book and the Boy Scout Handbook. They stand for the steps that a boy climbs as he goes higher and higher in Cub Scouting and finally reaches the very top as a Boy Scout. You have attended a meeting of boys of a den you expect to join. You have learned, along with your parents, those things necessary to become a Bobcat. Will you give the Cub Scout sign and repeat the Cub Scout Promise? (Cubmaster and boys give sign/promise.)

Chairman: Parents, we welcome you for Cub Scouting is for the entire family. As parents you have certain responsibilities in Cub Scouting. We expect that you will attend the monthly Pack Meeting and work with your son on his achievements, allowing him to pass them to you. When called upon, we will expect you to assist along with the rest of the parents, in various leadership capacities. Will you accept this responsibility? (Parents answer.)

CUBMASTER: Will you pin this Bobcat badge on your son, making him an official Cub Scout? This privilege will be yours for every badge he earns. We expect that you will work just as hard as he on some projects. (Cubmaster presents membership cards.) You are starting together up the Cub Scout trail. May you all be happy with us in this Pack. Cub Scouts, what is your motto! (Cub Scouts call back "Do Your Best". Cubmaster gives each Cub Scout a handshake and congratulations.)

INDUCTION - KEEP THE SPIRIT OF CUB SCOUTING

PERSONNEL: Bobcat candidates, parents, Cubmaster.

EQUIPMENT: Log to hold eight 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 in yourself.

The candle of the Spirit of Cub Scouting is used to light the three front dandles, 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: (lighting 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 Good Will. (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 goodwill, and are unkind (blow out the candle for Good Will) - The Spirit of Cub Scouting will rekindle the light showing Good Will. (Re-light Good Will candle.)

You will notice that the light is mire 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 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!!

INDUCTION - TIGER CUB MANY MOONS AGO CEREMONY

Many moons ago in a jungle far across the ocean, a small Man-Cub, lost and alone, crawled into the cave of a Wolf family. The wolves wanted to keep this small Man-Cub and rear him as one of their own, but they knew they must first have approval of the entire pack.

When the pack held their meeting at the council rock and the father Wolf asked permission to keep the Man-Cub, it was the Tiger, Shere Khan, who roared his disapproval. He didn't want to share with a Man-Cub. But the Bear, the panther, and all the wolves of the pack spoke in favor of this small Man-Cub, Mowgli; and he was allowed to enter the pack and learn the Law of the Pack.

Tonight, many moons later, the descendants of Shere Khan have learned the fun of sharing. Tonight we have a group of Tiger Cubs who have been working hard since last winter, earning the right to move up in the pack. They have been busy searching, discovering, and sharing new skills and experiences.

Who are these Tigers? Who will speak for these Tigers? Who will pronounce them worthy?

(One by one - parents introduce their sons and pronounce them worthy).

Cubmaster asks the pack: How says the pack? (Pack should roar approval.)

Cubmaster administer Cub Scout Promise to the boys, and Parents Promise to adults.

This lends itself to an outdoors ceremony, with a campfire; but it can be equally effective indoors in a darkened room with an artificial council fire, flashlights, etc. Leaders should be wearing Indian regalia.

Parents Promise:

We, the parents of a Cub Scout

Promise to help our boy

To become a better citizen

By helping him to live up to the Scouting ideals

And by helping him with his Cubbing achievements.

INDUCTION - CEREMONY FOR INSTALLING A NEW CUBMASTER

The candidate is asked to stand in the front of the room. Committee members form a half-circle in front of him, but broken in the center to give the audience a full view. Each committee member presents him with a ribbon to look like a diploma. As these are presented by the various committee members, they say:

1. Akela, I present you with **RESPONSIBILITY**, for great will be your responsibility as our leader.
2. Akela, I present you with **KNOWLEDGE**, for knowledge of the best procedure of Cub Scouting will help guide us to work with you for the success of the Pack.
3. Akela, I present you with **HARD WORK**, for that is one of the foremost qualities of success.
4. Akela, I present you with **ENTHUSIASM**, for nothing great was ever accomplished without enthusiasm.
5. Akela, I present you with **GRATIFICATION**, for that will be the reward of your efforts.
6. Akela, I present you with **ADMIRATION**, for never has there been a chief who was not admired by all his tribe.

The Chairman then says, "Akela, it is a pleasure to present you with this headress, symbol of your office as Cubmaster of Pack ____."

INDUCTION - ONE BOY INTO A WEBELOS DEN

EQUIPMENT: Webelos neckerchief and/or handbook.

CUBMASTER: (Boys name) of Den____, a Bear Cub Scout, is now 10 years old and is eligible to advance into the Webelos Den. (Boys name) , do you know the secret meaning of the word "Webelos.

CUB: It means "We'll be loyal Scouts".

CUBMASTER: Webelos is a very exciting part of Scouting. It is a chance for a boy to have adventure in the outdoors. It is his chance to go on over-night campouts with his Dad and other Webelos Scouts...to fix his own meal... to be with his Dad. It is a chance for adventure in developing his skills by working on 20 different activity badges such as Geologist, Scientist, Engineer, Athlete, Citizen and others.

This is a big step towards Boy Scouting. Congratulations! (Places Webelos neckerchief on Cub.)

INDUCTION - STUNT FOR PARENT INDUCTION INTO PACK

CUBMASTER: (To parents) In Cub Scouting, parents are inducted just the same as the boy. A boy takes upon himself an obligation or promise that he will do his best, that he will help other people, and that he will obey the Law of the Pack.

Now, I would like for you parents to assume an obligation that you might be better leaders of your sons. Sometimes an unusual position taken when assuming a promise more easily remembered...so I'll ask each of you to bend over and place a hand on each of your knees and look your son straight in the eyes.

Now, repeat after me:

I, (your name) promise to do my best to be a good parent to my son.
I promise to work with him in the home and help him earn his awards.
I promise to attend pack meetings and keep his interest high.
I promise to gain useful knowledge and to impart it to my son.
I promise to cooperate with the den, the pack, and the leaders.
And now,
I know in my heart,
I know in my mind,
I know that I,
Stick out behind.

INDUCTION - LEADER REAFFIRMATION

On my honor, as a leader of youth, I reaffirm
That I will do my best to do my duty to God and to my country.
That I will be a model for the younger and less experienced as they grow in wisdom and ability,
That I will strive to deserve the trust placed in me by my community and
That I will maintain the quality of the Scouting Program without regard for personal gain,
So that our world will be a better place in which to live.

INDUCTION -A LEADERS RESOLUTION

I shall study my boys so that I may understand them.
I shall like my boys so that I can help them.
I shall learn -- for they have much to teach me.
I shall laugh -- for youth grows comfortable with laughter.
I shall give myself freely -- yet I shall take, so that they may acquire the habit of giving.
I shall be a friend -- for a friend is needed.
I shall lead -- Yet I shall beware of pushing.
I shall listen -- for a listener prevents combustion.
I shall warn them when my experience warrants it.
I shall command when actions merits it.
I shall overlook mistakes -- yet I will not blame them.
Lastly, I shall try to be that which I hope they think I am.

INDUCTION - TIGER CUB RECIPE FOR CUB SCOUTING

This ceremony may be used for welcoming Tiger Cubs and their partners into the pack at a pack picnic.

EQUIPMENT: Bobcat pin for each Tiger Cub, 3 X 5-inch card with the recipe below written on it.

Cubmaster calls forward the Tiger Cubs and their adult partners.

CUBMASTER: That was a great supper we had, wasn't it? I hope you Tiger Cubs got a chance to sample some of the dishes made by the Cub Scouts.

To cook a good dish, you have to use a recipe. If you don't you're going to have some awful eating.

We have a recipe for Cub Scouting, too. Every ingredient is important. If we don't put each ingredient in our Cub Scouting dish, the result will be as bad as a hamburger without the meat.

(Read from card).

Boys, the more the merrier.

A bucketful of games and sports.

Some crafts. We learn how to handle tools and make useful things.

A dollop of seriousness. We learn how to do our duty to God and country.

A cupful of trips and hikes. We explore the world around us, just as you Tiger Cubs have been doing.

Two barrels full of good leaders. We can't have Cub Scouting without these volunteers.

And parents, maybe the most important ingredient of all after you boys. Without the help of your parents, the pack cannot give you the best Cub Scouting. Mix all these ingredients together and you are sure to have a great time in Cub Scouting. It is a pleasure to welcome you to our pack. Now I will ask your partners to pin on your new bobcat pins.

(While partners are attaching the pins, have your song leader lead Cub Scouts and families in the "Cub Scout Welcome Song" (Cub Scout Songbook)

Have lyrics on a big poster in front of the group.)

INDUCTION - TIGER CUB GRADUATION

PERSONNEL: Tiger Cubs and Parents, Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Tiger Cub Graduation props, Tiger Cub Graduation certificates and patches and gift for coordinator.

Arrangement: Graduation prop, certificates and patches are on table at center stage. Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster stand behind the prop. A single candle in a holder is lit from which the other candles will be lit.

CUBMASTER: Tonight, we have some Cubs who are graduating from the Tiger Cub program and will continue along the Scouting trail into the Cub Scout program. Will the graduating Tigers and their parents please come forward. (Tigers and parents come forward and line up behind the table with the parents standing directly behind their son.)

For the past few months you and your family have explored all sorts of new and exciting things and places. In Tiger Cubs you had your own motto: "Search, Discover, Share". (Lights first candle - orange).

You and your adult partner have searched out new activities in your home and community. You have learned how people work together and have fun together. (Lights second candle - black.)

You both 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. (Lights third candle - orange.)

The things you have searched out and discovered have been shared with your family, friends, and fellow Tiger Cubs. Now it is time to move along the Scouting trail to the next part of the program.

In Cub Scouting, you will have a new motto: "Do Your Best" and your colors will be blue (Lights blue candle) and gold (Lights gold or yellow candle). Your family is still important as it is throughout your whole Scouting experience. Support in earning each badge comes from your family as well as your Den Leader.

ASST. CM: We would like to present each of you with a Tiger Cub Graduation Certificate and a Tiger Cub Graduation patch. (Presents both while calling the boys name.) We would also like to present your Tiger Cub Coordinator with this special gift. (Presents gift.)

CUBMASTER: Welcome to Pack _____. We hope you enjoy our Pack meeting tonight.

INDUCTION - FAMILY AND THE TOY DART

EQUIPMENT: A target with a drawing of a boy on it, toy dart and a table. The dart rests on the table about 10 feet from the target.

CUBMASTER: (Calls the parents and boys forward where they stand behind the table facing the audience). You have indicated your desire to be a part of our Cub Scout pack. You see before you a target. It represents your son and all the fine things you wish for him. On the table is a dart. This represents the Cub Scout program, the activities of each den and pack, as well as the numerous boy appealing projects in his advancement program. However, they will not reach your son until the dart is thrown and that is where you, his parents, come in. This is your program to use for your son. Go ahead, dad, and throw at the target. Wait! What's this maneuvering you're going through? Are you trying to aim the dart at the target?

Dad: (probable answer) Why sure, how else do you think I can hit it?

CUBMASTER: Now you've got the idea. In Cub Scouting we've got to have parents helping and guiding their sons if they are to get what they should from Cub Scouting. Mr. and Mrs. _____ Will You help your son by attending pack meetings regularly, working with him on his achievement program, helping with den and pack activities, and serving as leaders if called upon?

Parents: We will.

CUBMASTER: Congratulations, we knew you would, and all of us in the pack welcome you to the fun of Cub Scouting. Please accept this membership certificate for your son and present him with his Bobcat badge.

The entire audience joins in singing "Hi there!" sung to the tune of "Hail, hail the gangs all here!"

HI, HI, HI, THERE CUB!

WE ARE GLAD TO MEET YOU WE ARE GLAD TO GREET YOU!

HI, HI, HI, THERE CUB! YOU'RE WELCOME TO OUR PACK!

INDUCTION - TREE BRANCH BOBCAT INDUCTION

PERSONNEL: Bobcat candidates and parents, Cubmaster.

EQUIPMENT: Three straight tree branches, a 3-foot piece of heavy cord, to make a tripod.

CUBMASTER: "We have some newcomers with us today. Will these boys and their parents who have just joined our pack please come forward." (Bobcat candidates with parents, come forward when their names are called.)

"I want you to repeat with me the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack. Give the Cub Scout sign." (They give sign and repeat Promise and Law.)

"Your parents will help you through the Cub Scout ranks--Wolf, Bear and Webelos-- just as they have helped you become Bobcats. It will be their privilege not only to share in your Cub Scouting fun but also to present your first Cub Scout badge and your registration certificate."

(Picks up cord from table.) "This cord represents the pack." (Picks up one of the branches.) "This represents all Cub Scouts joining the pack. " (He ties the cord to the top of the branch with a simple knot, stands the branch on the floor and lets go of it. It falls.) "The Cub Scout does not join the pack alone and, therefore, cannot stand alone in the pack."

(Picks up the second branch.) "This branch represents the Den Leaders." (The Cubmaster ties the two branches together at the top of the cord, stands them on the floor and addresses one of the new Bobcats.) "What happens when just you and your Den Leaders join the pack?"

BOBCAT: "They will fall over."

CUBMASTER: (Lets go of branches) "That's right." (He picks up the third branch.) "This branch represents the parents joining the pack." (He ties all three branches with the cord at the top and spreads them at the bottom to form a tripod.) "Now, when all three join the pack, each member of this family lends support to the other."

(Turning to a new Bobcat) "What happens, (name), if the parents pull away from the pack?"

(Cubmaster withdraws one of the branches from the cord.)

BOBCAT: "It will fall down."

CUBMASTER: (Picks up the two branches and asks another new Bobcat)

"What happens if the Den Leader pulls away, from the pack?"

BOBCAT: "It will fall down."

CUBMASTER: "Right you are, (name). This is exactly what happens to the fun of Cub Scouting, as it happened here in this ceremony."

"So, Cub Scouts, let's all stand together and help the pack go, and the pack will help the Cub Scout grow and give goodwill. "

INDUCTION - THE INDISPENSABLE DEN LEADER

PROPS: Lighted candle on table, copy of leader book for each person. Den Leader or Webelos Leader badges.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Den Leader Coach, new Den Leaders, Committee Chairman.

CUBMASTER: Tonight, we want to welcome our new Den Leaders. Would (name) Den Leader Coach, bring our new Den Leaders forward and introduce them.

DEN LEADER COACH: I would like to introduce (name) who has graciously agreed to be den leader for den(#). I know that you will be good den leaders. I will do my best to give you all the assistance I can to help your den go.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Den leaders are indispensable leaders in our pack operation. They fill a particular need for Cub Scout age boys and perform a service which no one else can give. Being a den leader is a rewarding responsibility. Will you repeat after me: "As a den leader, I (name), promise to do my best to show interest and concern for all the boys of my den, to help other people and to obey the Law of the Pack.

CUBMASTER: Wearing the den leader's uniform not only identifies you as a very important member of the Boy Scouts of America, the largest boys organization of its kind in the world, but it also sets a good example for the boys of your den.

I would like to congratulate you and present you with your den leader's book and den leader's patch.

Okay Cub Scouts, let's welcome these new den leaders by giving them three cheers. Hip, hip, hooray! Hip, hip, hooray! Hip, hip, hooray!

INDUCTION - I AM AKELA - BOBCAT INDUCTION

Need 3 (three) adults, Akela, Cubmaster, Asst. Cubmaster. The ACM takes the new boys out of the room. All lights are turned off. The CM lights the candles. When the last candles lit, all the boys leave the room in a HOWL.

AKELA: I am Akela the Great spirit of Scouting. Why does the Pack grow restless?

CUBMASTER: They are restless, Akela, for there are strangers in our midst.

AKELA: But whom do they seek?

CUBMASTER: They seek Akela, The Great Spirit of Scouting to become a Cub Scout.

AKELA: Then if they seek to be our brothers, they are not strangers. Are they wise in the ways of the Bobcat?

CUBMASTER: They are Akela.

AKELA: Then bring them before Akela, that he may know who they are.

At this time the ACM brings all new Cubs before Akela.

They all say the Cub Scout Promise together with the Cubmaster.

He then awards each of them with a Bobcat Pin and/or patch.

He shakes each of them with the Cub Scout Handshake.

INDUCTION - INDUCTION INTO THE WEBELOS DEN

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos Den Leader, Webelos Den

EQUIPMENT: 4 Candles, Webelos emblem, Webelos scarf and colors for the inductee, table

ARRANGEMENT: 3 candles equally spaced in a block of wood with the Webelos emblem behind it or to the side of the candles. (4th candle to light the other 3.)

CUBMASTER: (Call the Webelos den members up in front of the audience to stand behind the table and to form a semicircle facing the audience.) We have several Bear Cubs who are eligible to join our Webelos den. (Call each boy by name and have them escort their parents to the front of the room.) To welcome these new boys and their parents the Webelos den is already here to accept and welcome you into the Webelos den. As Bear Cubs you know the hard work it has taken to get you to the rank of Bear. We light this first candle that symbolizes your hard work which has made you eligible to enter the Webelos den. (Light the first candle.) This second candle is for your parents who have helped you this far along the Cub Scout Trail. (Light the second candle.) Now I ask your parents to help you once more by removing your Bear scarf. This last candle is in honor of the Webelos den. Its members welcome you and want to help you advance further along the Scouting Trail. (Light the last candle.) As this time I would like the Webelos den leader to come forward and present you with your Webelos scarf. And to your parents we give your Webelos colors and ask them to help you pin them on your right sleeve. Congratulations! You are now part of the Webelos den. Good luck on your new adventures.

INDUCTION - BOBCAT AND THE INDIVIDUAL FLAME

EQUIPMENT: A blue candle for each boy, one multi colored candle on log holder

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouting is an organization that is very special and unique. It is one in which many parents devote their time and talents to provide a program that will aid and guide their son's growth. As parents work to strengthen Cub Scouting... so Cub Scouting helps to strengthen families.

(Cubmaster calls up the boys).

I call your attention to the multicolored candle in the center of the candle log. The blue and gold stand for Cub Scouting. Blue like the color of your uniform, stands for truth, love of God, loyalty, and the sky. The gold like that in your neckerchief, stands for sunlight, good cheer, and happiness. In the candle you will also see white, which represents parents and the important part they play in the Cub Scouting program. Parents, please light a candle for your son, as a symbol of the encouragement and support you will be giving him as he moves along the Cub Scout trail. (they do). Will you accept the responsibility to participate in den and pack activities, help your son with advancement, and support the pack as much as possible. (Parents answer, We will).

Please give a candle to your son to hold in his left hand.

Boys please raise your hand in the Cub Scout sign and repeat the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. And now with your parents guiding your hands, as they will do to help you in Cub Scouting I will ask that all of you join your individual flames together and light the center candle as a sign that we are all united as members of Pack (#).

Parents please extinguish your son's candle and pin the Bobcat badge on your son. Welcome to our pack.

INDUCTION - SHERE KAHN - TIGER CUB TO BOBCAT INDUCTION

EQUIPMENT: Tripod, pot of dry ice, Artificial fire, Wolf cub neckerchiefs beakers of colored water-blue and gold.

TRIBAL CHIEF: Tonight we have gathered here to honor our young braves. We take the blue of the sky (pour blue water) and the gold of the sun (pour gold water both over dry ice).

SHERE KAHN: (interrupts loudly) I, Shere Kahn wish to test these braves before the honor is given them! What is the motto of the Tiger Cub? (the boys answer) Have you obeyed the promise of the Tiger Cubs? (YES!!)

TRIBAL CHIEF: (pull scarves from pot hands out to parents) Tigers, this is the emblem of your first rank in Cub Scouts. Wear it proudly. (parents tie neckerchief on boys in SQUARE KNOT) Adult tiger, this is the symbol for your deeds in preparing these Tigers for their next advancement in Cubbing. So all may know that you have done well, here is the writing to prove your efforts. (give certificate to each cub)

CUBMASTER: On behalf of our pack I am happy to welcome you to our pack. We know you and your families will enjoy being with the Cub Scout program.

INDUCTION - THE TOKEN ON THE FIRE

EQUIPMENT: A short piece of stick for each boy. Ceremonial fire.

Will all new Cub Scouts and new Leaders please come forward and form a semi-circle behind our campfire?

You have come here tonight seeking admission to the friendship and fun of Cub Scouting. You have learned the things necessary to become a Bobcat. Will you give the Cub Scout sign and repeat with me the Cub Scout Promise.

Will the parents or guardians of these Cub Scouts please come forward and stand behind your son.

Parents, we are happy that you are here with us tonight because your boy is taking an important step toward good citizenship and wholesome living.

You, as parents, have a real responsibility to carry out as your boy enters our Pack. Will you cooperate, by studying with your boy the Cub Scout Program, and by attending pack meetings and every activity which will help your boy so that he will be able to achieve the goals and the fun that are his in Cub Scouting? If you accept this responsibility please answer, "We will!"

Cub Scout (name/s), before you see the fire of friendship, which means that every Cub Scout in this Pack wishes to become the friend of every other Cub Scout. As each new Cub Scout enters our friendship circle he places a stick of wood on the fire showing that he too wishes to do his best to be a friend to all. Now, after your name is called and you place your token on the fire, please come forward with your parents and give the Scout handshake and receive your Bobcat patch.

INDUCTION - COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN INDUCTION

EQUIPMENT: Gavel for new committee Chairman, candles - one unlit

SETTING: A head table with lighted candles will add to the atmosphere. The Unit Commissioner, Cubmaster, or Scouting Coordinator can perform the induction.

NARRATOR: What is leadership? It is a process by which a person influences others. In Cub Scouting, leadership is the ability to accomplish the Cub Scout Program in an efficient and effective manner. As in most groups, our pack is evidence of the willingness of its members to work together. Working together is a give-and-take business, and the leader gives guidance and direction. The leader also lives up to the standards of the group.

(Ask new committee chairman to come forward)

The job of pack committee chairman is one of variety and responsibility. It touches on all the aspects of the Cub Scout program. The chairman has the final responsibility for the successful operation of the pack, working closely with the Cubmaster and other pack leaders. Often the chairman is a mediator, but most of the time a good listener. The chairman, like other pack leaders, must set a good example and lead the way for Cub Scouts to follow. A successful chairman will not ask of anyone something that he would not willingly do himself.

I would like to introduce (name), our new pack committee chairman.

(To chairman) Would you please repeat with me the Scout Oath:

"On my honor, I will do my best to so my duty to God and my country, to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

These are meaningful words and they apply to all of us. They are words to which all Scouting leaders, to the best of their ability, should try to live.

As I turn over the chairman's gavel to you, I ask that you light this candle to symbolize the guiding light which you and the other leaders of pack (#) must show for the boys to follow.

Congratulations!

INDUCTION - CHALLENGE YOUR NEW PARENTS

Challenge your new Cub Scout parents when their son is inducted with a review of the basic objectives of Cub Scouting. This ceremony may be used following the regular Bobcat Induction.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, four Pack Committeemen, Committee Chairman and parents of the new Bobcats.

EQUIPMENT: Candleholder, four candles

ARRANGEMENTS: Pack leaders stand at one side of candleboard, parents on the other.

CUBMASTER: (to parents) I welcome you and your son to Cub Scout Pack (#). The success of Cub Scouting depends upon the boy's family relationships. To all the new parents in our Pack, we offer a challenge. As members of our Pack committee light candles, hear the challenge.

1ST COMMITTEEMAN: (Lights candle) Learn to have more fun with your boy. Encourage and help him with his achievements. Help him progress regularly through Cub Scouting into Scouting.

2ND COMMITTEEMAN: (Lights candle) Learn to live together better... as a Cub Scout in a den, as families as neighbors and as a nation.

3RD COMMITTEEMAN: (Lights candle) Become better parents by practicing the Cub Scouting principles of affection, participation, recognition and security, moving with your son into Scouting upon his graduation from Cub Scouting.

4TH COMMITTEEMAN: (Lights candle) Extend and strengthen the influence of the institution on boys, parents and the community.

CHAIRMAN: We welcome you and your family into our Pack. There is a place for you Mr. (and Mrs.) ____ on the Pack committee. Good luck and good Cub Scouting with your son.

INDUCTION - BOBCAT BRANDING

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: B.S.A. Stamp (made from Inner tube) Pins on the Bobcat badge cards (Badge attached upside down), Stamp pad, Fire (artificial or real), Twigs.

ARRANGEMENT: 1) As you read the list of names ask them to leave the room if inside or gather as a group away from the fire if outside, (with the assistant Cubmaster). If outside they are each handed a twig. 2) Have all the other Cubs also Den Chiefs and Den Leaders form a circle around the fire and join hands while facing the fire. 3) Ask the ones around the fire to say "sssss" each time a Bobcat is branded (Cubmaster say also). 4) If inside, dim lights or only have a few in back on during ceremony.

CUBMASTER: (Shouts) Round-up, Round-up

(At this time Assistant Cubmaster brings the Bobcats to just outside the circle of Cubs.)

CUBMASTER: Do these mavericks carry a Brand?

ASST. CUBMASTER: They are not branded, but desire to enter our corral.

CUBMASTER: Corral your mavericks. (Assistant Cubmaster opens up circle and leads the Bobcats in)

CUBMASTER: Just as our fire grows in warmth and brightens when you added your wood, so will our Pack grow as you now join us in spirit and numbers.

(Picks up the "Branding Iron") Bobcats, you are about to carry the boy Scouts of America brand which represents one of the greatest organizations for youth in the world. I am going to place this brand on your left hand. You must wear it visibly for 24 hours, and then, tomorrow night when you wash it off I want you to repeat the Cub Scout Promise to yourself, so that, you may carry its ideals in your heart. (Pause) Please repeat the Cub Scout Promise after me. (Hold up your two fingers) "I (name) promise to do my best, to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people and to obey the Law of the Pack"
(Now brand the Bobcats saying "SSSS" each time you do a boy.)

CUBMASTER: Now that these Bobcats have been branded, will their parents please come up and join them. (If inside have the lights turned back on) (other Cubs can go back to their seats) (Pause until all parents are up front)

ASST. CUBMASTER: Now that you have completed all the Bobcat requirements you are now entitled to wear this Bobcat badge. But first a word of explanation. The badge will be handed to your parents and they will have the privilege of pinning it on your left side shirt pocket, because they have helped you earn this and will be continually helping you throughout the Scouting program. You will notice that it is upside down. Later when you feel you have performed a good deed you may turn it right side up and sew it on your shirt. (read the names of the boys again as the Cubmaster hands the awards to the parents - shake each boys hand)

INDUCTION - DEN LEADER PROMISE

SETTING: Committee Chairman and Cubmaster stand behind table in front of room. On table is a lighted candle and a copy of the den Leader's Book of Webelos Den Leader's Book for each person.

CHAIRMAN: The den leader occupies a unique and essential place in Cub Scouting. Den leaders fill a particular need for boys of Cub Scout age and perform a fundamental service which no one else can give. They therefore, become indispensable leaders in our scheme of pack operation.

The following den leaders have been selected by our pack committee: (Read names of leaders and den numbers) Would you please come forward?

Will you promise to:

- Show interest and concern for all boys in your den.
- Take advantage of all training opportunities.
- Be responsible for the organization and operation of your den.
- Lead the den chief, helping him learn to lead the activities of your den.
- Attend monthly pack leader's meeting (or den leader coach/den leader meetings); monthly pack meetings and monthly distinct roundtable.
- Work with the parents of your Cub Scouts (and/or Webelos Scouts) so they will have an opportunity to share in the fun of Cub Scouting.
- Observe the policies of your chartered organization, of the (name) Council, and of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Keep your den in operation 12 months a year.

If so, please answer "I will".

CUBMASTER: Wearing the den leader's uniform not only identifies you as a very important member of the Boy Scouts of America, the largest boys' organization of its kind in the world, but it also sets a good example for the boys in your den.

We would like to welcome you as new leaders in our pack, and present you with copies of the Den leader's handbook. Congratulations and good Cub Scouting!

INDUCTION - THE NEW WEBELOS DEN INDUCTION

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Assst. Cubmaster, Webelos den leader, boys to be inducted into Webelos den, and parents

MATERIALS: Webelos cap, neckerchief, colors, and Webelos Scout Book for each boy. (Can be purchased by parents and brought to pack meeting) Also Webelos den flag.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have some boys who have reached the fourth grade and are forming a new Webelos den. (Call forward boys and their parents)

ASST. CUBMASTER: the purpose of the Webelos den is to prepare you for the adventures of Boy Scouting. Webelos Scouts earn the Webelos badge, the fourth badge of rank, which will complete the square on your pocket. You will also have an opportunity to work on 15 different activity badges - all the way from swimming to science. And finally, you will be able to earn the Arrow of Light Award, the highest award in Cub Scouting, before you graduate from the pack. (Call forward Webelos den leader)

This den will be known as Webelos den(#). (Name) will serve as Webelos den leader. (Also introduce assistant den leader at this time) We would like to present you with the Webelos den flag, (Present flag to Webelos den leader) which will help identify your den as a very important part of pack (#).

Webelos den (#) will meet (where) on (when). You will take part in all regular pack activities, and in addition, you Webelos Scouts will be going on overnight campouts with your dads, and will visit Boy Scout troops and take part in some of their activities.

CUBMASTER: (To parents) You have a responsibility in the Webelos den. Some of you dads will be called upon to help teach activity badges or help with other den activities. All of you dads will be expected to attend the overnight campouts with your sons. All parents will continue to help their sons on advancement, but you will not approve requirements, as you did in the Cub Scout den. It is the responsibility of the Webelos den leader to pass the boys on their Webelos requirements.

(To boys) We are proud that you have come this far on the Cub Scout trail. We would like for your parents to present you with your Webelos cap and colors. (They do) And now we'll ask your Webelos den leader to remove your Cub Scout (Bear) neckerchief and replace it with your new Webelos Scout neckerchief. (He does)

Finally, we want to present you with your Webelos Scout handbook. Parents, please read the section written especially for you, so you will be able to help your sons do their best in the Webelos den.

(To pack) May I introduce the members of Webelos den (#). (Lead applause) Congratulations to all of you.

INDUCTION - WHERE ARE THE NEW MEMBERS

PERSONNEL: Akela (Cubmaster), Medicine-man (Den Chief), Denner and Assistant Denner from each den, Drummer, New Bobcats.

EQUIPMENT: Drum, Headdress, blanket (Akela), Indian costume for Medicine-man, council fire, one feather head-band for Denner and Assistant Denner.

ARRANGEMENT: (Lights out and drum starts beating slowly. Medicine-man comes slowly in, lights fire and seats himself to the right facing the audience, Denners and Assistant Denners file in quietly one by one and seat themselves in a half circle to the right of the Medicine-man. Drum rolls, slight quickening to pace and "Akela" comes in and stands at the head of circle. Akela raises hand.... drum stops.)

AKELA: Where are the new members wishing to join this tribe? (or Pack or den and number) Bring them to the council fire.

(Drum beat quickens to a dance beat. Medicine-man dances around new Bobcats and brings them into the circle and seats them on the floor in front of the denners and assistant denners. Drums stop with a rill after Medicine-man is seated.)

AKELA: Will boys seeking entrance into the tribe stand and give the Cub Scout sign and repeat after me the "Cub Scout Motto"... "I'll do my best.... and the Cub Scout Promise...."

(Akela then asks Denner and Assistant Denners): Do you accept these boys into the tribe?

BOYS: How....UGH!!!

AKELA: (With hand raised): We are brothers. We are strong. The Great Spirit is our Father. Let us live at peace with each other. When the great light comes out of the East each day, if it shines on wrongs or anger between tribes, let us gather here at the council fire and seek truth, and light... So may it be!

(Lights on ...Akela asks the parents of the Bobcats to come and stand behind their sons as he calls the boys' names and presents badges and shakes their hands... he asks the audience to applaud.)

INDUCTION - TWO DOORS AND A BRIDGE

PROPS: Two doors with a bridge between, candles, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and Arrow of Light Posters.

ARRANGEMENT: Be sure to instruct new Bobcats to respond "I have" when Cubmaster asks if they have learned the Bobcat requirements.

CUBMASTER: You see before you two doors. One representing Cub Scouting and the other one Boy Scouting. Both doors can be opened to adventure. Tonight, our boys will only open one of the doors (unless a boy is graduating) to begin a journey of fun and adventure.

CHAIRMAN: Will these boys and their parents please come forward when your names are called. (Calls names of Bobcats.)

CUBMASTER: Boys, you have expressed a desire to join our Pack and be a part of our adventure team. There were some requirements for you to learn when you registered to become a Cub Scout. Have you learned them?

BOYS: I have.

CUBMASTER: To show that you have learned these requirements, please repeat with me the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, and the Cub Scout Motto. (Cubmaster and boys repeat all three at this time.) Parents, your sons have passed their requirements for the Bobcat Rank. It is with pleasure that we present you with their Bobcat Patch to place on their uniform. For it is you who will help your boy down the Cub Scout trail to fun and adventure. One last requirement for the Cub Scout to do is a good deed.

Between the two doors is a bridge. This bridge is one a boy must cross each year until he is eleven and can go through the Boy Scout door to adventure. There are some Cub Scouts here tonight who have passed their 12 achievements for Wolf and Bear. We have some Webelos who have been working on activity badges. Will these boys and their parents please come forward when their names are called.

(As boy's names are called for each rank, light a candle in front of that poster representing their rank.)

Congratulations to you all on the work you have been doing. One day soon, you will all be able to pass through the Boy Scout door to adventure.

(If you have an Arrow of Light and/or Graduation, do it now, but with a special ceremony.)

INDUCTION - TIGER TRACK

This ceremony is designed to welcome new Tiger Cubs and/or groups into Tiger Cubs. It also introduces them to the Tiger Cub Promise.

EQUIPMENT: The Tiger Track ceremony prop can be made from wood. Paint a simple Tiger paw on it and mount the candles or lights, one in front of the paw and the other four on the toes of the paw.

The Tiger Track is an important symbol in the Tiger Cub program. As you progress through Tiger Cubbing and finish each Big Idea, you will be presented a Tiger Track to iron on your shirt. The Tiger Track represents the spirit of Scouting (light the front candle). The spirit of Scouting is one of helping and friendship. 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 help 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 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 country.

The forth 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 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!

INDUCTION - NEW CUBMASTER AND OLD AKELA

PROPS: Indian headdress, artificial campfire, Indian blanket.

PERSONNEL: Committee chairman and new Cubmaster stand beside campfire. Former Cubmaster (as old Chief Akela) is out of sight.

CHAIRMAN: We are expecting a visit from old Chief Akela of the tribe of the Webelos. (A knock is heard and old Chief Akela enters).

OLD AKELA: I am here to help you install a new chief. Are the elders of the tribe assembled?

CHAIRMAN: They are here, Akela.

OLD AKELA: Have they selected a new chief?

CHAIRMAN: They have, and he is here. (The new Cubmaster is brought before the old chief).

OLD AKELA: You have been chosen to be the new chief of the tribe of the Webelos. Will you be loyal to the trust that has been placed in you by the committee, Cub Scouts, and parents?

NEW CUBMASTER: I will be loyal.

(Old Akela puts his blanket on the shoulder of the new Cubmaster and an Indian headdress on his head.)

OLD AKELA: I declare you to be Chief Akela, of the tribe of the Webelos pack(#) in the (Name) Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Do the young braves know the Law of the Pack?

NEW CUBMASTER: They do.

OLD AKELA: Then let them give the law.

ALL CUBS: (repeat the Law of the Pack).

INDUCTION - CUB INTO WEBELOS DEN

EQUIPMENT: Webelos neckerchief for each boy going into Webelos.

DEN LEADER: Mr. Cubmaster, a member of my den has reached the fourth grade and is now ready to enter the Webelos Den.

CUBMASTER: Bring him forward.

DEN LEADER: This is Cub Scout _____ and his parents, _____ has reached the Bear rank and has _____ arrow points.

CUBMASTER: _____, you have reached an important point on the scouting trail. As a Webelos Scout, you will be doing many new things and learning new skills that will not only be fun, but also rewarding. Now I want you to meet your new den leader.

WEBELOS LEADER: _____, Mr and Mrs. _____, welcome to the Webelos den. As you enter Webelos, some things will be done differently than they were in your last den. Your achievements will require a little more effort, you will be investigating areas that may help you decide what you would like to do in later life.

You will be camping out overnight. I will be the one to approve your achievements instead of your parents, although they will still help you with some of them. And your uniform will be different.

(The Webelos leader then removes the Cub Scout neckerchief and places the Webelos neckerchief around his neck.)

WEBELOS LEADER: This is the neckerchief you will wear. (He then pins on the colors) These are your colors, the activity badges you earn will be placed on them.

Now lets meet your new den.

INDUCTION - TIGER CUB CANDLELIGHT

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Committee Chairman, Den Chief, Tiger Cubs

EQUIPMENT: Table, enlarged Cub Scout emblem, 3 candles with holders, Tiger Cub patch and certificate for each Tiger Cub

SETTING: Tiger Cubs wait outside room with Den Chief. Table is placed at front of room holding Cub emblem and 3 candles. The room is in darkness. When all is ready, the Den Chief knocks on the door from the outside. Cubmaster and Committee Chairman stand behind the table.

CUBMASTER: Who wishes to enter this meeting room?

DEN CHIEF: Den Chief (name) with Tiger Cubs to join this pack.

CUBMASTER: What are the names of the Tiger Cubs?

DEN CHIEF: (names the Tiger Cubs).

CUBMASTER: Bring the Tiger Cubs inside. (DEN CHIEF brings Tiger Cubs into room and leads them to front of table. He then takes his seat in the audience.)

CUBMASTER: (To Tiger Cubs) You have entered from the darkness of the outer world to the light symbolizing Scouting. This candle (he lights one) stands for the Spirit of Scouting. There are many benefits to be gained from belonging to Cub Scouting. You will learn a great deal, you will have a chance to help others, you will be rewarded for your efforts, and you will have a lot of fun. The Cub Scout promise is the basic principle of Cub Scouting. (Lights candle representing promise.) Will you repeat it with me please?

(CUBMASTER gives Cub sign and begins the promise. Tiger Cubs join him.)

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Just as the Cub Scout promise is the basic principle of Cub Scouting, the Law of the Pack is the fundamental rule governing Cub Scouting. (lights third candle) Please give the Cub Scout sign and repeat with me.

(COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN gives sign and leads Tigers in repeating Law of the Pack.)

CUBMASTER: Remember well the Promise and the Law of the Pack and use them as your guide for personal conduct in the years to come. And now we ask that the parents of these Tiger Cubs come forward to receive the patches and certificates for their sons.

(Parents come forward and stand behind their son.)

(CUBMASTER presents the Tiger Cub patches and certificates to parents, who in turn present them to their sons.)

CUBMASTER: (to parents) Parents play an important role in Cub Scouting. You will work together with your sons on their achievements and electives. You will find that you will learn as well as your sons, and in having fun with him will become a closer family.

CUBMASTER: (to boys) Congratulations! And good Cub Scouting to you all.

INDUCTION - BOBCAT THE FIRE OF AKELA

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Committee Chairman, Bobcat candidates and parents

EQUIPMENT: None

SETTING: The boys are brought in tied to a long rope with short leather thongs. Room should be dark except for campfire.

CUBMASTER: Before you burn the fire of Akela. The light of the fire is like the teaching of Akela, the heat is like the love Akela has for you. The leather thongs that bind your wrists to the rope are like the promise you will make to obey the Law of the Pack. The rope itself represents your pack, the common bond.

The Law of the Pack will now be given by Akela.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: States the Law

CUBMASTER: You have heard the Law. You must now give the Promise to obey it. Now give the Cub Scout sign and in a loud, clear voice say the Cub Scout Promise together. (Boys recite promise.)

(Chief takes out knife) You have given the Promise and you will now be freed from your bonds, not that you may forget the Promise, but rather to keep the Promise in your hearts and obey the Law even when Akela is not with you.

The knife of Akela must now be purified in the fire (Chief puts blade near campfire). You must submit to what follows without fear, for the heat of the fire which is love presents no danger, but demands trust and loyalty. You will then be given the mark of the Bobcat. You must wear it upside down until you have completed your first act of good will as a member of the pack.

(Cuts thongs, badges handed to each boy and handshakes given. CC carries badges for Chief.) Let us now welcome the new Bobcats to the pack with the cry of the Wolf.

INDUCTION - THEY ARE NOW ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE WEBELOS DEN

ARRANGEMENT: Boys to be inducted into Webelos den are called forward with their parents. Cubmaster stands with them. Webelos leader and member of Webelos den stand to one side. Six Webelos Scouts have speaking parts.

CUBMASTER: It is my pleasure to announce that (Names of boys) have now reached age 8 and have completed their work in Den____. They are now eligible to join the Webelos den. Webelos Scouts wear a special neckerchief, so I will remove your Cub Scout neckerchief, (He does so and hands it to parents)

Our Webelos Scouts are learning to become Scouts and they would like to tell you about it:

1st WEBELOS: The Scout Law is a lengthy one; sometimes it's hard to keep;
But if you take it step by step, the climb won't seem so steep.

2nd WEBELOS: Trustworthiness comes first of all; that's always good to know;
And loyalty comes next in line. Be proud, and let it show.

3rd WEBELOS: A friendly, helpful Scout is one who's courteous and kind;
and then, of course, obedience is always on your mind.

4th WEBELOS: A good Scout is a cheerful one and one you're glad to meet;
You must be thrifty and be brave and always clean and neat.

5th WEBELOS: A Webelos is a ten-year-old boy; a boy like me or you;
Who learns to be a Boy Scout. It's not hard to do.

6th WEBELOS: There's one last step that we must learn, to be reverent as we can;
All these things a Boy Scout does to be a better man.

WEBELOS LDR: While we're learning about Boy Scouts, our Webelos den has lots of fun working on activity badges, going on hikes and camping. We would like to welcome you to our den. We know you will have fun and learn many things.

(Boys to be inducted move to take their place beside Webelos Scouts. Webelos leader places the Webelos neckerchief around their necks and presents them with Webelos handbook.)

INDUCTION - BEAR TO WEBELOS NEW THINGS AND NEW SKILLS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos leader, Den leader

EQUIPMENT: Webelos neckerchief and colors for each candidate

DEN LEADER: Cubmaster (name), the members of my den are now ready to enter a Webelos den.

CUBMASTER: Bring them and their parents forward.

DEN LEADER: This is Cub Scout (name) and his parents (names). (Name) has reached bear rank and has arrow points. (Name each boy and his parents individually.)

CUBMASTER: All of you have reached an important point on the Scouting trail. As a Webelos Scout, you will be doing many new things and learning new skills that will not only be fun, but also rewarding. Now I want you to meet your new Webelos leader.

WEBELOS LEADER: Welcome to the Webelos den. As you enter Webelos, some things will be done differently than the were in your last den. Your achievements will require a little more effort, you will be investigating areas that may help you decide what you would like to do later in life.

You will be camping out overnight. I will be the one to approve your achievements instead of your parents, although they will continue to help you with some of them.

And your uniform will be different.

(WEBELOS LEADER instructs parents to remove Cub Scout neckerchief and place the Webelos neckerchief around his neck.)

WEBELOS LEADER: This is the neckerchief you will wear.
(Cubmaster hands colors to parents to pin on)

WEBELOS LEADER: These are your colors, the activity badges you earn will be placed on them. On behalf of pack ____ I would like to welcome each of you and your parents to the Webelos den.

INDUCTION - T-I-G-E-R

EQUIPMENT: 5 orange candies on a table and 5 pieces of cardboard, on which the letters T, I, G, E, and R are written, next to the candies; a lighter or matches.

Cubmaster asks the Tiger Cubs, the den leader and parents to come forward.

CUBMASTER: Beside the orange candies are the letters T-I-G-E-R, and each letter represents a part of being a Tiger Cub.

Light one candle as each of the following lines is read:

Trying different experiences and skills with family and new friends.

Ideas for making things and having fun.

Good times playing games and singing songs.

Exploring community and country.

Ready for more new adventures in Cub Scouting!

You have fulfilled the Tiger motto - Search, Discover, and Share - with your den leader and your family and are now ready to take the next step on the Cub Scouting trail into a Wolf den.

Cubmaster says the following as he/she takes off each boy's Tiger neckerchief and replaces it with the yellow Wolf neckerchief and hands him the Tiger graduation certificate.

Boy's Name, Pack _____ is proud of your achievements as a Tiger Cub, and we look forward to more fun with you this next year as a Wolf Cub Scout. (Shake the boy's hand).

After the last Tiger Cub has received his neckerchief and certificate, the Cubmaster may lead the pack in an appropriate applause (cheer).

INDUCTION - CHALLENGE OF THE FIRE PIT

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Tiger Cub Coach, Shere Kahn, Den leader

EQUIPMENT: Florescent painted rocks (orange and red), black light, Tiger Cub pins of each Tiger/adult partner

SETTING: Place rocks together in rows to represent bed of hot coals. When Cubmaster has lights turned off, they will glow.

CUBMASTER: I will call upon the great Shere Kahn to bring forth the Tigers of our pack, their adult partners and their Tiger Cub Group Coach. (All come forward)

SHERE KAHN: Have these boys and adults completed a year of the Tiger Cubs?

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

SHERE KAHN: Here is the symbol of the Tiger who has met the challenge. (Hands pin to each Tiger.) Please place this on your Tiger shirt.

Here is the token for having helped the Tiger to complete the challenge. (Hands pin to Tiger.) Pin them on your adult partner's shirt.

Adults, I give you charge of the written proof. Be proud of your team efforts which it took to accomplish them.

(Lights are turned off.)

SHERE KAHN: This bed of hot rocks represents the greatness of the challenges to come. The rocks will not burn you unless you fear them. No harm will come unless you doubt your ability. Are you ready to cross the bed of hot rocks into Cub Scouting? (Tigers answer.) Then go and meet your new leader.

CUBMASTER: (Greets and welcomes each Tiger/Adult as they cross the rocks and introduces them to their new den leader.) Welcome to pack. May you meet every challenge you face in life as well as you have met the challenge of the hot rocks tonight.

INDUCTION - FAMILY CIRCLE BOBCAT CEREMONY

PERSONNEL: CUBMASTER, BOBCAT CANDIDATES, AND PARENTS

EQUIPMENT: Imitation council fire, Bobcat badges and certificates

ARRANGEMENT: Bobcat candidates and parents to be inducted are placed within the circle of all other Cub Scouts. The Cubmaster, standing at the side, faces them over the fire.

CUBMASTER: You have come tonight seeking admission to the friendship and fun of Cub Scouting. You have attended a meeting of the den you expect to join. You have learned, along with your parents who are here with you, those things necessary to become a Bobcat. Will you give the Cub Scout sign and repeat with me the Cub Scout Promise.

Parents, we welcome you. Cub Scouting is for the whole family. Fun and friendship within this circle come because we have all joined hands, Cub Scouts and parents, in order to make it so. As parents you have certain responsibilities in Cub Scouting. We expect that you will attend the monthly pack meetings and will work with your son on his achievements, approving them for him when satisfactorily completed. When called upon, we will expect you to assist along with the rest of the parents, in various leadership capacities. Will you accept this responsibility?

INDUCTION - OUR SECRET RECIPE

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, committee chairman or den/Webelos coach

EQUIPMENT: Kentucky Fried Chicken box containing a rib, thigh, breast and a wing.

SETTING: Call forward all who you wish to welcome

NARRATOR: It's not easy being the BEST. You start out by doing just one thing and you keep on doing that thing until you do it better than anyone else. Here in pack ____ we do one thing, and we do it RIGHT. We start out by using only the BEST INGREDIENTS and it's our SECRET RECIPE that keeps making our pack #1.

So here's to you! We don't mean to RIB you. We just want to say that you're a welcome addition to our ORIGINAL STAFF. When you agreed to join us, we breathed a THIGH of relief! You add SPICE (11 herbs and spices) to our program. You help keep us a-BREAST of the latest Scouting news. We can count on you to CARRY OUT any assignment and know that it will be WELL DONE. When you're asked to do something, even at the last minute, you pitch right in and WING it.

Yes, we pick only the BEST and we SERVE the BEST because ONLY THE BEST WILL DO! That's why we're #1, because WE DO Picking RIGHT!

INDUCTION - JUST STARTING THIS TRAIL AS BOBCATS

When Akela was a young brave, his father was a great chief named Arrow of Light, and his mother knew all the wondrous things that mothers know. She was named Kind Eyes. Arrow of Light and Kind Eyes helped Akela to learn all the secrets of the forest by encouraging him to go into it himself. Akela followed the tracks of the bobcats and wolves to learn their habits. On the trail, he saw and learned many things. He saw how the beavers worked together to build their mighty dams. He watched the strong-winged geese in flight following and obeying their leader. By a stream, he watched the men and women of his tribe gather birch bark and build a big canoe, working together like the beavers and following their leader like the geese.

Each day, Akela went farther into the forest, following the tracks another mile or more. Each day he jumped across a wider stream or climbed a taller tree. He grew stronger and stronger as he learned more and more about the rocks, trees, birds and animals. He became braver too, because his greater knowledge and strength made him braver.

Tonight, you new braves are starting on this same trail. You will learn the same things Akela learned as a young brave. You will follow the tracks of the Bobcats. Some of you will learn the secret of the wolf's blood-- known only to very few of our tribe. Others will gain the knowledge of the bear and wear his claw. Still more of you will learn the ways and language of the Webelos. Only a very small number will gain the greatest prize of all-- THE ARROW OF LIGHT and learn what it means.

Today, some of you are just starting this trail as BOBCATS.

INDUCTION - DENNER INSTALLATION #2

PERSONNEL: Den leader, Den Chief

EQUIPMENT: Table, large candle, matches

ARRANGEMENT: The den leader or the Den Chief leads the new Denner to a table with the large candle.

DEN CHIEF: (Name of boy) has been selected Denner of Den (number). It is your job to call roll, bring refreshments, and help clean up after meetings this month. (Adjust to fit duties and time period in your den.) Will you accept this responsibility?

DENNER: I will do my best.

DEN CHIEF: I will light this candle to symbolize the ongoing Spirit of Scouting. Cubs, let us join together in saying the Cub Scout Promise to show our support for Cub Scouting and our new Denner.

INDUCTION -1ST TO 2ND YEAR WEBELOS

PERSONNEL: Webelos leader

EQUIPMENT: None

SETTING: None

WEBELOS LEADER: Webelos, as you end your first year as Webelos, I ask that you rededicate yourselves to Scouting. Remember that the spirit of Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting are one and the same. The spirit of the entire Scouting movement is one of service, high ideals, and fellowship. Webelos Scouts, repeat after me:

I (name), promise to do my best.

To show that a Webelos Scout

Is faithful to his Cub Scout promise.

To be a true Webelos Scout

By joining a Boy Scout troop when I am eleven years old

And to uphold the Scout Oath and Law

As I have upheld the Cub Scout promise and the Law of the Pack.

INDUCTION - THIS FAMILY DOES THINGS WILL TOGETHER

EQUIPMENT: A large piece of covered cardboard, tape, a Boy's Life front cover, scissors, Bobcat badges. (Have one piece of cardboard and one magazine cover for each Bobcat family inducted.)

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster calls the Bobcat Cub Scout and his family to the front. As he welcomes them to the pack, he cuts the Boy's Life front cover into as many pieces as there are family members present. He gives each member of the family, the Cub Scout, parents, brothers, sisters, grandparents), etc., a piece and asks them to assemble the pieces into the complete picture and tape them on the board. He gives the family plenty of time. When they finish, he compliments them on how well they work together.

CUBMASTER: As we have seen, this family does things will together, They know how to get things done. Cub Scouting is for the whole family. The accomplishments of one member of the family depend a lot on the rest of the family. It is that way in Cub Scouting. The achievements and awards earned will always depend on how well you work together.

(The Cubmaster presents the Bobcat badge to a parent, who in turn presents it to the Cub Scout.)

INDUCTION - I CHALLENGE EACH OF YOU

PERSONNEL: The unit commissioner, Cubmaster, committee chairman, or the chartered organization representative can perform this ceremony.

EQUIPMENT: None

SETTING: All new pack leaders should be in front of the room of the room.

NARRATOR: Cub Scouting is a program of the Boy Scouts of America for parents, leaders, and institutions to use with boys 7, 8, 9 and 10 years of age for the purpose of: influencing the development of the boy's character and spiritual life, developing habits and attitudes of good citizenship, encouraging good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body, improving understanding within the family, strengthening the ability to get along with other boys and respect for other people, fostering a sense of personal achievement by developing new interests and skills, showing how to be helpful and to do one's best. Providing fun and excitement and new things to do and preparing the to become Boy Scouts. This task takes love, it takes dedication, it takes knowledge. Love and dedication come from within us, but knowledge is gained by experience and training.

I challenge each of you to do your best in meeting these purposes. Do you accept this challenge?

Participants: I do.

INDUCTION – A POSITION OF LEADERSHIP

EQUIPMENT: Each Cub Scout who will be in the Den of the new leader should have a card with his name, birthdate, address and phone number and parent's names. Attached to this card is a string with a slip knot in the loose end. Also needed is a Cub Scout Leader's Book.

CUBMASTER; Tonight, we have the pleasure of offering to some parents a position of leadership that will give them some of the most memorable experineces of their lives. Will (read names of Den Leaders and Assistants) please come forward and join me? We want to welcom you as the new Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader for Den ____.

COMMITTEE CHAIR: I, too, want to welcome you to a position of leadership in our Pack. I want you to know that we are all here to help you in any way and I am sure all of the parents of the boys in your Den will give you any assistance they can and that you need. I would like to present to you the Den Leader's patch and Assistannt Den Leader's patch to sew on your uniforms on the left sleeve. And also the Cub Scout Leader's Book which is a very valuable aid.

CUBMASTER: Now so that you won't forget to remember all that you need to know about your new position, we have (# of boys in the Den) strings to tie around your fingers. Will the boys of Den ____ please come forward? (Boys come up and slip their cards' strings over the Den Leaders fingers. They then lead the leaders back to where their Den is sitting.)

INDUCTION - DEN CHIEF WELCOME TO THE PACK

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, den/Webelos leaders, new Den Chiefs

EQUIPMENT: Den Chief cord and Den Chief book for each new Den Chief, table

SETTING: Cubmaster and appropriate den/Webelos leaders in front of room facing audience, table with cords and books behind him.

CUBMASTER: We have some new leaders here tonight whom we want to welcome into the pack. These leaders will be the activities assistants in their dens. They will lead games, teach songs, help with ceremonies and skits, and bring with them special Scouting skills and be anxious in passing them on to their dens. These new leaders are our Den Chiefs.

(Call the new Den Chiefs forward and introduce them to the dens they will be working with.)

These Scouts will not only serve as invaluable assistants in their dens and our pack, they are also charged with the bigger responsibility of serving as models for all our Cub Scouts. They will be living examples of the Scout Oath and Law. They will be teacher and friend.

Den Chiefs, will you repeat after me:

I____, will do my best
to help the Cub Scouts
of this pack
to do their best.

CUBMASTER: Congratulations! As a representative of pack I present you with a Den Chief Handbook and ask your den leader to award you with your Den Chief cord.

INDUCTION – LEGEND OF THE THUNDERBIRD LEADER

EQUIPMENT: Thunderbird shield made of posterboard and decorated with feathers.

CUBMASTER: Will (read names of new leaders) please come forward? (They do.) Thunderbird has visited us here tonight and left an important message. You must understand that he has great powers, including the power to cause lightning and rain. His message tonight is to wish us all health and good luck for future generations. We feel that it is you who have brought Thunderbird here tonight. We wish to thank you for accepting the Cub Scout challenge as a new Leader for a (Wolf, Bear, or Webelos) Den. May Thunderbird cross your path many times. (Detach a feather from the edge of the shield and present it to each leader.)

INDUCTION - FAMILY GRADUATION/INDUCTION CEREMONY

CUBMASTER: The family is one of the basic components of the Cub Scout program, Tonight; we are honoring a very special group of our pack family. We are graduating our Tiger Cubs into Cub Scouting. Will the Tigers and their families please come forward? Tigers, it is your wish to become Cub Scouts? If so, answer, "I do."

Tigers I do.

CUBMASTER: Parents, do you wish your son to participate in pack activities, and do you understand that it is your responsibility, as parents, to help your son work on his rank and help make the pack grow?

Parents We do.

CUBMASTER: Now, Tigers, do you know the Cub Scout promise and sign? Please say the promise together now with me. (Boys will say promise with arms raised in the Cub Scout sign.)

Do you wish to follow Akela, grow in strength, citizenship, and develop your character in the right things? If so, say, "I do."

Tigers I do.

CUBMASTER: Will you help your pack grow" If so, answer "We will."

Tigers We will,

CUBMASTER: Since you have completed your Tiger Cub trail and shown your desire to become Cub Scouts, I now present you with your Tiger Cub patch, your Tiger Cub graduation certificate, and your Tiger Cub service star (one _year star with orange backing.) Congratulations! You are now officially a Cub Scout in Pack

INDUCTION - INDUCTION OF TIGER CUB COORDINATOR

Will (name? please come forward. At this point either the Cubmaster or a pack leader presents the Tiger Cub Coordinator with scrolls of paper like diplomas. Each scroll has one word on it: Enthusiasm, Knowledge, Responsibility, and Tiger Cub Promise.

I present you with ENTHUSIASM - enthusiasm to SEARCH out new and exciting things to do with your Tiger Cub den.

I present you with KNOWLEDGE to be able to DISCOVER new adventures and new activities to do with you Tiger Cub den.

I present you with RESPONSIBILITY -- the responsibility to SHARE all the great things you have discovered and grown in knowledge with Your Tiger Cub den.

I present you with the TIGER CUB PROMISE. Tiger Cub Coordinator opens the scroll and reads: "I promise to love God, my family and my country, and to learn about the world," Living up to this will be a challenge for your and Your Tiger Cub den. Welcome to the wonderful world of Tiger Cubs.

INDUCTION - THE FLAME OF CUBBING

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, new Cubs and their parents

EQUIPMENT: One single burning candle, a small candle in a holder for each new Cub Bobcat candidate, Bobcat badges, Bobcat certificates, and Mother's pin.

ARRANGEMENTS: Dim the lights if possible otherwise leave them on.

CUBMASTER: Would the following Bobcat candidates come forward and form a straight line across the front. (As each boy comes forward, the Assistant Cubmaster hands them a candle in a holder, like a nut cup or cupcake paper.)

Place your candle in your left hand. You are about to receive the Cub Scout flame of Scouting. As I approach you and if you are willing to accept this flame, then light your candle from mine. (Cubmaster passes and asks each boy if he is willing to accept the flame of Cubbing, then each boy lights his candle.)

Having accepted the Cub Scout flame, you all have said, Yes, I do desire to become a Bobcat Cub Scout. To further seal this desire, raise your right hands in the Cub Scout sign and repeat the Cub Scout promise. We will start by each of you stating your name one at a time. (Have the boys recite the Cub Scout promise in unison.)

Will the parents of these Cub Scouts please come forward and stand behind your son. I will present to you your son's Bobcat badge and certificate as a Cub Scout, which I then ask you to present to your son. Please pin the bobcat badge to his left shirt pocket, upside down. Once he has done a good deed, you may turn it right side up.

(As you present the parents with the award, introduce the family to the pack.) Mr. & Mrs. _____ I will present your son's Bobcat badge and certificate and welcome you to our Pack.

Let's give these new Bobcats a round of applause.

INDUCTION - BOBCAT WHO GOES THERE

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster , Webelos leader , 6 Webelos Scouts , Bobcat candidates

EQUIPMENT: A drum

SETTING: Cubmaster and Webelos leader at front of room.

CUBMASTER: Who goes there?

WEBELOS: A boy seeking fun of Cub Scouting.

CUBMASTER: Is he is wise in the ways of the Bobcat?

WEBELOS: He is, Oh Akela.

CUBMASTER: Then bring him forward and let him be tested.

WEBELOS #1: Show us the Cub Scout sign. (Cub gives sign). Pass on.

WEBELOS #2: Say the Cub Scout promise with me. (Repeat promise) Pass on.

WEBELOS #3: Show the Cub Scout salute. (Give salute) Pass on.

WEBELOS #4: What is the Cub Scout motto? (give motto) Pass on.

WEBELOS #5: Repeat the Law of the Pack with me. (repeat law) Pass on.

WEBELOS #6: Show the Cub Scout handshake. (demonstrate shake) Pass on. Bobcats come forward and join us? (All parents come forward and stand by their son.)

CUBMASTER: I, as Akela, welcome you and your family into pack _____. Parents, please pin this Bobcat badge on your son's shirt upside down. This new Cub Scout must do a good deed to have his badge sewed on his shirt right-side up! (Parents pin on badges.)

CUBMASTER: Will the leader (leaders) of den (dens) come forward and take the new Cub Scouts now entering your den and into your care as their den leader.

INDUCTION - BOBCAT BOX

ITEMS REQUIRED:

- 1) Large cardboard box covered with paper or sheet
- 2) Bobcat eyes (marbles)
- 3) Fur type cloth.

The boys are told that a bobcat has been captured and has been placed in the box. As new Bobcats they must reach into the box and get a Bobcat eye or a piece of the Bobcat fur.

What they do not know is that someone is in the box. The person in the box makes sounds like a Bobcat. The person in the box will gently touch each boy as he reaches into the box. I feel like you can follow the idea of this ceremony.

The parents will pin the Bobcat insignia on the boy as was previously explained. Do not forget the good deed.

INDUCTION - BOBCAT EYES

List of Materials Needed:

- 1) BOBCAT EYES for all Bobcats (Marbles)
- 2) Large Pot
- 3) Dry ice (2 pounds)
- 4) Plastic bugs, snakes, rope and other items for the pot.

Put all the STUFF in the pot which will have hot water in it. Add the dry ice just prior to starting the ceremony. (The dry ice will make the water form a fog that looks like smoke.) Bring the pot in from an area out of the boys sight and give them the impression that the water is boiling hot. Tell the boys that you have been boiling Bobcat Eyes. You have boiled the eyes to make them hard and that they will have to reach in and get a Bobcat Eye to become a Bobcat.

After the eyes have been retrieved, have the parents come up to receive their parents pin. At this time explain to the boys and their parents that the Bobcat insignia that they just received will be pinned on upside down. In order to get the patch sewn on right side up, the boy must do a good deed.

At this point the new Bobcats will get a cheer from the Pack.

INDUCTION - FAMILY INDUCTIONS WITH CUB VOICES

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster Pack Committee Chairman, leaders as "Voices".

EQUIPMENT: Two blue candles, two yellow candles, four cards spelling C-U-B-S.

ARRANGEMENT: Call new boys forward with their parents.

CUBMASTER: (lighting all four candles) These candles are Cub Scouting's colors, blue and gold, and they represent the fun and adventure we hope you will find in Cub Scouting. The four letters you see here spell C U B S but they stand for something special, also.

FIRST VOICE: The "C" stands for courtesy. A Cub Scout is courteous to everyone, his friends, older people, teachers, and especially his parents.

SECOND VOICE: The "U" stands for unity. When a boy joins a pack, his parents join, too. In the den and pack, he learns to get along with others.

THIRD VOICE: The "B" stands for bravery. The Cub Scout is brave enough to stand up for the things he thinks are right. He believes in honesty, equality, and fair play.

FOURTH VOICE: The "S" stands for service. The Cub Scout promises to help other people, and he tries to spread goodwill in every way he can.

CUBMASTER: The members of this pack welcome you into our family of Cub Scouting. (Shake hands with new cubs and their parents.)

INDUCTION - THE TIGER CUB INVESTITURE

The purpose of an investiture ceremony is to welcome the Teams into Tiger Cubbing. It helps the new members feel part of the larger organization of the Boy Scouts of America.

Opening

Den carries flag in
Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome

Introduction of Leaders
Light candles - Spirit of Scouting & 3 for Tiger Cub Motto

Story of Ranks

(Tell a little about the steps from Tiger Cub to Eagle Scout. It helps to have Scouts of the different ranks come up front as the ranks are introduced.)

Tiger-Cub - Cub Scout - Webelos - Boy Scout - Eagle Scout.

Certificates

Cub Den escort Tiger Cub and adult partner up front - one at a time
Partner is handed certificate
Boy is handed Tiger Cub Patch
Boy and partner each get candle
Boy and partner light candles from Spirit of Scouting candle
Boy and partner stand aside - holding lit candles
- next team

Tiger Cub promise

Repeat after Coach

Set candles aside

Boy and partner set candles in log (holder) on table - one team at a time - and get seated

Business

Announcements
Next meeting, time, place, great idea, team in charge

Closing

Repeat Tiger Cub Motto

Refreshments

If desired

INDUCTION - IT'S UP TO YOU

Cubmaster asks all Leaders to come forward, calling each one by name and giving Pack positions. Cubmaster asks each one to give the Cub Scout Sign and repeat the following in phrases.

I as a leader of Pack ____ promise to work in harmony with other members of the committee at all times for the benefit of the youth members.

I realize that I have the opportunity to influence the lives of young people in the Scouting program by my example as a Leader.

I pledge to spend as much of my time as I can to learn how to be the best qualified Leader that I can be.

I promise to support the rules and regulations of the Pack committee, and will work hard to provide the boys of Pack ____ with an exciting and worthwhile program.

I accept my Leadership role as a serious and important responsibility. I promise I will always to my best.

CUBMASTER: I have a poem I want to read and ask each of you to accept this poem and its words as a further indication of your willingness to "DO YOUR BEST". (Give each Leader a copy of this poem after you have read it out loud.)

"IT'S UP TO YOU"

God gave you this day to do just what you would,
you can throw it away; or do some good.

You can make someone happy, or make someone sad,
What have you done with the day that you had?

God give it to you to do just as you would,
You can do what is wrong; or do what is good.

You can hand out a smile; or just give'em a frown,
You can lift someone up; or push someone down.

You can lighten some load; or some progress impede,
You can look for a rose; or just gather some weeds.

What did you do with your beautiful day?
God give it to you; did you throw it away?

INDUCTION - STRING OVER THE DEN LEADER'S FINGERS

EQUIPMENT: Each Cub Scout who will be in the den of the new leader should have a card with his name, birthdate, address and phone number and parent's names. Attached to this card is a string with a slip knot in the loose end. Also needed is a Cub Scout Leaders' Book.

CM: Tonight we have the pleasure of offering to some parents a position of leadership that will give them some of the most memorable experiences of their lives. Will (Read names of Den Leaders and Assistants) please come forward and join me? We want to welcome you as the new Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader of Den _____

COMMITTEE CHAIR: I too want to welcome you to a position of leadership in our Pack. I want you to know that we are all here to help you in any way and I am sure all of the parents of the boys in your den will give you any assistance they can and that you need. I would like to present to you the Den Leader's patch and Assistant Den Leader's patch to sew on your uniforms on the left sleeve. And also the Cub Scout Leader's Book which is a very valuable aid.

CM: Now so that you won't forget to remember all that you need to know about your new position we have (Number of boys in the den) strings to tie around your fingers. Will the boys of Den please come forward? (Boys come up and slip their card's string over the Den Leader's fingers. Then lead the leaders back to where their den is sitting.)

INDUCTION - DEN CEREMONY JOIN THE TEAM

PERSONNEL: Den leader, new member and den

EQUIPMENT: Table, matches, one large white candle, 1 small candle for each member of the den including den leader and Den Chief (in a holder)

ARRANGEMENT: Place the large candle (lighted) on the table. Arrange the small candles in a straight line in front of the larger candle. Form the den in a straight line in front of the table. Dim lights.

DEN LEADER: (Before you burn a white candle which represents the Spirit of Cub Scouting.) It takes teamwork to keep the spirit of Cub Scouting burning brightly. Now as your name is called, I would like each team member to come forward and light his candle from the Spirit Candle. (The den leader calls each boy forward by name, one at a time, except for the new member.) As each team member added his light, the Spirit of Cub Scouting has grown. As a team, our light will shine brighter as we all work together as a team. Today our team has a new member. Will (name) come forward and light your candle from the Spirit candle. As (name) adds his light and teamwork to this den, the light of the Cub Scout Spirit grows even more. We welcome you into this den and invite you to join us as we work as a team to keep the light of Cub Scouting bright. (Have each boy shake hands with the new member using the Cub Scout handshake.)

INDUCTION - I PROMISE TO WORK WITH MY BOY

EQUIPMENT NEEDED: Certificate of Graduation, Tiger Cub one year pin.

PERSONNEL: Tiger Cub organizer, narrator, Cubmaster, Graduating Tiger Cubs and their partners.

(Tiger Cub organizer escorts boys and partners to ceremonial area.)

NARRATOR: Today these Tiger Cubs and their partners are taking their first big step on the Cub Scouting trail. Will the Tiger Cub organizer please present the Tigers and their partners. (Organizer gives each boy's and partner's name.)

NARRATOR: As Tiger Cubs, you searched, discovered, and shared. Now as Cub Scouts you will be facing new challenges, learning new skills and striving to become better citizens. Your partners' role will be changing, too, but its importance will not. We ask you partners to continue to support your boy by helping him and our Pack, perhaps as a leader.

CUBMASTER: Welcome to our Pack. Now we ask you to join me in giving the Cub Scout promise. (Use repeat-after-me method.)

Now, partners, we ask you to raise your right hands and repeat the Cub Scout parents' promise. Please repeat after me:

I promise to work with my boy
And to support him
As he strives to advance in Cub Scouting.
I will work with him and will do my best
To help the Pack grow for all the boys.
I will accept responsibility within the Pack
To ensure a strong program.

Give partners the certificates and one year pins to present to their boys. Ask audience to sing "Cub Scout Welcome Song" (Cub Scout Songbook).

INDUCTION – BEAR TO WEBELOS (Broken Arrow)

Written by Rick McNeil

EQUIPMENT: One Arrow for each boy with name inscribed. Notch each arrow on the top and bottom, about 3 inches apart.

CALL BEAR SCOUTS AND THEIR PARENTS FORWARD.

CUBMASTER: You and your family have worked together to develop the skills of the Wolf and Bear. Together, you have strengthened your family and the Scouting family. You will now start on the Trail of the Webelos. Your goal is the Arrow of Light.

This group of arrows represents you, your family, your adult Scouting Leaders, the Pack, and the Chartering Organization. Without any of these people, Scouting would not be strong. Take this group of arrows. Together, as a group, the arrows are strong.

As you have notice, your names are on the arrows. When your arrow remains in the group, the strength of the group is added to it. Without any of the other members, Scouting will break as easily as I break this arrow (Break each boys' arrow over his shoulder. Hand the point to the parents and the fletched end to the boy.)

Parents, you have received the head of the arrow. This signifies that you and the Webelos Leaders will guide these scouts over the next two years. New Webelos, you have received the flight feathers. This signifies your travels during the next two years. Your journey will end in two years with most of you reaching the Arrow of Light. At the end of that journey, you will have enabled this arrow to, once again, fly straight and true.

When the time for their Arrow of Light ceremony comes, collect the arrows, fit the notches back together and use glue and twine to wrap them and make them whole again. Present them to the boys at their Arrow of Light Ceremony.

INDUCTION – WELCOME, NEW TIGER AND FAMILY

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Tiger Cubs and their adult partners.

EQUIPMENT: Fake fire, a stick for each boy, awards (if any)

ARRANGEMENT: (Lights dimmed)

CUBMASTER: Will everyone please stand?

(Call new boys and their parents forward.)

Will the pack recite the Cub Scout Promise?

Cub Scout Promise

I _____, promise to do my best,

To do my duty,

To God and my country,

To help other people, and

To obey the Law of the Pack

Join me in reciting the Law of the Pack:

Law of the Pack

The Cub Scout follows Akela.

The Cub Scout helps the Pack go.

The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow.

The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

Will the audience please be seated?

The logs in the center represent the fellowship of the boys and families in Cub Scouting.

Your piece of wood represents you.

Please step forward and add your wood to the fire.

As your wood makes the fire burn stronger and brighter, so you make the Pack stronger and better.

As your piece of wood becomes an integral part of the fire, so you are now an integral part of the pack.

Without you, the pack would gradually grow dimmer and die. You are the fuel that keeps the pack going.

You are now formally accepted as a member of Pack (#). Please turn and face your parent.

Parents, we will now induct you as a part of the Cub Scout Family.

Please turn and make the following pledge to your son.

The Parent's Pledge:

Repeat after me:

As your parent,
I will do my best
To help you, a Cub Scout,
Live up to the Cub Scout Promise
And obey the Law of the Pack.

I will work with you
On your achievements and projects.
I will attend the pack meetings
And help as needed
To make the pack go.

Will everyone please join me in giving three cheers to the newest members of our Pack?

INDUCTION – TIGER CUB INDUCTION – AKELA OF THE GREAT MOUNTAIN

PERSONNEL: Akela (Cubmaster in Native American costume), Assistant Cubmaster, Tiger candidates and their parents.

EQUIPMENT: Tiger Cub neckerchiefs, Tiger Belt Totems (Instant Recognition Kit), Arrow of Light candle log (or board)

ARRANGEMENT: The ceremony begins with the beating of the ceremonial drum by the Asst. Cubmaster. Akela approaches the campfire from the center aisle, so that all present can see his regalia.

AKELA: Why do you sound the ceremonial drum?

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: Because we have boys who seek the fun of Cub Scouting.

AKELA: Have these boys been properly prepared?

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: Yes, Akela, they have. Our new Tiger Cubs know the Tiger Cub motto. Each boy has prepared himself to move into Cub Scouting by his thoughts, deeds, and participation in the Pack.

AKELA: Many moons before the paleface came to America, the Indian lived and hunted in these great redwood forests. Food was plentiful. The fields were rich with berries, the water with fish, and the woods were full of game. The tribes lived in villages near the great 'Earth-Mother', who we call "Mount Diablo"

I am Akela, the Great Chief of the Webelos tribe and the head of the council of braves. My totem is the Arrow of Light, which is the final goal of all cub scouts and the highest honor they can earn. This board shows the Arrow of Light and points the way of the trail. The arch represents progress along the Cub Scout trail to boy scouts. The candle, which I now light, represents the Spirit of Akela and the light of Cub Scouts.

We learn our ways from the wisest of the forest animals. From the Wolf we learn the language of the ground, we learn to follow the tracks of other animals, and we learn the ways of the food of the forest. From the Bear, we learn the secrets of the trees and birds, the language of the air and the sky.

We have many new members of the Pack here tonight who will be following the trail of the Tiger. The Tiger Cub is inquisitive and adventurous, but remains within the lair with its parents for some time before venturing out to hunt its own game. His parents, the Tiger and Tigress, have the responsibility of looking after the cub, teaching it to hunt and play, and how to protect itself from the other predators of the jungle.

(Akela to Asst. Cubmaster) Which boys have joined our Tiger Cub Den?

Asst. Cubmaster: Akela, I am pleased to report that we have _____ new Tiger Cubs this year, and _____ are with us here tonight. (Reads the list), please step forward, along with your parents.

AKELA: You boys are embarking on a great new journey with your parents. Your motto tells us what you will be doing. Do you remember the Tiger Cub motto? Repeat it after me: 'Search, Discover, Share'.

'Search' means you will search for new activities, new adventures, and new ways of being together. 'Discover' means you will enjoy the thrill of discovering new things together. 'Share' means you will share all of the things you have done together with your parents and the other members of your Tiger Cub group. Through this process you grow together, become better friends and prepare yourselves for Cub Scouts.

Now that you have learned the Tiger Cub motto, you are prepared to wear the Tiger Cub Neckerchief and Belt Totem. (Asst. Cubmaster hands the items to parents, who put them on their boys as Akela is talking). This was developed in ancient times to symbolize your accomplishments. 'Big Ideas' are 17 things we like to do as Tiger Cubs. Each time you have a Tiger Cub activity, in addition to earning a paw print on your Tiger Cub shirt, you will add an orange bead to Belt Totem.

Additionally, you will receive paw prints for each major accomplishment during the course of the year. The first paw print is for learning the Tiger Cub Motto. You will earn another paw print for learning the Tiger Cub Promise between now and the Blue and Gold Banquet. And you will earn your last paw print when you complete the 17th Big Idea: "Cub Scouting Here We Come". By the end of the year, if you are active in the Tiger Cub Den you will have a very well decorated Tiger shirt with 17 paw prints and a Belt Totem full of beads. Welcome to our Pack family!

(Participants may now be seated.)

AKELA: This concludes the Tiger Induction ceremony. I now return to the forests of Diablo to prepare for spring. In June, I will return to help each boy who remains to graduate to the next step in Cub Scouts. Good night!

INDUCTION – TIGER CUB GRADUATION #3 – THE TRAIL TO CUB SCOUTING

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Tiger Coordinator, Wolf Scout, Bear Scout, First Year Webelos Scout, Second Year Webelos Scout, Tigers and parents

EQUIPMENT: 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. The Pack should have the Tiger Graduation patch and certificate for each Tiger Cub. 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.

ARRANGEMENT: In using this ceremony please use the designation that is appropriate to ALL the Tiger Cubs in your pack, i.e., use of the word parent may/may not be appropriate, etc.

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 (already lighted) 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.

Now it is time to move along the scouting trail. You will notice that you have already started on the trail. This part of the trail will be easy for you to pass. But there is much in front of you.

It is a trail that you will follow as you learn along with Akela. You will learn the Cub Scout Sign, Handshake, Salute, Motto, Promise, and Law. You will master the skills of a Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos. And 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 purity in living by following the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack

(Light Gold Candle) - You will learn about the unknown, the fear and the doubts, and how the Cub 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.
(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 experience 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.)

INDUCTION – DEN CHIEF INDUCTION

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Den Chief, Den Leader.

EQUIPMENT: Den Chief shoulder cord and patch.

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouts and friends of Pack [number], we wish to recognize a new leader who will serve as a Den Chief in one of our dens.

(Calls forward the new Den Chief and his Den Leader.)

Before the Den Chief cord is placed on your shoulder, I ask you to pledge your support.

Do you promise to help the Cub Scouts in your den to the best of your ability, to encourage, guide, and protect them in all den and pack activities, and show them, by your example, what a Boy Scout can be?

DEN CHIEF: I do.

CUBMASTER: Will you strive to be prompt and dependable, and to cooperate with the leaders in carrying out the den program?

DEN CHIEF: I will.

CUBMASTER: As each Webelos Scout becomes eligible, will you do all in your power to interest him in becoming a Boy Scout?

DEN CHIEF: I will.

CUBMASTER: Den Leader, please place the cord on your Den Chief's left shoulder and present his patch to him. Although this cord has little weight, the job it stands for places a large weight upon his shoulders. This cord also serves to recognize him as an officer in his troop.

Now, we of Pack [number], in recognition of your high office and important service, wish to welcome you and say congratulations.

INDUCTION - THE PACK SPIRIT CANDLE

EQUIPMENT: One central candle and one white candle for each of the new Bobcats. Magicians flash paper. Patches. Pins, Matches. Knife.

PREPARATION PRIOR TO THE MEETING: Light an extra white candle. It's hot wax will be used later in this process. Prior to the meeting you must prepare all of the candles.

With the knife, carefully cut about 2 inch of wax from the tip of each candle leaving the wick.

Next take a two inch square of the flash paper and roll it tightly until it is two inches long and only about 1/8 inch wide. Wrap the flash paper around the base of the wick of one of the candles leaving both ends to hang over the edge of the candle by about 1/8 inch. Make sure there is plenty of wick above the paper.

KEEP THE FLAME AWAY FROM THE CANDLE IN THIS NEXT STEP!!! Now carefully drip a small drop of wax on the side of the candle at the top and push the two ends of the paper into the wax. You may need to repeat this step until the paper stops trying to unwind and is stuck in the wax. If you are using white candles the white paper will go unnoticed when the boys light their candle.

CUBMASTER: Before you is a candle. As with any candle purchased at a store it is no different than any other. Tonight we will make this candle special. Tonight this candle will represent the spirit of Cub Scouting which burns brightly in all of our hearts.

Will the members of the pack please come up and form a circle around the table.

Please hold hands and make the cub scout sign

To transform this candle we must concentrate our scouting spirit into its flame

Repeat the cub scout motto. "DO YOUR BEST" repeatedly until the sprit leaps from you and joins the flame.

This candle will light like any other candle and will burn like any other candle until it is filled with the Cub Scout sprit from all of you. (Light the spirit candle and wait till the flash paper burns)

Now we no longer have an ordinary candle. Our candle is now filled with the Cub Scout sprit.

Could I have our new Bobcat candidates approach the table with their parents?

Here is an ordinary candle. (hand each boy a special candle with the flash paper attached to the wick)

Tonight we will see if you are worthy of becoming a Bobcat. I will light your candle from the spirit candle and we will see if you are worthy. After I light your candle

please repeat the cub scout motto repeatedly while concentrating on the flame of your candle. If you are worthy, your cub scout sprit will leap from you body and join the flame in your candle as did the other members of our pack.

(Hold your candle upright and help the boy tip his candle into the flame of yours so that it lights only the tip. This way when he will not accidentally place the flash paper into your candle flame and ignite it too soon.)

I see that all of the boys before me are worthy of the Bobcat rank. Parents please pin your sons badge on his pocket upside down. It must remain this way until he has done a good turn. Then you may sew it on right side up.

Congratulations to all of you for a job well done. Pack _____ please congratulate our newest Bobcats.

INDUCTION – TIGER CUBS GRADUATION #7 – THREE CANDLE CEREMONY

EQUIPMENT: Table with (non-burning) candles, Fire Starter (blanket ready), Tiger patches, Mothers pins

ARRANGEMENT: (Call all boys in the pack into a semi circle on the floor with the Webelos first. Tigers will stand behind candle table facing ring of boys. Parents stand behind them.)

CUBMASTER: It is time for our Tiger Cubs to graduate. Would our Tigers and their adult partners come forward and stand behind the table, parents behind your sons. For the past few months you and your family have explored all sorts of new and exciting things and places. You have taken each part of the Tiger Cub motto-- Search, Discover, and Share -- and used it in your home, school and neighborhood.

Candle 1: (Tells each boy in his turn to light the next candle. Boy does so.)

CUBMASTER: Each of you and your adult partner has searched in your home and community for new activities that have shown you how people work together and have fun together.

Candle 2: (Tells each boy in his turn to light the next candle. Boy does so.)

CUBMASTER: Each of 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: (Tells each boy in his turn to light the next candle. Boy does so.)

CUBMASTER: Each of 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.

Now it is time to move along the Scouting trail to the next part of the program. In Cub Scouting your family is as important as it is throughout your entire Scouting experience. Together you will join the Cub Scouting family. Together you will grow and learn new things while earning each badge.

Before you step over this bridge into Cub Scouting you must make a promise to the Pack. The most important part of this promise is to "Do Your Best". You will be expected to do your best in everything you do, including Cub Scouts, at home and in school.

Will you make the Cub Scout Promise with me?

(Demonstrate the sign and lead them in a repeat after me fashion through the Promise.)
Parents, as you step over this bridge into Cub Scouting with your son, you will be accepting the parental responsibilities of Cub Scouting. If you are willing to accept these responsibilities, signify by saying "I will."

Please place your left hand on your son's shoulder, and give the Cub Scout sign with

your right hand and repeat after me:

I _____ promise to do my best to help my son to be a good Cub Scout, to encourage him to fulfill the Cub Scout promise and obey the Law of the Pack. I promise to assist him in his Cub Scout achievements and electives, to cooperate with the den leader, Cubmaster, and Pack Committee members, and to participate actively in Cub Scouting.

Our Tigers will now cross the bridge with their parent into Cub Scouting.
(Boy should go first. Proceed when each family has crossed through.)

As you can see, you now have a son who is ready to join the pack.
I now present you each with your Tiger patch.
I would also now like to present the Tiger parent pin, which you may now present to your parent.

In September, you will be part of a Wolf den. At the September Pack meeting, the Pack will be presenting you with your Wolf Scarf which looks like this.

On behalf of Pack [number], I'd like to welcome you. (All Clap)

INDUCTION – DEN LEADER INDUCTION AND PARENTS’ WELCOME

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, retiring Den Leader, incoming Den Leader, Den Chief, Den members and Den parents (one to act as spokesperson).

EQUIPMENT: Den Leader job description card, Den Leader badge.

CUBMASTER: At this time I would like to have the parents of the Cub Scouts in Den [number] come forward as I call their names. (Calls names. Cubmaster forms parents in semicircle around himself)

Now, will [name], the retiring Den leader of Den [number] come forward. (Does so.) Ladies and gentlemen, it is with deep regret that [name] is forced to give up leadership as den leader. I wish to thank and congratulate [name] for the wonderful work that has been accomplished with this den.

(Cubmaster shakes hands with retiring den leader and asks they take a place in semicircle.) Now, will the new den leader of Den [number], [name], please join us. [Name], do you accept the position of Den Leader of Den [number]?

DEN LEADER: Yes.

CUBMASTER: Will you accept your leadership responsibility with patience and understanding?

DEN LEADER: Yes.

CUBMASTER: With the parents of the boys you will lead and the Den Leader in whose footsteps you will follow acting as witnesses, will you repeat after me this promise:

I [name] ...

Promise to do my best ...

To help the members of my den ...

To help other people and to obey the Law of the Pack.

REPRESENTATIVE: [Name], as spokesperson for the parents of the Cub Scouts in Den [number], we thank you for accepting this leadership of our neighborhood boys and pledge to you our cooperation. Let us know whenever we can be of help to you.

CUBMASTER: Let me congratulate you and present to you your Den Leader badge and a card describing your duties. I pledge you my cooperation in helping you in your new responsibilities. (Den Chief may lead den in a grand howl for the retiring and incoming Den Leaders.)

INDUCTION - GREAT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

There is a special group of parents here that the boys and parents of Cub Scout Pack _____ wish to honor at this time. These people are the Den Leaders, Webelos Den Leaders, and Pack Committee Members. Will they come forward and form a line facing the rest of the pack?

These volunteer leaders not only guide their own boys through Cub Scouting, but believe strongly enough in the program that they are willing to devote some extra time and effort to making the dens and the pack GO. For this the Cub Scouts and parents of Pack _____ salute you. (Round of applause)

I have asked one father, mother and their son (Mr. and Mrs. _____ and _____ to represent the entire pack by presenting these badges of office to our den leaders and committee members.

And in awarding these badges we are also presenting you with **RESPONSIBILITY**--for great will be your responsibility as our leaders; **HARD WORK**--for that's what makes the pack go; **ENTHUSIASM**--for it is contagious and accomplishes much, and **GRATIFICATION**--for that will be the reward of your efforts. As parents we pledge you our wholehearted support!

INDUCTION - INDUCTION OF A NEW CUBMASTER

PERSONNEL: Leader, Akela, new Cubmaster, spotlight operator.

EQUIPMENT: Spotlight, chair, table, beaded bag, Indian head dress, Indian blanket, four candles.

ARRANGEMENT: The lights are darkened on the stage except for the spotlight, which is focused on Akela's face or head with as small a beam as possible. The leader and the new Cubmaster wait at the back of the room.

LEADER: Great Akela, there is a brave among us who has chosen to accept the mighty challenge to become like you and accept the position of Cubmaster and Akela of Pack [number].

AKELA: Does this brave know of the responsibility and challenge before him?

LEADER: Yes, Akela, and he also agrees to seek further knowledge at your council fires. He now awaits your acceptance of him.

(The audience forms two lines, making an aisle for the new Cubmaster and the leader to walk to the stage.)

(As Akela and the leader come to the front, the spotlight follows them. The Cubmaster stands before the table between Akela and the leader.)

AKELA: Please be seated. Do you, [name], accept the challenge and responsibility set before you?

CUBMASTER: I do.

AKELA: (To the Cubmaster.) Light the first candle. (He does.)

LEADER: This light represents enthusiasm. Nothing great is accomplished without enthusiasm. If you agree, light the second candle and pledge your enthusiasm.

CUBMASTER: (He lights the second candle.) I so pledge.

(The leader places the beaded bag over the Cubmaster's shoulder.)

AKELA: Will you, [name], attend training, Pow-wow, and roundtables, so that the knowledge you find there can make our pack run better and make you a better Cubmaster? If so, state "I will"

CUBMASTER: I will. (Akela places the headdress on the Cubmaster's head.)

AKELA: Now light the third candle. (The Cubmaster lights the candle.)

LEADER: [Name], we give you now the gift of admiration, for never has there been a worthy Chief who was not admired by his tribe. Do you now pledge that you will continue to strive to be worthy of this admiration? If so, speak the words, 'I do.'

CUBMASTER: I do. (Akela places the Indian blanket over the Cubmaster's shoulder.)

AKELA: Light the fourth candle. (After lighting the candle, the Cubmaster faces the audience and raises his arms to the outstretched position.)

CUBMASTER: May the Great Spirit look favorably on our pack and guide us throughout this life.

(The spotlight goes down from full to small, focusing on his face, and then goes out.)

INDUCTION - HOWLING BOBCAT

Props: Ceremonial campfire, Indian Akela costume.

Notes: Campfire is turned on, other lights dim or off new Bobcats are out of the room with Assistant Cubmaster. They give the howl of Bobcat (*a long drawn out wail*).

AKELA: I hear an animal calling from beyond our pack council (*listening.... it sounds like a Bobcat*) Shall we answer with the call of the Wolf pack? (*The pack howls like wolves. This is the Assistant Cubmaster's cue to enter and present the Bobcat candidates.*) Who comes here?

ACM: Boys, hunting for the fun and companionship of Cub Scouting.

AKELA: But whom do you seek?

ACM: Akela, the great Spirit of the Cub Scout.

Akela: Are these boys wise in the ways of the Bobcat?

ACM: They are, Akela.

AKELA: Show me.

ACM: (*To the new Bobcats*) "Show Akela what you have already learned. Raise your arm in the Cub Scout Sign and say the Cub Scout Promise (*they do*). Now say the Law of the Pack (*they do*)

AKELA: I can now call you Cub Scouts because you have completed the requirements necessary for your participation in this great brotherhood we call Cub Scouting. Tonight you have repeated before me the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. You have assumed a very important responsibility. You have agreed to do your best and to do your duty to God and your country, to help other people and to obey the Law of the Pack. These are things which are not always easy, but I think you will enjoy them. All that we ask is that you do your best. Do you agree to do your best?Good! Please join the members of the Wolf Den, who will show you by their example how to live the Law of the Pack.

BOBCAT INDUCTION – END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

Equipment: Small Christmas tree, lights for tree with bulbs of white, yellow, blue, red, and green, Snowflake ornaments same number as needed for Bobcats to be inducted and awards.

Arrangement: Lights on tree with bulbs loose so they may be lit at proper time. Awards may be wrapped and placed under tree or hung as ornaments. Bobcat badges attached to snowflakes.

CUBMASTER: This ceremony, being the last pack ceremony of the year one of rededication as well as for the honoring of the Cubs and their parents who will advance tonight. So with the lighting of these candles we recognize not only those who are receiving awards this evening but also those who have received them throughout the years. With the beginning of the winter season we prepare ourselves not only for the holidays but for that first snowfall. For many people the holiday does not seem right until that first snowflake falls. As new Bobcats you are much like the first snowflakes of the holiday, for without you our pack could not begin its new season.

Will the following boys and their parents please come forward? (*call names*) Tonight you will become Cub Scouts and begin a long and wonderful experience that is shared by thousands around the world. Please, show me the Cub Scout sign. Now please repeat with me the Cub Scout Promise: I (name), promise to do my best, to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people, and to obey the Law of the Pack. Parents, will you please repeat after me the following: As a parent, I will do my best to help my son, live up to the Cub Scout Promise, and to 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 help the pack go.

For the Bobcats who have joined us this year and those that joined us in the past as well as the ones that will be joining us in the coming. (*light yellow bulbs*) We now, in turn, honor every Wolf, Bear and Webelos, to include the past, (*blue bulbs*) present, (*red*) and future, (*green*). It is the unity and the fellowship we share with these Scouts that lights our top bulb (*white*) our Scouting spirit. This tree is lit not just because of the boys but all of you as leaders and parents. With the time and effort given by you, no matter how much or how little. We know that each and every one is giving all that they can, when they can for that is what keeps our light burning! In presenting tonight's awards we want to keep the spirit of the season. And as we are aware, Christmas is a time of giving and receiving. These boy's who are receiving awards tonight have given of themselves by the work that they have put into earning of these awards. Once again as parents and leaders your influence is brought forth (*give awards here*).

In closing, remember the spirit of Cub Scouting burns here as it does in the hearts of Cub Scouts everywhere. May it continue to burn brightly through the coming year of ____ as we go upward and forward in Pack ____.

INDUCTION – DEN LEADER INDUCTION CEREMONY #2

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Narrator, New Den Leader.

EQUIPMENT: Candle or penlight, ceremonial board with four candles, spotlight or large flashlight, Den Leader badge, Cub Scout Leader Book, den flag.

ARRANGEMENT: At a Pack meeting, the lights are turned out, and the spotlight is on the ceremonial board.

NARRATOR: Will [name], our New Den Leader, please come forward. Tonight we have the honor of inducting into our Pack [name], who will be leading Den [number]. Beside you is the Cubmaster. He holds in his hands the light of Scouting (the candle or penlight). Take it and light the first candle (or light).

This light represents the first step in a boy's Cub Scout life, the Bobcat rank. For you, it is the symbol of your acceptance of this position and your promise to do your best to help these boys learn and grow, in mind and body. If you accept this position as Den Leader of Den [number], give the Cub Scout sign and say 'I do.' (Leader responds.)

Now, light the second candle, the symbol of the Wolf rank, the second step in the boys' progress. For you, it is the symbol of your promise to attend the monthly roundtable, where you will find help for projects, fun, and games for your boys. If you now promise to go to the roundtable each month, give the Cub Scout sign and say 'I do.' (Leader responds.)

Next light the third candle, the symbol of the Bear and the symbol of your promise to seek training when the council training staff offers it. If you now promise to seek training, give the Cub Scout sign and say 'I do' promise! (Leader responds.)

As you light the fourth candle, the symbol of the Webelos Scout and your symbol of enthusiasm, do you now promise to display enthusiasm to your boys, in everything they do, and for the Scouting program itself? If you do, give the Cub Scout sign and say 'I do promise' (Leader responds.)

Will the Cubmaster give to [name] the den flag of Den [number], the Cub Scout Leader Book, and the Den Leader badge?

By the authority vested in us, we officially declare you to be our new Den Leader. May you serve well the Cub Scouts in your charge.

INDUCTION - LITTLE BROTHERS TO THE BOBCAT

I would like to invite all Tiger Cubs and their parents to please come before the Pack.[Cubmaster] I am honored to welcome you to the Pack as little brothers to the Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos. You will now follow a path that challenges you to search for all of the fun that Cub Scouting can be. You will discover many new things and share them together as you grow into Cub Scouts.

As a symbol of this great moment I give you the patch of the Tiger Cub and invite you to wear it on your shirt with pride. This patch is a sign of the brotherhood and goodwill of the Pack that you will now share. Your motto for the next year will be "Search. Discover, and Share." Live by this motto and earn the respect of your older brothers in the Pack.

I now ask all Cub Scouts to rise and greet our new Pack members. [All of the pack stands and recites "Welcome" and then jointly, each den gives its den yell with all the gusto they can muster]

INDUCTION - INSTALLING A NEW DENNER AND ASST. DENNER

ARRANGEMENT: Three candles are on table, one large and two small ones.

The Den Leader lights the large one and says, "This light is our guiding light. It shows us the way to follow the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, and the Motto.

The entire den repeats the Promise, Law of the Pack, and the Motto.

The den leader gives one of the small candles to the outgoing denner who lights it from the candle she/he holds.

The outgoing denner then says to the new denner , "Do you accept the light to help show the way to the den members? You will be responsible for always giving a good example, helping the den leader in every way, and in leading our den."

New denner accepts the candle and gives his promise to do his best.

The den leader gives the second candle to the former assistant denner who lights it from the leaders' candle.

He then says to the new assistant, "Do you accept the light to show the way to the den? You must give a good example, be prepared to take over the position of denner in his absence, help the denner and den leader, and be keeper of the Den Diary?"

The new assistant accepts the candle and promises to "Do My Best."

Den gives their den yell as the candles are blown out.

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Recognition Ceremonies

RECOGNITION - BEATITUDES FOR LEADERS

BLESSED is the leader who has not sought the high place, but who had been drafted into service because of his ability and willingness to serve.

BLESSED is the leader who knows where he is going, why he is going, and how to get there.

BLESSED is the leader who knows no discouragement, who presents no alibi.

BLESSED is the leader who knows how to lead without being dictatorial, true leaders are humble.

BLESSED is the leader who seeks the best for those he serves.

BLESSED is the leader who leads for the good of the most concerned, and not for the personal gratification of his own ideas.

BLESSED is the leader who develops leaders while leading.

BLESSED is the leader who marches with the group, interprets correctly the signs of the pathways that lead to success.

BLESSED is the leader who has his head in the clouds but his feet on the ground.

BLESSED is the leader who considers leadership an opportunity for service.

RECOGNITION - WEBELOS COMPASS POINT

PERSONNEL: Webelos leader, Webelos scouts.

EQUIPMENT: Compass point emblem.

WEBELOS LEADER: (name), has worked hard on his Webelos activities and tonight will be receiving his Webelos compass point emblem and his first point for that emblem. (name) you may place the point on your emblem. in any direction "E" "W", "S", that you choose. Keep up the good work.

RECOGNITION - THE CUB SCOUT WHEEL

PERSONNEL: 1 Cub Scout, 1 Parent, 1 Leader, 1 Pack Committee Member, 1 Person from community, 1 person from Sponsoring Org., Cubmaster, Narrator.

EQUIPMENT: Wheel with 7 candle holders on it.

ARRANGEMENT: All persons mentioned above stand behind wheel holding an unlit candle. As their part is read they light their candle from the Spirit candle and blow out the candle they were holding.

NARRATOR: The first spoke of this wheel is Tiger Cubs & Cub Scouts: boys 6-10 years old learning and growing together. developing confidence, skills and respect for others.

The second spoke of this wheel is the Parents: offering encouragement, and assistance to their son as well as the leaders, pack and other boys.

The third spoke of this wheel is the Leaders: donating time, understanding and energy to teach Scouting skills.

The fourth spoke of this wheel is the Pack Committee: helping to plan, prepare and support all Pack activities.

The fifth spoke of this wheel is the community: providing meeting places and points of interest for learning.

The sixth spoke of this wheel is the Sponsors: donating supplies and finances in support of the pack.

Just like any wheel, which needs a hub to hold the spokes together, so does our pack. The hub of Pack ____ is the Cubmaster _____. He keeps our Pack rolling.

The long hours _____ puts in, his pride and never ending dedication is what has made this assembly of Cubs, Parents, and Leaders a Pack.

Would _____ please come forward. Cub Scouts stand and give your Cubmaster the Scout salute.

RECOGNITION - THE DEN CHIEF CORDS RECOGNITION

PERSONNEL: Akela (Cubmaster), a Cub Scout, the new Den Chief, an older Den Chief or Den Leader, and the new Den Chief's Den Leader.

EQUIPMENT: Two 4-foot lengths of rope made of yarn; one blue, one yellow, a table; a Den Chief's handbook; and a scroll.

ARRANGEMENT: On Akela's right stands a Cub Scout holding the rope of blue yarn; on his left, an older Den Chief (or Den Leader) holds the rope of yellow yarn. On the table is the Den Chiefs Handbook.

AKELA: Cub Scouts and friends of Pack ____, we wish to recognize a new leader who will serve as Den Chief of Den _____. (Read from scroll if necessary) I, Akela, chief of the Webelos, pondered long into the night who should lead the young Cub Scouts of our Pack. An important council was held with the Scoutmaster, chief of our older brothers, to choose this important leader. Now, we call to the council the chosen one, Scout _____ of Troop _____.

(Pointing to blue rope) This blue totem represents the Cub Scout pack with all its Cub Scouts, leaders, and parents --- also the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack.

This gold totem (Points to the yellow rope) represents the Scout troop, its leaders, the Scout Oath and Law.

You will notice that the ropes are made up of many strands, representing all the boys in the troop and pack. Let us bind together these ropes into a bond of friendship. (The Cub Scout and the Den Chief/Leader each grasp an end of the two ropes and twist in opposite directions) You now see these symbols become the totem of the den chief's office. This is known as the Den Chief's cord. You will notice that our new Den Chief is wearing this shoulder cord encircling his right sleeve. This badge of office was presented to him in his troop in recognition of his new position as an officer in his troop. (To the new Den Chief) And now we of Pack ____, in recognition of your high office and the important service you will be rendering your troop and your pack, want to present to you this Den Chief's Handbook in the presence of your new friends. (Hands book to him and gives him the Cub Scout handshake.)

When Akela was a boy, he was taken on trips by his chief to learn the ways of the braves to prepare him for the day when he would become a chief. You have now become a chief in Akela's pack to lead the younger ones that they shall become mighty hunters and honorable Webelos. Your Den Leader will be with you to lead the Cub Scouts of your den along the Cub Scout trail. Den Leader _____. will you stand by your new Den Chief as we give him the grand howl of welcome. (Den gives Grand howl as Den Chief sits with the den.)

RECOGNITION - DEN CHIEF SERVICE AWARD

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, den chief receiving award, Scoutmasters den leader, and Cub Scouts from den chief's den, Assistant Cubmaster.

EQUIPMENT: Service award cord.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, den leaders, and Cub Scouts are arranged in a semicircle with the den chief in its center in front of the room. The Assistant Cubmaster narrates.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: The den chief service award recognizes den chiefs who lead and serve their dens for at least 1 year. This award emphasizes your key role within Boy Scouting and compliments you for your important service. It is you, the den chief, who brings the fun of Boy Scouting to Cub Scouts and who brings eager Webelos Scouts into your troop.

You have helped the Cub Scouts in you den to the best of your ability. You have encouraged, guided, and protected them in all den and pack activities. You have shown them by example what a Boy Scout can be. You have been prompt and dependable and have cooperated with your leaders in carrying out the den program. In addition to all this you have advanced in rank in Boy Scouting and have earned additional merit badges, We of Pack _____ thank and congratulate you for your part in making us the best pack in the (name) council.

Scoutmaster (name), do you wish to say anything at this time? Cubmaster (name), do you have any other comments?

Leaders of the den (number) do you have anything to add?

Cub Scouts from Den (number), would any of you like to say anything?

(Name), at this time we would like you den leader to place your new service cord on your left shoulder. Would you all join me in congratulating this den chief.

RECOGNITION - ADULT LEADERSHIP STARS

PROPS: Large gold stars with a hole in center; large enough for each boy to poke his head through. Star is frame around face.

Each boy, in turn, repeats the following speech:

"My star represents our Mr. & Mrs. _____".

When all have done this, then all repeat in unison:

"On behalf of all Cub Scouts, we wish to say thank you for the leadership you have given our pack."

RECOGNITION - DEN CHIEF INDUCTION

EQUIPMENT: Den Chief shoulder cord.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Den Leader, Den Chief to be inducted.

CUBMASTER: Tonight, we have among us a young man who was selected to join the leaders of our pack. (call the Boy Scout forward.)

For four years, (name) had enjoyed the fun of being a Cub Scout in Pack _____. When he became a Boy Scout he continued to have fun and learn exciting things. He has earned the Scout rank of First Class and his Scout master has decided that he is wise enough to be called "Akela" by the Cubs in our Pack. (Name), in accepting the responsibility of a Den Chief, do you promise to help the Cub Scouts in your den and the pack to the best of your ability?

(Den Chief answers Yes)

DEN LEADER: This is your symbol of office. (Show shoulder cord.) You can see that it has the Cub Scout colors, Blue for truth and loyalty and Gold for cheer and happiness. In accepting these, do you promise to help my Cub Scouts with their advancements and to lead them by setting a good example?

(Den Chief answers Yes).

CUBMASTER: We would like to welcome you to our Pack. Stand and give this young man a round of applause.

RECOGNITION - SIMPLE BEAD PRESENTATION IN A DEN

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

RECOGNITION - IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION CEREMONY

PERSONNEL: Den Chief, Den Leader, Cub Scouts being recognized.

EQUIPMENT: Cub Scout Immediate Recognition Kit, No. 1804 (one patch, one thong, appropriately colored beads for each rank: yellow for Wolf, red for Bear), for each Cub Scout advancing.

PURPOSE: This simple ceremony is used to give a Cub Scout working toward his Wolf or Bear badge "instant" credit for completed achievements.

After the boys have colored in their advancement charts at the beginning of the den meeting, the leader awards the Progress Toward Ranks recognition patch, thong, and beads to Cub Scouts who have completed three Wolf or Bear achievements. This simple recognition will act as an incentive to a boy to finish his current badge.

A Cub Scout can accumulate four yellow beads on his Wolf thong and, as he goes on to his Bear requirements, four on his Bear thong. The patch is removed when he joins the Webelos den.

DEN LEADER (to Cub Scout): As the "Akela" in Den (No.), your Den Chief and I would like to tell you the story behind these miraculous beads.

The custom of awarding these beads started in the ancient tribe of Webelos. They were given to braves who "Did their best" to help the tribe and others.

DEN CHIEF: Many moons ago, when the animal world was ruled by the wolves and bears, the braves of the Webelos tribe feared these strong beasts.

DEN LEADER: But one (or two, etc.) brave called (Cub Scout's name), still untried, decided that the best way to live without fear was to learn to understand the creatures of the forest.

DEN CHIEF: So they went, disguised as animals, to live with the wolves and bears. The animals accepted them and all their brothers and called them "Cubs," just as if the braves were their own. This was according to the Law of the Pack.

DEN LEADER: for his bravery and friendliness to the beasts, (he) was given a leather thong with colored beads on it. It signified that he knew the ways of the tribe and did his best at everything without worrying if someone else did better. This is the law which the tribe borrowed from the animals and had the "Cubs" learn. (Have den form the Living circle and repeat the Law of the Pack.)

DEN CHIEF: For doing your best and completing (number) achievements toward your (Wolf or Bear) badge, I award you, (name), this thong and this bead-may you always obey the Law of the Pack!

RECOGNITION - NAUTICAL THEME LEADER RECOGNITION

PERSONNEL: Master of ceremonies (institutional representative or a parent) and leaders (crew members) to be recognized.

EQUIPMENT: Cardboard cutout of a ship with stand, Cardboard chain links, anchor and block.

Arrangement: Master of Ceremonies begins the ceremony by introducing the guests. As the people take their places, record music such as selections from "Victory at Sea" are played in the background.

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: The Packet "C.S. (pack number) heaves to in our port tonight. A firm and taut chain keeps our ship from drifting from the anchorage. Will the following members of the crew please lay forward to the chain locket, on the double. (As the crew reports to front, hand out make-believe BLUE and GOLD chain links, alternating the colors. Tell the first person to hook his link to the ship and the last person to add his link to the anchor.)

Representing our passengers are the mothers who served as galley officers of the dinner committee (Introduces dinner committee). Our Executive Officers are a member of the Pack Committee (Introduces Pack Committee) We appreciate your planning and your administration of our pack. You are our board of directors.

The Chief Petty Officers of the C.S. (pack number) are our Den Leaders.(introduces Den Leaders) We salute you for your unselfish service. Your devotion to duty has helped our Cub Scouts grow. Next are the Officers of the Day, our Assistant Cubmasters, (Introduces Assistant Cubmasters.) They guide our pack activities and prepared our Webelos Cub Scouts for Boy Scouts. The Captain - Whom we admire and appreciate for his example, guidance, and leadership -- is our hardworking Cubmaster, (Introduces Cubmaster).

Meet the Flag officers, the representatives of our Boy Scout Council. Helping to direct the leadership and activities of thousands of Scouts. They are our District Scout Executive and our neighborhood Commissioner. (Introduces Both.) Last of all is our port commander our anchor (fix anchor to chain) who holds all fast and secure. He is our Institutional Representative (Introduces Himself or Herself). Remember each link must carry a share of a load. A break anywhere in the chain could result in the order to "Abandon Ship" and our cargo of Cub Scouts. All of you must work to guarantee that our ship rides securely on her heading.

Now crew members return to your quarters after accepting this token of thanks from all of us. (Hands out flowers, or plaque, or other special gift to leaders.)

RECOGNITION - DEN CHIEF RE-PLEDGE

MATERIALS: Appreciation certificate for each Den Chief

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouting is different than Boy Scouting. Like Boy Scouting, it has its games, crafts, advancements, and good will projects. The difference is in the type of activities that boys 7-10 years old like to do. The person who knows these activities best is one who has been a Cub.

It is the job of the den chief to help lead den activities that will help younger boys to be good Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts, and eventually, good Boy Scouts and Explorers. Den Chiefs set a good example by being both a leader and a friend.

Tonight we would like to recognize those who serve our pack as den chiefs.

(Call names and den numbers of all den chiefs.)

We would like to ask that you re-pledge yourself to your responsibility as den chief. Please repeat the Den Chief's Pledge after me:

I promise to help the Cub Scouts in my den
To the best of my ability;
To encourage, guide, and protect them
In all den and pack activities,
And to show them by my example
What a Boy Scout is.
I will strive to be prompt and dependable,
And to cooperate with the leaders
In carrying out the den program.
As each Cub Scout reaches 9 years of age
Or completes the fourth grade
I will encourage him to join a Webelos den.
As he reaches 11 years of age
I will do all in my power to
Interest him in becoming a Boy Scout.

(Present each den chief with an appreciation certificate.)

RECOGNITION - THE SCOUTER

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster or Committee Chairman

EQUIPMENT: "Thank you" certificates or small token gifts.

SPEAKER: Tonight we would like to recognize some adults who have given their time and effort so that our boys' program could be stronger.

(Introduce those to be recognized and give their contribution.)

I would like to read a poem which tells of service to Scouting:

THE SCOUTER

He hasn' t much in worldly goods,
Yet he's richer than you know,
For he's chosen to be a Scouter
And his spirits are all aglow.

He's just a Scouter, nothing more,
But he molds the lives of boys.
He teaches them how to do their best,
And he shares their many joys.

They work on badges, go on hikes,
Share campfires in the night.
They practice skills and follow laws,
And learn to do things right.

He watches them grow from boys to men,
And it makes it all worth while,
When they turn to him and say, "GEE THANKS"
And their face wears a golden smile.

Written by Bill Chiappi

RECOGNITION - A TRIBUTE TO TEACHERS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Certificate of appreciation from the boys for all teachers present.

CUBMASTER: The day will come when you Cub Scouts will recall with laughter and pride the many activities and the amusing incidents that happened at school. Then, more than now, you will appreciate your teachers.

When you were a small boy just entering school your teacher had a handy kleenex for a runny nose, sympathy to help you struggle with a snowsuit, and patience to grade papers so poorly written she could hardly read them. Throughout your school life you'll find your teachers your best friends.

Your parents are thankful for these selfless people who continue year after year to put up with sniffles, squirmings, stomachaches, spills, and sauciness. You soon learn that for some reason they don't collapse before tears, trifles, fights, excuses, parents who spout, little boys who shout, and little girls who pout.

Yes, a teacher is somebody who likes somebody else's children yours, and still has time to go to a PTA meeting.

Thank heaven for teachers! I hope all the Cub Scouts and their parents in this pack take time to say thanks to our teachers. Teachers (names) please accept this certificate of appreciation on behalf of the boys of Pack.

RECOGNITION - PASS THE BEAD DEN CEREMONY

PERSONNEL: Cub Scouts and Den Leader

EQUIPMENT: Instant Recognition Beads

ARRANGEMENT: Everyone stands in a circle, the Cub receiving the beads stands to left of the Den Leader.

The Den Leader gives the bead to the Cub Scout on her right who passes it along to the boy standing on his right. Pass the bead from boy to boy until the recipient is holding the bead.

DEN LEADER: What do you have in your hand, (name)?

CUB SCOUT: A yellow Wolf (or red Bear) achievement bead.

DEN LEADER: Why are you getting the bead?

CUB SCOUT: (Explains the three achievements he has completed.)

EVERYONE: Hip, Hip, Hooray (name)

This ceremony will inspire the other Cub Scouts at a time when they would be most receptive of the ideas as to how to complete the same achievements for themselves.)

RECOGNITION - THANK YOU TO ALL UNIT LEADERS

PERSONNEL: Scouting coordinator, head of chartered organizations pack committee chairman, pack committee members, den leaders, Cubmaster, assistant Cubmaster, Webelos den leader, Scout master, Den Chiefs and Webelos scouts for escorting each leader to be recognized, operators for lights.

EQUIPMENT: Ladder with proper emblems, table, two candles, flash light, certificates of appreciation, or "thanks" badges, or plaques.

ARRANGEMENT: Stage is set, room lights dimmed.

SCOUTING COORDINATOR: Tonight we honor the leaders of Pack _____ for the outstanding work done during the past year. Webelos scouts will now light the candles representing the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. Will our leaders please stand? As your name is called, you will be escorted to the front by a Webelos Scout.

The Scouting coordinator reads names and describes the job of each leader to be recognized. A spotlight is focused on the leader. As he proceeds to the front, a flash light is focused on the appropriate emblem.

Our pack committee chairman is (name). Working with him/her on the committee are (names). We appreciate their advice, planning, and administration of our pack. They are our board of directors.

Now a group that our dens and den leaders could not be without, are our den chiefs. These Boy Scouts give valuable leadership to our Cub Scouts and help to our den leaders. We are proud to recognize den chiefs (name) of Troop _____. Tonight we also honor our den leaders for their unselfish service. By their devotion they help our Cub Scouts grow in stature and character.

We are proud of our den leaders. (Introduce the den leaders).

Also important among our leaders are our assistant Cubmaster and Webelos den leaders.

(Introduce them.) They guide our pack meeting programs and prepare our older boys for Boy Scouting.

It is now my pleasure to introduce to you a man/woman we love and appreciate for his/her example, guidance, and leadership--our Cubmaster, (name).

Many of our Cub Scouts have been graduated into our own Boy Scout troop. (Name), our Scoutmaster: has helped provide our pack with many den chiefs. We appreciate his/her cooperation and are happy for our Webelos Scouts when they graduate into his/her troop. Will the den chiefs accompany Scoutmaster (name) to the front, and each Webelos Scout so assigned bring the other leaders forward.

I am happy to introduce (name), the head of our chartered organization.

ORGANIZATION HEAD: On behalf of our organization, the boys and their families, we are happy to present you leaders with these certificates of thanks. He/She presents certificates. We pledge ourselves to the continuing support of the pack and to the purposes and objectives of Cub Scouting. We will also "Do our best."

RECOGNITION - THE RECRUITER STRIP

EQUIPMENT: Candle holder and one large white candle, Recruiter Strip.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster or Assistant Cubmaster. (NOTE: Parents do not come forward)

CUBMASTER: The white candle you see on our awards table stands for the Spirit of Scouting. This spirit is kept alive by our Cub Scouts, in doing their many activities. One of these is recruiting a new boy into his den. For this he receives a Recruiter Strip which is worn below the right pocket. This signifies for all to see that he has spread the Spirit of Scouting to a friend.

Would Cub Scouts (boy's names) please come forward and receive your recruiter strips and remain until all are passed out.

(After all are presented, lead a special cheer for recipients)

RECOGNITION - TRAINING OF A DEN LEADER

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, den leader being honored

EQUIPMENT: Pack position emblem for den leader

ARRANGEMENT: In front of a pack meeting

CUBMASTER: Tonight, we want to recognize (name) (calls forward the den leader). (Name) has just completed training as a den leader. Den leaders are an indispensable part of our pack. It is one thing for a person to take on the responsibility of becoming a den leader of a den. But it is an even greater commitment when a person takes of their own time to attend Cub Scout training to provide our boys with a quality den program. As you wear your den leaders uniform it not only identifies you as a very important member of the Boy Scouts of America but it also sets a good example for the boys of your den. It is a privilege to present the den leader's emblem for your uniform and to congratulate the newest trained leader in our pack. Thank you for giving of your time for our boys.

RECOGNITION - THESE WONDERFUL BEADS IMMEDIATE RECOGNITION

As a Cub Scout completes achievements for Wolf and/or Bear, the den leader could make sure that a simple recognition ceremony is held in the den meeting.

Use a brief ceremony related to the monthly theme or the one below.

DEN LEADER: We would like to tell you the story behind these wonderful beads. The custom of awarding beads started in the ancient tribes of the Webelos. They were given to braves who did their best to help the tribe and others.

DEN CHIEF: Many moons ago, when the animal world was ruled by Wolves and Bears, the braves of the Webelos tribe feared the strong beast.

DEN LEADER: But some braves,(names names of boys being recognized) still untried, decided that the best way to live without fear was to learn to understand the creatures of the forest.

DEN CHIEF: So they went, disguised as animals, to live with the wolves and Bears. The animals accepted them and all their brothers called them "Cub" Just as if the braves were their own. This was according to the Law of the Pack).

DEN LEADER: For their bravery and friendliness to the beast, they were given a leather thong with color beads on it. It signified that he knew the ways of the tribe and did his best at everything without worrying if someone else did better. This is the Law which the tribe borrowed from the animals and had the "Cub" learn. (Ask den to form a living circle and repeat the Law of the Pack).

DEN CHIEF: For doing your best in completing these achievements toward your (Wolf/Bear) badge, I award you (boys name) this thong and this bead. May you always obey the Law of the Pack.

RECOGNITION - NEW KID IN THE DEN

PERSONNEL: Den leader, new boy (not necessarily a new Bobcat, the boy may be a transfer).

DEN LEADER: I would like to introduce you to a new member of our patrol. (name), has come to us from Pack and has already earned his Webelos Badge and is working his Arrow of Light. Let's welcome him by giving him our patrol yell. PATROL YELL: We are the Wolf patrol, We're always on the prowl. (howl like a Wolf.)

RECOGNITION - DEN LEADER - TWO TYPES OF HOMES

MATERIALS: Appreciation certificate for each den leader and webelos den leader

CUBMASTER: There is something which parents sometimes overlook when they consider the possibility of serving as den and pack leaders. There are two very different types of homes. In one type, everything will always be just so. The furniture is not likely to be marred; there will be little shouting or noise except from the boy who lives in that house; and even his shouting will be subdued and experimental.. His mother will seldom be troubled by the shouts of other boys, because it is not likely that they will come there. And unless something unusual happens, that is the type of home it will always be. As the children who live in it become young men and women, the rug will never be rolled up for social occasions. They will take their noise and laughter where it is better understood and more welcome.

But there's another type of home. This type attracts the friends of the children who live in it. They would rather bring their friends there than join them elsewhere. It is a home where children are welcome, where they learn to take care of the furniture rather than preserve it through lack of use. It's a home which later will attract young people.

It's true - the first type of house will be peaceful, because it will be empty. Too empty... too peaceful.. too quiet.

But there are more wonderful things to be sought after in life than peace and quiet. And besides, if you live in the second type of home, it does not mean that all of your own personal comforts and pleasures must be sacrificed. Lasting satisfaction comes from the knowledge that, as each day goes by, you are guaranteeing your children's future memories of their home will be happy ones.

Most den leaders want the second type of home, and they have started to build now, because in a year or two it will be too late. That's why Cub Scouting is not all giving on their part. They'll receive a finer home life and stronger family because of it.

(Call forward all Den Leaders.)

These people are making one of the finest possible contributions to our community by serving as den leaders. They not only deal with boys, but with parents too. They are strengthening the life of our community by enriching the lives of the families who live in it. They are teaching boys to respect their homes and their parents, and they are helping parents understand their boys better by doing things with them. Few community services are more important than this.

Please accept these certificates as a small token of our gratitude for your help in Cub Scouting, and the thanks of all the boys you are helping by your service.
Thank you.

RECOGNITION - PARENT REDEDICATION

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, parents of boys advancing

EQUIPMENT: None

SETTING: As parents represent the emblem of new rank to their sons the Cubmaster may ask them to repeat this promise.

CUBMASTER: Parents, will you please give the Cub Scout sign and repeat after me:

We will continue

To do our best

To help our son

Along the achievement trail

And share with him

The work and fun of Cub Scouting.

RECOGNITION - JUST LIKE THE REST OF US

Den Leaders are not very special people. They're really just like you and I. Oh, just like the rest of us, some may have some special little talents. One may be a whiz at racqitet ball and another may bake the best bread, but for the most part, Den Leaders are just plain folks.

These people have, however, given a very special gift to our children. This gift is of our most valuable commodity--time. They give of their time to attend training, plan den meetings, meet with other Pack Leaders,do on field trips, look for and try out new ideas, plan picnics and banquets, call parents and play with our boys. Their time well-spent with our sons help to mold Cub Scouts into the type of men we wish them to become--strong in mind and character, responsible, giving men who strive for perfection and possess a desire for continued arowth.

We all want the best for our children. Tonight we wish to thank those who have given their best. Would the following people please come forward. (Call the names of the Den Leaders and present them with appropriate items of recognition.)

Cub Scouts are taught that Akela means a good leader. They are instructed to honor Akela by listening to him and following him. Our Akela is our Cubmaster and much can be learned by listening to this man's ideas and following his example of service. He is enthusiastic but tempers his enthusiasm by using as his guideline, the thought, "What is best for the boys?". He is idealistic-believing in reverence and patriotism, and tries to set the example for these ideals with the Cubs in our Pack. He gives much of his time and of his energy to ensure the Pack's program appeals to young boys, satisfies their needs and follows the time-tested policies of the Boy-Scouts of America.

We want to honor our Akela tonight and thank him for his guidance and inspiration. (Present appropriate item of recognition to Cubmaster and assistants.)

RECOGNITION - PACK LEADER TOAST

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, committee chairman, unit commissioner or chartered organization representative could act as narrator

EQUIPMENT: Toast-painted Styrofoam; Knot-rope tied in a knot; Ruler-a ruler; for-large number 4; lettuce-green crepe paper rose; Glad-box of Glad Bags; Stick-a stick; Pledge-can of Pledge Wax; hand-audience stands and applauds; a table to hold props.

SETTING: Narrator at front of room facing audience with table of props in order.

NARRATOR: (Call forward the people of be recognized.)

I would like to offer the leaders of our pack a TOAST. Here's to you! Without your leadership abilities, time and energy, our pack would KNOT exist.

As RULERS of our group, your responsibilities are many, such as recruiting Cub Scout leaders, planning den and pack meetings, and planning activities and encouraging participation FOR the success of the pack.

LETTUCE assure you that your hard work does not go unnoticed. We appreciate all your efforts. To let you know that we are GLAD to STICK by you, we PLEDGE you our support. Whenever you need our help, we will give you a HAND.

Another Fun Recognition

Another fun recognition can be done with Candy wrappers. Collect different wrappers and write your own script. Such as LIFE SAVER, PAYDAY, ALMOND JOY, or a SUCKER. The list goes on and on, just use your imagination.

RECOGNITION - OUR PACK COMMITTEE

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, unit commissioner, or the chartered organization representative could act as narrator

EQUIPMENT: Table with appropriate recognition for each

SETTING: Narrator is in front of the room facing audience

NARRATOR: By now most of your know the den leaders and Cubmaster of our pack, but there is a very special group of people responsible for the pack's program an activities you may not know. These people are the members of our pack committee. These men and women are constantly working behind the scenes to plan and organize a lot of the fun things we do as a pack. They are a special group, full of ideas and eager to say, "I'll help." We would like to thank them tonight for the gift of their time and enthusiasm.

(Call forward the members and present them with appropriate items of recognition. At this time, the committee chairman could be recognized for leading this group.)

RECOGNITION -THANK YOU CEREMONY

Let the Cub Scouts prepare eight large cards, 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 teachers, ours bear the test,
As 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 the nation whose future depends
On all of us, 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 - stands for usefulness, we like to serve.
We do what we can to praise all who deserve.

ALL TOGETHER:

As together we stand, a "Thank You" we give.
We mean it sincerely, we'll never outlive
The lessons we're learning, the character you mold
We, Pack_____ say, "Thank You" as our futures unfold.

RECOGNITION - AKELA THE CUBMASTER

PERSONNEL: Committee chairman

EQUIPMENT: Table with appropriate recognition

SETTING: The committee chairman is in front of room facing the audience

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Cub Scouts are taught that Akela means a good leader. They are instructed to honor Akela by listening to him and following him.

Our Akela is our Cubmaster and much can be learned by listening to this man's ideas and following his example of service. He is enthusiastic but tempers his enthusiasm by using as his guideline the thought, "What is best for the boys?" He is idealistic... believing in reverence and patriotism... and tries to set the example for these ideals with the Cubs in our pack. He gives much of his time and of his energy to ensure the pack's program appeals to young boys, satisfies their needs and follows the policies of the Boy Scouts of America.

We want to honor our Akela tonight and thank him for his guidance and inspiration. (Call Cubmaster forward and present him with appropriate item of recognition. At this time, his assistants can be called forward and recognized.)

RECOGNITION - A LITTLE EXTRA RECOGNITION

SETTING: Cubmaster reads to the appropriate standing group:

Let's take a few minutes now
To recognize the workers in our pack.
The leaders and the boys,
Who have caught the slack.
Let's stand on our feet,
All the Cubs who made advancement tonight.
And also their parents,
Who have helped them do it right.
Now all those Cubs,
Who arrow points earned
And their parents also
With whose helped they have earned,
Next all the Webelos
Who've earned some badges too,
And the leaders,
Of these hardworking Boys,
As we give them a round of applause,
With lots of cheering noise.

(Everyone applaud for this group after which they are seated. the recognition may be used at anytime during the year and you might add special recognition for leaders completing training or serving on Cub Scout day camp.)

RECOGNITION - LOUIS GINSBURGH QUOTE

Before we give Thanks for our closing tonight on Thanksgiving Day, May I take this time to Thank a person who has given almost <# of> years to Scouting and years to this pack as - (office name) would you please stand. As Louis Ginsburgh said:

Love that is hoarded, moulds at last

Until we know some day.

The only thing we ever have is what we give away.

We thank you for all your years in serving the youth of our pack and the community, and may it continue for many years to come.

RECOGNITION - LEADER RECOGNITION ONE CANDLE CLOSING

In this Blue and Gold ceremony, leaders are recognized and hopefully new leaders are recruited.

Items needed:

- 1) Large blue candle
- 2) Two large yellow candles
- 3) Four medium yellow candles
- 4) Eight medium white candles

This ceremony can be a very impressive ceremony. The ceremony should be done by a member of the Committee or a member of the sponsoring organization.

Leader: Our closing tonight deals with the spirit of Scouting. Let us envision the spirit of Scouting as a candle. As we light the spirit candle its small flame will give a small light. As the flame or spirit touches others, it will kindle other flames. (Two leaders come forward with spirit candles and light their candles) These flames will reach out and touch others. (Four leaders come forward and light four candles from the two others. (Four leaders come forward and light four candles from the two original candles.)

As you can see, the more lives the spirit touches, the more flames are kindled. An example is the Cub Scout Den. (Eight boys come forward. They will light their candles from the four den leaders candles.) As you might imagine, we could add candles until the spirit of scouting touches everyone, but let us not forget that if it were not for the den Leaders, (eight boys blow out their candles) the spirit would not grow.

If we did not have Pack Leaders (four leaders blow their candles out) the spirit would grow dim. If not for the Cubmaster, (blow two candles out) all we would have would be one flame, the spirit of the boy. His interest is sparked with the spirit of scouting; let's not let the flame go out.

RECOGNITION - HAVE YOU HUGGED YOUR KIDS TODAY

Have you hugged your kids today? This is a question you see on bumper stickers and hear on television commercials promoting good mental health. Fortunately, most of us do not let a day go by without giving your kids at least one good hug. In fact, if you would like to, it is perfectly OK to just reach over and give your kids a great big hug right now! (To encourage audience participation, have your child close by for you to hug as an example and/or have a few parents in the audience who you have told beforehand to hug their kids when you give the word.)

The next question is, have you thanked your den leaders today? Unfortunately this is one thing that many of us forget to do. Your den leaders are all volunteers and the only pay they receive is your thank you and a warm all over feeling when seeing the look of pride on your son's face as he successfully accomplishes his achievements.

These people have given your sons a very special gift. They give him the gift of their time. They give of their time when they attend training sessions, plan your son's den meetings, work on our pack committee, take your sons on field trips, plan picnics, overnights and banquets such as the one we are enjoying tonight. The den leaders' time, which is very well spent, helps to mold these Cub Scouts into the type of men we wish them to become in the future...trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

I know we all want what is best for our children, so tonight I would like you to help me thank those who have given your sons their very best.

(Call leaders by name to come forward and present them with gifts, certificates or other tokens of appreciation)

Now, will everyone please stand and help me **THANK YOUR DEN LEADERS** with a Great big round of applause?

RECOGNITION – A PRESENT FOR REMEMBRANCE

Equipment: One candle for each person, a cake, small wrapped presents with a letter on the back of each one so that when they are all put together they will spell APPRECIATE (*one present will have two Ps on it*)

PERSONNEL: Nine boys

On cue, each boy will speak his part, place his candle on the cake, turn the appropriate package, and return to his place in line.

NARRATOR: We gather here today with much anticipation. To extend to our leaders our deep appreciation. For their diligent efforts, we wish to say thanks. For their patience and help as we've come through the ranks. We offer our greeting in a remembrance cake, and give them our thank you's for their help on the way.

A is for affection that we feel in our heart,
And with this first candle, the cake I will start.
P is for the patience our leaders have,
May these presents and candles make their hearts glad.
R is for reliable and willing workers,
Here's a candle to those who are far from.
E is for the effort of those who keep trying.
A candle I'll place to keep them from crying.
C stands for cheerful, they never despair,
This candle is added for the smiles that they share.
I is for industrious, they're the busiest yet,
Our leaders make plans and give us their best.
A is for attention to all of our needs,
This candle says thanks for all their kind deeds.
T is for thoughtful, as they are of us all,
For the nice things they do, the big and the small.
E is for enthusiasm, the fun that they make,
I'll add the last candle to complete our cake.

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MISCELLANEOUS - FLAG SALUTE INTRODUCTIONS

According to the Bylaws of the Boy Scouts of America, the goals of the movement are character development, citizenship training, mental and physical fitness. Proper citizenship can't be taught without proper respect for our U.S. flag and our American heritage. Unless thought is given to it, the Pledge of Allegiance can become boring, disrespectful and slovenly to American citizens. Scouting magazine published a series of flag salute introductions to make the flag salute more meaningful. Here are some of them:

- Because we are thankful and appreciative of such leaders as Abraham Lincoln, let us salute the flag and at the same time remember the great Presidents of our great land.
- As we salute the flag today, let's remember George Washington, the Father of our Country, and the heritage of America.
- Because we are proud and appreciative of America's role in world leadership, let us now salute our flag.
- For those who died that this nation might live, let us now salute our flag.
- We, the people . . . that's what our flag stands for. Let us salute the flag.
- The 31 words of the Pledge of Allegiance are among the best-known words in America. Let us repeat them now with meaning as we salute our flag.
- Our state is represented by one of the 50 stars on the U.S. flag. Let us now pledge allegiance to our flag as individuals and together for our state.
- The flag of the United States of America is the emblem of our nation, the leader of the free world. Let us now salute our flag.
- In peace and war our flag flies proudly, because Americans are not forgetful of others. Join me in saluting our flag.
- When you look at the flag, you can see the Constitution and the courts, the statutes and statute-makers, a soldier, a street-sweeper, a lawyer or a clerk. What do you see as we salute the flag today?
- Join me in saluting the flag of our country, the emblem of truth and justice.
- We live in a changing life, a life of moods and passions, a life of heartbreak and tired muscles . . . but the flag stands fast. Join me in saluting our nation's flag.
- Our flag stands for all that we hope to be and have the courage to try for. Let us join in a salute to the red, white and blue.

- The flag represents song and fear, struggle and panic, hope and joy. Join me in saluting the flag of our country.
- Webster defines the word "flag" as a light cloth bearing a device or devices to indicate nationality or party. Show your nationality during our flag salute today.
- Thirteen stripes and 50 stars . . . representing the Original Thirteen Colonies and our 50 States of today. Today, as in 1776, our flag is a rallying point for all Americans. Let us salute our flag proudly.
- Our flag has changed its form and design over the years, but it still causes patriotic feeling in Americans. Let us salute the flag of the United States.
- Today, let us salute the flag in honor of our Founding Fathers who had visions of today's America.
- When we realize what our flag stands for, it is with genuine enthusiasm we salute the flag of our country.
- Let us now salute our flag which represents over 200 million Americans in 50 states.
- For the opportunities our country offers to the youth of America, let us now salute our flag, the emblem of our nation.
- To secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity is a challenge to all of us. Let us salute our flag.
- In the folds of our flag are enshrined every ideal, hope, and opportunity made possible because someone has lived. Let us salute the flag.

MISCELLANEOUS - CUB SCOUT NEIGHBORHOOD CODE

This may be used in a ceremony to reinforce the idea of being a good neighbor. Lead it by the repeat-after-me method. (Slant-marks indicate pauses.)

I will do my best/ to make my neighborhood/ a good place to live.

I will set a good example/ by keeping my sidewalks/ and grounds clean.

I will not litter.

I will not damage/ private or public property.

I will be a good neighbor/ by trying to be/ helpful and friendly to others. I will respect other people.

MISCELLANEOUS - SCOUT BADGE TRANSLATED INTO CUB SCOUT LANGUAGE

The Scout Badge was adopted from the north point of the old mariner's compass. The design is often referred to as a FLUER-DE-LIS, but it goes so far back in history that it is uncertain whether originally it was meant to represent a flower or an arrowhead. With slight changes, the trefoil Scout Badge is used in countries around the world as a mark of the Scout brotherhood of friendliness and good citizenship. Also, with slight changes, we will translate the Boy Scout description of the six parts of this badge into Cub Scouting language.

FIRST:

The main part of the Scout Badge signifies that a Scout is able to point the right way in life as truly as the compass points in the field. Cub Scouting points the way by teaching a Cub Scout respect for his God, his country, his home and his fellowmen. The ideals and activities of Cub Scouting contribute in the best possible way to the fullest appreciation of American citizenship. Cub Scouting gives opportunities to take part in activities - games, handicrafts, nature lore, collections, stunts, hobbies - in his own backyard with trained sympathetic leaders and natural boy companions. Cub Scouting offers opportunities to do things for others (a vital part of good citizenship), to take responsibility for and find satisfaction in carrying his share of the load.

SECOND:

The eagle with the shield is the national emblem of the United States of America. It stands for freedom and readiness to defend that freedom. There can be no translation for this part of the badge because this meaning is universal in both the Boy Scout Program and the Cub Scout Program.

THIRD:

The three points, like the three fingers in the Scout sign, stand for the three parts of the Scout Oath to which a boy pledges himself as a Scout. In Cub Scouting the three points represent a program to use for boys 8, 9 and 10 years of age. Also, each Cub Scout pledges in his Promise that he will do his duty, help people and obey the Law of the Pack.

FOURTH:

The two stars symbolize the ideals of truth and knowledge of the Scout movement. They guide a Scout by night and suggest his outdoor life. In Cub Scouting these stars represent, the most significant attribute in the program - the parents - Mom and Dad. Most of Cub Scouting takes place in the home, therefore, it is clear that parents are very much involved in Cub Scouting. They help the boy with his advancement work, they take part in some den and pack activities and they go with him to pack meetings. Parent involvement runs like a thread throughout the whole Cub Scout Program. Without their involvement the thread is broken and so is the Cub Scout Program.

FIFTH:

The Scroll with the Scout motto is turned up at the ends to suggest the corners of a Scout's mouth raised in a smile as he does his duty. The Cub Scout also wears this smile because his program (as planned by his pack leaders) is a year round program which has enough variables to meet his and other Cub Scouts needs and desires. This program has variety, action and purpose and most importantly, it is fun.

SIXTH:

The knot attached to the bottom of the scroll is a reminder that, as a Scout, he has promised to do a Good Turn to someone else every day. The Cub Scout's pledge is similar where in his motto he says that he will do his best. The real purpose of the long-range plan of the Boy Scouts of America is to give more boys the lasting benefits of Scouting, character development, citizenship training and mental and physical fitness. This happens in your patrols and troops, in your dens and packs through games, skits, songs, crafts, advancement, ceremonies and outdoor activities - - the fun of Scouting.

MISCELLANEOUS - TREE PLANTING CEREMONY

Have group assemble in a circle around location.

LEADER: Good friends, den ____ would leave with ____, a token that each year will say that those who trod these paths today, have left a growing memory here to bring new loveliness each year.

CUB 1: An so I dig the sod to plant this tree, that it may grow and say to others who may pass this way, "Behold a living glory here, beauty's gift of yesteryear." (Digs sod.)

CUB 2: Prayer - Teach me, Father, how to be kind and patient like a tree. Joyfully the crickets croon under shady oak at noon. Beetle on his mission bent, tarries in that cooling tent. Let me also, cheer a spot, hidden field or garden place, where passing souls can rest on their way and be their best.

CUB 3: Trees have their enemies on every side - storms, drought, insects, disease, and old age. But, most of all man, with his careless fire and destructive axe.

CUB 4: Trees must have air to breathe, food to eat, water to drink, and sunlight to keep them well. The oldest living things on earth are trees.

CUB 5: The tree we are planting here today is a _____.
(Tell interesting facts about this tree....plant tree.)

CUB 6: Each of us carry a packet of soil from our own home garden or plot we love. We will all step up and add our soil around this tree, making a silent wish for the good health and long future of this tree. (Step to tree, one at a time, and drop in soil.)

LEADER: May this tree grow tall and beautiful. May the sunshine and rain be kind to it and Cub Scouts guard and cherish it. May it in turn, furnish cool shade for passers-by.

MISCELLANEOUS - FLAG FOLDING EXPLAINED

"Two of us this vigil keep, mid summer rains and winter snow, month by month and year by year, as seasons come and seasons go. Remember, as you pass my grave, I am not dead. I cannot die. So long as you will keep the faith; we live- my flag and I. Pity, no; envy me my place against the morning sky, so long as you will guard us well we live- My flag and I."

The flag folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our country was originally founded.

This portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars which represent the states our veterans served while in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and only is inverted when draped as a pall on a casket of a veteran who has served our country honorably in uniform.

In the evening, in the armed forces of the United States, at the ceremony of retreat after taps have been sounded, the flag is lowered and folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out at the ceremony of reveille and run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

The first fold of our flag is a symbol of life. The second fold is a symbol of our belief in the eternal. The third fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks who gave a portion of life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world, not to have been in vain and never to be forgotten.

The fourth fold represents our weaker nature, for, as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace as well as in times of war for His divine guidance. The fifth fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of the immortal Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is our country, right or wrong."

The sixth fold is where our hearts lie - and it is with our hearts that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, on nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The seventh fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through these same armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all her enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our Republic.

The eighth fold is a tribute to the One who entered into the valley of the shadow of death that we might see the light of day and this fold is also made to honor Mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The ninth fold is a tribute to Father, for he too has given of his sons for the defense of our country since she was first born.

We fold from the stripes toward the stars because the stripes represent the 13 original colonies that founded our Republic and they are now embodied in the 50 sovereign states represented by the stars. For that reason, the stars cover the stripes on the folded flag.

The eleventh fold is for the Hebrew citizens. This represents the lower portion of the Seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies in their eyes the god of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.

The twelfth fold is for the Christian citizens. This represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies in their eyes God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

When the flag is completed folded, the stars are uppermost which reminds us of our national motto "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it takes on the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under General George Washington and the sailor and marines who served under Captain John Paul Jones. They, followed by their comrades and shipmates in the armed forces of the United States, have preserved for us the rights, privileges and freedom which we are enjoying today.

MISCELLANEOUS - THE TWELVE MONTHS OF SCOUTING

For this ceremony, which emphasizes the need for a year-round program, you will need the following items:

- 1 Large candle in holder
- 12 Candles in a piece of wood or a log
- Matches

The current Annual Program Helps, which includes the Annual Program Planning Chart.

Light the large candle, then have someone turn out all the lights. Tell the group that the lighted candle represents the Spirit of Cub Scouting and explain that the other twelve candles represent the 12 months of the year of an active American boy.

Then, using the current Cub Scout Annual Program Helps Chart, give the name of each month and the theme and activity badge which your Pack has chosen to use. As you do this, light each candle in turn. When all twelve candles are lit, say something like this:

You noticed the increase brightness in the room as we lighted each candle. This is what happens when wise leaders plan a full, 12 month program of activities for the Cub Scouts.

Some short-sighted Packs, however, take a summer vacation (Snuff out candles 6, 7, and 8). They no longer have a full program. And, when they shut down for the summer months, they are usually late getting started in the fall. (Snuff out the 9th candle).

Summer shut-down can eliminate 1/4 of a boy's Cub Scout program, just as we have eliminated 1/4 of the light in this room.

Only by planning a 12 month program and sticking to that plan, can your Cub Scouts get the full benefit of total, year round fun and adventure.

Won't you leaders provide a planned program, on a year round basis?

MISCELLANEOUS - RETIRING "OLD GLORY"

Our "colors" are showing their years of service and should be fittingly retired.

"Let us pray.

Almighty God, bless and consecrate this present hour. We do thank you for our glorious country and our flag of stars and stripes which should emblazon on our hearts, minds and consciousness the freedoms for which it stands.

We also thank you for the Boy Scouts of America movement, knowing the young men whom receive preparation therein will join in service to our country in both times of strife and peace.

Many thousands have given their all over the years to protect our nation's flag, as it symbolizes the truth and virtues on which she was established and which we still hold dear.

May the colors now be presented for inspection."

(Open and inspect flag.) State the service record on this particular flag.

"The stresses of this honorable service have resulted in faded colors, wear and tear; it should therefore be retired with dignity and fittingly destroyed.

A flag may be a flimsy bit of printed gauze or a beautiful banner of the finest silk; its monetary value may be great or small, but its real value is beyond price. It is a precious symbol that we have worked for, lived for, died for - a free nation of free men and women, true to the faith of the past, devoted to the ideals and practice of justice, freedom and democracy.

Please stand and join me as we honor this flag with a final Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.
I pledge allegiance ...

"Almighty God, bless and consecrate this present hour. We thank Thee for our country and its flag and for the liberty of which it stands. To clean in purging flame, we commit this flag, worn out in worthy service. As it yields its substance to the fire, may its Holy Light spread over us and bring to our hearts renewed devotion to God and country. Amen."

(Right hand salute. Grommets being cut. Burn flag to complete ashes.)

MISCELLANEOUS - FLAG BURNING CEREMONY #1

CALLER: "Color guard advance" (Color guards bring the flag into the fire circle, holding it overhead by the four corners.)

CALLER: "Color guard present the colors". While the guard holds the flag, the cutter removes the holding band and drops it into the fire. The Scout then cuts the blue field from the stripes and places the field into the fire.

While this field burns, the reader explains the symbolism of the blue color and the 50 stars. Wait silently until the blue is almost consumed. The cutter cuts the stripes into two pieces and these are placed into the fire. The reader explains the symbolism of the red and white colors and the meaning of the 13 stripes. Wait silently until the stripes are almost consumed. Then the group is seated. Color guards remain at attention. All hum the Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Blue is for valor
The blue field is for the union
The stars represent the states
Red is for the blood of our soldiers and sailors
White is for patriotism
The stripes are for the original colonies

MISCELLANEOUS - THE OUTDOOR CODE

This is good after a hike, fishing trip, park clean-up, nature hunt (anything outdoors of an educational nature) not just to play.

DEN CHIEF: Let's sit quietly for a few moments. Close your eyes and listen to the sounds of nature. Think of what we have to be thankful for.

Let's now repeat The Outdoor Code.

"As an American, I will do my best --be clean in my outdoor manners, be careful with fire, be considerate in the outdoors, and be conservation-minded.

DEN LEADER: Let's sing God Bless America.

MISCELLANEOUS - WORLD CONSERVATION CEREMONY

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Den Leader, Assistant C. M./Webelos DL

EQUIPMENT: World Conservation symbol woodburned on ceremonial board.

CUBMASTER: In his last letter to Scouts around the world, Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, wrote "Try to leave the world better than you found it". Tonight we are honoring Cub Scouts who have fulfilled Baden-Powell's request.

ASST. CUBMASTER: In an age when Nature is being used up faster than it can replenish itself, these Cub Scouts have helped to stop that trend.

DEN LEADER: They have worked hard to fulfill the requirements of the World Conservation award. They have completed achievements and electives related to the outdoors in addition to completing a den conservation project.

CUBMASTER: This award may earned only once in a Scout's life and tells everyone that they helped to make the world better for all of us.

Will the following Cub Scouts please come forward: (Scouts come forward and are awarded badges.)

Thank you for what you have done for all of us.

MISCELLANEOUS - OPENING - AWARDS - CLOSE

Try tying the opening, awards, and closing ceremonies together. Why have the meeting room seating arranged like the seating on a giant air liner.

For a pre-opening activity, have everyone coming issued a ticket. The opening is a call, announcing Cub Scout Air Lines flight number (your pack number) is ready for boarding. People board, (Cub Scout flight attendants check tickets) and all are seated and fasten their seat belts.

The Captain (Cubmaster) announces the destinations of this flight and wishes all a pleasant trip. Aircraft takes off, flies all around the United States, landing at various cities to see a skit by that nationally famous Den (#), or to sing a song led by the Den(#) singers.

For awards, the airplane lands at various places to see famous people (brand new Wolf Cub scout), takes off and lands somewhere else to see a Cub Scout who is receiving arrow points. The Captain might present each boy earning an award with some silver pilot's wings (cardboard cutouts covered the aluminum foil) with his award.

At the end of the round trip flight, the aircraft returns home. Pilot announces that he was pleased to have all on the trip with him (that was the close). The folks disembark and go home.

MISCELLANEOUS - CANDLELIGHT CHARTER PRESENTATION

EQUIPMENT: Seven flashlights, the lens of one covered with blue tissue paper and the other covered with yellow tissue paper or plastic wrap).

PERSONNEL: Unit commissioner, Scouting Coordinator, Cubmaster, Pack Committee Chairman, seven Cub Scouts.

The Cubmaster calls the meeting to order.

CUB #1: (Lights the blue light.)

CHAIRMAN: This blue light represents the spirit of Cub Scouting. May it ever burn brightly.

CUB #2: (Lights yellow light) I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country...

CUB #3: (Lights yellow light) To help other people....

CUB #4: (Lights yellow light) And obey the Law of the Pack.

(Remaining three Cub Scouts come forward. No. 5 holds the charter.)

COMMISSIONER: (To chairman) In presenting this charter to (Name of chartered organization), I ask if the pack committee agrees to work with and recruit the best adult leadership available, to conduct regular monthly pack leader's meetings, and to assist the Cubmaster?

CHAIRMAN: We will.

COMMISSIONER: (To Scouting Coordinator) Do you, as the representative of the chartered organization, promise to serve boys by providing the best leadership available; to keep informed of this pack's condition and performance, and relay this to your organization regularly; to see that the best possible Cub Scouting gets to these boys through adherence to the rules and regulations set forth by the Boy Scouts of America and the (name) Council; and place this charter in a prominent place for all to see that this organization operates pack number (#)?

COORDINATOR: I do promise.

(The fifth Cub Scout then gives the charter to the Scouting Coordinator and salutes him.)

CUB #5: (Lights yellow light) The Cub Scout follows Akela.

CUB #6: (Lights yellow light) The Cub Scout Helps the pack go.

CUB #7: (Lights yellow light) The pack helps the Cub Scout grow. The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

(The Cubmaster and Cub Scouts leave with lights still burning.)

MISCELLANEOUS - FLAG RETIRING CEREMONY #2

NARRATOR: When the flag of our Country becomes old and tattered from use, it becomes time to retire it in a dignified way. We do not just throw it away, or tuck it in the basement in a box.

A solemn ceremonial burning of our nation's colors is one such way. Only a few organizations in our country are permitted to conduct such an important ceremony. The Boy Scouts of America is one.

First, we separate the flag into its main colors: red, white, and blue. (This is done before the ceremony. Ceremonial members are given one or more pieces of the flag to be retired.) Second, we carefully place the pieces of color in the ceremonial fire.

(As the narrator start reading, the ceremonial members with the red parts of the flag slowly walk to the fire, and gently place the strips into the fire. They can then either return to their places or stand in a semi-circle behind the fire area.)

The Red in our flag stands for the Blood that has been spent defending our country's way of life.

(As the narrator starts reading, the ceremonial members with the white parts of the flag slowly walk to the fire, and gently place the strips into the fire. They can then eather return to their places or add to the semi-circle behind the fire area.)

The White in our flag stands for Freedom. The freedom of choice is what makes our country great.

(As the narrator starts reading, the ceremonial members with the Blue parts of the flag slowly walk to the fire, and gently place the field into the fire. They can then either return to their places or add to the semi-circle behind the fire area.)

The Blue field with the White stars stands for our Union -- Fifty individual states or stars bound together by a common cause: life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

As our old honored Flag leaves us, let us pledge allegiance to our new flag.

(One can do the Pledge of Allegiance- here, or sing the Star Spangled Banner, or America or God Bless the USA as one sees fit.)

MISCELLANEOUS - IDEAS FOR OPENINGS AND CLOSINGS

1. Form a Living Circle and repeat the Cub Scout Promise.
2. Repeat the Law of the Pack.
3. Do a Grand Howl.
4. Sing "America" then hum as Den Chief reads last verse.
5. Sing "Good Night Cub Scouts".
6. Sing "God Bless America".
7. Den Leader asks, "What is the Cub Scout Motto?" Cub Scouts reply, "Do your best."
8. December: Sing a carol. Tell about Hannukah.
9. Do "Rhythmic Exercises" from Group Meeting Sparklers.
10. Give salute and repeat the Law of the Pack.
11. Tell the story of "The Star Spangled Banner". Sing first stanza.
12. Sing "Battle Hymn of the Republic".
13. Review meaning of Cub Scout Promise.
14. Explain meaning of motto. Repeat in unison.
15. Each Cub gives meaning of Thanksgiving to him.
16. Read Gettysburg Address.
17. Tell story of Lord Baden-Powell.
18. Read the Conservation Pledge.
19. Repeat: Leader: "Do your best." Cubs: "We'll do our best."
20. Sing a theme of the month song.
21. Sing Cub Scout advancement song.
22. Sing "Taps".
23. Give den yell.
24. Repeat "Pledge of Allegiance".
25. Hold a uniform inspection.
26. Have a flag ceremony.
27. Have roll call with Cubs naming Indian tribes.
28. Sing a song in the "round".
29. Have Den Chief lead an applause stunt.
30. Ask each Cub who Akela is and give an example.
31. Have Denner and Asst. Denner parade flaps past den members, who then come to attention and salute.
32. Repeat the Outdoor Code.
33. Light conduct candle and say. "We open the doorway to a new adventure for today. May the flame continue to burn throughout our entire meeting."

MISCELLANEOUS - CUBMASTERS MINUTE #1

As I look out upon this audience, I can see many different families. Each family is unique in its background and experiences. All of you have come together into this pack to share a very important experience -- participating in a program which is designed to give your son positive growth experiences in his life. By being here, you have shown your young son that you support him in these experiences. He advances in this program because of the support and help he receives from the adults in his den and in his home.

The families in our pack form a unique community. We share the common goal of raising our boys to be the type of young men who will be the strong leaders of tomorrow. Some will become leaders in their neighborhoods, while other will be leaders in their city. Some boys will achieve a broader range by becoming leaders in their state. A select few are destined to be the leaders of the nation.

To all of you future leaders sitting out in this audience tonight, please remember that to be the type of leader who is successful you must always remember you Cub Scout Motto: "Do Your Best"!

MISCELLANEOUS - SPECIAL DEN BIRTHDAY CEREMONY

EQUIPMENT: Picture of Cub; camera, cake (furnished by mother or den leader), invitation to mother to attend meeting.

DEN CHIEF: We have a birthday Cub this week. Would our Denner please find the Cub who matches this picture and bring him forward? (Hold up picture).

DENNER: I have found our Cub. (Bring him to small table in center of room). Let's all sing "Happy Birthday". (Sing)

DEN LEADER: Lights candle as Cubs sing.

DEN LEADER: Now, our Cub will blow out his candles after making his wish. (At this time, take his picture.)

Arrange for the mother to take another picture of the Cub and the entire den.

MISCELLANEOUS - THE AIRPLANE TRIP

Try tying the opening, awards and closing ceremonies all together. Why not have the room arranged like the seating on a giant airplane?

For a pre-opening activity, hand everyone who comes to the meeting a "ticket". The opening is a call, announcing Cub Scout Airline flight number (add your Pack number) is ready for boarding. People board (take their seats) as the flight crew (one of the dens) collects the tickets. When everyone is seated, have them fasten their seat belts and prepare for take off.

The Captain (Cubmaster) announces the destination of this flight and wishes all a pleasant trip. The airplane takes off and flies all around the United States, landing at various cities to see a skit by a nationally famous den, or be led in song by the renown Cub Scout singers.

For awards, the airplane lands at various places to see famous people (those Cub Scouts being recognized). Make as many stops as you need to accommodate all the recognitions. The Captain might present the boys their awards with some silver pilots wings (cardboard cutouts covered with foil or painted with metallic paint).

At end of the trip, the aircraft returns home. Pilots announces the he was pleased to have all aboard on this trip and wishes them a good night. Folks disembark and go home.

Don't want to do an airplane? Try a bus or train instead!

THOUGHT - A BOY'S IMAGINATION

Cub Scouting helps channel a boy's imagination. He doesn't just play that he's a pirate. He is a buccaneer sailing under the Jolly Roger. He is a brave knight riding forth to slay the dragon. He is the first man on Mars. He is!! Imagination is a wonderful thing, and the Land of Make Believe is a place that everyone likes to visit from time to time....no matter how old you are. Being able to "make-believe" sometimes, makes real life a little more pleasant.

MISCELLANEOUS - CIVIC MINDED CEREMONYS

Collect a bunch of old unused keys and tie them to ribbons for awards. (You may be able to get throwaways from a hardware store that grinds them.) Also have some long ribbons tied in the center with beautiful bows. Have a small shovel and a box or bucketful of dirt. Explain to the Pack the tradition of the Mayor bestowing on honored guests and dignitaries a "Key to the City". Also in other civic ceremonies the Mayor and others attend ground breaking and ribbon cutting ceremonies, and tonight the Cub Scouts earning awards and rank advancements will be the honorees at the Pack's Civic Ceremonies.

The Cubmaster acts as the Mayor (he may want to wear a top hat or sash) and announce the contributions each boy being recognized has made to the Pack. these include but are not limited to participating in pack events, in den meetings, advancing in rank etc. The Cubs and their parents are then invited to "break ground" to make way for the Cub to begin on a new section of the Scouting trail, or they may be asked to "Cut the ribbon" as they pass into the next rank or den. You may wish to bestow a "Key to the Pack" for a particularly good job or having reached a difficult goal.

There are other civic ceremonies not mentioned here that may be adaptable to the presentation of Pack awards, like winning an election or being a grand marshall in a parade. Use this as a guideline and have your committee think of others.

MISCELLANEOUS - 10 COMMANDMENTS OF CEREMONIES

1. THOU SHALT HAVE ONE EVERY MONTH
2. THOU SHALT KEEP IT SIMPLE, MAKE IT FUN. (KISMIF)
3. THOU SHALT NOT REPEAT A CEREMONY, NO MATTER HOW MANY ADULTS WANT TO (OR HOW GOOD YOU LOOK IN AN INDIAN HEADDRESS)
4. THOU SHALT NOT ASK CUB SCOUTS (OR ADULTS) TO MEMORIZE OR READ A LOT OF BIG WORDS
5. THOU SHALT BE HEARD AND SEEN BY ALL
- 6 THOU SHALT INCLUDE BOTH CHILD AND HIS PARENT
7. THOU SHALT NOT FORGET WEBELOS ACTIVITY PINS, TO MAKE THEM IMPORTANT ALSO
8. THOU SHALT FOLLOW THE MONTHLY THEME
9. THOU SHALT UNDERSTAND THE CUB SCOUT ADVANCEMENT AND HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO THE BOYS
10. THOU SHALT USE THY BRAIN TO COME UP WITH NEW IDEAS

MISCELLANEOUS - CUSTOMS OF 15 COUNTRIES

IRELAND - In Ireland, building a grotto for the Nativity scene becomes a family project. Figures of the Holy Family are placed in the center of the grotto, with adoring angels, animals and shepherds nearby. Wise men are moved closer to the Christ Child each day of the Holy season. A Dublin fruitcake, covered with thick almond-flavored icing and decorated with green gumdrop shamrocks is the food highlight. In Ireland, every window of every house has a lighted candle in it.

DENMARK - The Danes excel at simple but effective Christmas ornaments. Balsa wood decorations are cut out in every imaginable outline and painted in bright colors. The greatest festival of the year in Denmark is Christmas Eve, a time of chiming church bells, of family dinners, of ceremonies around the tree, and of hymns and carols sung in candle-lighted churches. After dinner is over, the father and mother disappear into the locked parlor, light the tree, and open the door. Members of the family clasp hands and circle around the tree, singing Danish hymns. The youngest member of the family is allowed to approach the tree first.

FINLAND - The happy task of making Christmas ornaments starts early for the Finns with a joyous celebration the last Sunday in November. On that afternoon, called 'Little Christmas' everyone from toddlers to elderly folks helps carve, paint, glue, and assemble festive trimmings of reed, straw, wood, and paper. In Finland, they have another lovely custom of preparing for the Holy Child. They call it 'paving the way' for Him. On the day before Christmas, they cut up great pine boughs and pile them up, making a huge green carpet from the top of the hill down to the heart of the village. Then everyone lights 'luck chips' pinewood tapers that have been buried in the snow for three days. Good luck is supposed to come to those whose tapers burn well.

POLAND - The Christmas tree (Choinka) in Poland is a symbol of peace and friendship, and it's heavily laden with colorful and picturesque decorations. All ornaments are homemade. Even the children join in this joyful work long before the holiday season begins. It is customary to decorate walls and ceilings at holiday time with spidery Pajakis cut from paper. These distinctive designs were part of an ancient ritual, when the paper was cut with sheep-sheering scissors. Christmas in Poland is celebrated with the Festival of the Star. A day of fasting precedes the celebration and it ends with the appearance of the first star on Christmas Eve. The star is a significant symbol of the Polish Christmas. The Star Man or Father Star often visits a family to examine the children in their catechism. Children believe that their gifts come from the Good Star of Heaven but are carried to them by the Wise Men, who are impersonated by three young men of the village known as 'star boys'. In the home, sheaves of wheat are used as decoration in the corners of the room and are later scattered in orchards for the birds. Straw on the floor and table remind everyone of the stable where Christ was born. At the table a chair is vacant awaiting the Holy Child. Polish people exchange small baked wafers called opalatki, just as people in America exchange Christmas cards. Poppy seed rolls filled with ground poppy seed and honey paste are prepared on Christmas Eve.

SWEDEN - In Scandinavia, they give the animals an extra treat at Christmas time and say, "Eat well, keep well, this is Christmas Eve." They plan a long time ahead for Christmas for

the birds. At threshing time in the summer, they choose the largest and best of their sheaves of grain. At Christmas they put them high on a spruce pole out in the yard or on top of the barn. They leave a tuft of branches at the top of the pole so the birds have a resting place and at the foot of the pole they put straw to remind the people of the manger where Jesus was born. Children, parents, and grandparents all join in making interesting straw and balsa wood ornaments. Windows ablaze with candlelight, the Swedish Christmas gift, no matter how small, is wrapped in snowy white paper and sealed with red wax.

AUSTRIA - Greenery is used in Austria to banish demons that lurk in darkness during the gloomy days of winter. Holly guards against witches, thunder and lightning. The Advent wreath is an early symbol of victory and glory. On three of the four Sundays of Advent, a candle is lit while the family joins in prayer. Four candles are lit on the final Sunday, denoting the coming of the Savior as the Light of the World. Greenery and apples together signify hope for the forthcoming spring. On Christmas Eve, the family gathers and sings carols. Father lights the first candle and Christmas Eve dinner is served. The second candle is lit on Christmas Day; the third on New Year's Day when the festivities end. Linzer cake and nut butter rounds are holiday treats.

NORWAY - The nisse, a delightful elf, doubles for Santa Claus and moves into all good Norwegian homes for Christmas. He's likely to play pranks ... but on the whole, he's a highly acceptable roommate. Nisse comes in all ages, but the young and old alike sport jaunty red caps. Woe unto the family that forgets to leave a saucer of porridge and cream outside the kitchen door on Christmas Eve. When the plate is licked clean the next morning, only the most unimaginative Norwegian would say the cat had eaten the handout. In Norway, wood shavings are fashioned into ornaments ... geometric designs, snowflakes, animals and birds. The Norwegian flag is displayed on the Christmas tree.

MEXICO - Holiday season in Mexico means fireworks, feasting and frivolity. Legend has it that a boy named Pablo, eager to visit the manager in his village church, was saddened because he had no gift. So he brought green branches from a bush beside a dusty road. Soon, scarlet star-shaped flowers topped each branch. They were called poinsettias or 'Flowers of Christmas Eve'. The Mexican pinata was originally an earthenware jug disguised as an animal, person or some curious object, then filled with toys and things to eat. Blindfolded children crack the hanging pinata with sticks until it is broken and the goodies fall to the ground. The Ojo de Dios, or God's Eye is a popular decoration. Mexicans display luminaries... bags weighted with sand and each holding a lighted candle ... during the holidays.

GERMANY - Germany is the homeland of the Christmas tree, and is best known for keeping customs of Christmas. The gingerbread house is a favorite custom for children. 'Cradle rocking' was a part of many German Christmas church services. Altar boys rocked a cradle containing an image of the Christ Child as the congregation sang carols. Many of our favorite Christmas carols come from Germany. St. Nicholas leaves presents wherever he finds hay and water that children have put out for his horse.

NETHERLANDS - In Holland, boys gather in the market place at two o'clock, Christmas morning to sing carols. The leader carries a star on top of a long pole, a symbol of the wonderful star of the East. The boys follow in a procession about the town, singing, "We Three Kings of Orient Are." Long ago, Saint Nicholas was chosen by the people of the

Netherlands as the patron saint of children. The arrival of the generous saint on December 5 (St. Nicholas' Eve) marks the beginning of the holiday season. He arrives dressed in a bishop's robe and miter from Spain in a boat filled with gifts. He disembarks, riding a great white horse and accompanied by a small helper called Black Peter. A parade through the city follows, with excitement building for both young and old. During the weeks before December 5, it is said that St. Nicholas listens at doors and chimneys to learn if the children are good. Then on this special day, he questions them about their behavior and promises to leave toys if they have been good. The children leave their shoes before the fireplace and in them put hay and a carrot for the horse; cookies and candy for the saint. Most Dutch families have a tree at Christmas, and the houses are decorated with greenery and holly.

ENGLAND - Puppet shows are very much a part of the British Christmas, and a favorite is the Punch and Judy story with songs and dances added. Children hang their stockings by the fireplace on Christmas Eve, to be filled by Father Christmas. Typically English is the singing of carols. Many customs and traditions of England are much older than the Christmas tree, which was made popular by Queen Victoria and her husband, Prince Albert. Mistletoe and the yule log are of Druidic origin, but are popular in England. The first Christmas card is believed to have been printed in London in 1843.

ITALY - The Christmas season in Italy lasts three weeks... from eight days before Christmas until Twelfth Night. Everyone attends mass on Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day is principally a church festival. The ceppo on Christmas log takes the place of the Christmas tree in Italy. Through the ages, the ceppo has changed from a log to a pyramidal stand on which a creche and gifts are placed. The creche is found in every Italian home. Gifts or switches are handed out on Epiphany by Befana, an ageless woman who, legend has it, refused to help the Wise Men, then repented and sought to follow him.

FRANCE - French children put their shoes on the hearth as a handy receptacle for lea pere Noel or le petit Jesus to store a gift. Originally footwear was wooden, but today, any shoe will do, and a hearth isn't even necessary. No French homemade would dare set a holiday buffet table without a carefully arranged centerpiece of red roses. They're used liberally in decorating the home, along with greenery, bright ribbons and baubles. The children make a hoop of greens and berries-and hang it from the ceiling. There is a creche in most French homes.

GREECE - Modern Greek Christmases echo the country's seafaring past. Youngsters make paper boats to set adrift in the sea or on rivers. St. Basil, who distributes Christmas toys, makes his rounds in a boat instead of a sled. New Year's bread with a coin baked inside is served at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve. Father cuts a portion of bread for each member of the family in the order of their ages. Whoever gets the piece with the coin will enjoy a year of good luck.

PORTUGAL-SPAIN - Here on the route of the Magi, the Wise Men are of particular importance. Custom decrees that the Magi be met on Epiphany Eve at the edge of town. In Portugal, young and old trudge out that night, carrying a variety of food for men and animals. This colorful caravan also offers presents like bouquets of dried flowers, grasses and feathers.

But alas for the eager greeters, the Magi always seem to slip into town by another road. So when the disappointed children have eaten the goodies and returned, they are comforted by finding the Wise Men assembled in the village church. Then they parade in with their wonderful gifts for the Magi.

MISCELLANEOUS - THREE FLAG BURNING CEREMONIES

When the flag is in such a condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should not be cast aside or used in any way that might be viewed as disrespectful to the national colors, but -should be buried or destroyed by fire.

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VERSION A:

Cut field and read a poem such as:

"I Swing Before Your Eyes"

I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color a symbol of yourself, the pictured suggestion of that big thing that makes us a nation. My stars and my stripes are your dream and your labors They are bright with cheer, brilliant with courage, firm with faith, because you have made them so out of your heart.

(Color guard holds flag horizontal to ground and taut, while flag bearer cuts out field. After cutting the field from the thirteen colonies with due respect, fold two parts separately, lay one on the fire.)

"Nothing But Flags"

Nothing but flags, but simply flags tattered and torn and hanging in rags; some walk by them with careless tread, not thinking of the host of patriotic dead that have marched beneath them in days gone by with a burning cheek and a kindling eye and have bathed their folds with their life's young tide and dying, blessed them, and blessing died.

(When the flag has burned sufficiently to make it safe, place second part on the fire.)

While burning the red and white stripes:

"The American Creed"

I believe in the United States of America. As a government of the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign. states. A perfect nation, one and inseparable, established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity, for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support it's Constitution, to obey it's laws, to respect it's flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

(When the flag is all burnt . . .)

Breathes there a man with soul so dead who never to himself hath said, This is my own, my native land .

VERSION B:

Caller: "Color Guard Advance"

The flag of the United State of America is a living symbol of all we hold dear in our great nation whose citizens believe in Liberty, Mutual Respect, and Justice. The flag stands for the government of our country. It is the emblem of our freedom and of the sovereign rights of the individuals. It symbolized our respect for our nation's past and our unnerving faith in it's future. ONE FLAG, One Land, One Hand, One Nation, EVER MORE!

(The flag is brought down and handed to the Color Guards. Flag is carried taut horizontally, with the stars at the Bearer's left shoulder. The group sings "America the Beautiful.")

When the Flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should not be cast aside or used in any way that might be viewed as disrespectful to the national colors, but should be buried or destroyed by fire.

(Scout lights the fire. Color Guards hold flag horizontally to the ground and taut, while the Flag Bearer cuts out the blue field of stars (UNION). When this is done the Right Guards fold the stripes with respect and the Left Guards fold the stars. The Flag Bearer is then handed the stripes (COLONIES) and he places them on the burning fire; when it has burned sufficiently he places the stars in the fire.All sing "God Bless America")

(The Flag Bearer is then handed the new flag and along with the Color Guard will advance to the flag pole and raise the new flag.)

VERSION C:

CALLER: "COLOR GUARD RETRIEVE (Lower the flag overhead. Audience stands.)

CALLER: "COLOR GUARD ADVANCE" (Color Guards bring the flag into the fire circle, holding it overhead by the four corners.)

CALLER: "COLOR GUARD PRESENT THE COLORS

While the guard holds the flag, the cutter removes the holding band and drops it into the fire. The Scout then cuts the blue field from the stripes and places the field into the fire.

While this field burns, the reader explains the symbolism of the blue color and the 50 stars. Wait silently until the blue is almost consumed. The cutter cuts the stripes into two pieces and these are placed into the fire. The reader explains the symbolism of the red and white colors and the meaning of the 13 stripes. Wait silently until the stripes are almost consumed. Then the group is seated. Color Guards remain at attention.

BLUE IS FOR VALOR

THE BLUE FIELD IS FOR THE UNION

THE STARS REPRESENT THE STATES

RED IS FOR THE BLOOD OF OUR SOLDIERS AND SAILORS

WHITE IS FOR PATRIOTISM

THE STRIPES ARE FOR THE ORIGINAL COLONIES

READER: Each person or group bears the name of one of the original 13 states, each one has something to say about it's state. Let us begin with Delaware, who was the first to sign the constitution. (Proceed) Please join us in singing "AMERICA"

READER:

A is for the Allegiance which we pledge to our country, for the American Revolution - fought to win freedom.

M is for Magnificence of our land from sea to shining sea.

E is for Equality, which we strive to offer to all people.

R is for Respect for our country and its flag.

I is for Inalienable Rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

C is for Citizenship the responsibility of each person to keep our nation free.

A is for America, the greatest nation on this earth. May we stand proud under the Red, White, and Blue.

READER: We will now hum the Battle Hymn of the Republic. While the group hums, the reader will read the Gettysburg Address by Abraham Lincoln.
Color Guard Dismissed

MISCELLANEOUS - FOOL'S GOLD - CUBMASTER'S MINUTE

PREPARATION: Paint a large rock gold.

Many people have followed their dream of finding gold. The life of a prospector was not an easy one. They suffered many hardships in their quest for gold. Some people, hoping to take the easy way out, were tricked by people who sold them digging rights where gold was guaranteed to be located. (Hold up the painted rock.) Rocks would be painted, or rocks that looked like gold, called pyrite, or "fool's gold," would be placed on the land to convince people that gold would be easily found. They wanted an easy way to achieve their goal and were fooled by appearances. Don't let your badges and awards be fool's gold. Work hard to obtain your goal. Do all the requirements and take pride in your accomplishments.

MISCELLANEOUS - ALL I EVER REALLY NEEDED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain but there in the sandbox at nursery school.

These are the things I learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work every day some. Take a nap every afternoon. When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands and stick together. Be aware of the weather. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows why or how, but we are all like that.

Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup-they all die. So do we. And then remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word you learned, the biggest word of all: LOOK. Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and sane living. Think of what a better world it would be if we all: the whole world had cookies and milk about 3 o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations to always put things back where we found them and cleaned up our own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

THOUGHTS - REMEMBER TO SAY THANK YOU

Do Your Best - One of the hardest things for anyone to do is to stick to what he knows is right while his friends are coaxing him or his enemies are threatening him to do just the opposite. A Cub Scout always does his best.

Thank You - (Hold up a card with THANK YOU on it.) Two simple words. Two important words that tell someone else that you are appreciative, courteous and thoughtful. We do many good turns for others...but do we always take time to thank others for a good turn done for us? Let's all remember that a sincere "thank you" is your way of expressing gratitude for a good turn received. Remember to say "thank you".

The best way to be happy yourself is to make someone else happy. If you are considerate of other's feelings, it will have an effect on you own feeling and how people treat you.

MISCELLANEOUS - PICTURESQUE SPEECH FOR WRITING CEREMONIES

These are a few descriptive phrases which illustrate the beauty of the Indian speech. They will be helpful as YOU prepare ceremonies at your meetings:

The painted leaves danced with the North wind.

The Moon of Painted Leaves.

The leaves whispered to the stars.

As many as the leaves on the trees.

Soon the keen knives of winter will cut the air.

Fifteen snows. (Fifteen years.)

Two suns and two sleeps. (Two days and two nights.)

Many moons. (Many months.)

When the moon is round. (At full moon.)

When the sun looks over the edge of the earth.

The sun journeys over the edge of the world.

When the sun is halfway on its journey.

Before the sun leaves to let the night come.

When the sun has gone to make place for the moon.

Farther than a fast pony could run from moon to moon.

The forest was covered with the dark blanket of night.

As long as the grass grows and the water runs (flows).

The water that never freezes. (The ocean,.)

The star that does not move. (North star.)

The tree that whispers to itself. (Aspen.)

I have only good things about you in my heart.

Descriptive Names for Stars and Various Natural Wonders:

The Milky Way was known as "The Trail of the wolf". (plains tribes.)

The Northern Lights was called "The Marching Lights" (Sioux), and "The Ghost Dance of the Spirits" (Chippewa).

The North Star was named "The Star-that-does-not-move", and the Big Dipper was called "The Seven Stars".

The Iroquois named the sky "The Great Blue Wigwam" and fox fire was called "Witch Lights".

MISCELLANEOUS - I AM THE AMERICAN BALD EAGLE.

My wings extend from the sun kissed shores of the Pacific Golden Gate to the rock bound coast of the Atlantic.

My head and beak kiss the northern shores of the Great Lakes and the Canadian border. I sharpen my beak on the Rocky Mountains, and trim my talons on the snows of Alaska My shadow falls on the Gulf of Mexico.

I have spread my wings around the world as I defended our shores against our common enemies. I am victorious, both on the earth and in the sky. In one talon I carry arrows, symbolizing my strength in battle, in the other, the olive branch of peace.

I am the symbol of America

I stand for peace and democracy and for Human Rights and the freedom of all men. I sit atop many of our countries standards and appear on the Seal of the United States.

I AM THE AMERICAN BALD EAGLE.

MISCELLANEOUS - ONE VOTE GAVE

November is the month to vote and sometimes people say "Oh well, what can my one vote count? And sometimes they use that as an excuse to not vote. If you don't vote you can't complain about anything our politicians do.

If you think your one vote doesn't count listen to this:

In 1645, one vote gave Oliver Cromwell control of England

In 1649, one vote caused Charles I of England to be executed.

In 1776, one vote gave America the English language instead of German

In 1839, one vote elected Marcus Norton Governor of Massachusetts.

In 1845, one vote brought Texas into the Union

In 1868, one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment

In 1876, one vote made Rutherford B. Hayes Pres. of the United States

In 1876, one vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic.

In 1923, one vote gave Adolf Hitler control of the Nazi Party

This is the land of the free where voting is a privilege but also an obligation. Let us all pledge.....

MISCELLANEOUS - JUNGLE BOOK INVOCATION FOR MEETINGS OF ADULT LEADERS

by Hal Robinson and Edward A. Haluska

We approach Thee, oh Great Akela of All the Packs, and ask Thee to join Thy love for the Cubs with ours, making our efforts mighty.

Join with us in this effort to (insert purpose of meeting) as we prepare to present the Cubs to Thee at the Council Rock.

Grant us the patience of Baloo, the great bear who taught Mowgli, as we teach the Cubs the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack

Grant us the strength of Bagheera, the panther who guarded Mowgli in the jungle, as we protect the Cubs that have been entrusted to our care.

Grant us wisdom that we may lead the Cubs away from the traps and pit falls of Shere Khan, the evil tiger who would devour our Cubs.

Grant us insight that we may lead the Cubs away from the idleness and disobedience of the Bandar-log, the monkey people.

In all that we do, oh Great Akela of all the Packs, help us to unify the Pack by strengthening each Cub.

Help us do our Duty to God and to our Country.

Provide us the opportunities to help other people, and grant us your compassion so that we will recognize those opportunities when they come.

Help us to obey the Law of the Pack.

In all of this we can teach the Cubs in our care by our example, which will speak louder than our words.

In all, help us to do our best.

Grant us success, we ask ____ (if the group has a common religious composition, insert an appropriate specific phrase here, such as "in Jesus' name")

AMEN

MISCELLANEOUS - SHORT INTRODUCTIONS TO THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Here are some short introductions to the Pledge of Allegiance to make the ceremony different and meaningful each time:

1. Planted firmly on the high pinnacle of American faith, the U.S. flag has proven an inspiration to untold millions. Men have looked upon the flag as a symbol of national unity. Let us unite in the Pledge to the flag.
2. For more than nine score years our flag has been the emblem of liberty for generations of Americans, Let us look at it - with pride as we salute the flag.
3. Our flag is bright with cheer, brilliant with courage, and firm with faith. Let us add to this with our sincere salute today.
4. To personally understand and maintain the American way of life and to pass it on to succeeding generations is the responsibility of every true American. Let us vow to do this, and think about it now as we salute the flag.
5. We have good government only when we, the people of the United States, play an active part in making it good. Let us salute our flag with that in mind.
6. Thomas Jefferson said, "The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time." As we repeat the Pledge of Allegiance, let us remember that our flag is a symbol of this precious liberty.
7. In the flag salute, there is no comma or pause after the word "Nation". The concept of "One Nation Under God" is a precious thing. To weaken it with an unwanted comma is an affront to the patriotic heart as well as to the poetic ear. Let us say the Pledge correctly.

MISCELLANEOUS - WITH APOLOGIES TO CHARLES DICKENS

READER: This is a special time of year for people all around the world. It is a time of Joy and Light, of Hope and Peace, and of the comforts of Home, Family, and Tradition. It is a time of Spirit in all things, and although there are many different types of Spirit and Spirits among us, tonight we are going to be visited by four of them.

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS: "I am the Spirit of Christmas" (Lights Advent candles, using appropriate prayer(s) and a brief statement as to what the candles and the holiday represent.)

SPIRIT OF CHANUKAH: "I am the Spirit of Chanukah" (Lights the Chanukah candles using the appropriate prayer(s) and a brief statement as to what the candles and the holiday represent.)

SPIRIT OF KWANZAA: "I am the Spirit of Kwanzaa" (Lights the Kwanzaa candles and gives a brief statement as to what the candles and the holiday represent.)

SPIRIT OF SCOUTING: "I am the Spirit of Scouting, and here I light the twelve candles which the twelve points of the Scout Law, and three candles which represent the three points of the Scout Oath. I will also light one additional candle of the purest white, which represents not only the Spirit of Scouting, but also all the other Spirits of Goodness which exist throughout this old world of ours no matter what they may be called.

Now, I call upon my Fellow Spirits, and all of you here in this room, to join with me in reciting the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

ALL: (Oath and Law)

READER: Thank you all. Please be seated,.

ALL SPIRITS: "Happy Holidays!"

MISCELLANEOUS - STITCHES IN THE FLAG - CUBMASTER MINUTE

PREPARATION: Cubs stand in square formation around the American flag which is posted in the center of room.

CUBMASTER: Boys, did you ever think what makes up our country's flag? Yes, there are stripes, a patch of blue, and some five pointed stars, but they are just pieces of cloth. However, when the thirteen stripes of alternating red and white representing the thirteen original colonies, are put together and the field of blue is in place with the stars, securely held together by millions of stitches, then we no longer have a piece of cloth and patches, but the flag of the United States of America. The emblem of our country.

You know, I like to think that all those stitches represent "We the people..." , that each and every one of us is represented in the flag by a stitch holding steadfast together as long as we are strong, and do our best to be good American citizens.

All of you have seen what happens when stitches fail to hold. The flag would fall apart or ravel. That is exactly what can happen to our country if we, the citizens, do not hold steadfast to do our best. Our freedom or rights as citizens can be lost. Today and everyday, let's show by our actions that we are worthy to be citizens of this great land - America.

MISCELLANEOUS - A TAPS CLOSING CEREMONY

The Bugle Call "TAPS" is the most beautiful bugle call. Played slowly and softly, it has a smooth, tender, and touching character. It rolls down the curtains on the day or upon life whenever it is played or sung. The origin of the bugle call TAPS in its present form is generally attributed to Major General Daniel Butterfield who commanded a brigade in the Army of the Potomac during the Peninsular Campaign of 1862. After a particularly hard fighting day as the weary troops settled down for the night along the James River near Richmond Virginia, the bugler sounded "Extinguish Lights" or what is more commonly called "Lights Out". On this night Butterfield felt that this bugle call was not as smooth, melodious, and musical as it should be. He felt that the day's final call should bring comfort and peace to tired troubled men. With the help of his bugler, Oliver W. Norton, Butterfield composed the music to what we know today as TAPS. Later in the Peninsular Campaign a funeral was being held during a lull in the fighting The bugler was ordered to play TAPS in place of the three volleys usually used to render the final honors to a deceased comrade. This was done because it was feared that rifle fire might cause the enemy to renew their attack. The playing of TAPS was eventually written into Army regulations as a part of the honors to be paid at a military funeral. While there are no official words to the bugle call itself, the commonly used lyrics are derived from the following verses: Fading light dims the sight, And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright. From afar drawing nigh -- Falls the night Day is done, gone the sun, From the lake, from the hills, from the sky; All is well, safely rest, God is nigh. Then good night, peaceful night, Till the light of the dawn shineth bright; God is near, do not fear -- Friend, good night.

MISCELLANEOUS - FLAG BURNING CEREMONY - OUR FLAG REST IN PEACE

1. Display the old flag, give its history, if known, Pledge of Allegiance
2. Respect paid to the old flag -- read aloud "I AM OLD GLORY"

I am old glory; for more the 9 score years I have been the banner of hope and freedom for generation after generation of Americans. Born amid the first flames of America's fight for freedom, I am the symbol of a country that has grown from a little group of 13 colonies to a united nation of 50 sovereign states.

Planted firmly on the high pinnacle of American Faith, my gently fluttering folds have proved an inspiration to untold millions. Men have followed me into battle with unwavering courage. They have looked upon me as a symbol of national unity. They have prayed that they and their fellow citizens might continue to enjoy the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness, which have been granted to every American as the heritage of free men. So long as men love liberty more than life itself, so long as they treasure the priceless privileges bought with the blood of our forefathers; so long as the principles of truth, justice and charity for all remain deeply rooted in human hearts, I shall continue to be the enduring banner of the United States of America.

3. Explain to the ensemble what will happen next, and a little word or two about it. Taps are hummed slowly while the flag is cut up. The ABSOLUTE SILENCE.
4. Color Guards cuts the field of blue stars out of the flag, with solemnity a quiet. This field of flue is put onto the fire first. The stripes are laid into the fire when the stars are almost fully consumed.
5. There is absolute silence until the entire flag is completely consumed by the flames.
6. Then the color guard, with meaning, says, 'OUR FLAG REST IN PEACE.'

Group says together: Pledge of Allegiance the sing America (my Country Tis of Thee)

Color of the flag: Remember as you look at your Flag, which is the symbol of our nation, that it is red because of human sacrifice. It is blue because of the true blue loyalty of its defenders. It is white to symbolize liberty - our land of the free. The stars are symbols of the united efforts and hope in the hearts of many people striving for a greater nobler America.

Hold the Flag Up: Optional - at this point, each person in the audience or participating in the ceremony, may state what the Flag means to them. Sing: Another appropriate song may be sung (optional) Procedure for Flag Burning: (a pair of scissors should be on hand) Take the flag and unfold. Place stars (as audience sees it) in the upper left hand corner. (One minute of silent meditation may be inserted if desired).

COMPLETE SILENCE

Then either cut or tear the position of the blue containing the stars from the flag. Have one person hold the blue in his arms until the end of the ceremony because the blue and stars is the last part of the flag to be burned. Now tear one stripe off at a time. burn it in the fire by laying it across the flames; not in a lump. Burn each stripe thoroughly before tearing off the next stripe to be burned. After all the stripes have been burned, one at a time, then the blue and stars is ready to be burned. BEFORE the blue and stars is spread across the fire, the blue portion should be KISSED for respect by the person holding the blue throughout the ceremony. The portion is then laid, as a whole piece and not torn in any way, across the fire and all is quiet until the last speck of blue turns to ash.

Sing - Star Spangled Banner; or other appropriate song.

End of the ceremony should be followed by a silent dismissal.

If the flag to be burned is small or there is more than one flag to be burned at a time, the flag may (but not necessarily advised unless due to lack of time) be laid as a whole unit across the fire. This can be done also if the first flag is torn and burned as describe above, and another laid across the first one at a time.

Nothing should ever be added to the ceremonial fire after the Flag has been burned (out of respect).

The next morning the boys that actually burned the flag and their leader will gather the ashes to be burned.

This could be included as the last step in the ceremony if the wanted all of those in attendance to participate.

A hole is dug, the dirt placed carefully beside it and the ashes are placed into the hole by handfuls. Fill the hole back up with dirt, a marker can be placed.

At the beginning of the ceremony the speaker should say who the flag grommets will be given to. They are a form of good luck and can be carried or worn around the neck of the person who receives one.

If the ashes are entirely out, they can be carried to the burial site in a box, if the ashes are still hot, a bucket could be used, then place by shovels-full into the hole.

A Scout's Own could be an appropriate ending for your Flag burning ceremony.

MISCELLANEOUS - FLAG BURNING CEREMONY 13 STRIPES

Lower the colors or unfold the flag.

Tear off stripes one at a time, (we had to cut) saying one statement with each stripe.

Our flag has been used so much, that it is no longer a fitting emblem to display, so we are respectfully burning it.

FIRST STRIPE: The 13 stripes stand for the original 31 colonies which are; Massachusetts, Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Georgia, and New Jersey.

SECOND STRIPE: The white stands for purity

THIRD STRIPE: The red stands for courage

FOURTH STRIPE: "Give me liberty or give me death"

FIFTH STRIPE: "One if by land, two if the sea"

SIXTH STRIPE: We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution of the United States of America.

SEVENTH STRIPE: We hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal. They are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights. Among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

EIGHTH STRIPE; Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

NINTH STRIPE; Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or press.

TENTH STRIPE; "Four score and seven years ago, our fathers brought forth to this continent a new nation."

ELEVENTH STRIPE; The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.

TWELFTH STRIPE; "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

THIRTEENTH STRIPE; "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

Each state is being represented by a star on a field of blue, which signifies a new

constellation being formed.

As we place it in the fire, let it burn brightly and remind us how truly our flag represents our country.

Will you please join us in saying the Pledge of Allegiance and sing The Star Spangled Banner and then Taps.

MISCELANEOUS - DEN UNIFORM INSPECTION

PERSONNEL: Den Chief, denner, boys of the den

EQUIPMENT: Mirror, a few spare combs

ARRANGEMENT: Form den in a straight line.

(Give the boys a few moments to comb their hair and tuck in their shirt tails before the inspection.) Have the Den Chief conduct the uniform inspection. Shirts should have the badges in their proper places, shirttails should be tucked in and the boys should have a tidy appearance with hair combed. As the completion of the inspection, have the denner lead the boys in their den yell.

MISCELLANEOUS – TV THEME OPENING, CLOSING, ADVANCEMENT

This Ceremony ties the whole meeting together by putting the meeting in a TV format. It can be adapted to include any number of different activities to meet your packs' needs.

Welcome! Welcome! Welcome! Tonight's presentation of Pack _____ is brought to you live from the U.S. The Flag will be presented by Den _____. Our opening will be a Song by Den _____. Please join me in welcoming them to the show.

At this time we would like to announce the winners in Scouting for the last month. Earning the prized Bobcat Award are _____. Join us as they prove their worthiness by giving the sign and saying the Cub Scout Promise and Law. Please applause.

(Proceed on through the ranks and intersperse songs, skits, etc. Commercial breaks may be taken for announcements.)

Well our Show is drawing to a close for tonight. As you leave us please remember that, as with a good show, life does not go smoothly without good planning and preparation. The work you do behind the scenes determines what others will see. Now please stand as Den _____ retrieves the colors.

We will see you next month same time, same station.

MISCELLANEOUS - BUG IDEAS

Big Bird Advancement- Big Bird, a wise old owl, or Jonathan Livingston Seagull can present awards that are in an old can labeled can of worms. Explain a bird has to “get up early” and work hard just to catch the worm just like Cubs “Do their Best” to earn their rank advancements.

Insect Advancement-Attach a gummy worm to a card saying: BEE, cause of your hard work,you are a most X-L- ANT dude, WORM-est congratulations.

Beehive Award- Make a beehive and place awards in it. Play “The Flight of the Bumblebee” song while presenting the awards.

Spider Award- Make a spider web and tape award to it.

MISCELLANEOUS - FOLDING OF THE FLAG

We fold toward the stars because the thirteen colonies are now part of the United States.

We fold to the left as our heart is in the Pledge of Allegiance.
Again to the left that our weaker side may grow stronger.

Now fold to the right as that is our sword arm.

Again to the right that we might defend our flag against all enemies.

We fold as a triangle:

To the Jew, the triangle stands for the God of Abraham, the God if Isaac, and the god of Jacob. The triangle to him is a portion of the seal of King David.

To the Christian, the triangle stands for God the Father, god the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

The triangle is the symbol of eternity. Then the earth and the sea shall give up their dead and mortals shall become immortal.

When completely folded as a triangle, the flag reminds us of the hats worn by our men under Washington. They gave us this nation through their service and sacrifice.

The stars are now uppermost symbolizing our motto "In God We Trust".

Those stars are for the mothers of this land in whose honor the flag flies on Mother's Day.

They are for the fathers of the land in whose honor the flag flies on Father's Day.

They stand for the citizen who lives and serves that this government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from this earth.

Always hold, carry, and display the American Flag with respect remembering this.

CLOSING THOUGHT - WORDS OF WISDOM

The reason many people don't see things in the right perspective is that they are always looking for an angle.

It takes two to speak truth - one to speak and another to hear.

A tactful person is like a pin - his head prevents him from going too far.

THOUGHT - TO THE SAILOR

To the sailor, three things were essential - a compass, a sextant, and a flag to tell which way the wind was blowing. To Cub Scouts, these three things are important - a badge, a handbook, and a leader. The badge tells who you are and where you are going. The handbook tells how to get where you are going. . . and the leader is a guide, an example of caring adulthood, and a model to follow no matter which way the wind is blowing. These three things can lead you to a fulfilling and happy adulthood.

MISCELLANEOUS - OUTDOOR BENEDICTON

May the peace of the forest
The song of the birds
The inspiration of the hills.
The warmth of the sun
The strength of the trees
The fragrance of the flowers
The joy of the wind
The calm of the lake
In all of which is the creator
Of all good things
Be in your heart tonight and always

MISCELLANEOUS - LITANY FOR PEACE

LEADER: Creator and ruler of life, let us begin our press for peace. in, the world by accepting the inner peace you offer to our lives.

PEOPLE: Give us your peace, O God.

LEADER: Let us be makers of peace within our own families and communities.

PEOPLE: Give us your peace, O God.

LEADER: Fill our hears with a love of humankind and respect for human dignity that will demand justice and peace for all the world.

PEOPLE: Let us have peace, O God.

LEADER: Guide us to a concern for World peace and let us accept our responsibility to call our nation and others commit them selves to peace.

PEOPLE: Help us make peace, O God.

LEADER: Lead us in our press for peace, that we may not cease until there is truly peace on earth.

PEOPLE: Let us make peace, O God.

MISCELLANEOUS - BENEDICTION "CONTINUE YOUR JOURNEY"

Friends, continue your journey walking in love;
Care for one another; care for the earth;
Seek justice and make peace;
God goes before you:
Live boldly, celebrate and sing!

Opening Ceremonies

"B" IS FOR BIRDS	Opening 12
"BUILDING A HEALTHY ATTITUDE"	Opening 118
"OUR FLAG AND US"	Opening 63
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OPENING - HONORING OUR FLAG

PERSONNEL: 16 Cub Scouts, American Flag bearer, Leader

EQUIPMENT: American Flag, 7 red crepe paper streamers, 6 white crepe paper streamers, blue crepe paper rectangle, white cardboard five-pointed star.

(7 Cub Scouts, each carrying a red crepe paper streamer march in single file onto stage. In turn, each boy displays his streamer. It should reach from above his head to his feet.)

7 CUBS: (in unison) We are the seven red stripes in our flag. For hardiness and valor we stand.

(6 Cub Scouts, each carrying a white crepe paper streamer enters and duplicates the actions of the first group. They stand alternately with the boys holding red stripes.)

6 CUBS: (in unison) We are the six white stripes in our flag. For innocence and purity we stand.

(A Cub Scout enters, carrying the blue paper rectangle which he holds up as he stands to the right of the first boy holding the first white stripe.)

CUB SCOUT #14: Now look at me, the field of blue. For vigilance, perseverance and justice true.

(Next Cub enters carrying the large white star. He holds it against the blue field.)

CUB SCOUT #15: I am a five-pointed star shining bright. One for each state. When united, we have might.

CUB SCOUT #16: (Flag bearer enters carrying American flag. He stands near group which made crepe paper flag.)

LEADER:Behold the emblem of our country...the greatest flag of the greatest nation in the world. May it ever wave over free and liberty loving people.

May it ever represent the highest ideals of America and ever support the principles of democracy in America and around the world.

Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - FOUR WINDS BRING

EQUIPMENT: Artificial campfire. Stick for each one in ceremony.

ARRANGEMENT: All boys dressed in Indian costume, (and families, if they wish to participate), carrying a stick to add to the campfire. Lights dimmed. All participants divide into four groups, each in a corner of the room.

CUBMASTER: (Dressed as Indian Chief) Let the North Wind enter. (All those in the North corner of the room enter; place their sticks on the campfire and sit beside the campfire). As they enter, the boys from the North corner of the room say...

NORTH WIND: The North Wind that brings the cold, builds endurance.

CUBMASTER: South Wind, enter. (All those from the South corner enter, and place their sticks on the campfire, then sit down.) As they enter they say...

SOUTH WIND: The South Wind brings the warmth of friendship.

CUBMASTER: East Wind, enter. (Boys and others from the East do same as North & South Winds.) As they enter, they say..

EAST WIND: The East Wind brings the light of day.

CUBMASTER: West Wind, enter. (All those from the West, do the same as North, South - and East Winds.) As they enter, they say...

WEST WIND: The West Wind from the direction where the sun sinks, brings night and stars.

CUBMASTER: The Four Winds will light our council fire. (Plug in campfire).

OPENING - SEVEN SEAS AND SEVEN CONTINENTS

Seven Webelos are spaced in back of the narrator in a semi-circle. If opening is held outdoors, the boys may hold sparklers, if indoors, candles.

NARRATOR: The seven lights you see in the boys' hands represent the seven seas and the seven continents from which our forefathers came to this great land of ours seeking liberty. Our most famous "Statue of Liberty" has seven spikes coming out of her crown to represent the same seven seas and seven continents. Let us bow our heads for a minute in thanksgiving to our ancestors who came to this land and to the Almighty who guided them here.

(Pause)

Now will everyone please stand as we say the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag let us also be reminded of our freedom as represented by the Statue of Liberty.

OPENING - ABOUT OUR FLAG

This ceremony can get your whole den involved in helping if you have two boys hold the flag and six other Cubs read their lines and do what it tells them to do.

MATERIALS NEEDED: Bag of red paper. Bag of blue paper Bag of white paper A tube of glitter. A large pot and a large spoon. An American flag.

CUB # 1: We are going to fix for you a treat that is really grand; And make for you a recipe...the greatest in the land.

CUB # 2: First we'll put in a heaping cup of red for courage true, (adds red paper bit to the pot.)

CUB # 3: And then we will add for loyalty a dash of heavenly blue, (he adds the blue bits to the pot.)

CUB # 4: For purity we will now sift in a layer of snowy white, (he sprinkles in white paper bits.)

CUB # 5: We will sprinkle in a pinch of stars to make it come out right, (he adds glitter.)

CUB # 6: We will stir and stir and then you will see, that what we have made is...(he uses large spoon and pretends to stir the contents of the pot not to disturb the flag.)

ALL CUBS: Old Glory.

CUBS # 1 & 8: Reaches in the pot and pulls out an American Flag.

CUB # 1: Our flag is the most beautiful flag in the world. Let us always be loyal to it.

OPENING - CAMPFIRE CEREMONY

May this fire touch us with the magic of its mystery;
May we see in its dance the ever-changing beauty of the world; May this fire be good
medicine
Where fellowship, adventure, and fun sit side by side;
May this fire tonight remain forever in our hearts,
Even as the first fire kindled by our ancestors
Has remained alight through the ages.

OPENING - THE AMERICAN CREED

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, boys and leaders of the pack.

CUBMASTER: Please stand and repeat the creed after me;

I believe in: The United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic, a sovereign nation, one and inseparable; established upon those principals of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country

To love it:

To support its Constitution:

To obey its laws:

To respect its flag:

And to defend it against all enemies.

OPENING - FIRE PREVENTION

Room lights are turned out.

Cubmaster lights a single candle at the front of the room and says: "Cub Scouts, this candle represents the spirit of Cub Scouting, lighting our way through life. But the flame also represents danger. This month we have learned about the dangers of fire and how to prevent fires. Let's remember what we have learned so that we will also use fire safely and wisely not only as boys but later on as men.

This light of Cub Scouting gives us warmth and good cheer. Make sure it is never allowed to run wild and destroy lives and property. Let's always be fire detectives.

We will let the light of Cub Scouting burn throughout our meeting to remind us of our ideals."

(Turn on lights, color guard presents colors and leads the Pledge of Allegiance.)

OPENING - AMERICA IS A BEAUTIFUL WORD

What do you see when you look at the word America? What mental picture do the seven letters create in your mind?

The capital "A" suggests our magnificent snow-covered mountain peaks, and the wigwams of the original Americans.

The "M" symbolizes the broad shoulders of our pioneers: shoulders to the wheel pushing our frontiers westward; broad shoulders swinging axes, building a Nation.

The "E" might be the lariats of the cowboys riding the plains: lariats of Kit Carson or Buffalo Bill.

The "R" is a man with outstretched arms in friendship and cooperation toward all who love freedom, justice and peace.

The "I" represents the individual American with his right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The "C" is a bent bow from which an arrow has just sped toward the stars of mankind's highest ideals.

The final "A" is a man on his knees in prayer, symbolizing a Nation, which recognizes its Creator and gives thanks for HIS blessings.
Yes, America is a beautiful word.

OPENING - THE AMERICAN'S CREED #1

Form den in a living circle. Denner reads the following:

"The American's Creed"

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.

I therefore believe it my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

OPENING - I AM AMERICA'S HERITAGE

SETTING: Room is darkened, Pack flag and American flag are spotlighted. Patriotic background music is played.

NARRATOR: There it is. It's still flying. It has been a long night and as the dawn appears and the smoke clears, it is fluttering in the breeze.

I am the American Revolution and the valiant patriots who lost their lives that this nation might live.

I am Paul Revere and his midnight ride.

I am Nathan Hale and his stand for freedom.

I am George Washington crossing the Delaware.

I am the Boston Tea Party and Bunker Hill.

I am Kings fountain and Milford Courthouse.

I am the Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights, and the symbol of religious freedom.

I am the War of 1812 and the Mexican War.

I am the Alamo and the Battle of Bull Run.

I am the Battle of Vicksburg and the blood and torment of the Civil War.

I am the Monroe Doctrine and the Spanish American War.

I am World War I and the depression of 1929.

I am Pearl Harbor, World War II, the Korean conflict and Vietnam. I am the pain and sorrow, the happiness and joy of bygone days. I have seen poverty and wealth, dread and anticipation, hate and love. I have seen America through all her history.

I am America's heritage. (As narrator finishes, volume of background music is turned up)

OPENING - RODEO FANS

Good evening, rodeo fans. Welcome to the Cub Scout Wild and Woolly West. Like any rodeo, we have thrills and chills, feats of daring, and best of all, we have a grand entrance parade. (Dens of Cub Scouts dressed in western costume have been waiting outside the room, while recorded western music is played.) That's one of the best parts of a rodeo, with all riders carrying their own flags. But greatest flag of all is our own "Old Glory". Let's show our respect now by rising to salute the flag of our United States. (Boys in uniform advance colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.)

OPENING -F-L-A-G

PROPS:Four uniformed Cub Scouts hold cards spelling F-L-A-G and read the following parts:

CUB F: F Stands for Freedom, on land or on sea; for America is the land for me.

CUB L: L stands for Liberty and for love of America. You'll find it there!

CUB A: A stands for Achievement, America too. American achievement is the best thing for you.

CUB G: G stands for Greatness, Glory and all that is Good. If you don't love the Flag you certainly should.

OPENING - AMERICA

PERSONNEL: Seven Cub Scouts and two color guards for flag onstage or at front.

EQUIPMENT: United States flag, pack flag, flag stands, individual letter of America should be cut from cardboard -- some red, some white and some blue.

ARRANGEMENTS: As each Cub Scout recites his line, his letter is held up, the Cub Scout takes his place to form a line to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which is led by Denner.

A - is for ALL people in our land

M - is for MEN who helped build, so grand

E - stands for EQUALITY of race, color and creed;

R - is RESPECT for all people's need;

I - is for IDEALS - new ways to know your neighbor;

C - stands for CARING and sharing in labor;

A - is the ALLEGIANCE we should feel for our land.

"Let us now stand and pledge it with heart and with hand." The Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - GIVE THE FLAME TO OTHERS

Cubmaster stands in front, with eight or 10 Cub Scouts in a semicircle behind him. Each holds a candle.

CUBMASTER: For our theme this month, we have been helping others and giving good will. I hope you have found that when you help others and give good will, you don't lose anything. In fact, you gain. It's like the light from this candle. (Light candle.) This is a very small flame. But when I give the flame to others (light candles held by Cub Scouts), the light is much greater for all of us.

In the same way, we can light up our world by helping and giving to others. Please join me in our pledge to do that by repeating the Law of the Pack. (Lead Law.)

OPENING - STAND UP FOR THE FLAG

CUB#1: Stand up for the flag of America wherever you may be.

CUB#2: Respect it and protect it for it shall keep you free.

CUB#3: Free to do what you want to do, and say what you want to say.

CUB#4: Free to go where you want to go and pray the way you want to pray

CUB#5: Stand up for the flag of America, to all the world to see.

CUB#6: Stand up for the flag, that star spangled flag, that stands up for you and me.

OPENING - AMERICANISM

A Is for ADVANTAGES, We have so many more, Because we are Americans, Let's give thanks therefore.

M Is for MAJORITY, Decision by the most, That's the rule we follow from coast to rugged coast.

E Is for EDUCATION available to all, So every last American stands up straight and tall.

R Is for RELIGION, We worship as we will, A right we'll all cherish and let no evil kill.

I Is for INDEPENDENCE, That our fathers once developed, Our nation rose to greatness because these brave men dared.

C Is for CITIZENSHIP, of which we can be proud. So let's proclaim it daily and do it long and loud.

A Is for ASSEMBLY, to gather as we might. That's another privilege, another precious right.

N Is for NEWS, a press that's always free. A sentinel on watch to guard our Liberty.

I Is for IMPARTIAL, equal justice for us all. Law - the same for everyone, the great, the poor, the small.

S Is for our SPEECH, thought others may disagree, You may still express yourself, because our speech is free.

M Is for MOTTO, and that is why we say, "IN GOD WE TRUST", to live the good American way.

OPENING - THE PACK CIRCUS

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster dressed as "Ringmaster" (Black top hat, red coat, boots, whip). Have a center ring and circus music playing. Cubs in costume form outside room with leader at head of parade carrying Pack flag. U.S. Flag is already posted.

CUBMASTER: Ladies and gentlemen, and children of all ages. Tonight you will see circus stars in a performance of unparalleled magnificence. The most startling and unusual features ever assembled from the far corner of the civilized globe, in a super spectacle with all the color of Hinustan and the majesty of the Grand Canyon. A gigantic presentation unrivaled on any stage or circus ring. And here they are, the Pack Circus! (Start circus music and the Cubs enter the room and parade up to the front with the leader posting the Pack flags and then around the room once and to their seats.)

CUBMASTER: (Music should be switched to the Star Spangled Banner.) Please rise. (After anthem). Let us pledge Allegiance to our Flag.

OPENING - BLUE AND GOLD CUBS

EQUIPMENT: 4 candles (2 blue and 2 gold), candle holders, __ U.S. Flag, 5 Webelos Scouts or Den Chiefs, 4 cards (each bearing one letter of the word Cubs.)

Place candles in the candle holders on the table with a lettered card behind each one. At the proper time, the Webelos Scout lights his candle and reads his part.

Behind the candles are the letters C-U-B-S.

1ST BOY: Friends, we welcome you to our Blue and Gold Banquet.

2ND BOY: C - stands for courtesy. A Cub Scout is courteous to his elders, his friends, his teachers, and especially his parents. He is courteous in all that he says and does.

3RD BOY: U - stands for unity. When a boy joins a pack, he becomes a member of a den. He works and plays with other boys. He learns to get along with other's.

4TH BOY: B - stands for bravery, The Cub Scout is courageous enough to stand up for what he thinks is right, honest, and fair, thereby making the world a better place in which to live.

5TH BOY: S - stands for service. When a Cub Scout learns to serve other's, God and his country, he helps spread good will.

1ST BOY: Now, will everyone rise and join in the pledge of allegiance?

OPENING - BLUE AND GOLD LETTERS

Print large block letters on 8x10 sheets of white cardboard. The word "BLUE" in blue color and in back, "GOLD" in gold or red. These may be enhanced by adding silver stars to the letters. Printing script on back of cards cuts memorization to a minimum.

B is for Boys-Bobcats, Wolves, Bears and Webelos.

L is for Leader-The Cubmaster who guides us.

U is for Understanding-We learn to help others.

E is for Excellence-We try to "Do Our Best."

A is for Anniversary-Cubbing's 59th.

N is for Neighborhood-Where Cub Dens meet each week.

D is for Den Chiefs-Scouts who help us in many ways.

G is for Goals-For which Cubbing stands.

O is for Opportunities-For boys to learn and do.

L is for Liberty-in the years to come.

D is for Den Leaders-Who love us and help us.

OPENING - BLUE AND GOLD THE SCOUTING WAY

Eight boys in uniform line up holding large cards which are blank on one side. The first four cards are blue the other four are gold. As the boys speak their lines, they turn over the cards to reveal letters spelling BLUE & GOLD. The letters on the blue cards are gold; those on the gold are blue.

B - We are wearing blue and gold, you see.

L - We live up to our Promise; good Scouts are we.

U - We strive for truth and spirituality.

E - And we learn about steadfast loyalty.

G - Giving good cheer is a Law of the Pack.

O - We try to obey that law and never be slack.

L - We enjoy the warm sunlight, and are happy each day.

D - We have fun and learn, in the Cub Scouting way.

OPENING - SEPTEMBER 13, 1814

ARRANGEMENT: Cubs advance the flags, and post them.

EQUIPMENT: Eight Cub Scouts, Script written on cards for each, Cub flashlight for each, Cub, recording of the Star Spangled Banner.

CUB # 1: On September 13, 1814, the British began shelling Fort McHenry outside the city of Baltimore, Maryland,

CUB #2: They were holding a American prisoner on board a warship until they finished their attack.

CUB #3: Through the night, the American paced the deck as he watched, not knowing if the fort could hold up under strong enemy fire.

CUB #4: The next morning the smoky haze was so thick he couldn't tell if the battle had been won or lost.

CUB #5: Suddenly a clearing in the mist gave him a glimpse of the American flag still flying over the fort.

CUB #6: Francis Scott Key was so excited he wrote a poem which is now our National Anthem.

CUB #7: Let your imagination help you relive this moment in the history of our country-Will the audience please rise?

(At this point, the lights are turned, out and the Cubs shine their lights on the flag. A recording of the Star Spangled Banner is played)

CUB #8: Please salute and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - AKELA AND BAGHEERA THE PANTHER GATHER THE PACK

Form dens at four corners of the room or area. Akela (Cubmaster) and Bagheera the Panther (Assistant Cubmaster or Den Leader) face each other across the area.

AKELA: Look well, O wolves, look well!!

BAGHEERA: Tis quiet in the jungle, And time for the pack to meet.
Come wolves of every color, Gather at the council seat.

DENNERS: We the wolves of Den 1 come, Bagheera, We the wolves of Den _ come,
Bagheera, etc. (Dens form circle around Bagheera)

BAGHEERA: Akela from the north, from the south, from the east, from the west, the pack
has gathered at your request.
(Akela and Bagheera salute. Bagheera leaves the circle and Akela enters.)

Akela leads the grand howl.

OPENING - THE BEAUTY OF THE 50 STATES

"O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, for purple mountains' majesty
above the fruited plain..."

Yes, America is indeed beautiful; from the charm of New England on the eastern coast to the
deep blue lakes of Minnesota; to the towering Great Smokey mountains, to the golden wheat
fields in Kansas; to the majestic Grand Canyon, to the colorful Painted Desert; to the giant
redwoods in California on the western coast. We are proud of our beautiful America and
pledge ourselves to help keep her beautiful. There is beauty in each of the 50 states and our
American flag represents those states. Will you join me in the Pledge of Allegiance?

OPENING - WHISPER

Come out and welcome everyone to the Pow Wow, but do so in a whisper. Continue to talk
in a whisper, saying something like this:

"Hello, welcome to the Pow Wow. today we are going to have a very quiet Pow Wow. I hope
that's alright with you. I like quiet Pow Wows without a lot of songs, skits, cheers, games.
Don't you? What, You don't?"

Suddenly begin with a very loud voice, saying something like this:

"So you don't want a soft, easy going type of Pow Wow. Well, that's not what your going to
get. No sir-ee. the Pow wow today is going to be full of songs, skits, cheers, games, and
much more! Are ready to have a good time?" (The audience shout "Yeah!") "What?! I can't
hear you!"

OPENING - "B" IS FOR BIRDS

NARRATOR: The Great Master who made us all, gave humans other creatures to be here on earth with us. Besides the creatures in the seas and the animals walking the land, we have the creatures with wings.

CUB #1: (with large sign with a "B" and several pictures of beautiful birds.)

B Stands for beauty. Some birds live near man. Look around and see them if you can. In your yard or on the street, listen and you can hear them so sweet.

CUB #2: The peacock, the pheasant, some others, too,
Are birds of beauty for us to view.
Displaying a magnificent rainbow,
As they put on a beautiful strutting show.

CUB #3: The farmer raises birds for us to eat,
The chickens, ducks, turkeys are a treat.
Besides, how could we have scrambled eggs and more,
If these birds didn't do their laying chore?

CUB #4: There are many different kinds of birds in our land,
If you wish to see them, look to the sky.. not to the sand.
Over the mountains, cities, farms, valleys, and lakes,
To see them, just keep your eyes open, that's all it takes.

NARRATOR: Now as we begin our pack meeting, with our pledge to the flag, remember one of our symbols of America is the eagle. Will everyone please stand and join with me in the pledge.

OPENING - RIPPLING FLAG

PERSONNEL: Leader, a full den of Cub Scouts in uniform, operator for the record player, houselights, spotlight, and an electric fan.

EQUIPMENT: Small U.S. flag, electric fan, spot light, (Red or Blue), recording of the Star-Spangled banner, and a record player.

ARRANGEMENT: Place small U.S. flag in position on stage. Conceal electric fan at one side of flag to cause it to ripple. Place spotlight in position to pick up stage group only. Have record player ready. Houselights out. Ceremony den stands behind flag, facing audience.

LEADERS: Cub Scouts and parents, following the playing of the national anthem there will be a moment of silent prayer. (Music of "Star Spangled Banner" followed by a moment of silent prayer.) we will now be lead in the pledge of allegiance to the flag by Cub Scout (name).

Cub Scout on stage gives command, "hand salute", and leads the pledge.

OPENING - FITNESS BODY HEALTHY

B Stands for Be Smart: Say "NO" to Drugs. Be a drug free kid! When you say "NO" to drugs you say "YES" to a healthy you.

O Stands for Our World: This is our world and you are a part of it. You are part of your family and neighborhood. You live in a big and beautiful world. You share wonderful things in this world with everyone. You have a part in this world to make it a clean and safe place.

D Stands for Drugs: Drugs hurt everyone. It hurts the people who use them, their families and friends.

Y Stands for You: You have learned about drugs. You know that some people use drugs. You know that drugs cause problems and are illegal.

H Stands for Hurt: What one person does can hurt everyone. What one person does can also help everyone. When people say "NO" to drugs, they help everyone.

E Stands for Everyone: Everyone is a part of our world. This your world, too. You share the world with everyone. Some people are not good at sharing. People who use drugs are not good at sharing. People who use drugs have a problem. It is a problem that hurts many people. It is a problem that hurts the world we share.

A Stands for Addicted: Drugs change the way the body works. They make people sick. Drugs change the way the brain works. They change the people who use them. Drugs change the way people feel and act. People addicted to drugs care more about drugs than anything or anyone else. Most of all, they hurt the people they know and love.

L Stands for Laws: We have laws to keep our world safe from drugs. But not every-one obeys the law. Breaking the law can get people in big trouble. Therefore, people who break the law hurt other people, too. People who use drugs hurt everyone. That's why everyone should say "NO" to drugs. One law is easy to remember: It is against the law to use drugs.

T Stands for Tell: If someone in your family or someone you know uses drugs what should you do? You don't have to be frightened; you don't have to feel alone; there is someone for you to talk to. You can share this problem with your parents, teacher, or doctor. There are many people who will help you.

H Stands for How: How can I deal with drugs? How can anyone deal with drugs? Just say "NO".

Y Stands for Your World: It is a big world. It is a beautiful world. You share this world with many people and help to keep it safe and clean. Most of all, you are a drug-free kid. You constantly say "NO" to drugs. Saying "NO" to drugs keeps you, and our world safe for everyone. Remember...you say "YES" to happiness, intelligence, health, drug-free school, family, you and your world.

OPENING - BUCKSKIN PIONEERS

Card Ceremonies: Place the letter on a card and the verse on the back of the card so the boy can read it aloud. Have the boys hold the cards up high and speak loudly.

BUCKSKIN

B is for boys, the most important part of all.
U is for the uniform we wear with pride.
C is for the Cubs, the Scouts that we are.
K is for kids, what we are most of all.
S is for safety, we practice it always.
K is for knowledge we gain along the way.
I is for interesting achievements and electives.
N is for the new things we learn every day.

PIONEERS

P is for people that make Scouting go.
I is for ideas that make Scouting fun.
O is for obey as in the Law of the Pack.
N is for nature we learn all about.
E is for earning achievements and electives.
I is for exploring, the world around us.
R is for ranks, the Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos.
S is for Scouting and the fun that we have.

OPENING - BUILDING A BETTER WORLD

1ST Take a B for brotherhood Boosting for each others good.
2ND Take an E for everyland to share in earth's riches everywhere.
3RD Take a T for trustfulness trusting more, and fearing less.
4TH Take a T for teamwork, to joining hands to put things through.
5TH Take an E for equal chance for each nation to advance.
6TH Take an R for real respect in spite of race, creed, or sect.
7TH Take a W for will to work for peace with faith and skill.
8TH Take an O for opportunity to keep bur speech and action free.
9TH Take an R for reverence for a guiding providence.
10TH Take an L for love to spread around when need and bitterness are found.
11TH Take a D for dignity of man devoted to a bigger plan.
(ALL HOLD LETTERS RIGHT)

THERE YOU HAVE IT -- THAT IS HOW TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD, RIGHT NOW
HAVE EACH SPEAKER HOLD UP THE LETTER AS HE SAYS HIS LINE.

OPENING - CANDLELIGHT FOR A CUBSCOUT

PERSONNEL: Narrator, four adult leaders.

EQUIPMENT: Four large candles and muffin cups, enough 2 to 3 inch birthday candles for each adult in the audience to have one; flashlight.

ARRANGEMENT: All lights are out. All leaders stand behind the Narrator.

NARRATOR: To a Cub Scout it looks so very black, when there is no leader, no den, or pack. Wait, here is a leader, (first leader lights candle) with a lighted candle. But, the job is more than one can handle, He needs den leaders and committee members too, because there is so much to do. Now he has found on (second leaders lights candle) and now another. Here's a committee member (third leader lights candle; fourth leader lights candle of on adult in each den who passes light to next adult). Here's a mother, now each to his neighbor, please pass a light. (Narrator pauses while all adults lights candles.) For our Cub Scouts it is getting bright. Out of the blackness we now have hope, Our Cub Scout no more will grope to find his way along the road that millions like him often strode to wear the uniform of blue and gold. The laws of his country and God to uphold. you also can now see your way, too. So, if all together we hold our candle high, Cub Scouting will never die.

OPENING - SECRETS, SECRETS

ARRANGEMENTS: Ten boys come on stage and stand in line. They can be holding Christmas gifts, decorations, etc. Each speaks his line in turn.

CUB 1: Secrets! Secrets! In the air! Merry greetings everywhere! That's Christmas!

CUB 2: Cedar boughs in every nook. Holly, everywhere you look. That's Christmas!

CUB 3: Christmas trees with baubles bright. Flashing in the candlelight. That's Christmas!

CUB 4: Hearth fires leaping high to show, Faces in the firelight's glow. That's Christmas!

CUB 5: Spicy smells of things to eat. Promising a welcome treat. That's Christmas!

CUB 6: Bundles big and bundles small. And we must look at them all. That's Christmas!

CUB 7: Little whispers all about. but we can't find one thing out. That's Christmas!

CUB 8: Such a lot of things to do. Shopping trips and wrapping too. That's Christmas!

CUB 9: Time for fun and song and play. Just the year's most happy day. That's Christmas!

CUB 10: Joy in all we have and do. Wishing joy for others too. That's Christmas!

ALL: So we gladly join to say, Here's to wish you a happiest day-- That's Christmas!

OPENING - CITIZENS

PERSONNEL: 8 Cubs, Leader

EQUIPMENT: Individual cards containing each of the eight letters.

ARRANGEMENT: Each Cub recites his line, he holds his card chest high.

C - is for country.

I - is for being involved.

T - is for treasuring the great traditions of our land.

I - is for ideals of freedom.

Z - is for the zeal we put into life.

E - is for example we set.

N - is for needs of our nation.

S - is for sharing of ourselves.

LEADER: It takes more than letters and words to make good citizens. What do you think would happen if each and everyone of us would put just one of these thoughts into practice?

OPENING - INDIAN RUNNERS WITH CUB COLORS

SETTING: Cubmaster dressed as Indian Chief stands by an artificially lit campfire.

CUBMASTER: Great Spirit, what is the meaning of Blue and Gold?

1ST INDIAN RUNNER: (A Cub dressed as Indian brave runs in carrying a jar of blue colored water) Great Chieftain, the blue is from the sky, representing loyalty and truth. (He places jar by campfire and stands back)

2ND INDIAN RUNNER: (A Cub dressed as Indian brave runs in carrying a jar of yellow colored water) Great Chieftain, the gold stands for good cheer and happiness. (He places jar by campfire and stands back)

CUBMASTER: Thank you, Great Spirit, for these two brave runners who have traveled a long way down the trail. Will den _____ please present the colors? (Followed by Pledge of Allegiance)

OPENING - BOATSWAIN'S PIPE

Pipe the flag aboard by having someone make a whistle like a boatswain's pipe. It gives a long, drawn-out tone, starting in a high key and dropping to a lower pitch half-way through. A Webelos color guard then marches in with the U.S. and pack flags and posts them. One of the Scouts leads the Pledge of Allegiance. Another then leads the Cub Scout Promise.

OPENING - OUR COUNTRY IS DIFFERENT IN MANY WAYS

DEN LEADER: The Cub Scout promises to do his duty to his country. Our country is different in many ways from other countries. We would like to review for you some of the things that are different but that make it the greatest country in the world.

1ST CUB SCOUT: We call it the United States, and we're bound together by our Constitution and our language. Yet in many ways we're a group of separate kingdoms.

2ND CUB SCOUT: We practice more than 250 different religions and observe thousands of different hunting laws, tax laws and labor laws.

3RD CUB SCOUT: Our land grows palm trees and pine; redwoods and beech; plum; vanishing key deer and whooping cranes.

4TH CUB SCOUT: Our people say "you all" and "youse".

5TH CUB SCOUT: We catch shrimp and sell stocks - live in lean-to's, sky-scrapers and stucco bungalows.

6TH CUB SCOUT: We are a very diverse land, but these are some of the things that make the United States great.

7TH CUB SCOUT: Let us rise and sing, "America the Beautiful."

OPENING - CUBS BUILDING CHARACTER

1ST CUB: (carrying hammer) In Cub Scouts we learn to build character.

2ND CUB: (carrying plank) It is not what the boy does to the wood, but rather what the wood does for the boy.

3RD CUB: (carrying a plane) Through Cub Scouting we learn to remove the sharp edges off our personalities.

4TH CUB: (carrying sand paper) As we grow in Cubbing we become more refined and smooth in our manners.

5TH CUB: (carrying a tool chest) Our talents are gathered together and we get a chance to try them out when our den works on the themes each month.

6TH CUB: (walking with parent) Our parents help us to learn how to use the tools of life when they help us pass our achievements.

ALL: Thank you all for helping us grow into well rounded citizens.

OPENING - CUB SCOUTING IS.....

Have the den of boys rotate with different boy telling what Cub Scouting is. Some of the boys will have to speak more than once.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we are having a banquet in honor of the birthday of Cub Scouting. The boys in our pack would like to tell you exactly what Cub Scouting is.

Cub Scouting is a boy- He is somewhere between 7 and 11 years of age. He is just an average boy--energetic,. inquisitive, noisy and eager to explore the world around him.

Cub Scouting is parents- who loves this boy and cares about him. They want him to grow up to be a well-rounded individual who can live and work in an atmosphere of harmony and cooperation.

Cub Scouting is a Den Leader- who opens her home and her heart to this boy and several others just like him so they may learn to do things in a group rather than individually and learn to share with others.

Cub Scouting is a Den Chief- A Scout or Explorer who works into his busy schedule a time for the younger boys so he may encourage them to stay on the Scouting trail for many years.

Cub Scouting is a Cubmaster-who gives of his spare time, and sometimes much more, to provide a program that will bring Cub Scouting to this boy.

Cub Scouting is a Committee- made up of interested parents who back up the Cubmaster and who serve willingly to carry out the pack goals

Cub Scouting is a National organization- a little brother program to the Boy Scouts of America for 7,8,9,and 10 year old boys. Cub Scouts have fun.

Cub Scouting is fun- for the boy, his parents and his leaders.

Cub Scouting is fellowship-with the boy in your class at school, your neighborhood, and other people you might never meet except through Cub Scouting.

Cub Scouting is citizenship- teaching the young boy respect for God and Country. He learns his moral obligations to himself and his fellowmen.

Cub Scouting is a challenge-for all who become involved, to live up to use of your own creativity.

Cub Scouting is achieving- by boys and parents as they work together on advancement.

CUBMASTER: As you can see, Cub Scouting is many things--each important and shining forth in its own way.

Let us all rise and repeat the Cub Scout Promise.

OPENING - THE LADDER OF CUB SCOUTING

NEEDED: Den Chief, 8 Cub Scouts, Cards with key words on them, Ladder on which to attach each sign.

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

CUB 1: (Hold up card) FRIENDSHIP - We make lots of friends in school, church, neighborhood, den and Pack.

CUB 2: TEAMWORK - We learn how important it is to work with others as a team member.

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, parents and our den and pack and to honor our country and its flag.

CUB 7: GOODWILL - We help our school, church, neighborhood and people less fortunate than we.

CUB 8: RESPONSIBILITY - We learn to be responsible for certain jobs, our own belongings, and for the property of others.

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

OPENING - BRAIDED YARN

Cubmaster holds up two four-foot lengths of yarn, one blue, and one gold. He explains that the blue represents boys, the gold, parents.

CUBMASTER: 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 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.

OPENING - A CUB SCOUT POCKET

A piece of tagboard is cut in the shape of a pocket and covered with blue felt, including a pocket flap and button. The badges which are attached are available at the Scout office (#4648), or could easily be made out of cardboard.

They are attached with masking tape. The arrows are made of cardboard and covered with gold and gray felt.

This is a pocket - a very plain pocket - not very interesting, and it could belong to anyone. But wait, let's give this pocket to a Cub Scout.

(Cub Scout places Bobcat badge on pocket.) Right away, our pocket is turning into something with meaning. It represents a sense of belonging and will soon bring our Cub Scout knowledge, skill, enjoyment and good fellowship.

(Cub Scout places Wolf & arrows on pocket.) Before too long our pocket turns into something more special. It proudly displays the first symbol of new-found knowledge of the flag, of keeping strong, of tools, of knots, of safety, of books and reading. It means our Cub Scout has mastered feats of skill and has shown his willingness to help in his home and take part in family fun.

(Cub Scout places Bear & Arrows on pocket.) Our pocket now has increased its meaning even more. It shows our Cub Scout is completing increasingly difficult achievements which show he is growing in knowledge and skill.

(Cub Scout places Webelos and Arrow of light on pocket.) Our pocket is very special now. It is very rich in new possibilities. It opens up a whole new world of Challenges.

Cub Scouting has taken our plain pocket and turned it into a pocketful of adventure, fun and excitement.

OPENING - SINGING AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Turn out the lights, shine flashlight on U.S. flag, and sing first verse of "America, the Beautiful".

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed His grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

OPENING - CUB ROUND UP

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, 4 Cubs 2nd Cub with his Dad

CUBMASTER: I have come here this evening with some members of our Pack to tell you about Scouting but there must have been a mix-up because none of my Cubs showed up and I would.....

1ST. CUB: Mr. _____, Mr. _____.....Am I late?

CUBMASTER: Late for what?

1ST. CUB: For the swimming outing!

CUBMASTER: That's in January!

CUBMASTER: As I was saying, with all the.....

2ND CUB: Mr. _____, Mr. _____..... Are we on time?

CUBMASTER: On time for what?

2ND. CUB: For the Dad and Lad!

CUBMASTER: That's in July!

CUBMASTER: Getting back to our program of fun and.....

3RD. CUB: Mr. _____, Mr. _____.....Did they leave yet?

CUBMASTER: Who? Leave for where?

3RD. CUB: All the Cubs for the trail hike!

CUBMASTER: That's not until April!

CUBMASTER: Who else but a boy could get so mixed-up, but.....

4TH. CUB: Mr. _____, Mr. _____..... Are we going to start the Rain Gutter Regatta now?

CUBMASTER: Not now, in January, it will give you plenty of time to put some finishing touches on your boat and sail.

CUBMASTER: I guess with a full year of fun things, I can see how a boy can get so mixed-up.

OPENING - THE CUB SCOUT TRAIL

This can be used in many ways - as a welcoming ceremony or as an introduction after school night recruiting when there will be many new Cub Scouts.

PROPS NEEDED: Tepee or tent, 2 large boxes to make store and mountain, 5 cardboard signs that read Bobcat Store, Wolf Tunnel, Bear Mountain, Webelos Bridge, and Rugged Road.

SETTING: A simulated trail with the tepee standing at the beginning, four signs held along the way by Cub Scouts, and Den Chief at the end with the fifth sign. Blue and gold crepe paper streamers are wound around the signs marking the trail. Akela, attired in an Indian blanket and headband, is at the tepee. The prospective Cub Scouts wear an old baggy shirt and hat over the uniform as he steps up to meet Akela.

AKELA: Can I help you?

BOY: I'm on my way to manhood.

AKELA: Come! Let's follow the blue and gold trail. It's the best way. First, we'll stop at the Bobcat Store and get prepared for the journey.

(Boy(s) duck down and remove old shirt and changes to a Cub Scout cap at sign 2.)

CUB SCOUT: (at sign 3). I hope there aren't any real wolves here.

CUB SCOUT: (at sign 4). A mountain - wow! Are you sure this the best way?

AKELA: You are doing fine. You're well on the way. (At sign 4) I must go to help others now. Good Luck!

CUB SCOUT: (Salutes) Thank you for your help (After crossing bridge he says) This is the end of the trail. Is this manhood?

DEN CHIEF: No! You're getting close. Just follow the rugged road to Scouting.

(Cub Scout goes off stage - curtain)

This can easily be adapted for a single new Cub Scout or used with several. If new boys would be bashful, and experienced Cub Scout can play the part.

OPENING - MISCELLANEOUS DEN OPENINGS

Form den in horseshoe formation. Have a boy present colors at open end. In turn, boys step forward, give Cub Scout salute, and step back. End ceremony with Pledge of Allegiance.

Form den in line and ask a boy to hold the U.S. flag. Have another boy lead Pledge of Allegiance.

Sing "Home on the Range" (Cub Scout Songbook).

Assigned boy conducts flag ceremony. Denner leads den yell.
Den chief conducts informal uniform inspection.

Ask each boy to report on Good Turns he did during the past week for parents, teacher, or strangers.

Have denner read pocket knife whittling chip (Shavings and Chips Achievement 19, Bear Cub Scout Book). Ask, "Will you do your best?" Boys respond, "We'll do our best!"

Form living circle. Ask boy with best advancement record to lead Cub Scout Promise. Ask boys to observe moment of reverence.

Form living circle. Ask boy with best advancement record to lead Law of the Pack. Ask boys to observe moment of reverence.

Sing "Old Akela Had a Pack" (Cub Scout Songbook)

Practice Grand Howl (Den Chief Handbook). Den chief conducts informal uniform inspection.

Form den in circle and ask visiting speaker to step into center. Perform Grand Howl in his or her honor.

Boys respond to roll call by naming an item related to the achievement or activity badge being worked on this month. For example if you are working on nature, have the boys name an insect or bird or plant. You can also have them name an animal and make its sound or call or describe the animal.

Boys respond to roll call by naming a Sports hero in a given sport.

Boys respond to roll call by naming colors made by combining primary colors.

Den chief conducts informal uniform inspection. Sing favorite den song.

Assigned boy gives one point of Scout Law and explains it.

Form den in line. Den chief asks boys, in turn, to give Scout salute, handclasp, motto, slogan. All repeat Boy Scout Oath.

Sing favorite holiday song.

Webelos Den Chief reads second point of Scout Law (loyal) and boys tell what it means for an athlete.

Assigned boys give skit based on Cub Scout motto.

Assigned boys give puppet skit based on Boy Scout motto.

Form den in horseshoe formation. Den chief leads Pledge of Allegiance.

Form circle around guest and sing "We're Glad to See You Here" (Cub Scout Songbook).

Sing song from "Cub Scout Songbook".

Webelos Scout explains the meaning of the parts of the Scout Badge.

Form tight circle with den flag in center. Boys grasp flagstaff with left hands, make Cub Scout sign, and repeat Cub Scout Promise.

Denner presents colors as den comes to attention. Assistant denner reads first verse of "The Star-Spangled Banner".

Denner reads aloud about how Francis Scott Key wrote the "Star-Spangled Banner" (Webelos Scout Book).

Ask boys to observe moment of reverence for all those who died in the service of our country.

Do a couple of Applause Stunts.

Have denner read the first part of the Outdoor Code at the first meeting.

Have denner read the second part of the Outdoor Code at the second meeting.

Have denner read the third part of the Outdoor Code at the third meeting.

Have denner read the fourth part of the Outdoor Code at the fourth meeting.

OPENING - ACTORS IN THE PACK

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Cubbing is a family affair. The boy can not join a Pack without a parent helping. Tonight we are all one Pack, where not only the Cubs show us what they can do but:

CUB: All cubs like to act. Some of us act up, and some of us just do our thing.

PARENT: I'm really not an actor (actress). I'll do whatever is required of me but I'd rather just be in the audience.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: Really now, you all know we plan our Pack program so don't you think that's planning the show? So call me an armchair director.

WEBELOS: Well, I've been around a while. So you can bet I'll make some of you smile.

CUBMASTER: Now that we now who is who and what is what, on with the showtime. But first let's all stand and say our pledge.

OPENING - EXPLAIN WORDS OF PROMISE

PERSONNEL: Leader may be Cubmaster, Den Leader, or Den Chief, and Cub Scouts.

LEADER: Will all Cub Scouts please stand, give the Cub Scout sign and repeat the correct phrase of the Cub Scout Promise each time I pause in reading.

LEADER: I, (name) , promise... (pause)

CUB SCOUTS: I, (name) , promise...

LEADER: An assurance I make a pledge to do right, I keep before me, a bright shining light. (pause)

To do my best... (pause)

CUB SCOUTS: To do my best...

LEADER: I'll try my best to do it, though difficult it may be, and if I keep my promise, then folks will believe in me. (pause)

To do my duty to God...(pause)

CUB SCOUTS: To do my duty to God...

LEADER: To God the creator, the maker of all, if weakness o'ertakes us, on him we may call. (pause)

And my country... (pause)

CUB SCOUTS: And my country...

LEADER: A wonderful country, I'm sure you'll agree, so let's keep it always the land of the free. (pause)

To help other people... (pause)

CUB SCOUTS: To help other people.

LEADER: When I help other people I am being considerate of them and not just thinking about myself. (pause)

And to obey the Law of the Pack. (pause)

CUB SCOUTS: And to obey the Law of the Pack.

LEADER: A guide for each day, as we go on our way, a good one to know, as we follow and grow.

Leader then welcomes everyone to the Blue and Gold.

OPENING - FLAG CEREMONY WITH PARENT PROMISE

PERSONNEL: Flag bearers for the American and Pack flags; color guard for flags; speaker. If there is an uneven amount of color guard, the American has precedence and should have the most guards.

EQUIPMENT: American and Pack flags, flag stands.

ARRANGEMENT: Stands in place up front. Flag bearers and color guard are in the rear. Speaker comes forward when the Cubmaster calls the meeting to order.

SPEAKER: Attention! Will all please rise. Color guard, Present colors. Color guard advance from the rear of the room with flag bearers in front, followed by guards. The American flag should always be on the marching right in the procession.

SPEAKER: Hand salute! All salute. Speaker's eyes follow the American flag until it is in position in front. Flag bearers and color guard take position in front near flag stands. They stand at attention, facing the audience. The flags are held vertically.

SPEAKER: All please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance. The Pack flag is lowered slightly. Bearers or color guard do not salute or repeat pledge.

SPEAKER: Two! Color guard post the colors. the pack flag is placed in its stand, then pack flag bearer and color guards salute it and step back into place. The American flag is then posted; its bearer and guards salute it and step back.

SPEAKER: Color guard, retire! They walk to the back of room with the speaker following them. Will every parent join with these new Cub Scout parents in repeating with me:
"We, the parents of a Cub Scout, promise to assist our son to earn the Cub Scout badges. We will be faithful in our attendance at pack meetings and will assist in every way possible as we help our sons to do their best."

All sit down except the new Bobcats and their parents.

Now because each of you parents helped your son earn the Bobcat badge, you will award it to him and give him his certificate.

Make the presentations.

Boys, welcome again to Pack (number). Now please turn to face the audience. Will all Cub Scouts rise and make the Cub Scout sign?

Let us all repeat the Cub Scout Promise:

I (name) promise to do my best

To do my duty

To God and my country,

To help other people, and

To obey the Law of the Pack.

OPENING - THE FLAG SPEAKS

PERSONNEL: Talking American Flag and one Cub Scout

EQUIPMENT: American flag and two microphones connected to a public address system.

ARRANGEMENT: Place American flag near front, right side of the stage with microphone on stand located a few feet to the left of the flag. A Cub Scout, acting as the voice of the flag, is located off stage with a second microphone.

(Cub Scout strolls onto the stage, crosses behind the flag, and walks toward the microphone. As he passes the microphone, the Flag speaks, and Cub Scout slowly turns to look at the Flag and at the, microphone.)

FLAG: Hello, Cub Scout!

CUB SCOUT: (Acts surprised and looks around.) Who said that?

FLAG: Me, the flag of your country.

CUB SCOUT: A talking flag? That's new.

FLAG: Of course I talk. I've always been able to talk, but you haven't been able to hear me.

CUB SCOUT: Oh? What have you been trying to tell us?

FLAG: For one thing, it's how proud I am of my fifty stars. What states added my last two stars?

CUB SCOUT: Alaska and Hawaii.

FLAG: Right! History has been made in your time.

CUB SCOUT: What state was the forty-eighth star?

FLAG: That was Arizona - in 1912.

CUB SCOUT: Tell me more.

FLAG: What do you want me to tell you?

CUB SCOUT: Tell me your history.

FLAG: O.K. When the colonists came, I was the Queen Anne flag - all red, with a Union Jack.

Then I changed to the Grand Union flag and my red changed to seven red stripes and six white stripes, making thirteen stripes: but I still had the Union Jack. I was first raised over General George Washington's headquarters in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in January, 1776, as the standard of the Continental Army.

After our country became a new nation, I changed to Old Glory and still had the thirteen stripes but added a circle of thirteen stars on a field of blue in place of the Union Jack.

From 1794 to 1818 I had fifteen stars and fifteen stripes and was called the Star-Spangled Banner when Francis Scott Key wrote our National Anthem in 1814.

Then the years rolled along and in 1818 the stripes were reduced to the original thirteen, and from then on a star was added for each new state that joined our union until there were fifty states today.

Cub Scout: You know, I feel like singing to you. (More Cub Scouts come on stage and join the first Cub Scout around the microphone.)

Cub Scout: Come on, everyone! Join in and let's sing "The Star Spangled Banner."

(The flag ceremony may be ended here or the following additional action may be taken.)

All stand and give the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of our country.

OPENING - WHAT THE FLAG STANDS FOR

The American Flag and What It Stands For

6 boys needed. 1 to hold flag (spotlighted)

CUB 1: Red stands for Courage, valor and strength.

CUB 2: White conveys Purity, light and peace.

CUB 3: Blue represents Truth, loyalty and fidelity.

CUB 4: The stripes signify unity of purpose as shown by the thirteen original states.

CUB 5: The stars represent our fifty states dedicated to freedom and democracy. Please stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - RED, WHITE AND BLUE OVER BLUE AND GOLD

STAGING: Flag in stand on table. Under which "VOICE" is concealed, or have Flag posted near screen concealing "VOICE". Cub Scout in uniform walks by Flag and stops when Flag starts to "Speak".

FLAG: Hey! Cub Scout!

BOY: Who's that?

FLAG: Me, your Flag.

BOY: What's the matter?

FLAG: Well I'm taken lots of places, but why am I here?

BOY: We take you everywhere with us. We carry you proudly even in our hearts. The Scout program has taught me to respect the flag and to love my country.

FLAG: But what is all this festivity? Why would you bring me here?

BOY: This is our Blue & Gold Banquet. All the Cub Scouts get together once a year with their families to recognize another anniversary of Scouting. In doing this it gives us all a renewed sense of certainty and confidence in the future of our country.

FLAG: Scouting! Yes, there is hope after all. But why am I here?

BOY: But don't you know? Why you are the guest of honor! Without you and what you represent we couldn't have Scouting at all.

FLAG: Thank you, Scout!

BOY: Any time! (Salutes flag and walks offstage).

OPENING - SHAPEUP

ARRANGEMENT: Seven boys line up across the stage holding boards with the letters "S-H-A-P-E U-P" on them and the lines below written on the back for the Cubs to read.

S - Shaping up is what we have been doing this month.

H - Hard as we do our exercises.

A - Athletes we may never be.

P - Push-ups, sit ups 1-2-3.

E - Takes all the energy.

U - Under the sun.

P - To make a perfect person like me.

OPENING - FLANNEL BOARD STORY OF THE BLUE AND GOLD

PERSONNEL: 8 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Blue flannel board; cards for flannel board (TRUTH, SPIRITUALITY, STEADFAST LOYALTY, WARM SUNLIGHT, GOOD CHEER, HAPPINESS) Yellow sun for flannel board.

1ST CUB: Back in the good old days the waving of school colors gave people a feeling of school pride and loyalty. Today, the blue and gold of Cub Scouting helps to build this spirit among Cub Scouts.

2ND CUB: (pointing to blue flannel board) The blue reminds us of the sky above. It stands for truth, spirituality, and steadfast loyalty.

3RD CUB: (placing "Truth" card in upper left corner) Truth means we must always be honest.

4TH CUB: (placing "Spirituality" card in upper right corner) Spirituality means a belief and faith in God.

5TH CUB: (placing "Steadfast Loyalty" card across the bottom) Steadfast Loyalty means being faithful and loyal to God, country, and your fellow man.

6TH CUB: (placing sun in center of board) The gold stands for the warm sunlight. (places "warm sunlight" card across top of sun).

7TH CUB: Gold also stands for good cheer and happiness. We always feel better when the sun is shining and so will those to whom we give good will. (places "good cheer" and "happiness" cards on each side of sun).

8TH CUB: As we wear our Cub Scout uniforms, may the meaning of the blue and gold colors make us remember our Cub Scout ideals, the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack.

OPENING - THIS FLAG OF CLOTH

ARRANGEMENT:Flags are advanced in the usual manner. Flags are posted.

NARRATOR: Ladies and gentleman, before we recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, I would like to say a few words about our flag. First, what is the flag? We can see that it is made of cloth. It contains 13 stripes, one for each of the original colonies, and 50 stars, one for each of the 50 states. But it is a lot more than that. This is our past, our present, and our future. It is the pilgrims braving unknown dangers to find religious freedom. It is Washington fighting to establish a nation. It is the Alamo. It is Lincoln fighting to keep the nation united. It is Iwo Jima. It is a hungry child being helped in some far off land. It is the people and their clergy gathered together to worship God without fear. It is all these things and more. Please think of these things as we say the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

OPENING - I FOUND AN ARROWHEAD

(Show an Arrowhead)

1. O'er fields of new turned sod, communing with my God,
tramped along, and in a furrow bed I found an arrowhead,
chiseled from stone.

2. Then fancy fled on wings, back to primeval things,
Seeking the light--what warrior drew the bow, sighted,
and let it go on its last fight.

3. How oft this flinted head, on deadly errand sped,
I can not know--
Nor will the silent flint reveal the slightest hint,
How long ago.

4. Were its grim story told, what tales would it unfold,
Tales that would chill---
Know but this one thing, beyond all questioning,
Twas made to kill.

5. Ages have worn away, warriors their way;
Their bones are dust---
Proof of a craftsman's skill survives the ages still---
Left in my trust.

By Enos B. Comstock - 1932 Handbook for Boys

OPENING - I AM OLD GLORY

I am old glory. For more than nine score years I have been the banner of hope and freedom for generation after generations of americans. Born amid the first flames of America's for freedom. I am the symbol of a country that has grown from a little group of thirteen colonies to a united nation of fifty sovereign states. Planted firmly on the high pinnacle of american faith. My gently fluttering folds have proved an inspiration to untold millions. Men have followed me into battle with unwavering courage. They have looked upon me as a symbol of national unity. They have prayed that they and their fellow citizens might continue to enjoy the life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. Which have been granted to every american as the heritage of free men. So long as men love liberty more than life itself: So long as they treasure the priceless privileges bought with the blood of our forefathers: So long as the principles of truth, justice and charity for all remain deeply rooted in human hearts. I shall continue to be the enduring banner of the United States America.

Note: Read this while softly playing a recording on "America The Beautiful" in the background.

OPENING - FOUR FREEDOMS

SETTING: Each of four uniformed Cub Scouts holds a corner of a U.S. flag in one hand and a candle in the other. The flag is tilted so the audience can see it. The narrator stands behind the flag with his head and shoulders showing. Very solemnly he lights each candle, then returns to his position and reads narration.

NARRATOR: What you see here represents the past, the present, and the future. The stripes of Old Glory stand for the original thirteen colonies, the stars represent the 50 states. The Cub Scouts represent the men of the future. The light and warmth of the four candles remind us of the four great freedoms: Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Want, and Freedom from Fear. Eliminate one of these freedoms and our world would become darker and colder. (At this point, the candles are blown out by the Cubs one by one. As each is extinguished, the narrator says in turn: "Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Want, and Freedom from Fear." When the room is in darkness, the Cub Scouts quickly shift their positions so that when the lights come on, the two Cubs are holding the flag high while the other two are saluting it.) In this world of potential cold and darkness, of rules by a few, stands the United States of America. Here the four freedoms do exist, and are an example for warmth and light for us. Please join us in singing "God Bless America".

OPENING - FREEDOM IS

STAGING: After flags are advanced in usual manner and Pledge of Allegiance is repeated, a Cub Scout reads the following:

Freedom is a breath of air,
Pine-scented or salty like the sea;
Freedom is a field new plowed
With furrows of democracy.

Freedom is a forest,
Trees tall and straight as men!
Freedom is a printing press,
The power of the pen!

Freedom is a country church,
A cathedral's stately spire;
Freedom is a spirit
That can set the heart on fire!

Freedom is a man's birthright,
A sacred, living part;
pulsebeat of humanity,
The throb of a nation's heart!

OPENING - FREEDOM SYMBOLS

PROPS NEEDED: 7 large cards. On one side of each card draw one letter of the word "FREEDOM", so that the cards when lined up in order, spell out, the word. On the reverse side, have a picture of each item described in the verses to be said in unison on the picture side.

(Narrator steps forward, showing the picture on his card, and reads his verse, reversing his card as he finishes. He holds "F" card. Each person reverses his card after he reads his verse.)

NARRATOR: We are here to tell you about the Symbols of Freedom in the United States. We have come to cherish their meanings in our hearts. All about us in the fifty states, we enjoy the right to live and think as we please. These symbols are constant reminders of this privilege.

F--For people of all other lands
The Statute of Liberty stands
With her flaming torch high
"Gainst America's sky
Promising freedom from tyrant's
demand.

R--O'er the Land of the free. flying high
Old Glory waves in the sky.
Thirteen stripes. fifty stars
This banner is ours.
To defend it, our heroes did die.

E--Our Bird is called the Bald Eagle,
His power is mighty and regal
Within our Fair Land
His emblem does stand.
His seal is on all that is legal.

E--We treasure our Liberty Bell
Freedom news. long ago did tell
Independence Declaration
It told to Our Nation
As it peeled out the news. "All is well"

D--Americans love the fair sight
Of the Capitol dome. gleaming white
Here men pass the laws
To spread freedom's cause
And guard against tyranny's blight.

O--Should Uncle Sam become to you
To serve on his Liberty Crew
Then try with your might
To help with the fight
For Freedom, to pay what is due.

M--The "Star Spangled Banner's our song
To Americans it. will always be long
Long may she wave
O'er the Home of the Brave
These words we'll sing proudly and
long.

ALL PLAYERS: (in unison)
We are Fifty States. all in all
Whose standards never shall fall
Our motto is just,
In God we trust
Freedom, if you need us, just call.

OPENING - IDEAS COME FROM OURSELVES

STAGING: Narrator, eight Cub Scouts with props. Cub pantomime as their portion of script is read.

CUB 1: (Enters with light bulb over his head)

Any kind of project begins with an idea. It can come from a book, a magazine, a store or a friend. And sometimes the best ideas come from ourselves.

CUB 2: (Enters with a pattern)

An idea needs a plan or pattern to make it a reality. Prior planning and following instructions reduces wasted time and confusion.

CUB 3: (Enters with tools)

Using the proper tools is essential to make the job easier. Misuse of tools makes the job impossible. Use the tools as they were designed to be used.

CUB 4: (Enters with pocket knife and sharpening stone)

Take proper care of your tools--keep them clean, repaired and sharp. Dull or broken tools are dangerous.

CUB 5: (Enters with a piece of wood)

Proper materials are as essential as proper tools. Sometimes substituting the wrong material could ruin a project.

CUB 6: (Enters with a clock)

Don't hurry. Take your time and do the job correctly. Anything worth doing takes time and patience.

CUB 7: (Enters flexing his muscles)

Labor and effort are necessary, too. Most projects take more effort than originally planned. The more effort, the more pride in the accomplishment.

CUB 8: (Enters and points to other Cub Scouts)

All of these things are important. They determine if the resulting project is good or bad. The success of the projects depends on the ideal, tools, materials and time and effort. The results should be enjoyable.

OPENING - GENIUS NIGHT

PERSONNEL: 7 Cubs - 6 Holding cards with pictures of the inventions.

DEN CHIEF: This months theme is "Invention Convention" But we've something to tell you about inventors.

CUB 1: Gutenberg invented the moveable type for printing so that now we can have books, papers and magazines to read.

CUB 2: Edison gave us many electrical ideas but perhaps his greatest was the light bulb to help light up our world.

CUB 3: Newton discovered gravity and worked with electricity.

CUB 4: Irving was a genius with his pen. He wrote many stories which young and old have enjoyed for ages.

CUB 5: Urey made his discoveries in chemistry and nuclear power which will be used for many generations.

CUB 6: The "S" stands for "Scouting" which helps every boy develop genius in his very own way.

DEN CHIEF: Now let us salute the genius that is in every boy by standing and saying our pledge to the flag of our country.

OPENING - GENIUS NIGHT WITH GRADUATION HATS

5 boys with graduation hats on and numbers 1-5 on shirts, a couple of judges, M.C.

M.C. : To begin the pack meeting today, a panel of judges will decide who the real genius is among these boys. Tell us why you feel that you should be called a genius?

BOY 1: I'm the genius because I discovered the "Hamburger."

BOY 2: No! I'm the genius because I invented the "Television."

BOY 3: No! I'm the genius because I got all A's on my report card.

BOY 4: No! I'm the genius because I can play the guitar, juggle oranges and tap dance all at the same time!

BOY 5: I'm the genius because I joined the BOY Scouts.

M.C. : Thank you boys. Judges, may I have your decision please? by an overwhelming vote, Contestant #5 - He is the greatest genius because he was smart enough to join Scouting.

OPENING - GOD BLESS AMERICA

ARRANGEMENTS: American Flag posted, after the regular presentation of colors. House lights are dimmed, and flag is spot lighted. Narrator reads the following after the Pledge of Allegiance has been recited.

NARRATOR: "God Bless America" is a prayer that is in every heart. While the statesmen of the world are seeking paths to peace, we can ask ourselves "What is the strength of America?" What are the secrets of our nation's power?

An agriculturalist might have you believe America's strength lies in its soil.

A merchant would say that a nation's power rests in its commerce.

A manufacturer might say that it is in technology, in machinery and in the skilled labor to operate plants to produce manufacturer's products.

A politician might contend that a nation's strength is in national policies.

An educator might declare that knowledge is a nation's power and that our country's greatness is in its learning.

A scientist would say that a nation's power is in science, in the products of the laboratory.

The military man most likely would insist that a nation is great according to its weapons and military strength.

But America's real strength is the character of her people. It took character to survive that first winter at Plymouth Rock and that other winter at Valley Forge. It took character to pack your things into a rickety wagon and push off into a land of vague promise and specific terror. It took character to tell a nation that slavery was wrong... to say that might is not right.

Because character is needed today more than ever before, the Boy Scouts of America is concerned more than ever about building strong character in boys. We want to guarantee that America is as strong in this space age as it was at its birth.

Will you all please join me in singing "God Bless America".

OPENING - AMERICAN HEROS

CUB #1: American Folklore is more than just heros real and make believe.

CUB #2: It is how the early settlers made clothing.

CUB #3: How they trapped for food.

CUB #4: How they worked.

CUB #5: How they played.

CUB #6: Folklore is about America.

CUB #7: Let us do an American thing;

CUB #8: Please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - FLAG CEREMONY COLOR GUARDS SPEAK

STAGING: Den Chief (or other speaker). Flag bearers for American Flags and pack flag two color Guards for each flag.

ARRANGEMENT: Flags are advanced in usual manner.

SPEAKER: Color guard, secure the colors. Guard of the left, why do we salute our flag?

LEFT GUARD: We salute our flag because it stands for freedom and independence.

SPEAKER: Guard of the right, what do the red stripes stand for?

RIGHT GUARD: The red stripes stand for the lifeblood of brave men and women ready to die or worthily live for their country.

SPEAKER: Guard of the left, what do the white strips stand for?

LEFT GUARD: White stands for purity, cleanness of purpose or word or deed.

SPEAKER: Guard of the right, why do the white strips separate the red?

RIGHT GUARD: England denied as our liberty so we separated from her.

SPEAKER: Color bearer, why is the Union surrounded by a constellation of stars?

COLOR BEARER: Because it was formed by the help of God.

SPEAKER: Color bearer, what is the boast of our country?

COLOR BEARER: Here all men are born free and equal.

SPEAKER: Color Guard, post the colors. Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - HELLO REMEMBER ME?

Some people call me Old Glory, others call me the Star Spangled Banner, but what ever they call me, I am your Flag, the Flag of the United States of America. Something has been bothering me, so I thought I might talk it over with you, because it is about you and me.

I remember some time ago people lined up on both sides of the street to watch the parade and naturally I was leading every parade, proudly waving in the breeze. When your father saw me coming, he immediately removed his hat and placed it against his left shoulder so that his hand was directly over his heart remember?

And you, I remember you, standing there straight as a soldier. You didn't have a hat, but you were giving the right salute. Remember little sister? Not to be outdone, she was saluting the same as you with her right hand over her heart remember?

What happened? I'm still the same old flag. Oh, I have a few more stars since you were a boy. A lot more blood has been shed since those parades of long ago.

But now I don't feel as proud as I used to. When I come down your street, you just stand there with your hands in your pockets and I may get a small glance and then you look away. Then I see the children running around and shouting -- they don't seem to know who I am -- I saw one man take his hat off then look around. He didn't see anybody else with their hat off so he quickly put his back on.

Is it a sin to be patriotic anymore? Have you forgotten what I sand for and where I've been? Anzio, Guadalcanal, Korea, Viet Nam. Take a look at the memorial honor rolls sometime of those who never came back to keep this Republic free, One Nation Under God. When you salute me you are actually saluting them.

Well, it won't be long until I'll be coming down your street again. So when you see me, stand straight, place your right hand over your heart and I'll salute you by waving back-- and I'll know that...You Remember.

OPENING - M-U-S-C-L-E-S

ARRANGEMENT: Seven Cub Scouts line up across stage holding cardboard barbells and fastened to center of each one so it will show to audience, is a large letter. The letters spell out the word M-U-S-C-L-E-S.

M - Muscles can make you big and strong.

U - Unless you try to use them all wrong.

S - So as we try with all our might,

C - Cub Scouting teaches us do use muscles right.

L - Learning to build our muscles so healthier we'll be,

E - Each one doing his best to take care of his body.

S - So these weights we hold up here now, showing that to build muscles we've learned how.

OPENING - OUR HERITAGE OF FREEDOM

PERSONNEL: Narrator and 6 or more Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: American Flag, record player, recording such as "America the Beautiful" or "This is My Country", Pack flag.

ARRANGEMENT: The color guards advance the flags in the normal manner while the patriotic record is playing. They come to the front and stand at attention, facing audience while narrator reads the ceremony. The record player volume should be turned down to provide background music during narration.

NARRATOR: The heritage of freedom that is ours today was won on the battlefields of yesterday by men who pledged that future generations of Americans might live unshackled by the bonds of the past, that they might walk, head erect, in a new world - with new ideas - new remedies for ancient ills - and in a climate free from fear.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident" wrote Thomas Jefferson "that all men are created equal". Those were words destined to ring down the corridors of time.. words which would stir the conscience of mankind.

OPENING - CUB SCOUT GARDEN

As a leader reads the narration, five Cub Scouts enter in turn, carrying posters showing peas, lettuce, squash, turnips, and garden tools.

NARRATOR: Here is how to plant one of those thriving, productive Cub Scout gardens that every parent wants his son to grow up in.

First, plant five rows of Peas - preparedness, promptness, perseverance, politeness, and praise.

Then plant five rows of Lettuce - let us be faithful, let us be unselfish, let us be loyal, let us be truthful, let us help one another.

Next to them, plant three rows of Squash - squash impatience, squash criticism, squash indifference.

No garden is complete without Turnips - turn up for pack meetings, turn up with new ideas, turn up with determination.

And we all need the tools of Cub Scouting, so don't wait to be asked, volunteer! Don't say, "I can't do it!" Do it! And don't wait for someone else - Be first! Without the help of every boy and parent in our pack, our Cub Scout garden will turn to weeds. So help us work the soil, pull the weeds, and spread the sunshine so that in the garden of the pack, we can say. We have done our best.

OPENING - I AM THE NATION

I was born on July 4, 1776, and the Declaration of Independence is my birth certificate. The bloodlines of the world run in my veins, because I offered freedom to the oppressed. I am many things, and many people. I AM THE NATION.

I am 195 million living souls -- and the ghost of millions who have lived and died for me.

I am Nathan Hale and Paul Revere. I stood at Lexington and fired the shot heard around the world. I am Washington, Jefferson and Patrick Henry. I am John Paul Jones, the Green Mountain boys and Davy Crockett. I am Lee and Grant and Abe Lincoln.

I remember the Alamo, the Main and Pearl Harbor. When freedom called I answered and stayed until it was over, over there, I left my heroic dead in Flanders Fields, on the rock of Corregidor, on the bleak slopes of Korea and in the steaming jungles of Vietnam.

I am the Brooklyn Bridge, the wheat lands of Kansas and the granite hills of Vermont. I am the Coal fields of the Virginias and Pennsylvania, the fertile lands of the West, the Golden Gate and the Grand Canyon. I am Independence Hall, the Monitor and the Merrimac.

I am big. I sprawl from the Atlantic to the Pacific.. my arms reach out to embrace Alaska and Hawaii... 3 million square miles throbbing with industry. I am more than 5 million farms. I am forest, field, mountain and desert. I am quiet villages -- and cities that never sleep.

You can look at me and see Ben Franklin walking down the streets of Philadelphia with his breadloaf under his arm. You can see Betsy Ross with her needle. You can see the lights of Christmas, and hear the strains of "Auld Lang Syne" as the calendar turns.

I am Babe Ruth and the World Series. I am 130,000 schools and colleges, and 320,000 churches where my people worship God as they think best. I am a ballot dropped in a box, the roar of a crowd in a stadium and the voice of a choir in a cathedral, I am an editorial in a newspaper and a letter to a Congressman.

I am Eli Whitney and Stephen Foster. I am Tom Edison, Albert Einstein and Billy Graham. I am Horace Greeley, Will Rogers and the Wright brothers. I am George Washington Carver, Daniel Webster and Jonas Salk.

I am Longfellow, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Walt Whitman and Thomas Paine.

Yes, I am the nation, and these are the things that I am. I was conceived in freedom and God willing, in freedom I will spend the rest of my days.

May I possess always the integrity, the courage and the strength to keep myself unshackled, to remain a citadel of freedom and a beacon of hope to the world.

This is my wish, my goal, my prayer in this year of 19__ -- two hundred and __ years after I was born.

OPENING - I AM AN AMERICAN

ARRANGEMENT: Flags are presented in the usual manner. 12 uniformed Cub Scouts have speaking parts.

1ST CUB: My country gives each one of us the opportunity to advance according to his ambition. Education is for all. I am an American.

2ND CUB: My country means love of freedom, faith in democracy, justice, and equality. I am an American.

3RD CUB: My country believes in the moral worth of the common man. I am an American.

4TH CUB: My country gives us the privilege of expressing beliefs or opinions without fear of persecution. I am an American.

5TH CUB: My country has the best form of government. It is our duty to keep it that way. I am an American.

6TH CUB: My country promises life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I am an American.

7TH CUB: My country gives us a privilege that we shall protect and defend even with our lives. I am an American.

8TH CUB: My country is and always shall remain the land of the free and the home of the brave. I am an American.

9TH CUB: My country offers a living Americanism which demands an informed, intelligent, and active citizenship. I am an American.

10TH CUB: My country meets any need or suffering with its abiding love and loyalty. I am an American.

11TH CUB: My country is the servant not the master. I am an American.

12TH CUB: My country possesses a Statue of Liberty whose torch shall burn as long as we keep it bright with our devotion to the freedom of the individual. I am an American.

Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - I AM YOUR FLAG

Look at me.

I am your flag.

I am your childhood for I met you there.

You carried me in your first parade...remember...the stars I bore were no brighter than those reflected in your eyes.

I grew up with you.

I am as familiar as apples and the colors of the sunset, I am part of you.

Most of you have traveled with me to worlds you only dreamed of as a child.. Iceland, Japan, Taiwan, Germany.

I was there to greet you when you came.

Some of you have seen me through a blur of tears... in unexpected places and felt the pull of home.

I have been spat upon by some...defiled in ways that hurt us both. This pain is one we share together. Yet, I am here... still strong and true... a symbol of the faith that brought me into being.

Share me with your children. Let them know me too...as you do. Keep me from being just a dream of that which might have been. Teach them to love me for what I am. Show them my faults... for I have many... But show them, my courage and my generosity... my struggle to be fair.

Let them know all of what I represent...a land of opportunity for those who never have had quite enough...a land in need of many kinds of people... a land where workers, dreamers, fighters, doers express in many ways the change they would make to keep me still the emblem of the Free.

It's true I need to know in what ways I am wrong. I also need your faith to keep me strong. One can be criticized if one is loved, You know, and through that criticism, grow.

Help me to be what I have been so many times before...the genie's lamp for some, for some the Golden Door.

OPENING - I AM MORE THAN YOUR FLAG

I was born on June 14, 1777.

I am more than just cloth shaped into a design.

I am the refuge of the world's oppressed people.

I am the silent sentinel of freedom.

I am the emblem of the greatest sovereign nation on earth.

I am the inspiration for which American patriots gave their lives and fortunes.

I have led your sons into battle from Valley Forge to the sands of the Middle East.

I walk in silence with each of your honored dead, to their final resting place beneath the silent white crosses row upon row.

I have flown through peace and war, strife and prosperity and amidst it all I have been respected.

My red stripes symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious nation.

My white stripes signify the burning tears shed by Americans who lost their sons.

My blue field is indicative of God's heaven under which I fly.

My stars, clustered together, unify 50 states as one, for God and country.

"Old Glory" is my nickname, and proudly I wave on high.

Honor me, respect me, defend me with your lives and fortunes.

Never let my enemies tear me down from my lofty position lest I never return.

Keep alight the fires of patriotism, strive earnestly for the spirit of democracy.

Worship Eternal God and keep His commandments, and I shall remain the bulwark of peace and freedom for all people.

OPENING - NATURE

N- Stands for your NAME; be proud of it. As you advance from Bobcat to Arrow of Light, you will add new honors to your name. Everything you do affects your good name and your family.

A- Is for ATTITUDE. Attitude affects your spirit. Cub Scouts know that, just as sunshine is essential for life, being cheerful and playing fair help a den grow and make scouting fun.

T- Is for TASK. Each Cub Scout works hard at each job.

U- Is for USEFULNESS. Your place in life depends on learning a lot and then using what you learn.

R- Means you're READY. Just as squirrels gather food for the future, so Cub Scouts work hard and advance getting ready to be Boy Scouts.

E- Stands for ENERGY. As the bee is always busy, Cub Scouts keep active giving goodwill.

NATURE - God's way of telling us He cares. Let us always be grateful for His gifts and His guidance.

OPENING - I AM THE WORLD

NARRATOR: I am the world - Some call me mother nature. I am the mountains and the valleys and the land and the seas. All living things exist in me from the birds of the air to the fish in the waters. You see me in the beauty of the flowers and in the glory of the trees. When ever you roam to see the wonders of the world, the animals, the plants. the moon, the stars -- All that is pleasant to see, remember that man is the only one who can really keep this world of nature for the next generation to see.

(Ask Cubs and parents to recite together, "The Conservation Pledge"):

"I give my pledge, as an american, to save and faithfully to defend from waste, the natural resources of my country, its soil and minerals, it forest and waters, and its wildlife."

OPENING - I CAN

I CAN...stand tall, in my heritage and believe fully in America!

I CAN...strive for the highest pinnacle...or any other spot I so choose...it is my decision, to be freely arrived at!

I CAN...worship at the church of my choice...read whatever books, articles, or newspapers I choose... select my own home, friends, job and associates!

I CAN...sleep peacefully...free from the fear of midnight persecution. .. secure in the protection of my rights!

I CAN...fail as well as succeed...this is true freedom!

I CAN...shape my own destiny...have my visions realized...achieve anything I really believe I can!

I CAN...fail and still be counted a man...gain strength and experience through mistakes...lose it all, and start over again as many times as my spirit is willing...until my dreams are reality!

I CAN...grow as large as my dominant aspirations... be as big as I am willing to pay the price to become!

I CAN...own my own home...start a business...invest in my future... climb to the stars by constructing my own staircase!

I CAN...compete and receive in direct proportion to my efforts...thank others for assistance in my success...but look only to myself for my failures!

I CAN...raise my family in freedom...and freely change homes, jobs, friends, tastes... location, vocation, and avocation... but, most importantly... I can change myself!

I CAN...because I am an American!

OPENING - INDIAN CEREMONY

This is really more of an outline or a complete meeting with the opening and closing based on authentic Indian ritual. It should be held out of doors with a real rife but it could be done indoors with an artificial one or the opening could be changed. If done outdoors, the fire can be arranged in a number of ways to light as if by magic or as if from the heavens. (one way is to have someone off stage shoot an arrow into a prepared fire - a highway flare attached to the arrow does the trick of starting the fire, or the arrow may be "shot" down a wire, etc.)

The Cubmaster and his assistants should be in Indian costume as should the boys. The more adults who participate in costume in this meeting, the better. A tom-tom should be beaten slowly during portions of the ceremony. One assistant should be the Medicine Man and have a peace pipe, a rattle and some "magic dust" (fireplace crystals) which he periodically throws into the fire while he mutters something unintelligible.

Start by having the parents seated and the boys march or dance in, to the beat of the tom-tom. After the Cubs are seated around the fire (still unlit), the medicine man comes forward and intones:

I know not if the voice of can reach the sky;
I know not if the Mighty One will hear us pray;
I know not if the gifts I ask will be granted;
I know not if the word of old hath been received;
I know not what will come to pass in days to be;
I hope that only good will come, my children, unto you.

At this point he pauses while the fire is caused to light. As the flames begin to build the tom-tom picks up the tempo briefly and then slows back to the ceremonial tempo. The Medicine man continues:

Now I know that the voice of man can reach unto heaven; Now I know that the Mighty One hath heard me pray;
Now I know that the word of old - we have truly heard it;
Now I know that Tirawa Atias, Heaven, Our Father harkeneth unto man's prayer;
I know that good and good alone, hath come, my children unto you;

The Medicine man hands the peace pipe too Akela (the Cubmaster) and steps back, to return occasionally throwing "magic dust" into the fire. Akela lights the peace pipe for the fire and then does the following business and dialogue. Akela puffs smoke to the sky and points stem up, saying, "I offer this to Wakantanks for all the good comes from above." Then with a puff towards the earth:

"I offer this to Makakin, the earth, whence come all good gifts."

Then a puff of smoke is blown in each of the cardinal points starting at the West and going to the North, East and South as he says to each in turn:

"To you, Wiyo Peyata, (west wind) who dwells where the sun, fails, help us with the strength off the thunder.

To you, Wazi Yata, (North wind) who dwells whence comes the cold, send us the cold winds and let the tribe live.

To you Wiyo Hinyanpata, (eat wind) who dwells where the sun continually returns, send us good days and let the tribe live. To you, Ito Kagata, (South wind) who dwells in the direction we face with outstretched arms, may the sunshine out in full to us and let the tribe live.

(The foregoing is based on a Pawnee ceremony called the Hakp. At this point, you could have a pledge to the flag and recognize visitors. Then the following could be varied to suit the need.)

ASSISTANT We have one who would join our ranks.

AKELA Who would join us?

ASSISTANT
(Vary the dialogue if there are more than one etc.)

AKELA Bring him forward.

(New member comes forward and is inducted with the appropriate dialogue according to the custom of your pack.)

ASSISTANT Akela, we have braves who have studied the trail of the Wolf.

AKELA What have they learned from the Wolf?

ASSISTANT They have learned the language of the ground, the tracks, the ways to food.

AKELA Bring them forward to be honored.

(Boys are brought forward and presented their Wolf badges and or Arrow Points.)

ASSISTANT We have braves who have followed to bear.

AKELA What did they learn from the Bear?

ASSISTANT They learned the secret names of the trees, and the call of the birds - language of the air.

AKELA Bring them forward.

OPENING - KNIGHTS OF THE ROUNDTABLE

Have a Grand March of all the Knights. If possible use marching and trumpet music. While knights are marching round the narrator reads:

NARRATOR: Such was the spirit of those Knights of old who lived by a simple but majestic code which says (read the following off a big scroll).

Be always ready with your armor on, except when you are taking your rest at night.
Defend the poor and help them that cannot defend themselves.
Do nothing to hurt or offend anyone else.
Be prepared to fight in the defense of your country.
At whatever you are working, try to win honor and a name for honesty.
Never break a promise.
Maintain the honor of your country with your life.
Rather die honestly than live shamelessly.
Chivalry requireth that youth should be trained to perform the most laborious and humble offices with cherrfulness and grace; and DO GOOD UNTO OTHERS.

'Twas men of such timber and vows that King Arthur gathered about his famed Roundtable, and history and song are full of their deeds. 'Twas these knights of high ideal who made the first steps towards freedom. Their descendants were the religious, law abiding, industrious pioneers who laid the foundation of our nation!

OPENING - MUSCLES AND PHYSICAL SKILLS

NARRATOR: During this mont our Cubs have been working on their muscles and physical skills.

CUB #1: My strength comes form my parents and my ancestors.

CUB #2: My strength comes form the exercises and work I do.

CUB #3: My strength comes form the foods I eat and the clean air I breathe.

CUB #4: We need strength to keep our bodies healthy but real strength is knowing when and how to use strength wisely in all that we do especially in helping our own families.

NARRATOR: As we begin our meeting, let us all stand tall and proud knowing that we are doing our best as we say the Pledge of allegiance together.

OPENING - KNIGHTS OF THE ROUNDTABLE OPENING NUMBER TWO

CUBMSTR: (Dressed to resemble King Arthur)

Welcome, Knights of the Roundtable. Just as the Knights of old had their code of conduct, so the young Knights of Cub Scouting have their code, the Cub Scout Promise. A Cub Scout promises to do his best.

CUB 1: (Lights candle) To do his duty to God and his country.

CUB 2: (Lights candle) To help other people.

CUB 3: (Lights candle) To obey the Law of the Pack.

CUBMASTER: The young Knights also abide by the Law of the Pack.

CUB 4: (Lights candle) The Scout follows AKELA.

CUB 5: (Lights candle) The Cub Scout helps the Pack go.

CUB 6: (Lights candle) The Pack helps the cub Scout grow.

CUB 7: (Lights candle) The Cub Scout gives good will.

CUBMASTER: You may now join the other Knights, and let the evening begin.

OPENING - CHRISTMAS IN THE LIFE OF OUR FLAG

(Flag is spotlighted)

Many people associate me with sunshine and the Fourth of July. I'd like to tell you about some of my more important days. Christmas Day is not usually thought of as patriotic--but YOU be the judge.

My very first Christmas, I remember very well. I was in a boat with General George Washington, crossing the Delaware on his way to Valley Forge. By Christmas of 1814, Francis Scott Key had written a famous song about me after the British had burned our White House. At Fredricksburg, the Christmas of 1862 found ALL my men free from slavery. I was mighty proud that Christmas. The Christmas of 1917 was a miserable one. I was at Verdun, France, in a cold and freezing battle; but I stayed on to give my men hope. In 1941, General Douglas MacArthur spent Christmas with me in Manila, cheering our men on. Since then, I've been to Korea and Vietnam. I spent a little while in Iran and a long time on the moon. I've been almost everywhere in the world, on one Christmas or another, since that long-ago time we crossed the Delaware. Some Christmases have been peaceful and beautiful--others sad and dreary. I'll still be around this Christmas. I might not get as much attention as the Christmas tree does, or the presents under the tree. But I'll still be there, giving hope and courage to the men and women willing to fight for me and MY country.

(May end with audience standing for pledge or simply by the lights dying out.)

OPENING - LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS MARCH IN

Have all dens leave hall in preparation for a grand march in. Den members are all in space type costumes (e.g space creatures, planets, stars...) When ready, Cub Scout dens parade in the March of the Space Creatures. Music suggested is any from Star Wars. If you are having awards for best costumes, judges begin their work. The Cub Scout dens are followed by the Webelos Dens, who are not in costume. Last in line is a Webelos color guard, which goes to the front of the room, posts the colors, and leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - MAKING MAGIC

PERSONNEL: Cub Master, Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos.

EQUIPMENT: Magic rings, a sack, black and white scarves, hold-up signs for each speaker.

CUBMASTER: "Color guard advance the colors."

1ST CUB: "I am a Bobcat. I know the magic of Scouting, 'Do Your Best'."

2ND CUB: "I am a Wolf. I know the secret of Scouting, I follow Akela."

3RD CUB: "I am a Bear. I know the secret of Scouting, 'Help Other People'."

4TH CUB: "I am a Webelos. I know the secret of Scouting. I can perform magic feats of skill. (holds up two scarves) In my two hands I have a black and white scarf. I shall put the black and white scarves in the sack. I shall say the magic words. Hokus, pokus, eenie, beenie, jelly beenie.....(pulls white scarf out 1st) See, the black scarf has changed to the white and the white has changed to the black."

CUBMASTER: "Boys, the magic to Cub scouting in our Pack is the three rings I have in my hands. You see them linked together as we are linked by our promise and law of the Pack. But with magic the links can become individual circles as each of you are individual links in our Pack. Without all the links working together magic cannot be present."

"Color guard present the lights of our Pack and Nation."

"Salute."

"Pledge of Allegiance."

"Down."

OPENING - MARDI GRAS

NARRATOR: Festival time is upon us with the Mardi Gras which means "Fat Tuesday" in French. This is the time when parades and parties and costumes were in style for a day (sometimes a week) after a hard winter and before the more serious work of spring began. Tonight our Pack _____ presents its own Mardi Gras.

(Four Cubs each wearing a different mask or costume enter from the side.)

CUB #1: Mardi Gras comes in February or early March.
CUB #2: Mardi Gras is a time for costumes, clowns and being different.
CUB #3: Mardi Gras is a time for a parade (or a march around the gym).
CUB #4: Mardi Gras is a short time for having fun.

NARRATOR: Tonight as we meet in the spirit of fun, we also want to remember our respect for each other and the flag which represents us all. Will you please stand and say the "Pledge of Allegiance" with us.

OPENING - MY FLAG

PROPS: 3 candles, 1 red, 1 white, 1 blue. American Flag. Room is in darkness

CUB 1: (Lights red candle) The red of my flag is the life-blood of brave men ready to die or worthily live for this, our Country.

CUB 2: (Lights white candle) The white of my flag is for purity; cleanliness of purpose, thought, work and deed.

CUB 3: (Lights blue candle) The blue of my flag is for truth and justice, like the eternal blue of the star-filled heavens.

CUB 4: (All Cubs Salute) My flag...the flag of America...home of liberty, land of opportunity, where men of all races and creeds live together in peace and friendship.

LIGHTS ON:

CUBMASTER: All stand and join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - THE MEANING OF THE PLEDGE

One narrator recites the pledge and different boys recite meaning.

-- OR--

One narrator recites the pledge with the audience and different boys recite meaning.

PLEDGE

I pledge allegiance...

... To the flag...

... of the United States of America

... and to the republic...

... for which it stands...

... one nation under God...

... indivisible, ...

... with liberty, and justice...

... for all.

MEANING

I promise to be true...

... to the sign of our country.

... A country made up of 50 states each with certain rights of its own.

...A country where the people elect others to make laws for them.

The flag means the country ...

... A country whose people believe in a supreme being.

The country cannot be split into parts.

With freedom and fairness...

... for each person in the country... you and me.

OPENING - INDIANS AND THE AMERICAN MELTING POT

Setting: Need 6 persons - 1 narrator and 5 in Indian costumes.

NARRATOR: Gives a short welcome and then says: Since the birth of the United States, Millions and Millions of immigrants (our forefathers) have come to this country in search of opportunities denied them in their native lands.

The English, Spanish, German, Irish, Chinese, Italians, Slovaks, Scandinavians, Africans, Jews, Greeks, French, and others, many others. Yes, we're all here....the American Melting Pot.

Let's back up a bit. Before America's great melting pot began. There stood on this land a true native American. We know him as the American Indian. They were hunters, warriors, farmers, and seafarers.

They had their different systems of government. Colorful were their religious beliefs, customs, arts, and crafts. They gave and got so little from the white man. The unjust treatment of the Indians is shameful to America. Today, as then, the Indian has no choice but to exist within the world of the white man.

But, a glimmer of sunlight may be shining on this nation of ours. Today the mood of the nation has at long last recognized the value of it's Indian heritage and of what they really contributed and gave up.

(A tom-tom starts a moderately slow beat. As each Indian nation is called forward, an Indian comes forward to the center of the room near the council fire to join Akela-Cubmaster)

NARRATOR: Let us imagine tonight that we are gathering the Tribes of many Indian Nations to a Great Council Fire.

1. From the Southwest, Basin and Plateau Nations come tribes such as the: Yuma, Navajo, Pima, Apache, Pueblo, Pauite, Nez Perce, Shoshoni, Wishram, Flathead, Yakima, and Thompson.

2. From California and the Northwest coast Nations come the: Hupa, Mission, Bellabella, Bellacoola, Nootka, Shasta, Miwok, and Chumash.

3. From the Plains and Prairie Nations come the: Mandan, Shawnee, Missouri, Camanche, Illinois, Crow, Blackfoot, Arapaho, Teton Sioux, Pawnee, Cheyenne.

4. From the Lakes and the Northeast Nations come tribes such as the: Erie, Fox, Menomini, Chippewa, Ottawa, Huron, Iroquois, Winnebago, Delaware, Penopkcot, Kickapoo.

5. And from the Southeast Nation come the tribes of the: Creek, Seminole, Cherokee, Tonkowa, Natchez, Chickasaw, and Timacua.

Yes, they all came and laid down their weapons of war, and gave up their land and smoked the pipe of peace. There would be no better person in this country of ours than the American Indian to ask you all to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - MERLIN TIME TRAVEL TO CAMELOT

My Lords and Ladies.

To you, who over the countless years hold aloft the honor and spirit of Scouting, I bring greetings. I am Merlin, the magician. Tonight I am commissioned by my liege and Lord, King Arthur, to take you back through the countless years to the court of Camelot. All you need to do to make the journey safely is to close your eyes when I tell you, and keep your eyes closed until you hear the sound of the trumpets. It is most important that you do exactly as I say. For if you open your eyes too soon, you will be lost somewhere between now and then and it will not be possible to find you. Only the strong should attempt this journey and those who are unable to go with us should leave the room at this time. We are now ready.

First, I must light the magic fires. I light the Fire of Honor (lights candle). I light the Fire of Duty (lights candle). I light the Fire of Courage (lights candle).

Now, listen carefully, and I beg of you, for your own safety and well being, do exactly as I command you.

Incantation:

Oh, magic fires burning bright,
Take us swiftly beyond this night,
Let us through the centuries fly
Till, yea, a thousand years go by.
Now close your eyes till trumpets sound,
For only then is Camelot found...
Now close your eyes, till trumpets sound
(softly and fading)
For only then is Camelot found....
Now close your eyes...

At this point Grand Entry of Knights (Cubs) in full costume can begin.

OPENING - THIS FERTILE LAND

NARRATOR: From the very first Thanksgiving feast our country has been blessed with enough food for all of its citizens. Our fertile land has always provided our farmers with more than they or we could eat. We are a nation that has fed the hungry people of the world for many generations. Today as we prepare to enjoy ourselves in the beautiful outdoors where food always tastes better, especially, when cooked by our own experts. Let us honor our flag by everyone standing in a semi-circle and joining with me in saying our pledge of allegiance. (While everyone is still standing, the pledge has been completed, the Cubmaster or another adult leader might lead the pack in signing "God Bless America".)

OPENING - THE MUD PUDDLE

PERSONNEL: Den Leader and 6 Cubs (or combinations up to 12).

EQUIPMENT: Sign marked "Mud Puddle", individual props to go with each part such as a plaster casting of an animal track, a blue feather, and elm tree, a large pebble, a blower, a large "worm" etc.

ARRANGEMENT: Sign in center of stage is marked "Mud Puddle". Boys are gather around this sign as the opening begins. Cubmaster or Den leader may introduce the opening and verbally "set the stage".

DEN LEADER:

Did you ever wonder as you pass
A little stretch of mud and grass,
What nature may be hiding there,
Within a spot a few feet square?
Let's gather around and take a look,
And like the pages of a book,
We'll study it with open eyes.
Can soil like this hold a surprise?

CUB#1: Here's a freshly patterned animal track where a rabbit hopped across and back.

CUB#2: I see a stream of busy ants, carrying tidbits as they dance.

CUB#3: Look, a feather blue and grey dropped off a passing Blue Jay.

CUB#4: Here about are sprouting seeds from lofty elms and sprawling weeds.

CUB#5: A pebble smoothed by action slow, formed about a million years ago.

CUB#6: In a puddled spot not yet dried out, a water beetle swims about.

CUB#1: And here an eager plant is set -- an early blooming violet.

CUB#2: A wiggly worm comes up to twitch; no one knows which end is which.

CUB#3: The mud itself has food stores vast, form life that grew ages past.

CUB#4: It's not all Nature reveals, but candy wrappers and toy wheels.

CUB#5: There's something moving - what's it now? I'll pick it up - a bee - Yow!

CUB#6: Quick, put some mud upon the spot, to take away the soreness hot.

DEN LEADER: Our mud will soon dry in the mid-day sun,
But our outdoor adventure has really been fun.
Our opening does not end here by chance,
Please join us now in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - MUSCLE BUILDING

ARRANGEMENT: Seven boys come on stage, carrying various kinds of muscle-building equipment. They use the equipment and in turn, speak the line below.

1ST BOY: To keep your body strong and healthy,
Is more valuable than being wealthy.

2ND BOY: When you are fit, you feel so good,
And try to do the things you should.

3RD BOY: It helps you lend a helping hand,
To needy folks around our land.

4TH BOY: Eating the right food is always wise,
And everyone needs some exercise.

5TH BOY: Stand on tip toes, one, two, three,
Touch your toes, don't bend a knee.

6TH BOY: Run a while, then slow your pace,
Practice will help you win the race.

7TH BOY: Scouting builds young boys into men,
And this is where it all begins.

OPENING - CUB SCOUTS STAND FOR

PERSONNEL: Eight Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Eight cards upon which are large letters to spell "CUB SCOUT"

ARRANGEMENT: Cub Scouts stand in front of audience. Each boy gives meaning of his letter in order.

C - is for Comradeships; we learn to get along.

U - is for Unity; together we ace strong.

B - is for Boy; noisy but nice.

S - is for Socials; you needn't ask us twice.

C - is for Courtesy, of which we all know.

O - is for Outings; we're rarin' to go.

U - is for Universal; Scouts are known in every land.

T - is for Teamwork; we'll lend you a hand.

OPENING - MY CHOICE

ARRANGEMENT: 8 Cub Scouts hold cards on which have been printed the letters: MY CHOICE. In turn, each Cub Steps forward, raises his card and speaks his lines.

"M" If I could chose what I could be,
I think I'd choose to be just me,
To live where I am free to talk,
To choose my friends and where to walk.

"Y" To choose the job I want to do,
And live where I've notion to.

"C" To spend my money as I please
And never have to bend my knees,

"H" To any dictator or government boss
Who profits from the people's loss.

"O" To choose the church in which I'll pray
And worship God in my own way.

"I" To vote for men who'll do their best
To see our nation meet the test.

"C" And conquer evils that would destroy
The freedoms that I now enjoy.

"E" To be my boss and live the way
According to how I choose each day.
Yes, if I could choose what I could be,
I'd be an American, JUST LIKE ME.

OPENING - THE DEN HIKE

The ceremony could be used just before taking the boys on a hike.

ARRANGEMENT: Den leader passes out one candle and numbered slip of paper to each Cub Scout. He/She then asks each boy to come forward to light his candle and read his phrase.

- CUB 1: We are going to see nature's treasures.
- CUB 2: We will help to maintain nature's balance.
- CUB 3: We will observe and learn from nature's animals.
- CUB 4: We will help maintain nature's resources.
- CUB 5: We will protect them from harm.
- CUB 6: We will follow the Laws of Nature.

OPENING CEREMONY - THIS IS MY COUNTRY

CHARACTERS: Four Cub Scouts dressed in costumes of South America, Japan, Africa, and The Netherlands. Each holds a picture or map of his country, with his narration written on the back. A fifth boy, dressed as Uncle Sam, carries the U.S. flag.

SETTING: In turn boys come on stage and read their parts while recording of "This Is My Country" plays softly in background. For Uncle Sam, use recording of "The Star Spangled Banner".

SOUTH AMERICA: I am South America, a big continent known for its exotic foods, agricultural products and minerals. Most of my people speak Spanish or Portuguese. I often wear my sombrero and serape. **SOUTH AMERICA!** This is my home!

JAPAN: I am Japan. People come from all over the world to see my pagodas and try to master the art of using chopsticks. I am noted for making cars cameras, and televisions sets. **JAPAN!** This is my country!

NETHERLANDS: I am Netherlands, or Holland, as many people call me. I am known for my many canals, my beautiful tulips, my windmills, and my cheese and other farm products. **HOLLAND!** This is my country!

AFRICA: I am Africa, the second largest of the six continents. I am many things - gold, diamonds, oil and other minerals, beautiful art and craft works done by tribes, great cities, and primitive villages. **AFRICA!** This is my land!

AMERICA: I am America. People from all over the world come to me to find freedom. My customs are those of every nation, and I aim to offer equal opportunity to everyone. The home of the brave and the land of the free. **AMERICA!** This is my county!

(All five boys remain on stage while "Star Spangled Banner" plays.)

OPENING - C-U-B S-C-O-U-T

Setting: 8 Cub Scouts hold cards with the letters spelling 'Cub Scout' and repeat the following lines.

1ST CUB: C is for comradeship - we learn to get along.

2ND CUB: U is for unity - together we are strong.

3RD CUB: B is for boys - wild and wooly, but nice.

4TH CUB: S is for socials - you needn't ask us twice.

5TH CUB: C is for courtesy, which all of us should know.

6TH CUB: O is for outings - we're ready to go.

7TH CUB: U is for universal - Scouts are known in every land.

8TH CUB: T is for teamwork - we'll lend you a helping hand.

OPENING - OLD GLORY SPEAKS

EQUIPMENT: Flag of the United States, Spotlight on Flag, patriotic music playing in the background, tape recorder or record player.

ARRANGEMENT: Flag in front and spot lighted, Room darkened. Cubmaster or other reads the following.

"I am the Flag of the United States of America. I was conceived in the dreams of liberty and in the hopes of freedom. I was designed by the hands of Betsy Ross and her sewing basket was my cradle. Though I was never an orphan, I was adopted by the Continental Congress in 1777 and proclaimed the national emblem of a nation newly born on this continent, fighting valiantly for survival and destined to bring to all mankind a new concept of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

I have been many places and have seen many things. I have witnessed every event of American history. I was there when they fired the shot heard around the world. I was there in the late twilight at Fort McHenry and inspired Francis Scott Key to write the immortal words to "The Star Spangled Banner", now our national anthem.

I saw Molly Pitcher take the cannon swab from the hands of her dead husband and help carry on the fight for freedom. I felt the biting cold at Valley Forge, and gave warmth and comfort to general Washington and his tired and hungry Continental Army.

I was flown above the decks of Old Ironsides and from the masts of the Yankee and China clippers. I blazed the trail with Daniel Boone and Davey Crockett. I led the settlers coming West and crossed Death Valley in a covered wagon.

I was carried through the Halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoly by the United States Marines. Once I fell to the ground at Custer's Last Stand, and there were no living hands to pick me up. I galloped up the slopes of San Juan Hill with Teddy Roosevelt and the Rough Riders of the United States Cavalry. I stayed with the boys until it was over, over there, and on the battlefields of the Marne, Chatsan-Thierry, St. Michael and the Argonne Forest. I saw many youth and men of our nation fall and lie still in death. They had given their last full measure of devotion. The war was over for them forever and I kept my lonely vigil over their graves and stayed to watch the poppies grow amid the crosses, row on row, in Flanders Fields. I was raised by five brave men during the "hell" of Iwo Jima. I waved farewell to the four immortal Chaplains who went down with their ship and to honored glory.

I have not changed much in my 215 years. I still have my original 13 stripes, but as each state came into the union a new star was proudly added to the Constellation on my field of blue. I was started with 13 stars; now there are 50.

I am easy to find. I am everywhere. I draped the caskets of our nation's heroes borne to their last resting place, the caskets of presidents, generals, admirals, privates and unknown soldiers. Wherever there is Justice, Equality, Faith, Hope, Charity, Truth and brotherly love, there, too, am I.

May history never write my obituary, for I am the Stars and Stripes forever. I am Old Glory!"

OPENING - AMERICA THE GREATEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD

DEN LEADER: The Cub Scout promises to do his duty to his country. We would like to review for you some of the things that are different but that make it the greatest country in the world.

1ST CUB: We call it the United States, and we're bound together by our Constitution and our language. Yet in many ways we're a group of separate kingdoms.

2ND CUB: We practice more than 250 different religions and observe thousands of different hunting laws, tax laws and labor laws.

3RD CUB: Our land grows palm trees and pine; redwoods and beech; plum; vanishing key deer and whooping cranes.

4TH CUB: Our people say 'you all' and 'youse'.

5TH CUB: We catch shrimp and sell stocks - live in lean-to's, sky-scrappers and stucco bungalows.

6TH CUB: We are a very diverse land, but these are some of the things that make the United States great.

7TH CUB: Let us rise and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - THE AMERICAN'S CREED #2

As a variation on the Pledge of Allegiance to open a den or pack meeting, use The American's Creed. It reads as follows:

"I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies."

OPENING - FROM YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

(Five Cub Scouts come on stage in turn and recite one verse)

NEWSPAPER BOY:

I am you paper boy
I deliver the news
Freedom of press
Has different views.

POSTMAN:

I am the postman
I deliver with dash
That Boy's Life issue
Thats really a smash.

SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD:

Safety is my job
I am the school crossing guard
You cross the street safely
To the other yard.

SPEED LIMIT SIGN:

I am the sign
That saves a lot of lives
Everyone obeys me
Without and jive.

TRASH:

I am the litter
That makes everybody bitter
Let's clean it up
So life will be better.

CUBMASTER:

Our neighborhood is an important part of the country in which we live. Let us all now stand and pledge allegiance to our country.

OPENING - DOWN THROUGH THE AGES

Down through the ages, symbols have been important to man. First he used special shaped clubs to recognize men or friendly tribes. later, colored skins were hung from poles and special insignia were painted on them.

The color white, which is the total absence of color, has been associated with purity and non-aggression. A person who carries a white flag was recognized to be carrying no weapons.

The color red , has always stood for danger. It represents the spilled blood if the sign was not heeded.

The color Blue, stood for the glory of the sky. these three colors do not mean much separate, but together they represent the symbol of our great country.

The flag of the United States with its' blue field and stars represents a new constellation. The Red symbolizes the blood shed by our fathers to make this great nation. The white stands for purity which our fathers hoped to use in guidance of our country.

My Flag-whether floating proudly in the sunshine before the capitol in Washington or fluttering from a stern battleship ready to protect our liberties or born in loyal peace in school, Church or Civic occasion - my Flag, the Flag of America, Home Liberty, soil of opportunity, tower of power rightly used - My America.

Let's all stand and give the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - CUB SCOUT CAMPFIRE

EQUIPMENT: Real or artificial campfire, seven candles.

PERSONNEL: Narrator and seven Cub Scouts (each with his part written on a slip of paper).

NARRATOR: Welcome to the Cub Scout campfire. Akela is among us. Let us draw from this campfire with all its vibrance and warmth, the secrets of Cub Scouting and the spirit of brotherhood.

CUB 1: In its light we see new chances to be helpful and to do our best.

CUB 2: From its warmth we strengthen the bonds of fellowship and learn how to get along with others.

CUB 3: From the stones that ring the fire and keep its power in check, we learn how we can curb our tempers and become good citizens.

CUB 4: From the smoke that rises our of the fire, we learn to lift our eyes upward and worship God.

CUB 5: The spark that started this fire reminds us that little Good Turns can lead to greater deeds.

CUB 6: Just as the fire needs wood to burn bright, so do we need the care and love of our parents to burn brightly.

CUB 7: In it leaping flames, we see the fun of Cub Scouting and the job of life.

OPENING - TO OUR MOTHERS

This is an appropriate ceremony for a pack meeting that occurs at the time of mothers day.

PERSONNEL: A mother, a Cub Scout, a reader (male)

EQUIPMENT: Spotlight, armchair.

ARRANGEMENT: A Cub Scout sleeps in an armchair with a book in his lap. A mother stands beside his chair looking down at him. Spotlight on them. The reader is concealed.

READER: this month we pay tribute to our mothers. We appreciate their importance in our home life and in our Cub Scouting. May I read a poem entitled " A Cub Mother's Prayer" by Mary C. Branning?

He's just a little laddie, God
This blue-eyed Cub o'mine
Take thou his hand along the way,
Help him be square and to obey.
Bless all these busy Cubs, dear God!
Grant they true Cubs may be---
For if they follow all Cub rules,
They won't Stray far from Thee.
Bless all, dear God, who guide them,
Crown each effort, nobel, true---
Sustain the good Cub mothers,
They need thy blessings, too!

OPENING - HANUKKAH

Cubs with candles and letters recite the following:

H - Stands for Hannah, courageous and true, Who would not yield, so her sons they slew.

A - Stands for Antiochus, Syrian King, Who tried from Judea, Greek worship to bring.

N - Stands for "NES", That wonder so great, When oil in the cruse, stead of one day burned eight.

U - Is for unfurling the Maccabee banner. By Judas who fought in so valiant a manner.

K - Is for kindling of light and of hope, For those who in sorrow of darkness now grope.

K - Is for keepsake of candles so bright. That father, with "Brochos" will light every night.

A - Stands for all, living far and wide, Who tonight are glowing with true Jewish pride.

H - Stands for Hebrew, our language so old, In which the story of Hanukkah is told.

OPENING - "OUR FLAG AND US"

EQUIPMENT: American Flag; spotlight, piece of cloth with loose threads to be pulled.

ARRANGEMENT: 5 Cub Scouts in horseshoe formation (open toward audience) with Cubmaster, Narrator, and Flag in center. House lights out. Spotlight on Flag.

NARRATOR: Today as we gather, let's all keep in mind our flag and the meaning it has for all of us.

CUB 1: The red is for blood of Americans true, who gladly would give up their lives for you.

CUB 2: The white is for purity, in both thought and deed: a rule of conduct we all might well heed.

CUB 3: The blue is for justice, for all, not one.. a tenet we fought for and so dearly won.

CUB 4: The stars are a symbol of God's guiding hand over the Union in this mighty land.

CUB 5: There isn't a one our Flag won't protect. Don't you think we could show it greater respect?

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouts, did you ever think of just what makes up our country's Flag? Yes, there are stripes, a patch of blue, and some five-pointed stars... but they are just pieces of cloth. However, when the 13 stripes of alternate red and white, representing the 13 original states, are put together and the field of blue is in place with the stars... all securely held together by thousands of stitches... then we no longer have pieces of cloth and patches, but the Flag of the United States... the emblem of our country.

I think that all those stitches represent US... "We, the people"... and that every one of us is represented in the Flag by a stitch holding the Flag together. Just as long as we are strong, holding steadfastly to our job of being good American citizens, worthy sons of America, our Country will remain "one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all".

All of you know what would happen to a Flag if one of the stitches failed to hold. The Flag would fall apart or unravel like this piece of cloth. (Holds up piece of cloth with loose threads to show how it ravel.) Cub Scouts, that is exactly what can happen to our country if we, the citizens of America, do not try to be good Americans. Our America can lose its "oneness".

But I'm sure you are thinking "We will not let that happen. We will, all of us, on this day and every day, continue to do our best and show by our actions that we are worthy to be citizens of our Country".

NARRATOR: Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to our Flag.

OPENING - PATRIOTIC FLAG CEREMONY

PERSONNEL: Four scouts.

EQUIPMENT: A red candle, a white candle, a blue candle, a flag.

ARRANGEMENT: Flag in front of the room. Two boys standing on either side of the flag.

SCOUT 1: (Lighting red candle) The red of my flag is the lifeblood of brave men ready to die or worthily live for this, our country.

SCOUT 2: (Lighting white candle) The white of my flag is for purity; cleanliness of purposes thought, word, and deed.

SCOUT 3: (Lighting blue candle) The blue of my flag is for truth and justice, like the eternal blue of the star filled heavens.

SCOUT 4: (all four salute) My flag, the flag of America, home of liberty, land of opportunity, where people of all races and creeds live in peace and friendship together.

OPENING - JOHN PAUL JONES AND HIS FLAG

LEADER: A great deal of interesting history is connected with the navel career of John Paul Jones, who can aptly be called the most daring sea-rover in the annals of the American Navy. His devotion to the Flag under which he so valiantly fought, is as unquestionable as his fearlessness.

CUB #1: He is credited with being the first to hoist the Flag on an American Man-of- War.

CUB #2: He was the first to show it upon the seas.

CUB #3: He was the first to receive and acknowledge a salute to it from a foreign power.

CUB #4: He was the first to fight a naval battle under.

CUB #5: He was the first to decorate with it a Man-of War of the enemy taken as a prize in action.

CUB #6: The name of no other man is so closely and interestingly associated with American Flag as that of John Paul Jones

OPENING - PHYSICAL FITNESS THIS MONTH

As the curtain opens, boys are standing on stage holding up pairs of feet covering their faces. A narrator reads the lines below. As he reads the two lines "So that as we grow older, our muscles won't sag. the boys all lower their cardboard feet and show their faces. All boys have white beards cut from white butcher paper.

NARRATOR:

Physical fitness this month
Has been our bag!
So that as we grow older
Our muscles won't sag!
But before we demonstrate
Our skills to you,
Let us all join together
In showing respect to our Red, White, and Blue.

At this point, one of the boys onstage steps forward and acting as caller, asks for the color guard to advance. Color guard has been standing ready and now comes forward and leads the audience in the Pledge.

OPENING - AMERICAN FLAG RECIPE

Materials needed: 1 American Flag, Large bowl or bag, Long handled spoon, Cut into small pieces - blue paper, red paper, white paper cut out a few stars from white paper

Before meeting or hidden from group - Place flag in bottom of bowl or bag - Let no one see you do this.

Read as you make your recipe----

Today, we are going to fix for you a treat that's really grand; and make for you a recipe - the greatest in the land. First, we put in a heaping cup of red for courage true, and we'll add for loyalty - a dash if heavenly blue. For purity, we now sift in a layer of snowy white - then sprinkle in a pinch of stars to make it come out right. When it is done, we have made for you our Flag, (bring out the flag and hold it up for all to see). "OLD GLORY", for which there is no substitute.

Now, let's pledge allegiance to our flag - Please stand and salute -

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

OPENING - THE PICTURE

NARRATOR: (The room is darkened)

Behind this curtain is a picture. It is a picture of many things and stands for so very much. This is a history which began July 4, 1776, but is not yet completed. This is a picture of 185 million living souls and the ghosts of millions that have died to keep them free. This panorama has in it the spirit of Nathan Hale and Paul Revere, it has Washington, Jefferson, and Patrick Henry. It shows the spirit of John Paul Jones, the Green Mountain Boys and Davey Crockett. It portrays scenes of the spirit of the Alamo, the Maine and Pearl Harbor. It is a picture of the heroic deed in Flanders Field, on the Rock of Corregidor, and the bleak slopes of Korea. This is a picture of the Brooklyn Bridge, the wheat fields of Kansas, and the granite hills of Vermont. It shows the coal fields of the Virginians, the fertile lands of the West, the Golden Gate, and the Grand Canyon. In the center is Independence Hall. This picture covers a tremendous area from the Atlantic to the Pacific, three million miles of throbbing industry, five million farms, forests, fields, mountains, and desert, quiet villages and cities that never sleep. Here too is Babe Ruth and the World Series, 169,000 Schools and Colleges, and 250,000 churches and synagogues where people worship God as they think best. Notice a ballot being dropped in the box, hear the roar of the crowd in a stadium and the soothing voice of a choir in a cathedral. For portraits, it has Eli Whitney, Stephen Foster, Thomas Edison, and Alexander Graham Bell along with Albert Einstein. Yes, this picture contains all of these things, but it is not finished, and God willing, through our service to Scouting, we will continue to add many wonderful parts to it's texture. Here it is, ladies and gentleman, the Glory of the United States, Our Flag.

(Curtains part -- spot light on flag stretched out full length).

OPENING - BSA BIRTHDAY

Pack flag is placed in center of stage. Ten Cub Scouts in uniform come onstage in turn, stand near the flag and recite one of the lines below. Upon finishing, each Cub Scout salutes the flag and retires to rear of stage where a horseshoe is formed.

- 1st. - May I grow in character and ability as I grow in size.
- 2nd. - May I be honest with myself and others in what I say and do.
- 3rd. - May I learn and practice my religion.
- 4th. - May I always honor my parents, my elders, and my leader.
- 5th. - May I develop high moral principals and courage to live by them.
- 6th. - May I strive for health in body, mind, and spirit.
- 7th. - May I always respect the rights of others.
- 8th. - May I set a good example so that others may enjoy and profit from my company.
- 9th. - May I give honest effort to my work.
- 10th. - May I regard my education as preparation for a future in lifes doorway to adventure.

OPENING - PINEWOOD DERBY OPENING

Colored flags similar to those used in auto racing are used to show their color meaning in an actual race. Checkered flag is made from white crepe paper sheet using black stripes. All other flags are made of plain crepe paper. Each Scout carries a flag and waves it during his part of the opening.

ANNOUNCER: Our opening ceremony tonight is to show you the use of the colored flags used in auto racing!

CUB #1: (Carried Pack Flag) Gentlemen, your attention please! All cars in the race on the track, now!

CUB #2: (Carries Green Flag) Once around the track and then we will start. Watch that green flag.

CUB #3: (Carries Yellow Flag) All cars running well, looks like we're off to a good start. Whoops! A spin-out on the back of the track! Slow down and hold your places!

CUB #4: (Carries Red Flag) Watch out for the spin-out - another car is hit - driver on the track. Stop the race! We have a driver on the track!

CUB #5: (Carries Green Flag) The track is all clear - all cars back in racing position. Let's have another start. Watch that flag!

CUB #6: (Carries Den Flag) There is another spin-out on the track! That guy hit the wall. Doesn't he know he can't win a race that way?

CUB #7: (Carries a White Flag) Here comes lucky number 2! He is still in first place! Looks like we have a winner!

CUB #8: (Carries Checkered Flag) It's number 2! A checkered flag for the winner. Well folks, that's our race - now let's get on to the real one!

OPENING - PIONEERS

Have eight Cub Scouts with signs with the letters P I O N E E R S. On the back of each card, write the following for each letter:

P - The pioneers had to know how to do many things to be able to survive.

I - The families were Independent and could do for themselves, but were friendly with their neighbors.

O - Most Outdoor and heavy work, plowing and planting, pulling stumps, building with rock and timber, was considered man's work.

N - Necessary household products as soap, candles, and brooms were made by the women. Food preparation and making clothing were also done by the women.

E - Everyone in the family had household chores to do, the more children, the more helping hands.

E - Entire families within a morning's travel would arrive at a neighbor's house to help with a barn raising or corn husking. Everyone worked together.

R - Boys did not have Rifles, but learned to shoot with bow and arrow. By the time they were ten years old they could hunt small game with the bow.

S - Summer work days were very long, sometimes 15 hours or more.

OPENING - A CUB SCOUT'S THANKSGIVING PRAYER

O, Heavenly Father, we ask for your blessing
For loved ones and friends that are near.
We thank you for food and for love and for life
And the spirit of Scouting that's here.
We thank you for leaders who care about boys,
Who give us their time - that's better than toys!
We thank you for dads who help us learn right,
For moms who sew on our badges at night.
For all this, thank you, dear Lord, up above,
For being in Scouting is something we love!

OPENING - UNCLE SAM

ARRANGEMENTS: Den Leader is on stage holding a picture of "Uncle Sam" Cubs are off stage and enter two at a time on each side of the picture. They repeat their lines and then stand there. Flag is posted in center of the stage behind the group.

1ST CUB: Why didn't we call him Daddy Sam?

2ND CUB: In some countries he might have been called "Daddy Sam" or "Papa Sam". But not in America.

3RD CUB: Uncle Sam is an idea that symbolizes the United States.

4TH CUB: The people who wrote our Constitution decided the Federal Government should not be a Great Father.

5TH CUB: They limited Uncle Sam's role very strictly, to assure freedom and opportunity for individuals.

6TH CUB: Uncle Sam is even dressed in Red, White, And Blue, and decorated with stars and stripes.

7TH CUB: These are the living ideals which are the very heart of our flag and our nation.

8TH CUB: Uncle Sam is a symbol that should always remind us of the blessings of freedom our forefathers gave to us.

9TH CUB: Will the audience please rise and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - TEN FREEDOMS OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS

Props: Have each boy come in with a small American Flag and recite the ten freedoms guaranteed us in the Bill of Rights.

1ST CUB: The right to worship God in one's own way.

2ND CUB: The right to free speech and press.

3RD CUB: The right to peaceable assembly.

4TH CUB: The right to petition for a redress of grievances.

5TH CUB: The right to privacy in our homes.

6TH CUB: The right to habeas corpus--no excessive bail.

7TH CUB: The right to trial by jury--innocent until proven guilty.

8TH CUB: The right to move about freely at home and abroad.

9TH CUB: The right to own property.

10TH CUB: The right to a free election and personal secret ballot.

OPENING - THE RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

NARRATOR: What does it stand for, the red, white, and blue?

CUB 1: It stands for our country,
And what it went through,
To win us our freedom,
When freedom was new.
(Hold small flag - put into pot with large American flag at bottom of pot)

NARRATOR: What do they stand for, the stripes, red and white?

CUB 2: The states on the Seaboard
That braved England's might;
Thirteen in number,
United to fight.
(13 strips each of red & white crepe paper, add to pot)

NARRATOR 3: What do they stand for, The stars, one and all?

CUB 3: The states in the Union,
The big states and small,
Ready to answer
America's call.
(Large cardboard star covered with white tissue paper, add to pot.)

NARRATOR: What do they stand for, The colors we see?

CUB 4: Red stands for courage,
And white, liberty,
And blue for the staunch
In this land of the free.

ALL: Hail to our banner,
Still shining like new,
Symbol of faith
In the brave and the true;
Symbol of freedom,
The red, white, and blue.
(Pull out large flag from pot, open and hold in front of group)

OPENING - SCOUTING ANNIVERSARY REDEDICATION

CUBMASTER:

Cub Scouts, this month we celebrate the anniversary of Scouting in the United States. Everywhere Scouts are taking time to listen to the story of Scouting, and to rededicate themselves to the aims and purposes of Scouting.

Scouting began in England. It was started by Lt. General Robert Baden-Powell, a British war hero. Guided by his experience in training army Scouts, Baden-Powell made Scouting for boys an outdoor program with ideas.... a way of thinking and living, a way of doing things. Today Scouting is in our country, as in all free countries of the world. It is still a program filled with fun and adventure. It is learning worthwhile things which train you to be responsible citizens. It is the spirit of all the men who worked to make our nation great. More than 6 million boys and leaders are registered in Scouting in America today. Men who earned badges as Boy Scouts now sit on the Supreme Court bench and in the chambers of Congress. Others hold important offices in our government, business and industry. John F. Kennedy was the first President who had been a Boy Scout. The great majority of our astronauts were Scouts. More and more men, trained as Scouts, are taking their places in today's world as responsible adult leaders.

This anniversary is a time to recommit ourselves to the goals of Scouting.... goals of character, citizenship and fitness.

Will you all stand now and repeat with me the Cub Scout Promise, as we rededicate ourselves to the purposes of Scouting.

OPENING - GIVE THANKS

G For the glorious autumn the Pilgrims knew so well.

I For the Indian Summer that cast a mystic spell.

V For the Valiant men of old who crossed the stormy sea.

E For the endless labors performed so faithfully.

T For the trackless wasteland where red men hunted food.

H For the homes the Pilgrims from nearby forest hewed.

A For the wild animals lurking so dangerously at hand.

N For the nuts and fruits that helped to feed the little band.

K For the keenness and vision of those who this land first trod.

S For the spirit that kept them strong, with eternal faith in God. Tonight we give thanks to God above, for His guidance and His never ending love.

OPENING - THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE FROM THE RED SKELETON SHOW

Adapted from: The Red Skeleton Hour on January 14, 1969

I remember this one teacher. To me he was the greatest teacher, a real sage of my time. He had such wisdom. Mr. Laswell was his name. We were all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and he walked over. He said, "I've been listening to you boys and girls recite the Pledge of Allegiance all semester and it seems to me as though it is becoming monotonous to you. If I may, recite it and try to explain to you the meaning of each word?"

I - an individual, a committee of one

PLEDGE - dedicate all my worldly goods to give without self pity

ALLEGIANCE - my love and devotion

TO THE FLAG - our standard, old glory, a symbol of Freedom. Wherever waves there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts Freedom, is everybody's job.

OF THE UNITED - That means we have all come together

STATES - Individual communities that have united into 50 great states. 50 communities with pride and dignity and purpose all divided with imaginary boundaries yet united to a common purpose and that's love of our country.

OF AMERICA - This country is located on the continent of North America, a continent share with Canada and Mexico.

AND TO THE - a state in which a sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to
REPUBLIC - govern. And government is the people and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.

FOR WHICH - For which it represents it stands -

ONE NATION - Although there are different people in each of the 50 different states we speak as one voice with one heart.

UNDER GOD - Blessed by God and under His care

INDIVISIBLE - incapable of being divided

WITH LIBERTY - which is freedom and the right of power to live one's own life without threats of some sort of retaliation.

AND JUSTICE - The principle of equality in dealing fairly with others

FOR ALL - which means it's as much your county as mine.

OPENING - THE SEASON OF LIGHTS

Room lights off, candle lit and Cubmaster says:

"This is the spirit of Cub Scouting, which burns in all our hearts. It is just one of many candles we see during the holiday season, for this is the season of lights. It is a time when the days are short and the nights are long, but the world seems brighter because of the lights. Some homes have candles to light the way for the Christ child. Others burn candles to commemorate the miracle of the oils of Hanukkah.

The most brilliant glow comes from the spirit of goodwill that we live now, and all year round, as we follow the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack. Please stand now and join me in the Promise and the Law". (Lead both and leave candle burning throughout the meeting).

OPENING - SIR CUB KNIGHTS

Cubmaster (or Committee Chairperson) 7 Cub Scouts, each with a letter printed to turn up.

CUBMASTER: Long ago when the world was in darkness and evil, a group of men pledged themselves to their king and to going throughout the countryside to do good and brave deeds do help others. Tonight our Cubs and Webelos remind us that chivalry and good deeds are not a thing of long ago.

S - stands for same. Some things may have happened hundreds of year's ago, but the way the knights acted then is the same way we should act now.

I - stands for ideas. The ideas of the knights to do good deeds for those in need should be our ideas for today.

R - stands for respect. A true knight, respects his king, his elders, women and all those it need of help. Like the knights of old, we too respect our parents and all older people.

C - stands for courtesy. A knight knows that the best way of doing anything is to do it in a courteous manner. Cubs also know that the best way to get along with everyone is through courtesy and politeness.

U - stands for unity. Even when the knights did things alone, they knew that they belonged to a special group and they acted as members of that group. So we Cubs too, are unified in a special group of which we are truly proud.

B - stands for belonging. Once a knight went through his knighting, he knew that he belonged. Cubs know that they belong to their family, their church and the pack.

S - stands for special. The Roundtable was made up of a special group called Sir Knights. We belong to a special group of boys called Cubs and Webelos!

CUBMASTER: Our theme for this month is that special group of men of old called Knights of the Roundtable. We all are special in the sense that we are Americans. Will everyone please stand to pledge our allegiance to our flag which represents all of us.

OPENING - THIS SMALL RAY OF LIGHT

PERSONNEL: Cub Scouts, Den Leader, Den Chief

EQUIPMENT: Small birthday cake candle, larger white candle

ARRANGEMENT: All boys stand in a circle with their eyes closed. Den Leader and Den Chief stand in the center of the circle.

DEN LEADER: Think about the darkness that you are now experiencing.

DEN CHIEF: Now open your eyes. I will light this tiny candle. (Lights small birthday candle) This small ray of light represents the goodwill given by on Cub Scout. See how it shines. The rays from several Cub Scouts would make a bright light. Each Cub Scout lets his light shine by doing his best, helping other people, and being obedient.

DEN LEADER: I will now light this tall white candle. This signifies that over all there shines a brighter light to lead us. Let us always think first of God, second of others, and third of ourselves.

OPENING - GRAND ENTRANCE SNAKE DANCE

GRAND ENTRANCE SNAKE DANCE---After strutting in, Indians sit in semicircle facing the audience.

Opening Ceremony--A Den Chief acting as the Indian chief sits with three Cub Scout Indian braves around an artificial council fire. He holds up both hands until all are quiet. Than he speaks loudly and clearly.

INDIAN CHIEF: Oh Great father in the sky, listen to my people.
(Each Indian raises both hands and gives his prayer in turn. Lines' can be pasted to back of shields Cubs have made for Indian costumes.)

FIRST BRAVE: We thank Thee, Great Creator, for the light of the sun each day.

SECOND BRAVE: We thank Thee for the beauty of this world and the plants and the animals we enjoy.

THIRD BRAVE: We thank Thee for the night and the rest it brings.

INDIAN CHIEF: Oh Great Father of all Cub Scouts, bless us and be with us today.

MEDICINE MAN: (Jumps up, shakes rattles, and as tom-toms beat) shouts: Rise up all you braves. Rise up, our white brothers. (All stand.) We lower our tribal totems to honor the great flag of our white brothers.

SECOND DEN CHIEF: (presents flag to Indian Chief) This is the most beautiful flag in the world. It stands for freedom, liberty, and happiness. Take it, honor it, respect it, and love it always, as it is yours and mine. (He leads all in pledge of Allegiance)

OPENING - SPIRIT OF BADEN-POWELL

The Narrator, the "spirit of Lord Baden-Powell" is a den chief in full uniform wearing a campaign hat, reads the entire script from a lectern.

NARRATOR: I represent the spirit of Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Boy Scouting. I am also the spirit of Scouting past and present. Here is our future -- Cub Scouts of America.

(First boy enters carrying toy church or Bible. Narrator continues.) We take turns praying in our den. I like to wear my uniform to church on Scout Sunday. (or Sabbath) Nearly half of all Cub Scout packs in America are sponsored by churches.

(Second boy approaches in complete Cub Scout uniform. Narrator continues.) The two colors of the Cub Scout uniform have a meaning. Blue stands for truth and loyalty; gold for good cheer and happiness.

(Third boy enters carrying Wolf Cub Scout Book and Kipling's - The Jungle Book) Early Cub Scout ceremonies were based on Kipling's "Jungle Tales". When Cub Scouting was organized in America in 1929, Indian the themes were used.

(Fourth boy enters, carrying a craft project of wood) Cubbing means fun. We have lots of fun. But I like making things - real boy projects - things we can play with or that follow our themes.

(Fifth boy carries in a nature collection)

I like to go on hikes and collect things for my nature collection or the den museum.

(Sixth boy enters with a "buddy burner")

I like to go on picnics. We Cubs sure do like to eat! This is the cook stove I made.

(Seventh boy, the smallest Cub Scout, enters with American Flag) I am proud to be an American so I can salute the flag. I also like to see our pack flag (points to it) because then I know I am part of 75 years of Scouting. I belong!

Yes, I represent the past and the present. These boys, Cub Scouts now, are the men of tomorrow. They will be the preservers of our American heritage. Please stand and join us in singing "God Bless America."

OPENING - PATRIOTIC SQUARES

CUBMASTER:

Square! Another of the good old words has gone the way of love, modesty and patriotism. Something to be snickered over or out-right laughed at. Why, it used to be that there was no higher compliment you could pay a man than to call him a square shooter. The ad man's promise of a "square deal" once was as binding as an oath on the Bible. But today a square is a guy who volunteers when he doesn't have to. He's a guy who gets his kicks from trying to do a job better than anyone else. He's a boob who gets so lost in his work, he has to be reminded to go home.

A square is a guy who doesn't want to stop off at the bar and get all juiced up because he prefers to go to his own home, his own dinner table, his own bed. He hasn't learned to cut corners or goof off. This nut we call a square gets all choked up when he hears children singing "My Country Tis of Thee". He even believes in God and says so in public.

Some of the odd squares were Nathan Hale, Patrick Henry, George Washington, Ben Franklin. Some of the new squares are Glenn, Grissom, Shepherd, Carpenter, Cooper, Schirra. John Glenn says he gets a funny feeling down inside when he sees the flag go by; says he's proud he belonged to the Boy Scouts of America and the Y.M.C.A. How square can you get!

A square is a guy who lives within his means whether the Joneses do or not and thinks his Uncle Sam should too. He doesn't want to "fly now and pay later".

A square is likely to save some of his own money for a rainy day, rather than count on using yours. A square gets his books out of the library instead of the drug store. He tells his son it's more important to play fair than to win. Imagine!

A square is a guy who reads Scripture when nobody's watching and prays when nobody's listening; a guy who thinks Christmas trees should be green and Christmas gifts hand picked. He wants to see America first in everything. He believes in honoring bother and Father and "Do unto others" and that kind of stuff. He thinks he knows more than his teenager knows about car freedom and curfews.

So, will all you gooney birds answering this description please stand up; you misfits in this brave, new age; you dismally disorganized, improperly apologetic ghosts of the past ... stand up! Stand up and be counted. You squares who turn the wheels and dig the fields and move mountains and put rivets in our dreams; you squares who dignify the human race; you squares who hold the thankless world in place. Stand with me and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

OPENING - STANDARD FLAG CEREMONY

PERSONNEL: Flag bearers for American flag and Pack flag; Color guards for American flag and the Pack flag; Speaker. (If there is an uneven number of color guards, the American flag has precedence and should have the most guards.)

EQUIPMENT: American flag; Pack flag; flag holders.

ARRANGEMENT: Flag holders are in place at front of room or on stage. Flag bearers and color guards are in position in rear of room. Speaker may be in rear or in any convenient place nearby. Cubmaster usually calls the meeting to order and introduces the den who will perform the ceremony. At this point, the speaker advances to the front of the room.

Speaker: Attention! Will the audience please rise? (They do.) Color guard, present the colors! (Commands should be given sharply and loudly.)

(Color guard advances from rear of room with flag bearers in front, followed by guards. The American flag should always be on the marching right in the procession. As procession begins, speaker gives his next command.)

SPEAKER: Hand salute! (He salutes and audience does likewise. Speaker's eyes follow American flag until it is in position in front of room.)

(Flag bearers and color guards take position in front of room near flag stands. They stand at attention, facing the audience. The flags are held vertically.)

SPEAKER: Pledge of Allegiance, repeat! (He begins pledge with audience joining in.)

(At this command, the pack flag is lowered slightly - take care that it does not touch the floor -- and full attention is given to the American flag. Flag bearers and color guards do not salute or repeat pledge. When pledge is completed, the speaker gives the next command, which is the signal for audience's salutes to be dropped. The pack flag is raised to vertical position again.)

SPEAKER: Two! Color guard, post the colors!

(The pack flag is placed in its stand, then pack flag bearer and color guards salute it and step back into place. The American flag is then posted; its bearer and guards salute it and step back into place.)

Speaker: Color guard, Retire! (or retreat)

(Flag bearers lead procession to back of room... with speaker following last.)

OPENING - TEAMWORK

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: the word "Teamwork" means many things to a group. We in Cubbing are proud of our Cubbing Team.

CUB: As the youngest member of our team
I represent all of our Cubs who dream
Of growing up to be a man some day
To grow up right, if you all show the way.

WEBELOS: We Webelos have been around a while
We've learned and had fun so we can smile,
So many of you have helped so much
We want to say, thank you, for your loving touch.

PARENT: Like all of you, I was new in the Cubbing game
But I did my best all the same,
Helping my son with his achievements and more
Attending the pack meetings and trips galore.

DEN LEADER: With reluctance I became part of this Cub Pack Helping boys keep on the
right track.
crafts and songs and games and planning, too
Kept me busy with all of you.

SCOUTING COORDINATOR: You don't see me too often, I'm like the invisible man. My
job is to see that our (institution, school, church, etc.) helps in any way it can. Keeping in
touch with our pack committee right here And keep it moving from year to year.

CUBMASTER: I am only the symbol of leadership you entrusted to me I run the monthly
pack meetings for all to see the fruit of all the plans you made along the way so that the
Cubs their efforts could display.
Committee Chairman: Now will the whole committee, all parents, all Cubs please rise and
repeat with me our Pledge of Allegiance to start our Blue and Gold.

OPENING - THAT'S CHRISTMAS

ARRANGEMENT: The boys come on stage and stand in line. They can be holding Christmas gifts, decorations, etc. Each speaks his line in turn.

FIRST CUB: Secrets! Secrets! In the air!
Merry greetings everywhere! That's Christmas!

SECOND CUB: Cedar boughs in every nook!
Holly! Everywhere you look! That's Christmas!

THIRD CUB: Christmas trees with baubles bright,
Flashing in the candle light! That's Christmas!

FOURTH CUB: Hearth fires leaping high to show
Faces in the firelight's glow! That's Christmas!

FIFTH CUB: Spicy smells of things to eat,
Promising a welcome treat! That's Christmas!

SIXTH CUB: Bundles big and bundles small!
And we must not look at all! That's Christmas!

SEVENTH CUB: Little whispers all about!
But we can't find one thing out! That's Christmas!

EIGHTH CUB: Such a lot of things to do!
Shopping trips and wrapping too! That's Christmas!

NINTH CUB: Time for fun and song and play!
Just the year's most happy day! That's Christmas!

TENTH CUB: Joy in all we have and do!
Wishing joy for other too! That's Christmas!

ALL: So we gladly join to say,
Here's to wish your happiest day --That's Christmas!

OPENING - THIS DOOR

LET'S LOOK AT THIS DOOR. (HAVE AN ACTUAL DOOR STANDING ON STAGE WITH A SPOT LIGHT SHINING ON IT.) "Narrate very slowly and distinctly."

THIS DOOR --

This door can let people in or it can keep people out.

THIS DOOR --

This door could be a church, a school, or a home. Or it could be on a dirty cellar, an abandoned building, or a reform school.

THIS DOOR --

This door-could be opened to more boys in existing units or could be slammed in their faces.

THIS DOOR --

This door-could carry a welcome sign, say quarantined, full house, or KEEP OUT!

THIS DOOR --

This door can open into the wain light of a training session or it can be kept locked and dark.

THIS DOOR --

This door-for a boy, could open to a great 'wide wonderful world or-it could be open to a jail.

THIS DOOR --

Watch the boys 8, 9, 10, years of age as they come up to this door the happy, the carefree, the troubled, the crippled, the lame, the blind, the deaf, the dumb, the black, the white, the red, the yellow, every single boy.

THIS DOOR --

This door pens to only one of every three. Two boys are turned away. Away--from the door that opens to adventure--to wholesome experiences to an understanding of Gods an appreciation of and love for their country.

DOOR MUST BE OPENED FOR BOYS.

Boys will seldom go up and knock on the door, they do hang around outside and wait to be invited in.

What boys do and what they think cannot be left to chance.

OPEN THAT DOOR FOR JUST ONE MORE!

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OPENING - TURKEY DAY JOY AND GOODWILL

Webelos color guard post the U.S. and pack flags and leads the Pledge of Allegiance. The audience is asked to remain standing while a Cub Scout or Cubmaster offers the following prayer.

"O Lord of us all, like the Pilgrims we gather together to praise Thee and to give thanks for all our blessings. Give us the gift of joy tonight and help us to give goodwill to all men now and forever."

OPENING - WEATHER

Props: 7 large cards printed large enough so it is easily readable for the Cub Scout

W--Wooly clouds in the sky
Will bring rain drops by and by

E--Evening red and morning gray
Send the traveler on his way

A--A sunny shower
Won't last an hour

T--To the surface, quick to bite
Catch your fish, when rains in sight

H--Hear the sounds traveling far and wide
A stormy day does this betide

E--Evening gray and morning red
Send the traveler wet to bed

R--Rain never comes to pass
When dew is on the grass

OPENING - COMMUNICATIONS

Make traffic signs from poster board or colored construction paper and on the back of each one is printed one or two letters (depending on number of Cubs) from "COMMUNICATIONS". After all the boys have come on stage have them turn signs around to reveal the word "COMMUNICATIONS". An effective opening without a word spoken. For traffic signs consult "What Every Driver Should Know" from Secretary of State Office.

OPENING - THE WEBELOS LEGEND - BY MILTON KLINT SALINA, KANSAS

Hear now the Webelos legend; the tale of the Webelos tribes; the tales of Akela, its chieftain. "Hoo", called the owl in the darkness; the Indian boy Mowgli, lay in his teepee and listened to the rustle of the trees in the night.

"Boom" went the deep muffled beat of the great ceremonial drum. The braves of the tribe were convening. He wished he could answer that call. Quick like the flight of an arrow; quiet, in the hush of the night; before a great fire ring they gathered, awaiting Akela, their Chief.

Here in the great Council Ring Fire, on top of the cliff there they met. Here often they come for decisions. Here, too, the Great Spirit is sought.

Here they sought help from the Spirit on hunt or on warpath; in peace. Here they met their Chief Akela; awaited his final decree.

Now with the "boom" of the big drum all was quiet; the night was quite still. The great ceremonial fire, when lighted, illuminated the hill. The tom-toms began, set the rhythm. Akela stepped into the Ring. First low and slow then... like thunder, they beat as he danced near the fire.

Dancing with grace, full of gesture, in costume, he told of his life. He told of the strength of his father, the powerful "Arrow of Light."

"Kind eyes", his mother, taught those things that only a mother can know. He once saved her life with his arrow; his father helped fashion his bow.

The tom-toms beat on and his dance told of trips to the forest, where Wolf taught him the ways of wild-life, of the ground, of tracks, ways to food. Through dancing and gesture, he told how he next faced the Bear and learned the meaning of courage, and then he became a young Scout of the trail.

Akela, the Wise, closed his dance. By sign and by gesture he told how the tribe can be strong only when the boys of the tribe are strong.

He said this: "The future is hid, but if we are strong and brave; if we can teach our boys to be fair, our tribe will continue to be strong." Let us name our tribe for the Bobcat, the Wolf and the Bear and the Scout. The Webelos Tribe we'll be called and the strongest of all we will be."

Akela thus ended his dance. The beat of the tom-tom was stilled. In silence the warriors stood; then gave the great guttural "How".

The fire burned low; all was still. No sound broke the hush on the hill, save the crackle of embers and all the mysterious half-noises of night.

The braves raised their right hands toward heaven. "Living Circle" was formed with their left. The Webelos pledge was given; "To live and help live" was their pledge.

This then, is the Webelos legend. This, then is the reason they're strong. they honor the pledge which they make: "To live and help live" is their goal.

OPENING - AMERICAN INDIAN - WE THANK THEE

PROPS: Artificial campfire, tom-tom, rattle for medicine man, small American flag.

THE SETTING: Three Indian braves and a medicine man are seated around the fire; Indian Chief is standing; boy in Cub Scout uniform is off stage.

INDIAN CHIEF: (Raising arms outstretched toward the sky.) "Oh Great Father in the sky, listen to my people!"

1ST BRAVE: (Raises arms toward the sky) "We thank thee, Creator of the light of the sun, for each new day.

2ND BRAVE: (Raises arms toward the sky) We thank thee for the beauty of the world and the plants and animals we enjoy.

3RD BRAVE: (Raises arms toward the sky) "We thank thee for the night and the rest it brings.

INDIAN CHIEF: "Oh Great Father of all Cub Scouts, Bless us, and be with us today.

MEDICINE MAN: (Jumps up, shakes rattles and as tom-toms beat, shouts) Rise up, all you braves, Rise up, our white brothers!

CUB SCOUT: (Enters carrying American Flag, which he presents to the Indian Chief. "This is the most beautiful flag of the world. IT STANDS FOR FREEDOMS LIBERTY AND HAPPINESS. Take it, honor it, respect it, and love it always, for it is yours and mine." (He leads the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.)

OPENING - CHRISTMAS SEASON

CUB SCOUT #1: Will everyone stand and say the Law of the Pack.

The Cub Scout follows Akela.

The Cub Scout helps the pack go.

The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow.

The Cub Scout gives goodwill.'

CUB SCOUT #2: The gifts that we will receive and enjoy this Christmas season, should make us all more determined to live up to the ideals of Cub Scouting - duty to god and duty to our fellowman.

CUB SCOUT #3: Put God first. Do what you know God wants you to.

CUB SCOUT #4: Give goodwill by smiling, be happy. Do things that make others happy. They don't have to be big things, little things help.

CUB SCOUT #5: May we all join in saying the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN AMERICAN

SETTING: 4 uniformed Cub Scouts, carry suitable props (such as a megaphone, nightcap, church model, and a star) speak the following lines.

CUB 1: You can say anything that you want to say, whoever you may be. Some things cost a lot of money, but speech is free.

ALL: That's what it means to be an American.

CUB 2: You can write anything that you want to write and dare to disagree. You can sleep without feeling afraid at night.

ALL: That's what it means to be an American.

CUB 3: You can't be put in prison unless you have been fairly tried. You can choose your church to worship, with your family by your side.

ALL: That's what it means to be an American.

CUB 4: You can dream any dream you want to dream, and make it come true. We live in a land where liberty is meant for me and you.

ALL: That's what it means to be an American.

(Lead "America the Beautiful", then the Pledge of Allegiance)

OPENING - WORLD BROTHERHOOD

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos nearest to graduation into troop. Props: Can of Sterno wrapped in aluminum foil and placed in a metal bowl on a tripod.

CUBMASTER: It has become traditional at jamborees to have a small flame of brotherhood burning throughout the jamboree. The flame reminds us of Cub Scouting's ideals and how they bind us in brotherhood with Scouts all over the world.

Our flame will be guarded by Webelos (names or the Den Chief). Each of them will be on guard 20 minutes during the course of our Blue and Gold Banquet.

Now I shall request Webelos (first one's name) to come forward and light the flame of world brotherhood. (as the boy lights the flame, say the following prayer) "O Divine Father, we have kindled this flame as a symbol of brotherhood among men of all nations. We pray that the flame of brotherhood will light the minds and souls of all mankind, that peace and harmony will prevail, and Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen."

Now will all Cub Scouts please make the Cub Scout sign and join me in the Cub Scout promise.

OPENING - YE! FAIR KNIGHTS AND MAIDENS

Speaking parts are printed on the back of cardboard symbols. Cubs read their lines and then place their symbol on a large cardboard shield.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hail, ye fair knights and maidens! Tonight we speak of the days of yore when kings and queens ruled, and knights searched for maidens in distress. In those days a Coat of Arms was very important. It told all who met you who your family was and if you were friend or foe.

Today we wear our special Coat of Arms - our Cub Scout uniform. Let us tell you about it.

The first item on our shirts is the Cub Scout insignia. It tells everyone that we belong to the world wide family of Scouting.

The Bobcat is the first badge we earn. It means we've learned the basic rules of Scouting and are ready to grow in the Scouting family.

This Wolf badge is earned by second grade Cubs. While working toward it we learn respect for our flag, home safety, and awareness of our neighborhood.

When we start third grade, we move on to Bear. Conservation, folk lore and woodworking are some of the fields we explore.

While advancing through the Wolf and Bear ranks, we can choose to do extra projects in many different areas. Each time we do 10 projects, we earn an Arrow point.

Fourth grade Cubs move to a special den and earn their Webelos Badge. They work in activity fields such as Citizenship, Artist, Engineering, and Forestry.

The Arrow of Light is the highest award in Cub Scouting. It means that a Webelos has worked in 7 activity areas and has learned the basics for being a good Boy Scout.

Many Cubs also earn the Religious emblem of their Faith. It means that they have done extra projects to learn more about their Faith and what it means to them and their community.

To complete our Coat of Arms, we include the American Flag. It symbolizes our country and the love and respect we have for it. Our flag tells everyone that we're proud to be Americans. As proud Americans, let us stand and salute our flag.

OPENING - THE AMERICAN BOY

A Cub Scout stands blindfolded, gagged and bound before the audience.

CUBMASTER: This is an American boy. The American Revolution won him his freedom. (Cubmaster unbinds him.) The Constitution guarantees him his freedom of speech. (Removes the gag.) A free education gives him the ability to see and to understand. (Removes his blind fold.) Let us help Cubbing teach him to preserve and enjoy his glorious heritage and to become a good citizen.

Turn out the lights, and spotlight the American Flag and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - WELCOME

No scenery is required for this opening. There are no costumes except their uniforms. The verses may be said by individual performers or by a group of boys. Have the performers line up on stage. Let each performer step forward as he gives his verse. The final two verses are given by all. In the seventh verse, have the performers point at the audience on the last line.

CUB 1: Another year is starting,
And we'd like to welcome you.
And tell you what our purpose is,
And what we hope to do.

CUB 2: The Cub Scouts are a group of boys;
Who help us grow up strong.
And teach us to do what's right
And fight against what's wrong.

CUB 3: They show us how much we can do,
If we work as a team;
Then we'll have fun and jobs won't be
As hard as they first seem.

CUB 4: We'll go on hikes and field trips,
To learn of nature's wonders,
So we'll respect her when we're grown
And not make any blunders.

CUB 5: And we'll be shown in many ways
That each man is our brother;
And we will see the joy there is
In helping one another.

CUB 6: We'll learn to be good citizens
And, hopefully, we see--
That laws are made for all men,
So each man can be free.

ALL: To do all this, Cub Scouts need
Good leaders --- this is true ---
That means we need the help of all
Of you-- and you -- and YOU!!

And now, to start the year off right,
In a good and proper manner,
We'd like you all to rise and sing
Our own "Star Spangled Banner."

OPENING - SCOUTING SPREAD AROUND THE WORLD

PERSONNEL: Den leader or Den Chief and a Den of Cub Scouts

DEN LEADER or DEN CHIEF: From its beginning on Brownsea Island, the Scout idea spread around the globe until it is now the largest and most influential youth movement in the free world. Although there may be some differences in the program, the whole movement adheres to these fundamental principles.

(Have each Cub Scout read one of the following statements.)

1. Duty to God and respect for individual beliefs.
2. Loyalty to one's country and respect for its laws.
3. Strength of world friendship and Scouting brotherhood.
4. Service to others - community development.
5. Universal regard for Scout Promise and Law as a life guide.
6. Voluntary membership.
7. Service by volunteer leaders.
8. Independence from political influence and control.
9. Unique program for training youth in responsibility, citizenship, physical and mental development, and character guidance through use of den and packs, group activity, recognition through awards, and learning by doing.
10. Outdoor program orientation.

Will everyone stand and please say with us the Cub Scout promise.

OPENING - BLAST OFF INTO SCOUTING

PERSONNEL: One den of eight Tiger Cubs.

EQUIPMENT: Individual cards containing of eight letters. (First and last cards shaped such as to form space ship)

ARRANGEMENT: As each Tiger Cub recites his lines, he holds his card high.

CUBMASTER: We are going to assemble our rocket for a trip into space. We'd like you to join us.

1st CUB: C is for courtesy in Cub Scouting and all through life.

2nd CUB: U stands for usefulness to our families and others.

3rd CUB: B stands for bravery in thoughts and deeds.

4th CUB: S stands for safety in all we do.

5th CUB: C stands for church - the one of your choice.

6th CUB: O stands for the outdoors and the beauty of nature.

7th CUB: U is for unity - in our den, in our pack, in our school, in our church - because in unity we are strong.

8th CUB: T stands for the truth in all things.

CUBMASTER: Now we are ready for blast off.

(Audience counts down: 5-4-3-2-1) "BLAST OFF"

Rocket moves off stage.

OPENING - TINSEL

Place a large bed sheet in front of a real or artificial tree.

Have a bright light on and placed behind the tree to make a silhouette for the audience.

NARRATOR: The final touch to any Christmas tree is the sparkling tinsel draped from branch to branch. The story of how tinsel came about is this:

Along time ago a poor woman was making all her preparations for Christmas. Although she had very little money, she was determined that her children would have the best Christmas that she could give them. The last thing that she had to do was decorate the tree. She tied on a few things that she had, but the tree still looked bare. When she had done all she could, she went to bed tired and sad that despite all her efforts Christmas would not be all that she could have wished. (She is seen making he last efforts on the tree and then exits.)

Overnight the spiders that lived in the house came out of their hiding places and explored the tree. As they did so they spun their webs from branch to branch. (The Cubs are seen moving about the tree.)

The Christ child, seeing what had happened to the tree and knowing that the work that has gone into its decorations, turned the webs into sparkling strands of silver.

Imagine the children's surprise and delight on this wonderful evening as we begin our meeting with a beautiful tree. (The sheet is lowered to show the Christmas tree of the Pack.)

OPENING - HALLOWEEN COMES ONCE A YEAR

SCENE: To enhance the Halloween atmosphere, turn out the lights and have a candlelight processional for the color guard unit.

PERSONNEL: Use more than just a few Cubs, use most of the Pack to create lost of light.

PROPS: If candles are not feasible because of carpeting or whatever, use flashlight with orange tissue paper cover to dim the brightness some what. House lights should not be turned on until after the pledge has been given.

CUBMASTER: Tonight you may see
Witches on their brooms.
Tonight you may witness
The man on the moon.
Tonight you may hear
All sorts of scary sounds
Of what come up from the ground.
Don't scream, Don't be frightened,
Most of all don't fear.
It's only Halloween that comes.
But one a year.
Please join me now in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - MAKERS OF THE FLAG

This opening has been adopted for the use of 10 cubs. It can easily be fitted to any number. (The language may be too difficult for all but the best readers)

CUB #1: I am not the flag; not at all, I am but its shadow. I am whatever you make me; nothing more. I am your belief in yourself, your dream of what a people may become. I live a changing life, a life of moods and passions, of heartbreaks and tired muscles.

CUB #2: Sometimes I am strong with pride, when men do a day's honest work. Sometimes I droop, when purpose has gone from me, and cynically I play the coward.

CUB #3: Sometimes I am loud, garish, and full of that ego that blasts judgement. But always I am all you hope to be and have the courage to try for.

CUB #4: I am struggle and panic, and ennobling hope. I am the day's work of the weakest man, and the largest dream of the most daring.

CUB #5: I am the Constitution and the courts, statutes and the statute makers, soldier, cook, counselor and clerk.

CUB #6: I am the battle of yesterday and the mistake of tomorrow. I am the mystery of the men who do without knowing why. I am the clutch of an idea and the reasoned purpose of resolution. I am no more than you believe me to be, and I am all that you believe I can be.

CUB #7: I swing before your eyes as a bright gleam of color, a symbol, of yourself, the pictured suggestion of that big thing which makes this nation. My stars and stripes are your dreams and your labors. They are bright with cheer, brilliant with courage firm with faith, because you have made them so out of your hearts. For you are the makers of the flag and it is well that you glory in the making.

The other Cubs are used to present National and Pack colors and to hold the felt board. A white felt board is used to build the flag. A blue field with Stars and red strips are placed with each Cub's part.

OPENING - ONE SMALL BOY

From the sky we take some blue,
Sprinkle with sunlight's golden hue,
Gently stir with loving care,
Add one boy with tousled hair.
Dress him in our blue and gold,
A better citizen we will mold.
With a law and a promise and a bobcat pin,
His adventure in Scouting will begin.
The trail is long but filled with fun,
To be enjoyed by everyone.
Let his motto guide us well;
"Do your Best", for who can tell?
This boy we've dressed in blue and gold,
May lead our nation when we are old.
So, guide him wisely so he'll believe,
It's right to build, to serve, to achieve.

OPENING - SHOW TIME

TV ANNOUNCER: (with microphone) Welcome ladies and gentlemen, boys, and girls, to one or the greatest family entertainment nights of the year. This is Show Biz Pack meeting night!

SIGN HOLDER: Cub holding card saying "applause" walks past the front row of seats showing his can. He can be wearing ear phones as if he is getting orders from a control booth.

TV ANNOUNCER: We have for you a preview of tonight's attractions. Tonight for your pleasure we will have songs!

SINGERS: Small group of wildly dressed Cubs with instruments can come in singing words of a pop song.

SIGN HOLDER: He follows close behind with a sign that says 'yea'.

TV ANNOUNCER: We have for you games!

ATHLETES: A small group of Cubs come in dressed in team uniforms with balls and giving each other pep talks, sign holder; He follows close behind with a Sign saying "HOORAY."

TV ANNOUNCER: Of course we will have a little business to discuss.

SIGN HOLDER: Comes close to announcer with a sign that says "BOO".

TV ANNOUNCER: And we will have a lot of fun!

SIGN HOLDER: Comes close to announcer with a sign, that says "OH BOY".

TV ANNOUNCER: But before we get on with the show, lets all rise and say the Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

TV ANNOUNCER: (Like introducing Johnny Carson- swing a pretend golf club) Now hee--aarrs the Cubmaster.

SIGN HOLDER: Shows the "applause" sign again.

OPENING - L-I-B-E-R-T-Y

PERSONNEL: Narrator and seven Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Seven large cards, each with a letter to form the word LIBERTY

NARRATOR: The word "LIBERTY" is held so dear. Each letter is a symbol of this nation held together by love, not fear. Man has fought and died in years gone by, but the meaning stays the same for you and I.

(In order, each Cub Scout steps forward turning their card so that the letter may be seen by the audience and recites the phrases given below)

L - L is for LAWS, made for the protection of all.

I - I is for IDEALS, whose standard shall not fall.

B - B is for BRAVERY, for all, not a few.

E - E is for EQUALITY, upheld through and through.

R - R is for RELIGION, a matter of choice.

T - T is for TRUTH, which we are free to voice.

Y - Y is for YOUTH, inspired from the start.

ALL LETTERS: It's all up to you - so do your part!

OPENING - THE BIRTH OF A FLAG

MATERIALS: One large container such as a box, wash pot, etc.
One roll each of one or two inch red, white and blue crepe paper.
Eight to ten stars or disks constructed of aluminum foil or similar material.
One large spike or similar object to represent a needle large enough to be seen by audience.
One piece of brightly colored yarn which should be attached to the "needle".
One American flag.
Five Scouts.
A narrator.

INSTRUCTIONS: The container is placed in the front center stage, with or without backdrop. The U.S. flag should be concealed within the interior of the container (care should be taken to protect the flag from soiling or desecration during this procedure).

The five Scouts are positioned or grouped around the container so that on cue during the narration, each may deposit his property into the container.

At the conclusion of the narration and at the beginning of the accompanying music, the five Scouts should, in unison, bend, grasp, and withdraw the U.S. flag and hold in proper position until the conclusion of the music, then withdraw from the stage with the flag. Two Scouts should properly fold the flag after they are off stage.

NARRATOR: Have you ever stopped to think about how a flag is born? Today we are here to show you how our flag was made!

First, we add the red for courage. (first Scout raises red strip and deposits into container by holding loose end of roll allowing roll to "stream.") The courage of those gallant men who have given their lives defending the freedom of our great country. Red is for the courage of those Scouts who have accepted the challenge of advancement and development of mind, body and character.

Next, we shall add some white for purity, (next Scout raises white strip and deposits into container by holding loose end of roll allowing roll to "stream.") The purity of the birth of a new nation which struggled for life carved from virgin wilderness. The white is also for the purity of a new Cub Scout just beginning the great adventure of Scouting.

Then, let us add some blue taken from the sky above and the water that surround our continent. (next Scout raises blue strip and deposits into container by holding the end of roll allowing roll to "stream.") The blue represents the life-supporting elements that sustain our very existence. The blue sky and the blue water that beckon Scouts of all nations to enjoy God's great natural beauty.

Next, we will add just a dash of stars (next Scout drops stars into container) to represent the fifty states that make up this grand land we call the United States of America. Stars that shine in the eyes of a lad as he succeeds in the accomplishments and goals achieved in the Scouting program.

Finally, we add this needle and thread (next Scout drops needle and thread into container)

with which to finish our flag. The steel of the needle signifies the strength of our nation and the thread represents the fiber of brotherhood (withdraw the flag as stated in the instructions) that binds us together in the united effort to continually defend the freedom our flag represents. Our flag! Old Glory! The Red, White and Blue! Stars and Stripes Forever! The flag of the United States of America! May it always fly with honor and respect!

OPENING - TIGER CUB FLAG CEREMONIES

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

Cubmaster or Tiger Group Coach:
(At front of the room)

"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!"

TIGER 1: "If you're proud to be an American, please stand and say, 'I'm proud to be an American.'"

TIGER 2: "Hand salute" I Pledge Allegiance"

(Everyone says pledge)

TIGER 3: "Two"

(after pledge is completed and then says,) "Honor guard retire."

The boys march off the same way they entered.

Flag Ceremony #2

TIGER CUB GROUP COACH OR PARTNER: (At front of the room)

"Will the honor guard please come forward? "

Tigers march to front and several hold the flag completely unfurled.

TIGER CUB GROUP COACH OR PARTNER: "Will the audience please join in singing, 'God Bless America' and hum the second verse."

God Bless America, Land that I love.
Stand beside, her and guide her,
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains to the prairie,
To the oceans white with foam,
God Bless America, my home, sweet home.

While the audience hums, the boys recite the Tiger Cub Motto and the Tiger Cub Promise. TIGER CUB GROUP COACH OR PARTNER: "Honor Guard, please retire."

(Tigers march off.)

OPENING - MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO

SETTING: Den Chief and 6 Cubs Scouts in uniform, carrying small American flags, line up on stage and each speaks his part.

DEN CHIEF: More than two hundred years ago, God gave us a great nation; A land of wealth and bounty, choice among His creation. We must protect its freedom and defend its worthy cause, and support our Constitution, which is based upon God's laws. Let's pledge to stand in loyalty throughout the coming year, and with God's help we can overcome any times of doubt or fear. If we will trust His leading and live our lives His way, God will bless America, as upon its founding day.

(To audience.) Please stand and join me in singing "God Bless America". (Audience stands, sings, and is seated)

CUB #1: Glad you came to our banquet,
We have many things to say,
About our love for our country,
As we celebrate today.

CUB #2: Independence is a big word,
And hard for me to say,
But I know it means a lot,
To all Americans today.

CUB #3: Our national bird is the eagle,
Have you ever wondered why?
It may be because it soars above,
All birds to reach the sky.

CUB #4: The Liberty Bell is ringing,
Though its sound we do not hear,
Of freedom of speech and worship,
Freedom from want and fear.

CUB #5: Without our flag of red, white, and blue,
Things would be different for me and you.
It's a symbol of pride in the American way,
So we should be loyal and true each day.

CUB #6: Please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - CHRISTMAS OBJECTS

CHARACTERS: 6 Boys

ARRANGEMENT: Each boy comes on stage holding the object he's speaking about, or, he can use a poster with the appropriate picture on it. He can read his lines, or they can be read by a narrator.

CUB #1: THE CHRISTMAS TREE. The custom of decorating a small evergreen tree at Christmas time began in Germany. However, it reached America before it arrived in England. The German settlers in Pennsylvania decorated the trees with lights, sweets, and colored paper. That is how the Christmas tree became part of our traditional Christmas.

CUB #2: THE MISTLETOE. Ancient Celtic priests believed mistletoe had medicinal powers and was sacred. They thought it brought good fortune. Mistletoe was also considered the plant of peace, and under it, enemies met and reconciled their differences. From this ceremony came the English custom of kissing beneath the mistletoe.

CUB #3: THE CHRISTMAS WREATH. During the 16th century in Germany, branches of fir or spruce were intertwined in a circular shape. This symbolized the love of God which had no beginning or end. One legend tells of a young girl of Bethlehem who wept because she had nothing to bring to the Christ Child but a crown of holly leaves. The babe touched the crown and the leaves gleamed and scarlet berries appeared where her tears had fallen.

CUB #4: THE CHRISTMAS CANDLE. Medieval Christians believed that on Christmas Eve, the Christ Child wandered through town and countryside in search of those who believed in Him. On that night, they placed candles at their windows to guide Him.

CUB #5: THE POINSETTIA. This Christmas flower was discovered in Mexico in 1828 by Dr. Joel Poinsett. The people of Mexico and Central America call it "Flor do la noche buena" or flower of the Holy Night, because it reaches full bloom at Christmas.

CUB #6: THE CHRISTMAS CARD. At Christmas in 1843, in London, "A Christmas Carol" by Charles Dickens had just been published. A friend, Sir Henry Cole, had an artist friend design a Christmas greeting to send to his friends. This was to be the first Christmas card. It took more than 30 years for them to become popular. They were first introduced in the U.S. in the late 1870's.

(Everyone stands and can sing a favorite carol.)

OPENING - AMERICA WHY I LOVE HER

"America, America, God shed his grace on this--"

You ask me why I love her? Well, give me time and I'll explain. Have you seen a Kansas sunset or an Arizona rain?
Have you drifted on a bayou down Louisiana way?
Have you watched the cold fog drifting over San Francisco Bay?
Have you heard a bobwhite calling in the Carolina Pines,
Or heard the bellow of a diesel at the Appalachia mines?
Does the call of the Niagara thrill you when you hear her waters roar?
Do you look with awe and wonder at her Massachusetts shore . . .
Where men, who braved a hard new world, first stepped on Plymouth's rock?
And do you think of them when you stroll along a New York City dock?
Have you seen a snowflake drifting in the Rockies . . . way up high?
Have you seen the sun come blazing down from a bright Nevada sky?
Do you hail to the Columbia as she rushes to the sea...
Or bow your head at Gettysburg . . . at our struggle to be free?
Have you seen the mighty Tetons . . . Have you watched an Eagle soar?
Have you seen the Mississippi roll along Missouri shore?
Have you felt a chill at Michigan, when on a winters day,
Her waters rage along the shore in thunderous display?
Does the word "Aloha" make you warm? Do you stare in disbelief, when you see the surf
come roaring in at Waimea Reef?
From Alaska's cold to the Everglades . . . From the Rio Grande to Maine . . .
My heart cries out . . . my pulse runs fast at the might of her domain.
You ask me WHY I Love Her? ...I've a million reasons why.
My beautiful America . . . beneath God's wide, wide sky.

"And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea."

OPENING - SEVEN DAYS OF THE WEEK

PERSONNEL: 8 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Posters with the days of the week on them

SETTING: Seven boys carrying posters in front, one off to the side.

CUB #1 - Sunday begins the week with church and family.

CUB #2 - Monday starts the school week with friends.

CUB #3 -Tuesday our pack meets and awards are given.

CUB #4 - Wednesday is the middle of the week and time to take a break.

CUB #5 -Thursday Cub Scout dens meet and learn a new crafts and skills.

CUB #6 - Friday is the last day of the school week.

CUB #7 - Saturday is the end of the week, time for sports and outing. (All start laughing)

8th Cub: (entering) Why are you all laughing?

All: Because we are "Happy Days".

OPENING - SWIMMING HISTORY

Write each letter of the word SWIMMING on poster board. Tape the words to read on the backside. Boys come in one at a time to read, then remain until the word is spelled.

S: People have been swimming for thousands of years. Paintings from caves in Libya dating to about 9000 B.C. show people swimming. In Greece and Rome swimming was part of military training.

W: During the Middle ages in Europe, very few knights and soldiers learned to swim. A lot of people thought swimming helped spread disease. Swimming became common for recreation and medical therapy by the 1400's.

I: The Art of Swimming was one of the first known books on the sport. It was published in Europe in the year 1538! Japan first organized swimming nationally with an Imperial Order in 1603. Swimming was made part of the school curriculum, and inter-school competition was encouraged.

M: Britain played a large part in the history of competition swimming. In 1869 rules were drawn up by a group of clubs in London to distinguish between amateur and professional swimming competitions.

M: Swimming was added to the Olympics for men in 1896 and for women in 1912. Perhaps the greatest boost to swimming came in the 1930's when the Olympic champion Johnny Weismuller, "swam to fame" as Tarzan, King of the Apes.

I: Americans have done well in Olympic swimming events as a result of swimming programs in cities all over the country. Many communities added pools after World War II when the suburbs were growing. Mark Spitz was a famous American who won seven gold medals in the 1972 Olympics. This was an all-time record.

N: Training for swimming requires demands and sacrifices as you develop your body. Swimming also offers you fun, friendship and excitement too. Many schools have swim clubs and YMCA and other institutions sponsor teams you can join.

G: Raise your hand if you really like swimming. Just think, maybe someone here in this room will be the next swimming hero at the Olympics. See you there!

OPENING - SME OPENING CEREMONY

"THE ABC'S OF HOW YOUR COUNCIL HELPS YOU"

A	Adult recruitment, Audio-Visuals, Awards
B	Badges, Bike Safety, Books, Bowl-a-thon
C	Consultants, Camps, Clerical Services
D	Day Camp
E	Events, Expertise, Executives
F	Forms, Freebies, Fun
G	Games
H	Help
I	Insignia, Insurance, Incentives, Ideas
J	Junkets, Journeys, Jamborees
K	Knapsacks, Knives
L	Leaders Program Helps
M	Manuals
N	National Program, Nature Study
O	Outdoor Program, Optimism
P	Publicity, Pow Wow, Popcorn
Q	Quick Assistance
R	Recognitions, Roundtables, Recruitment Flyers
S	Songs, Scout-O-Rama, Summer time Pack Awards
T	Training, Trading Post
U	Umpteen Useful Other Things
V	Visual Aids
W	Workshops, World Brotherhood, Webelos Weekends
X	Xperienced Staff
Y	Year Round Program
Z	Zip, Zest, Zing

BOYS SING: ABC song with this ending-- Now then won't you help me help our (Name) Council SME.

OPENING - GOD'S HANDIWORK

PERSONNEL: Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Each boy holding a nature scene

SETTING: Boys lined up in front of audience.

CUB #1: We've learned a lot about taking care of this wondrous planet of ours.

CUB #2 We will protect and clean up the air, so all can enjoy the stars.

CUB #3: We won't litter our fields and streams or throw our trash on the roads.

CUB #4: We will enjoy all the sun's beams and protect the homes of the toads.

CUB #5: Nature is truly a wondrous thing. God's handiwork is everywhere.

CUB #6: In flowers and trees and butterfly wings, in clean water, clean fields and clean air.

OPENING - RED, WHITE AND BLUE

ARRANGEMENT: Five Cub Scouts read the following narration and three act as color guards for the posting of the colors.

CUB #1: We watch the flag as it passes by --
A flash of color against the sky.
It's fifty stars are a dazzling white,
As those few that shone by the dawn's early light.

CUB #2: The brave, bright Red that will never fade,
By the blood of men, sacrifice was made.
The White for our nation's purity,
Can be kept from stain by you and me.

CUB #3: The Blue, the vastness of God's own sky,
And His promise that freedom shall never die.
The mighty cities, the farmland fair,
The many churches for praise and prayer.

CUB #4: The chance to do and the chance to be,
In a land our forefathers fought to be free.
The hope that the world is looking for,
In our will for peace, but our strength for war.

CUB #5: All these are the flag of our dear land,
A symbol we cherish and understand.
And we bare our heads and our hearts beat high,
As our flag, "Old Glory" is passing by.

(The Den Chief orders the color guard forward to post the colors and leads the Pack in the Pledge of Allegiance.)

OPENING - EXPLORING ALASKA THEME

(Den leader uses as introduction to theme) Many years ago, the part of the world that we now know as Alaska was a vast frontier. There were very few people there - only the Eskimos. As Americans became restless with the everyday life, a few brave men began to explore the unknown and unpopulated areas of the U.S. - eventually Alaska! Here they found a beautiful land with bountiful resources. There were huge herds of caribou, deer, bears, fish and other wildlife that astounded these brave men.

As the years passed, more and more resources were discovered gold, lumber, fishing industry and oil. If you think of your life like an explorer would, you too are discovering the countless wonders of a new frontier. Scouting can help you along the way - it opens your eyes to some new things that maybe you hadn't thought of before. Now let us go together and explore the world of Scouting.

OPENING - THE FLAG OF COURSE I CAN TALK

SCENE OPENS: (Three boys walking past the flag, discussing politics, baseball, football, etc.)

Suddenly the flag lights up and a voice (Preferably a microphone speaker inside the flag) says; "Go ahead and pass me by!" (Lights out)

The three boys stop, look around, stare at each other and say,

CUB #1: I'm sure I heard something.

CUB #2: I heard it too.

CUB #3: Did that flag say something?

CUB #1: I thought so too!

CUB #2: I was afraid to say something, I thought you would think I was crazy.

CUB #3: But can flags talk?

(Flag lights up and voice speaks.): Of course I can talk, I have always been able to speak. Since 1776 I have been speaking to those that would listen. I have had 200 years of public speaking to my credit. I have spoken to the free, the not so free and even to the enslaved. I have always preached the same sermon, I have said it to individuals, small groups, large crowds, and to the whole world. Anybody that cares for my flag waving can hear me and be much the better person for it. My story is simple, direct and to the point. Would you boys care to hear my story?

(All boys together "Yes, Yes!!!")

Fine, then here it is. Through the years I have been insulted, used, ripped, torn, shot at, put on fire, pulled down, cut up, cried on, spit upon, disgraced, blood soaked, spied upon, buried, embarrassed, and in general tried to be put down as something not believed. But take my word for it, there are more people that believed in me than disbelieve. When people are in trouble, cast out, homeless and deprived, they look for my stars and stripes to lift them up from the depths of despair and raise themselves to any heights they so choose. I do not ask for much in return. A little respect, a bit of honor, and a few morsels of love and the right to throw my arms around the oppressed and downtrodden. Help people to become free thinkers and encompass love and passion for their fellow man. You three boys could help by starting all the people in this room with the pledge to you flag and country.

(Boys start the pledge, " I pledge....")

OPENING - THE MELTING POT

EQUIPMENT: Pre-cut pieces of cloth or paper, cut into red, white and blue strips, white or silver stars, make several of each item. Before ceremony pass out the strips and stars to the audience. Place a large melting pot at the base of the flagpole. Lean a large stir stick against the pot. The Color Guard will advance to the flag pole and stand between the flag pole and the melting pot. They will have nothing in their hands. The flag will be pre-folded and placed inside the melting pot before the ceremony begins.

CALLER: Please come to attention- Color Guard advance. (Color Guard advances with Color Bearer alone followed by Color guard, two by two.)

CALLER: Our flag of the United States of America is not just a mere piece of cloth, but a symbol of valor, purity and justice. Each color and star represents something very special. Let us weave our flag together now. Will all those with a red piece of cloth please come forward and put it in the melting pot. (pause while this is done).

Red is the color of blood shed by those who fought for our freedom. Red is the color of valor. Will all those with a piece of white cloth please come forward and put it in the melting pot. (pause while this is done)

White is the color of dreams, hope and the purity of faith. White symbolizes our belief in our country. Will all those with a piece of blue cloth please come forward and put it in the melting pot. (pause while this is done)

Blue is the color of the sky and the oceans, whose mysteries remind us of a law that goes beyond the law of man. It reminds us that in this country we are all equal under our law. Blue is for justice. Will all those with a star please come forward and put it in the melting pot. (pause while this is done)

The five pointed star originally designated "a new constellation" arisen in the skies of the world- in other words, a new nation. Each star stands alone, strong in itself as each state is, but united in the blue field of our country, they stand as a union strong, brave, and free. We stir these colors that symbolize our country. (Color Bearer carefully stirs the melting pot.)

Now bring forth your country's flag. (Color Bearer and Guard carefully lift out flag with the blue field nearest the flag pole) A symbol of justice, faith, valor, and the right of every person to be free. Color Guard post the colors. (after flag is in the stand) please join in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. Color Guard dismissed.

OPENING - MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

EQUIPMENT: Cardboard props of different modes of transportation, have you boys make these at den meetings - a horse, wagon, car, train, plane, boat and spaceship.

Have each boy hold his prop and talk about it. Keep them in order of appearance in history.

HORSE: The horse was the only means of transportation for many centuries. It was also used as a farm machine for plowing and harvesting.

WAGON: Wagons enabled people to travel farther and longer. They helped Americans move across the country and settle in new lands.

BOAT: Boats have been used for centuries. Probably early man used a raft to travel across rivers and streams. The native Americans used canoes to travel to hunting grounds and to fish for their families.

TRAIN: With the invention of the steam engine, Western America was opened up to more settlers and businesses. We were moving even faster than the house could ever carry us.

CAR: The "horseless carriage" helped Americans move even faster. Some people thought they wouldn't last - boy were they wrong!

PLANE: Thank goodness for the Wright Brothers! People said, if man was meant to fly, God would have given us wings. Instead, he gave the world two guys from Dayton who wouldn't give up. Now Americans could soar with the Eagles!

SPACESHIP: Who could ever imagine that we would someday walk on the moon? We travel through space and learn more about our own planet!

ALL BOYS: Who knows what the next century will bring!

OPENING - DO YOUR BEST SPELLED OUT

D - DOING, for others in need.

O - ONE, country allegiance and creed.

Y - YES, a response that we give.

O - OATH, that we pledge as we live.

U - UNDER, one flag we all stand.

R - READY, to defend our great land.

B - BEAUTY, we see it each day.

E - EAGERNESS, we all should display.

S - SERVICE, and love toward others.

T - THANKFULNESS for making us brothers.

OPENING - A POETIC COUNCIL FIRE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Camping poetry and free verse are used frequently in conducting an impressive ceremony. The following opening words are effective when read or recited by the fire lighter, who kneels for the opening verses and rises for the last lines.

I KNEEL

I kneel when I light a fire. (kneel)
I kneel reverently and thankfully,
For now will light and warmth,
Come to me through sacrifice.
This wood holds good things,
And gives them all for you and me.
This wood grew for many years,
Fed by water and by sun,
Protecting as it grew.
Giving as it now dies,
It will give light through flames.
It will give warmth through red coals.
It will leave behind only gray ashes.
But this sacrifice will not be in vain,
For we shall take with us,
The memory of this moment.
The fellowship and fun,
The song and challenge,
The story and ritual,
All to be ours forever.
So as our tiny spark grows,
To a dancing, lively flame,
Our council ring will become,
A court for honors.
A ritual for inspiration.
A stage for dramatics.
An arena for contests.
And a story time for remembrance.
I kneel when I light the fire,
When fire comes, I arise. (arises)
Thankfully accepting its sacrifice,
For its flame calls for worthy action.

OPENING - THE TRAIN

When ceremony is presented, Cub Scouts come on stage each holding a large cardboard picture of appropriate train car. Large pieces of cardboard from office furniture stores, cartons, etc., could be used opened flat, the inside or plain side used. Den Leader or other adult could sketch train, and Cub Scouts could paint with tempera or markers. Cub Scouts could simply march across stage with appropriate signs hung around necks describing cars:

ENGINE: This is the engine that represents our Government that keeps us on the right track.

COAL CAR: This is the coal car that represents the people who supply the energy to run our Government.

GONDOLA CAR: This is the gondola car that represents the open minds of the people who supply the energy to run our Government.

TANK CAR: This is the tank car that represents the energy to produce the ideas in the open minds of the people who supply the energy to run our Government.

BOX CAR: This is the box car that carries the food from our farmers, that helps produce the energy to supply the ideas in the open minds of the people that run our Government.

CABOOSE: Last but not least, this is the caboose that represents Scouting, which trains the boys with fantastic energy, who eat the food from our farmers and grow to men who produce the energy to supply the ideas in the open minds of the people that run our Government.

CUBMASTER: This train is unique, in that it runs on **FREEDOM**, the freedom that has made this country the strong nation that it is today. (The engine could have a small American flag posted in a proper place and the caboose could bear the Scout emblem. The other cars can be decorated appropriately.) Please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - F-I-E-S-T-A

ARRANGEMENT: Six Cubs each with one letter of the word Fiesta.

CUB #1: F - is for fun from far away lands.

CUB #2: I - is for incredible. It's going to be great.

CUB #3: E - is for excitement. We can't hardly wait.

CUB #4: S - is for Scouting to help us learn while we play.

CUB #5: T - is for treats inside the piñata.

CUB #6 : A - is for action. Let the fiesta begin.

OPENING - HERE'S TO THE RED OF IT

ARRANGEMENT: American Flag is posted on the stage. Four Cub Scouts in uniform have speaking parts.

1ST CUB: Here's to the Red of it -
There's not a thread of it,
No, nor a shred of it,
In all the spread of it,
From foot to head.

But heroes bled for it,
Faced steel and lead for it,
Precious blood shed for it,
Bathing it red!

2ND CUB: Here's to the Blue of it -
Beauteous view of it,
Heavenly hue of it,
Star-spangled dew of it,
Constant and true!

Diadems gleam for it,
States stand supreme for it,
Liberty's beam for it,
Brightens the blue!

3RD CUB: Here's to the White of it -
Thrilled by the sight of it,
Who knows the right of it?
But feels the might of it,
Through day and night?

Womanhood's care for it,
Made manhood dare for it,
Purity's prayer for it,
Keeps it so White!

4TH CUB: Here's to the Whole of it -
Stars, stripes and pole of it,
Body and soul of it,
O, and the roll of it,
Sun shining through!

Hearts in accord for it,
Swear by the sword for it,
Thanking the Lord for it,
Red, White and Blue!

OPENING - MANY THINGS THAT GO

ARRANGEMENT: Cub Scouts line up with posters as indicated and read their parts.

DEN CHIEF: Wheels, wings and rudders make many things go. And for the month of (name of month), it is our theme you know.

CUB #1: (Wheels) Henry Ford was an important man, he really took us far. Our thanks to Mr. Ford, he helped invent the car.

CUB #2: (Wings) Lindberg was a man whom we've all read about. He flew a plane that made the world really jump and shout.

CUB #3: (Rudders) Robert Fulton did his part in making something grand. The steamship made him famous all across the land.

DEN CHIEF: Wheels, Wings and Rudders have helped our country grow. So let us now salute the flag, we're a nation on the go.

OPENING - I BELIEVE IN

ARRANGEMENT: A den of Cub Scouts advance flags in usual manner. After pledge of allegiance is given and flags are posted, the boys stand at attention in a straight line on stage. Each recites his part in turn.

CUB #1: I believe in America!

CUB #2: I believe in this great land where freedom and opportunity are more than just words.

CUB #3: I believe that we as a nation place our basic trust and hope in God.

CUB #4: I believe that despite all difficulties, we as Americans will continue to be a strong, God-fearing country.

CUB #5: I believe that as a nation we have our faults, but I also believe that we are trying to overcome them.

CUB #6: I believe in America!

CUB #7: Please join us in singing "Make America Proud of You" (found on page 86, Cub Scout Songbook)

OPENING - SOLVING A CHRISTMAS PROBLEM

PERSONNEL: 8 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Christmas tree, chair

SETTING: As the scene begins, a Cub Scout (#6) is seated, head in hands by a Christmas tree. The other Cub Scouts enter and speak to him.

CUB #1: What is wrong with you, we've got a lot of work to do.

CUB #2: Come on don't be so down. Your face looks terrible with that frown.

CUB #3: Tell us why you are so sad. At Christmas time you should be glad.

CUB #4: Maybe with Christmas so near, he's worrying about what he's getting this year.

CUB #5: Come on and let us help you out, cause helping others is part of being a Cub Scout.

CUB #6: (Jumps up with a big smile on his face and shakes hands and slaps on back of Cub #5) That's it! That's it! Thanks old Buddy, my thinking sure was pretty muddy!

CUB #7: (All look puzzled at each other.) What did he do that made things right! I guess I'm just not too bright!

CUB #6: (speaking with lots of expression) I don't have money to buy my Mom a gift you see, but now I know I'll give her just helpful me!

CUB #8: Boy I'm glad you've helped us all remember, the importance part of that holiday in December.

(All put their arms around each other and walk off stage in a happy group.)

OPENING - GREETINGS TO EVERYONE

ARRANGEMENT: This ceremony is introduced by the den chief (leader if no den chief), who explains that the audience is to respond by doing as the boys say. The boys hold up cards which spell out the word G-R-E-E-T-I-N-G-S. Each exposes his card as he speaks his line.

G Glad to see you here tonight.
R Reach out your hand to a friend left or right.
E Everyone smile and shake his hand,
E Everybody smile and nod at another friend.
T Together now, stand up on your feet,
I I'd like for you all to take your seat.
N Now that we're all friends, we'll start the show
G Goodwill is a feeling we all like to know.
S So now we say greetings to everyone. We've tried to spread goodwill and that we have done. So Cubmaster(name), our program's begun! (This last boy motions for Cubmaster to come forward)

Boys with cards remain on stage; Cubmaster has lights dimmed; color guard advances, presents colors, leads Pledge of Allegiance, posts colors and retreats. Boys with cards follow color guard off stage.

OPENING - I HAVE MEANING TO BOY SCOUTS

ARRANGEMENT: Colors are advanced in normal manner. Audience is standing, facing the flag, Flag is spotlighted by a flashlight with house lights dimmed.

VOICE: I am your flag. I have a special meaning to the Boy Scouts of America, because your Scout Promise emphasizes duty to God and Country.

I am a symbol of America. I suppose you might say I AM AMERICA. I am great corn fields in the Midwest; throbbing industries in great cities; orchards and vineyards in the great valleys of the West. I am mountains, rivers, and lakes.

I am the citadel of democracy and the vanguard of freedom in the world where both are being discovered by more and more people. I am opportunity for any boy to become most anything if he has the skill and the will to scale the heights. I am most things to everyone and everything to most people. As a matter of fact, I guess that's what I am most..... people.... free people....you!

DIFFERENT VOICE: Let us all rededicate ourselves to our duty to keep America great and free. The pledge of allegiance and then we will sing "America the Beautiful."

OPENING - FRIENDSHIP LOGS & ASHES CEREMONY

This ceremony may be part of a Day Camp Fire. It is done in two parts, the opening with the friendship logs and closing with the ashes. Each unit will have decorated a log with items from nature to represent their feelings about Cub Scouts, Day Camp, dreams for the tomorrows to come, etc. and will have it with them at the Fire Ring. In turn each unit comes up to the already burning campfire and holds their log up high for all to see. The campers tell what the log represents to them and asks the group to join them in a song that is meaningful to their unit. As the song ends, the two campers holding the log place it in the fire. This is repeated until each unit's log has been placed in the fire. When it is time for the closing the Guardian of the Fire tells the campers of the "Legend of the Ashes"

"Long, long ago, before matches and central heating, fires were a precious commodity; the Indians had a warm and meaningful custom. Before a guest left his host's home fire, he was given some hot coals to start his own fire on his return home. This ancient custom is now being carried on by Cub Scouts. (if you have one, the bag of ashes from past campfires are held high for all to see. If you have none tell the group this is the beginning of this tradition at this camp.) "These ashes come from (read list of where the ashes have come from) As these ashes with their friendship, love, and warm thoughts and wishes from campfires past are poured in the fire they will mix with the ashes from your friendship logs. If you listen closely you will hear the laughter and feel the warmth of campfires of yesterday. These ashes gathered here will be passed on from Cub Scout to Cub Scout, from yesterday to tomorrow, from place to place for as long as there are campfires and Cub Scouts to share at your next campfire. Now that we are filled with the warmth of the fire and friendships here, let us each reach out and take the hand of one near us and sing (song of choice)."
(The next morning baggies are filled with ashes for each camper and a list of where the ashes are from given to each camper).

OPENING - A FLAG IS

MATERIALS: A large American flag held by Scout, A small piece of light cloth on a stick held by Scout.

LEADER: (points to small cloth on stick) A flag is much more than just a light cloth floating in the breeze.

A flag is an sovereign symbol of a nation's unity, its hopes, achievements, glory and high resolve.

The flag of the United States is such a symbol. A symbol of freedoms bravely fought for the hardly won. A symbol of protection under the constitution of the rights and privileges of all Americans. It symbolizes the promises of fulfillment of all their hopes, principles and ideals. It is also a symbol of the duty each of its citizens has to serve in times of need, to speak out for what each considers right and to help correct under the law that which is honestly believed to be wrong. Throughout the ages, man has developed character, courage and strength in devotion to the symbols he believed in. That is the heritage symbolized by our flag.

OPENING - HALLOWEEN WITCHES

PROPS: Black paper mache witches' kettle; colored and white spotlights! A long stick for a ladle; two or more witches costumes; a sheet for Cubmaster; ingredients for witches' brew listed below.

ARRANGEMENT: Colored spotlight is on Den Leader witches as one witch stirs the pot and the other witches add ingredients to the brew. The witch attending the pot recites this poem:

Take one dark night, without a star;
Add one thin cat, as black as tar,
Turn on a wind, to shriek and moan,
Stir in a ghost, with wail and moan.
Stuff three pumpkins with witches's bane,
Top with a slice of moon on the wane;
Flavor with bats, and things unseen;
Boil and serve chilled. It's Halloween!

CUBMASTER: (Covered with sheet, enters from side and recites):
There are queer things you may meet,
On Halloween upon our street.
Witches, goblins, spooks you dread,
Silent ghosts without a head.
Don't be frightened, for you seem
Underneath are friends like me!

(At last line, Cubmaster pulls off the sheet and welcomes audience)

OPENING - THE CUB SCOUT MOUNTAIN TRAIL

The only prop needed for this opening is a poster showing a mountain on which there has been drawn a distinct trail. Have the boys in your den draw this prop as one of their projects. As each Cub says his part, he places the proper Cub Scout Sticker in place along the trail. If you are able, make a paper mache mountain and use cloth badges. As each Cub Scout comes on stage and says his part, he places the sticker or badge in a specific place along the Cub Scout Trail.

CUB #1: I am a Bobcat- a beginner on the Cub Scout trail. Once I pass my Bobcat requirements, I'll be on my way.

CUB #2: I am now a Wolf Cub along the Cub Scout trail. I've earned my badge and arrow points and am ready to go another step of the way.

CUB #3: A Bear Cub Scout I have become. I'm in my second year. Up, up the Cub Scout trail I go, soon to be a Webelos

CUB #4: Webelos is the name for me. I spend my time earning Activity Badges, but there's still one more step for me. (places Webelos colors higher on the trail)

CUB #5: I too, am a Webelos, but I have reached the top. I've earned the Arrow of Light Award (place badge on top of mountain), but I have one more stop. By earning my Arrow of Light, I've studied quite a bit about Scouts. Now I can't wait to become one. (puts on Boy Scout hat)

OPENING - THE BEAUTY OF A FIRE

CUB #1: (as the fire is started) The early caveman used fire to protect himself from wild beasts and to warm his body.

CUB #2: In ancient times the Phoenicians used fire on mountaintops of high pillars as beacons for their ships.

CUB #3: The American Indian used fire to hollow out logs for his boats, to fire pottery, and for ceremonial purposes.

CUB #4: The pioneer used fire to forge rims for his wheels and bolts to build wagons. The silhouette of the village smithy against his fire was a common sight in early America.

CUB #5: The cowboy in the Old West sat around the campfire with a pot of coffee and beans. Their entertainment was the singing of ballads of the trail accompanied by guitars and harmonicas.

CUB #6: Fire today makes the wheels of commerce and industry turn. In essence, fire is putting men on the moon.

CUBMASTER: Fire is the universal symbol of Scout camping. The fellowship around the campfire is one of the most lasting memories in the life of the Scout. In just a few months some of you Cubs will become Boy Scouts. If every Scout group in the world had a campfire tonight like this one, the glow would light the world with a new hope for mankind.

OPENING - IT IS OUR FAMILY'S BELIEF

ARRANGEMENT: Eight boys, each boy reads a line - colors are posted and Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

CUB #1: It is our family's belief

CUB #2: And one for which we pray

CUB #3: That Thanksgiving become a lifestyle

CUB #4: And not just a day.

CUB #5: We're thankful for our family,

CUB #6: And for good friends it's true,

CUB #7: For all the blessings we've received

CUB #8: Today, and all year through...

OPENING - FREEDOM FROM TYRANT'S DEMANDS

F: For people of all other lands the Statue of Liberty stands, with a flaming torch held high against America's sky, promising freedom from tyrant's demands.

R: O'er the land of the free, flying high. Old Glory waves in the sky. Thirteen stripes and fifty stars, this banner is ours. To defend it, our heros did die.

E: Our bird is called the Bald Eagle. His power is mighty and regal. Within our fair land his emblem does stand. His seal is on all that is legal.

E: We treasure our Liberty Bell. Our independence declaration it told to our nation as it pealed out the news, "All is well."

D: Americans love the fair sight of the Capital dome gleaming white. Here we pass the laws to spread freedom's cause and guard against tyranny's blight.

O: Should Uncle Sam beckon you to serve on his liberty crew then try with all your might to help win the fight for freedom, to pay what is due.

M: The Star Spangled Banner is our song. To Americans it will always belong. Long may it wave o'er the home of the brave...these words we'll sing proudly and long.

All: We are 50 states all in all, whose standards never shall fall. Our motto is just, "In God Do We Trust." If you need us, just give us a call.

OPENING - CANADA, OUR NEIGHBOR

PROPS: 6 Cards/poster board with one letter of the word CANADA on each, explanation of the letter on the back. Cards or poster board may be decorated with scenes from Canada.

C is for the Calgary Stampede, rodeo in the prairie provinces -- home to the golden fields of wheat.

A is for Athabaskan Glacier in the Canadian Rockies -- snowy mountains under azure skies.

N is for Northwest Passage through the Arctic Circle; Eskimos and polar bears, land of the midnight sun.

A is the Atlantic Gateway -- Nova Scotia, Acadia, Quebec

D is Dawson in the Yukon Territory; Klondike, the gold rush, mounties, and fur traders.

A is our American neighbor to the north. Over 100 years of peace, with never the report of a gun, between Canada and the United States.

OPENING - WE'RE GATHERED HERE TONIGHT

NARRATOR We're gathered here tonight,
To honor the Blue and Gold,
And pay a tribute to Scouting,
Which is (put in #) years old.

Now, as we look all about us,
Scouting in action we see,
Bringing fun and adventure,
As Baden-Powell meant it to be.

Let us join together,
As our program we start,
By pledging allegiance to our flag,
With our hand over our heart.

Actions for boys:

1ST VERSE: Boy could hold up blue and gold card first lines and then turn them over for last line where the number of the year is printed on back.

2ND VERSE: As first 2 lines are read the place hands over eyes as if shading them and look from left to right. As second lines are read, each one can hold up something showing Cubbing fun such as pinewood derby cars, craft items, etc...

3RD VERSE: Boy stands at attention and turn to face the flag and lead the pledge.

OPENING - OUR FLAG FLEW

Tonight when you look at the flag during the Pledge, just imagine where all it has been.

It rode with the men on horses in the Revolutionary War, and hung over General Washington's headquarters.

It flew on wagon trains as they crossed the vast western prairies. Our flag flew over buildings in the Civil War while Lincoln was President.

This flag went to Europe in World War I and to Japan in World War II. It went to Korea and to Viet Nam, and Operation Desert Storm. Our flag flies over United States Embassies all around the world.

This flag is a very special part of our country, and a very special part of you. It symbolizes the great freedom you have in the United States. You can be a Cub Scout and live the kind of life you want.

Yes, tonight when you look at the flag during the Pledge, you can be proud that it has travelled the world representing the ideals of our land. Please join with me now in the Pledge.

OPENING - N-A-T-U-R-E #1

For an outdoor ceremony paint each letter on a card board square and staple it to a wooden stake. Line up the stakes in the ground around the campfire circle. Speakers stand behind the letters.

CUB #1: N - Stands for your name. Be proud of it. As you advance from Bobcat to Webelos you will add new laurels to your name. Everything you do affects your good name and your family.

CUB #2: A - Is for attitude. As sunlight affects growth, so attitude affects your spirit. Cub Scouts with the right attitude are happy, willing, and fair.

CUB #3: T - Stands for task. As the beaver works hard at his task of building, so does each Cub Scout.

CUB #4: U - Stands for usefulness. Just as animals and birds are known for their usefulness, so you will be judged by the work you do to help others.

CUB #5: R - Means you are ready. As the squirrel gathers food for the future, so you have worked on your achievements getting ready for the day when you become a Boy Scout.

CUB #6: E - Stands for energy. As the bee is never idle, so you too, keep busy giving goodwill.

CUB #7: The letters on these cards spell "Nature", God's way of telling us He cares. Let us always be grateful for the creation and for this great country of ours.

OPENING - THE BUS TO CUB SCOUT LAND

PERSONNEL: 6 Cub Scouts, Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Large cardboard cut-out bus

SETTING: Several Cub Scouts carry a large cardboard cut-out of a bus and stop at various bus stops to pick up Cubmaster and den leaders, take them to front of room and unload there. During the trip, some of the Cubs on the bus give the following tour information.

CUB #1: Ladies and gentlemen. The destination of this bus is Cub Land. Cub Land is an attraction which has more to offer than Disneyland, Six Flags and television combined.

CUB #2: When you get to Cub Land, you will find fun craft projects to make.

CUB #3: You'll find games and songs.

CUB #4: Cub Land has great treats such as weekly den meetings and tours.

CUB #5: Each month there is a fun filled pack meeting with awards, skits and songs.

CUB #6: Webelos Scouts in Cub Land work on exciting activity badges and go on father and son campouts.

(Leaders and Cubmaster get off the bus. Cubmaster leads the Pledge of Allegiance.)

OPENING - THIS FLAG IS A PIECE OF CLOTH

ARRANGEMENT: Honor guard forms two lines and the American flag is brought forward between the lines. Speaker leads Pledge of Allegiance while all salute. Speaker then says:

SPEAKER: This flag is a piece of cloth worth perhaps \$2. Why then, do we honor it? Let us hear what President Eisenhower, one of a long line of patriots stretching back nearly 200 years, had to say about it:

"To tell you why I love and respect our flag so much would take a book, for it would be the long, brave story of America. Briefly, I love our flag because it is the most beautiful national banner of all, and because it stands today and always, for the finest nation on earth. Today we urgently need a new commitment to the basic principles that made our nation great. Our flag is the symbol of these principles, and I would hope that all of us might find some way to display it, not merely on patriotic holidays, but every day of the year. Such a visible upsurge of respect for flag and country will do much to help bring about a new national solidarity, a renewed pride and faith in America."

Let's remember President Eisenhower's words whenever we see this piece of cloth. It stands for America... and therefore, it stands for you and me!

OPENING - CAMPFIRE LIGHTING WITH THE CUB SCOUT SPIRIT

Enter the Cubmaster with lit candle or torch. Others are gathered around unlit campfire.

WEBELOS: Who are you?

CUBMASTER: I am the Spirit of Scouting.

WEBELOS: Why do you come?

CUBMASTER: To give light to those who need it.

WEBELOS: Will you give light to us?

CUBMASTER: If you are prepared to serve God and Country, to help people, to live by the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack.

WEBELOS: We will do our best!

CUBMASTER: Then take your light from my light. (Cub kneels and lights fire.)

OPENING - AMERICA IS

CUB #1: America is the sound of fireworks on the Fourth of July.

CUB #2: America is the smell of freshly mown lawns on a cool summer night.

CUB #3: America is the red-orange hue of the desert sunset.

CUB #4: America is the sound of school children at recess.

CUB #5: America is the crunch of snow under a child's sled.

CUB #6: America is the peal of church bells on a quiet Sunday morning.

CUB #7: America is the smell of a country bar-b-que simmering over the fire.

CUB #8: America is!!

OPENING - OCTOPUS

PERSONNEL: Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Poster with an octopus the boy has drawn

SETTING: The boys form a line in front of audience.

CUB #1: In tying knots, I am the champ. With bowline or clove hitch, when my eight arms get in the way, I can't tell which is which.

CUB #2: An octopus, I like to hike o'er underwater hills. I "left" and "right" with just two legs, six others give me spills.

CUB #3: A patriot I salute our flag; the one that I'll fight for; I don't salute with one right hand, "Cause I salute with four."

CUB #4: In rowing boats I'm speedy. My eight arms move me fast. No matter how you use your oars - you'll come in tired and last.

CUB #5: I have two arms to gather wool. Two arms to start the flame. Two arms to cook my tasty meal. Two arms to shoot fresh game.

CUB #6: I can pass all swimming tests, the back stroke, floating or crawl. Cause with eight legs in water, we really have a ball.

All: We're a Cub Scout octopus. But soon it will be neat; we'll be Boy Scout Tenderfoots with eight tender feet.

OPENING - CUB MAGIC

PERSONNEL: 8 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Eight Cards spelling C-U-B-M-A-G-I-C.

Setting: Cubs stand in line holding cards to turn over before reading their part.

CUB #1: C - is for comradeship, we learn to get along.

CUB #2: U - is for unity, together we are strong.

CUB #3: B - is for boys, wild and wooly but always polite.

CUB #4: M - is for merits, which we always have in sight.

CUB #5: A - is for adventure, what we're always looking for.

CUB #6: G - is for growth, to open every door.

CUB #7: I - is for integrity, for all the world to see.

CUB #8: C - is for Cub Scout, which we are all glad to be.

OPENING - LIGHTING OF THE SPIRIT OF SCOUTING FLAME

EQUIPMENT: A fire ring or if outdoors a real fire

CUBMASTER: The pioneer used fire to forge rims for his wagon wheels. The silhouette of the village blacksmith against his fire was a common sight in early America. Fire is the universal symbol of Scout camping. The fellowship around the campfire is one of the most lasting memories in the life of a Scout. If every Cub Scout pack had a campfire such as the one we have tonight, the glow would light the world with a new hope for mankind.

OPENING - THE GUARDIAN OF THE FIRE

The campers gather in the fire circle. They approach in darkness and stand silently. Each camper holds a small candle, but none are lighted until the Guardian of the Fire indicates this action.

GUARDIAN: All around us is darkness. I light this little candle (do so) and it is no longer dark. Although this is a tiny light and it lights only a small area, we all can see it. Each of us knows it is here and could find our way to it. Though tiny, it is a beacon to everyone of us. But this tiny light can grow, it can be multiplied, if someone would come to join it. (Several of the cubs move to the candle and light their candle from it) Now the light is brighter, it lights a bigger area, and we can see more than before. But this is only a beginning, for once there is light and people who are willing to share it, it will grow, and though it is shared, it will become bigger, greater, until all who want can, have the light. (Cubs fan out and each lights the candle of another, and everybody lights their neighbor's candle.) See how fast the light can spread. Notice how well we can now see. This light makes it possible for us to see our friends, see their smiles and their actions. And others can see our light. As this light brightens this fire ring, our light can brighten our lives and the lives of others. The smallest light held by the least of us is important to the whole world. (four Cubs come to the center with their candles and light the fire ring .) Now we will light our fire with this same light that has grown from such a tiny flame. Watch this fire take up the flame, growing if we feed it. Let us sing as the light brightens our circle. (have campers extinguish their candle and join in the song)

OPENING - EXERCISE

PERSONNEL: 8 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: A cardboard letter for each boy - E X E R C I S E

SETTING: Each boy holding letter

- E - This is our first secret word for tonight. Your body is like a machine.
- X - It runs best when you use it,
- E - And take good care of it.
- R - Exercising helps take care of your body machine.
- I - It helps your heart,
- S - Your lungs,
- E - And your muscles.

OPENING - ESKIMO DOG SLED OPENING

Cubmaster arrives on dog sled in cold weather gear yelling "mush" at the dogs. Stops at front and removes coat so he doesn't get too warm. Introduces den of "Eskimos" who have thawed the flag by the fire and will present the colors and lead the pledge. Dog sled can be made of cardboard, masonite, styrofoam or combination of these. Dogs cut from poster board can be glued to the front of sled.

OPENING - WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

You asked, What's it all about?
Why, to turn a boy into a Scout.
To take a boy so young and frail,
And start him up the Cub Scout trail.
From Bobcat and Wolf and Bear,
With all the awards and arrows share.

Through Webelos and then into Scouts,
Giving guidance through problems, fears, and doubts.
And on through school and into life he'll tread,
With respect and love for man and God.
To watch him grow so tall and free,
Till one day a leader of our country be.

And then he too, like you and me,
Will take a boy so small and wee,
And will teach that boy,
With pride and Joy,
To be helpful, and to be a good Scout.
Yes, that's what it's all about!

Please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - THE FLAG WE FLY

PERSONNEL: 5 Cub Scouts
EQUIPMENT: 1 flag in flag stand
SETTING: Boys semi-circled behind flag

CUB #1: What do they mean - the stripes of red? Courage that's bright and spirited.
CUB #2: What do they mean the stars of white? Each for a state shines starry bright.
CUB #3: What does it mean the field of blue? Heaven's the reach of the brave and true.
CUB #4: Courage to do - and dare - and die. Faith like the stars that light the sky.
CUB #5: Honor and vision towering high... That's what it means, THE FLAG WE FLY.

OPENING - OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

CUB #1: America and Cub Scouting are just one big outdoor adventure.
CUB #2: This is my country. I will use my eyes to see the beauty of this land.
CUB #3: I will use my mind to think what I can do to make it more beautiful.
CUB #4: I will use my hands to serve it and care for it.
CUB #5: And with my heart I will honor it.
CUB #6: Many immigrants to America had a really big adventure getting here.
CUB #7: And on their adventure in this country they became loyal Americans.
CUB #8: Let us be like them, loyal Americans. Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - BADGES OF CLOTH

PROPS: Six cards with one letter of the word BADGES on each card, the explanation for each letter on the reverse side.

B stands for badges to be given today. What is a badge? A scrap of colored material is not nearly so important as the job that was done to earn it.

A stands for Akela. Your family and leaders who have helped you earn your badge.

D stands for Deeds. Good deeds to be done now and in the future for family, friends, and the community. Good deeds done with the knowledge and skills acquired through the badges.

G stands for growth. The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow.

E stands for eagerness and energy. Both are necessary to earn badges. Badges do not come easily and they should not or their value would be small. Badges must present challenges and difficulties and satisfaction in accomplishment.

S stands for Service. Service to others is one of our aims in life. Our badges help us to bring service to others.

OPENING - GOOD HEALTH

PERSONNEL: 5 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Barbells with letters on each end to spell GOOD HEALTH

SETTING: Boys holding barbells

CUB #1: Eating the right foods is really important if our bodies are to be strong and healthy.

CUB #2: Proper dental care will help us keep our teeth all our lives. Brush and floss regularly and see your dentist.

CUB #3: Buckle right down and carry your share of the load, unless you want to be a shirker on life's road.

CUB #4: Do your best to lift your share, showing everyone that you care.

CUB #5: Take care of your body and be sure to eat right. And now we wish you a very good night.

OPENING - U ARE IMPORTANT

CUB #1: We cannot spell: C B S C O T S without U

CUB #2: We cannot spell: Y O T H without U

CUB #3: We cannot spell: A D L T without U

CUB #4: We cannot spell: S C C E S S without U

CUB #5: We cannot spell: F N without U

CUB #6: We cannot spell: O T D O O R S without U

ALL: Clearly Scouting needs U!

OPENING - WE LEARN

PERSONNEL: Six Cubs in uniform, Cubmaster or Den Leader.

ARRANGEMENT: Have each of the following phrases on a 3-x-5 card for Cub Scouts to read. Cubmaster or Den Leader can read or memorize his/her part.

CUBMASTER: We learn to do the following through the advancement of Cub Scout ranks:

CUB #1: You learn to keep a promise, even if it is hard to do.

CUB #2: You learn to do your best with each new challenge.

CUB #3: You learn that to practice your religion, you must do so every day.

CUB #4: You learn that duty to country means to obey our country's laws.

CUB #5: You learn to do things for other people when you don't have to.

CUBMASTER: You learn that when you follow these Cub Scout ideas, you obey the Law of The Pack.

CUB #1: We learn our world is different from our parents' world.

CUB #2: We learn how to live with nature.

CUB #3: We learn to live in our modern world.

CUB #4: We learn conservation of our resources.

CUB #5: We learn safety rules we should live by.

CUB #6: We learn proper health habits.

CUBMASTER: Our learning experiences for Cub Scout advancements will help us become better Scouts.

OPENING - A GREAT HOST OF HEROES

ARRANGEMENT: The colors are advanced in the normal manner. The flag speaks:

FLAG: A great host of heroes, with the help of God, have kept me gallantly flying in the face of every threat and challenge to the democratic way of life I represent. The blood spilled in battles great and small all over the world is in my red stripes. The shining light of freedom is in my white stripes, penetrating the blackest night and filling the nations darkest hours with hope. The vast infinity of the heavens is in my stars, inspiring mankind to continue climbing up the stair case of history to a world of glowing promise. I am the emblem of man's finest dreams. I am the last hope of peace on earth. I am the American Flag.

OPENING - "BUILDING A HEALTHY ATTITUDE"

ARRANGEMENTS: Seven boys come on stage carrying various kinds of muscle building equipment. They use the equipment and in turn speak the lines below.

CUB #1: To keep your body strong and healthy, is more valuable than being wealthy.

CUB #2: When you are fit, you feel good and try to do the things you should.

CUB #3: It helps to lend a helping hand to needy folks around our land.

CUB #4: Eating the right foods is always wise, and needs some exercise.

CUB #5: Stand on tiptoes, one, two three, touch your toes and don't bend a knee.

CUB #6: Run a while, then slow your pace, practice will help you win the race.

CUB #7: Scouting builds young boys into men. This is where it all begins.

OPENING - WE LOOK TO THE COMPASS

PERSONNEL: Akela (an adult), operator of spotlight, tom-tom beater, a Cub Scout, A Scout, and an Explorer (each in uniform), Cub Scout or adult dressed as Indian.

EQUIPMENT: Indian tom-tom, spotlight, large cardboard compass board painted blue in east- gold in south- silver in west- with large cut-out Scout badge at north, 8 to 18 inch candle with a strip from the side of a safety match box wrapped around its base, a wooden arrow painted gold with wooden safety matches taped to the tip.

ARRANGEMENT: Compass board is supported by a small easel, and a candle is inserted in center. Room darkened, a tom-tom beats off-stage, a spotlight swings around the room, centering on compass board.

AKELA: We look to the compass for our guide. We find at the north an Indian with his spirit of adventure. (Indian enters carrying arrow and stands behind compass board) We find at the east a Cub Scout bringing his eagerness like the dawn of a new day. (Cub enters and stands at right of compass board) We find at the west an explorer, only a step from manhood, whose ideals of scouting. (explorer enters and stands at left compass board) We read the compass, we set the course... trained leadership will not lose the trail. Look again, the "Light of Scouting" burns. (the Indian places his gold arrow to the candle, scratching the wood his gold arrow lights the candle) Now will everyone join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - BLUE & GOLD WELCOME "LOUD AND BOLD"

PERSONNEL: 8 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: None

SETTING: Boys up front

CUB #1: We'd truly like to welcome you, to our banquet of gold and blue.

CUB #2: The food is great, the program grand, and everyone lent a hand.

CUB #3: We're having a party, to celebrate Cub Scouting's birthday.

CUB #4: And we give our thanks to all those who, have helped promote the gold and blue.

CUB #5: Blue and gold are our colors true, no other colors would really do.

CUB #6: Blue is the color of the sky above, gold is for sunshine, warmth and love.

CUB #7: Come join us in our Cub Scout fun, and delight in our colors of sky and sun.

CUB #8: So now we'll say it loud and bold, welcome to our Blue and Gold!

OPENING - KEEPING HEALTHY

CUB #1: To keep your body strong and healthy is more important than being wealthy.

CUB #2: When you are fit you feel so good and try to do the things you should.

CUB #3: Keeping healthy and strong allows us to lend a helping hand to needy folks around the land.

CUB #4: Eating the right foods is always wise, and everyone needs some exercise.

CUB #5: Stand on tiptoes, one, two, three. Touch your toes, don't bend your knees!

CUB #6: Run a while, then slow your pace, practice helps you win the race.

CUB #7: Scouting builds boys into men, and this is where it all begins.

OPENING - TRAILBLAZERS

NARRATOR: (Wearing an Uncle Sam hat and opening a history book to read.) Come join me now for just a minute while we look in a history book to see who helping our country in it. There are many trailblazers on these pages with tales of deeds down through the ages.

THOMAS JEFFERSON: (Make three-cornered hat from paper.) The Declaration of Independence I did write, helping our country in its freedom fight.

SQUANTO: (Wearing Indian headdress.) I helped the Pilgrims to stay alive that first winter in their struggle to survive.

NEAL ARMSTRONG: (Wearing an astronaut helmet.) I helped to blaze the trail into space for our land and I was the first person on the moon to stand.

ABE LINCOLN: (Wearing a stovepipe hat.) As President, my best to my country I gave, and helped in ending the War between the States.

THOMAS EDISON: (Wearing a newspaper hat.) I did my best to help my land without wait, the electric light I did create.

PAUL REVERE: (Wearing a tri-cornered hat and holding a lantern.) I made a famous ride to every farm to warn of the British and spread the alarm.

CUB SCOUT: (In uniform.) All these men who blazed a trail did their best and did it well. We are the future trailblazers of this land, and you can bet we'll do our best to do our job grand!

OPENING - MY FAVORITE SPORT

SETTING: 8 Cub Scouts, dressed in appropriate sports outfits.

CUB #1: Baseball is the game for me, mitts and gum and batting tees.

CUB #2: Soccer to me is really neat, shin guards, goals and wearing my cleats.

CUB #3: Swimming always brings a smile, backstroke, butterfly and free style.

CUB #4: Football is a game renown, kickoffs, field goals and the touchdown.

CUB #5: Volley ball is what I like, serving, rotating and doing the spike.

CUB #6: Now basketball most definitely has it, dribbling, guarding and sinking the basket.

CUB #7: Tennis is a game for all, serving, faults and very close calls.

CUB #8: Golfing on the course is fun, especially a stroke that's a hole-in-one.

ALL: The games we play have two things we can brag, good sportsmanship and our pledge to the flag.

CUB #1: Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance... (This can be followed by Pledge of Allegiance or Cub Scout Promise and Oath)

OPENING - TIGER CUB WELCOME SKIT

PERSONNEL: Six Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Sign for each Cub as indicated below.

CUB #1: (holding sign with Tiger Cub Emblem) Some future Cub Scouts in our Pack are here with us today. Welcome to our new found friends TIGER CUBS, B.S.A.

CUB #2: (holding sign saying SEARCH, DISCOVER SHARE) Please look forward to when you become a Bobcat, Wolf then Bear. But practice your great motto, now SEARCH, DISCOVER SHARE.

CUB #3: (holding a picture of a Cub in uniform) When a Cub Scout you become and join our happy fold. We know you'll be as proud as us to wear the BLUE and GOLD.

CUB #4: (holding picture of Bobcat Badge) The first step as you join the Pack and we hope that you will do just that, is to learn the few requirements that will make you a BOBCAT.

CUB #5: (holding Wolf Book) As a Cub Scout you'll have great fun you may even do a dance. But when you work hard with Mom and Dad, to a Wolf Cub you will advance.

CUB #6: (holding a sign saying "DO YOUR BEST") But in everything that you do the time that you invest, remember, as a Cub Scout you will always DO YOUR BEST!

ALL: Go Cubbing!!!!

OPENING - SOME CALL ME NATURE

NARRATOR: I am the World. Some call me Nature. I am the mountains and the valleys and the land and the seas. All living things exist in me from the birds of the air to the fish in the waters. You see me in the beauty of the flowers and in the glory of the trees. Wherever you roam to see the wonders of this world. The animals, the plants, the moon, the stars, all that is pleasant to see, remember that man is the only one who can really keep this world of nature for the next generations.

(Ask Cubs and parents to recite together "The Conservation Pledge".)

"I give my pledge as an American to save and faithfully to defend from waste the natural resources of my country, its soil and minerals, its forests, waters and wildlife."

OPENING - DISCOVER THE SUNKEN SHIP

ARRANGEMENTS: Make the stern of a ship out of cardboard with the U.S. flag flying. The boys dressed in swim fins, make believe scuba gear, and masks "swim" down the aisle and "discover" the sunken ship. When all have gathered by the flag, the leader raises his mask and calls the audience to attention and says the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - THE OUTDOOR CODE

PERSONNEL: Poster with the Outdoor Code on it. Have parents repeat the outdoor code. Explain it's meaning.

PACK: As an American, I will do my best to be clean in my outdoor manners.

CUBMASTER: I will treat the outdoors as a heritage to be improved for our greater enjoyment. I will keep my trash and garbage out of America's waterways, fields and roadways.

PACK: Be careful with fire.

CUBMASTER I will prevent wildfire. I will build my fire in a safe place and be sure it is out before I leave.

PACK: Be considerate of the outdoors.

CUBMASTER: I will treat public and private property with respect. I will remember that use of the outdoors is a privilege I can lose by abuse.

PACK: Be conservation minded.

CUBMASTER: I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, water, forests, minerals, grasslands and wildlife. I will urge others to do the same. I will use sportsman like methods in all my outdoor activities.
Sing "America, the Beautiful."

OPENING - WHAT THE FLAG MEANS TO ME

For special occasions you might want your boys to write their own flag ceremony such as this example from a 10 year old in the state of Florida:

F - Stands for "FREEDOM" on land and on sea, for America is the land for me.

L - Stands for "LIBERTY", for love and for care, look at America, you'll find it there.

A - Stands for "ACHIEVEMENT", "AMERICA", too, America achievement is the best thing for you.

G - Stands for "GREATNESS", "GLORY", and all that is good, if you don't love the flag, you certainly should.

F-L-A-G is America's symbol, land of the free, and that is what our flag means to me.

OPENING - IT'S JUST A PIECE OF CLOTH

ARRANGEMENT: Using two or more flashlights as spotlights -- focus on the flag with the lights out, and read:

That is all it is - just a piece of cloth. But when a little breeze comes along, it stirs and comes to life and flutters and snaps in the wind, all RED, and WHITE, and BLUE! And then you realize that no other piece of cloth could be like it.

It has your whole life wrapped up in it - the meals you eat; the time you spend with your family; the kind of things you learn at school; the strange and wonderful thoughts you get in church on Sunday.

Those stars in it - they make you feel just as free as the stars in the wide deep night. And those stripes - they are bars of blood to any dictator who would try to change this way of life.

Just a piece of cloth, that is all - until you put your soul into it, and give it meaning. Then it is a symbol of liberty, and decency, and fair-dealing for everyone. It is just a piece of cloth until we breathe life into it. Until we make it stand for everything we believe in, and refuse to live without it.

Follow with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - THE PROMISE OF A CUB SCOUT

PERSONNEL: 6 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Wolf book

SETTING: The first boy holds the Wolf book and book is passed to next in line to say lines.

CUB #1: As boys and their families joined Cub Scouts they learned the Cub Scout promise.

CUB #2: When we say we'll do something that is a promise, we promise to do our best.

CUB #3: Then we promise to do our duty to God. This means we put God first, We do what we know God wants us to do.

CUB #4: Then we promise to do our duty to our country. This means we should do what we can for our country and be proud that we are Americans.

CUB #5: Next we promise to help other people which means you should do things for others that would please them.

CUB #6: Lastly we promise to obey the Law of the Pack. All of this we promise to do.

ALL: We may not be perfect, but we should "Do our best."

OPENING - THE GIFT OF GOODWILL

ARRANGEMENT: A group of 8 Cub Scouts are gathered around, wrapping Christmas gifts. Each boy is wrapping a gift. Den Chief enters.

DEN CHIEF: Hey guys, let me see what each on of you is wrapping.

CUB #1: Gloves for my Dad.

CUB #2: An owl plaque for my mom.

CUB #3: Oreo cookies for my little brother.. maybe he'll quit eating mine.

CUB #4: A doll for my sister.

CUB #5: Wind chimes for my mom.

CUB #6: Ink pens for my big brother.. maybe mine will quit disappearing.

CUB #7: A lamp for my mom.

CUB #8: A lacy handkerchief for my grandma. She likes to wave them goodby.

DEN CHIEF: Hey, you guys are really giving Goodwill. (Laughs)

ALL CUBS: We hope so. Aren't we supposed to do that year round?

DEN CHIEF: Yes, but let me show you something that's quite unusual. (He takes a large piece of poster board and marking pen. He calls on each boy in order to name the gift he is wrapping, and he writes the first letter on the board.. such as G for gloves, O for owl, etc. The result spells our Goodwill, which he holds up for the audience to see.)

CUB #1: Hey, that's all right! We're giving Goodwill separately together!

OPENING - MY DESIGN

ARRANGEMENT: the American Flag is already displayed on stage.

EQUIPMENT: American Flag, Replica of Alaskan Flag

CUB #1: (holding replica of Alaskan Flag) I represent the Flag of Alaska. My design resulted from a public school contest conducted by the American Legion. I was designed by a 13 year old boy. I have flown over Alaska since 1927. My design represents the constellation of the Great Bear and the North Star.

CUB #2: Let us stand and Pledge our Allegiance to the Flag that binds us as one.

OPENING - OUR CANDLE STANDS TALL

ARRANGEMENTS: On head table are arranged magic candles which should be lighted as ceremony begins.

NARRATOR: Our candle stands tall, straight and white. It burns and gives forth inspiring light. As its light shines forth, you will see our colors blue and gold are regal as can be. As the blue appears, think of truth and loyalty, the sky so blue, steadfastness and spiritually. When the gold shines forth, be of good cheer and think of happiness and sunlight so clear. As our candle's flame reaches toward the sky so blue, let us ask the Lord to give us wisdom to lead each boy straight and true. Mold each of us to be like our candles, straight and tall, and be inspired to give God and our country our all.

OPENING - BUILDING A CUB SCOUT

EQUIPMENT: Seven Cub Scouts with the tools they mention; a copy of the ceremony

CUB #1 "AWL" Cub Scouts should remember the Cub Scout motto, "Do Your Best." This means at home, school or play, Cubs always do their best.

CUB #2 Cub Scouting "CHISELS" out a well-rounded program for boys to work and play in, with hopes of forming solid future citizens.

CUB #3 In Scouting, boys work on projects according to their age "LEVEL". Each year brings new skills and achievements that help Cubs become Boy Scouts.

CUB #4 Cub Scouting helps to "FILE" the rough edges off of boys and smooth their way as they begin to grow into capable young men.

CUB #5 The Cub Scout promise helps "DRILL" into the boys a sense of duty to God and country and helping others.

CUB #6 All leaders can help to "HAMMER" out the need for leaders by volunteering to help the pack in their own special way.

CUB #7 "WOOD" everyone now stand and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - THE VEGETABLE SEEDLING

ARRANGEMENT: On the head table is a vegetable seedling and a fully mature vegetable plant.

CUBMASTER: This tiny seedling doesn't look like much, does it? It's very weak and fragile. But we have learned this month that if we plant it in good soil, and if we make sure that it gets lots of sunshine, air and water, it will grow up to be a big healthy (type of vegetable) like this one. Cub Scouts are like this seedling. They need certain things too. Things like proper rest, food and exercise. But Cub Scouts need something more than that. If they are going to be the kind of men we all admire. They have to have healthy minds and spirits as well as healthy bodies. In Cub Scouting, and later on in Boy Scouting, boys can develop that extra quality of mind and spirit. They do it by following the Cub Scout Promise, and later, the Boy Scout Oath. Will you all please stand now and join me in repeating the Cub Scout Promise?

OPENING - BIRD CALLS

Have the boys learn some bird calls. Have the boys do the bird calls while other boys are looking around with binoculars naming the calls they hear. Have them walk off stage like they are going to look for more birds. Have boys doing flag ceremony walk on.

OPENING - ABC-XYZ

PERSONNEL: Narrator, 6 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Large card with appropriate letter on front

SETTING: Each Cub Scout holds large card. Narrator and boys stand in a line in front of audience.

NARRATOR: To study is to learn about our environment and how we can protect and preserve it now and for the future.

A - Action - Take action to keep the world around at its best. Take NO action that will destroy it.

B - Beauty - We are blessed with the beauty of nature all around us.

C - Citizenship - Practice good citizenship by caring about the appearance of your neighborhood and home town.

X - X is the unknown factor. What will happen if we don't all work together to preserve our environment?

Y - You - It is up to you to set the example for others.

Z - Zest - Go about your projects with zest and enthusiasm. Walk hand in hand with Mother Nature. She will always be your friend.

OPENING - WHAT CUB SCOUTS ARE MADE OF

CUB #1: Cub Scouts are made of all of these,
Scarves of gold, patches on sleeves,
Trousers of blue and well worn knees,
And that's what Cub Scouts are made of.

CUB #2: They're partly indian, of fringe and feathers,
And beads and buttons and bits of leather,
With war paint and freckles mixed together.
And that's what Cub Scouts are made of.

CUB #3: They're made of a promise, a pledge and a prayer,
Of hands that are willing, of hearts that play fair,
With something inside them that God put there,
And that's what Cub Scouts are made of.

OPENING - THE SPELLING OF WEBELOS

ARRANGEMENT: This ceremony can be used to open or close a pack meeting or a Webelos den meeting. As the boys stand together in a living circle have each raise his right hand in the Cub Scout Sign and repeat the following Webelos Promise together.

W We, as Webelos, promise to do our best.
E Each day we'll pass the good Scout test.
B Being always aware of our duty to God and Country.
E Eagle Scouts we'll strive to someday be.
L Law of the Scouts we'll learn and obey.
O On the trail toward Boy Scouts we'll travel each day.
S So we'll remember what WEBELOS means;

WE'LL BE LOYAL SCOUTS!!!!

OPENING - STATE OF ALASKA THE LAST FRONTIER

PERSONNEL: 6 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Poster board with a picture of Alaska.

SETTING: Boys up front with picture of Alaska behind them.

CUB #1: I am the largest state in the United States of America.

CUB #2: I am often called the "Last Frontier" state.

CUB #3: My capital is Juneau.

CUB #4: I am twice as big as Texas.

CUB #5: I was the forty-ninth state to join the union.

CUB #6: I am the home of the highest mountain in North America - Mount McKinley.

ALL: I am the state of Alaska. (show picture).

OPENING - ONLY MEN CAN MAKE

ARRANGEMENT: Flags are advanced in usual manner. Audience repeats Pledge of Allegiance. Flags are posted. Patriotic background music is played while Narrator reads the following:

"Not gold, but only men can make,
A nation great and strong.
Men who for truth and honor's sake,
Stand fast and suffer long.
Brave men who work while others sleep,
Who dare while others shy?
They build a nation's pillars deep,
And lift them to the sky."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

OPENING - THIS PINEWOOD DERBY

PERSONNEL: 8 boys

EQUIPMENT: 8 cards with letters P I N E W O O D

Setting: Each boy holding a letter

P - A Pinewood Derby is fun for all. But the whole family must answer the call.

I - I entered the competition to win or lose, or whatever my doom.

N - Neatly I painted my car with dad's expert help, but I ran it myself.

E - Excitement ran all through the night. No matter who won, it will be all right.

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. This Pinewood Derby didn't wait.

O - Open the gates, down the track, then we 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.

OPENING - OUR FAMILY

PERSONNEL: 4 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: American Flag

SETTING: Cubs standing around flag.

CUB #1: Our families have fun by being involved in all the Cub Scout activities, like coming to pack meetings.

CUB #2: Our families have fun by helping our Cub Scouts with achievements, to advance in rank.

CUB #3: Our families have fun by thinking up projects for our dens.

CUB #4: Just as we have fun in our dens and pack meetings, we also can have fun in our families. We can do things together, like saying the Pledge of Allegiance together. (Lead the pledge.)

OPENING - THE CHRISTMAS FLAG

PERSONNEL: 6 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Taped music, American flag

SETTING: Play "Joy to the World" softly in the background as Cub Scouts recite lines.

CUB #1: I pledge Allegiance, at this joyous time of year.

CUB #2: To the flag, a symbol of unity as Christ is a symbol of peace.

CUB #3: Of the United States of America, a land chosen above all others.

CUB #4: And to the republic, to the people who care and share for which it stands.

CUB #5: One nation under God, who shared His Son with us.

CUB #6: Indivisible, a nation united through love with liberty and justice for all.

CUB #1: Please stand and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - PATRIOTIC OPENING #1

PERSONNEL: Narrator and 6 or more Cub Scouts.

EQUIPMENT: American flag, tape player, recording (such as America the Beautiful or This is My Country), Pack flag.

ARRANGEMENT: The color guards advance the flags in the normal manner while the patriotic tape is playing. They come to the front and stand at attention, facing audience while narrator reads the ceremony. The tape player volume should be turned down to provide background music during narration.

NARRATOR: The heritage of freedom that is ours today was won on the battlefields of yesterday by men who pledged that future generations of Americans might live unshackled by the bonds of the past; that they might walk, head erect, in a new world...with new ideas...new remedies for ancient ills... and in a climate free from fear.

"We hold these truths to be self-evident" wrote Thomas Jefferson "that all men are created equal..." Those words destined to ring down the corridors of time... words which would stir the conscience of mankind.

Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness... now other charter or treaty has ever before included that last word... happiness. It was like a fresh breeze blowing from Philadelphia that hot day in July 1776... brushing away the cobwebs of intolerance and servitude.

But somewhere along the way that "fresh breeze" became an ill wind...for a document, however noble, is only a scrap of paper if the people for whom it was written, abandon the principles it promises, or turn away from the obligations of good citizenship and ultimately reject reason and embrace hate.

It is for us, therefore, as Americans, young and old, to rediscover the time-tested values which have made this country great... to rededicate ourselves to preserving this heritage of freedom...to make the great dream work. We must never abandon our faith in America.

Join me in pledging our allegiance to our flag.

OPENING - SPELL "NATURE"

ARRANGEMENT: 6 uniformed Cub Scouts, each holding sign with a letter to spell the **N-A-T-U-R-E**, read the lines which have been written on back of signs.

1ST BOY: N - stands for all the nests in the trees.

2ND BOY: A - is for all the acorns to be.

3RD BOY: T - stands for the trunks so firm and high.

4TH BOY: U - is for under the stars in the sky.

5TH BOY: R - stands for the rain that makes things grow.

6TH BOY: E - is for the earth that we all love so.

OPENING - SPOTLIGHT THE BOY

The US Flag and a pack flag are carried to the front by the color guards. They face the audience. The lights are turned down and a Cub Scout stands in between the flags. A spotlight is turned on the setting. A good reader, reads the verse below.

He's just eight years old
He's made of the following ingredients:
Noise, energy, imagination, curiosity and hunger.
He's the "cute little boy down the street",
That "spoiled imp next door", or
"My Son,"...depending on who you are.
He's something to be kept fed, clothed, healthy, happy and out of trouble.
But.....
He's something else, too.....
He's tomorrow.
He's the future we've been fighting for.
He's part of the world's most important generation.
Our generation must also win the peace.

OPENING - SPELL ALASKA

A - is for all working together for one common goal.

L - is for Leaders, it takes leaders to carry out the job at hand.

A - is for attitude, with the proper attitude nothing is impossible to accomplish.

S - is for Scouting the means by which all of us can be and do anything we want.

K - is for Keeping, Keeping America and Scouting one of the strongest forces in the world today and forever.

A - is for Alaska it represents the challenge, vast and unexplored.

Just as Scouting has many challenges to explore, the only limitation is your willingness to try.
(give commands for Pledge of Allegiance)

OPENING - STEP OVER

PERSONNEL: Three Cub Scouts, one dressed neatly and the other two dressed sloppily and looking tired and bored.

CUB #1: (Drags himself on stage, looking tired, bored and meets the sharply dressed Cub. #2) Say, am I ever tired. I wish I could be in shape. I'm so weak I don't know what to do.

CUB #2: I have something that will get you into shape physically and mentally. Take the first step into my program and into shape by stepping over the line.

CUB #1: (Steps over the line, and becomes alert, bright and athletic)

CUB #3: (Walks in dragging, tired and meets #1 and #2.) I'm so bored. I have done everything there is and nothing is left. I miss the challenges.

CUB #2: I have something that will challenge you, train you, coach you and develop you both physically and mentally. Just step over the line.

CUB #3: (Steps over the line and becomes bright, alert and athletic)

CUB #1 and #3 (TOGETHER) What is this program we stepped into that gives us this energy, strength and really challenges us?

CUB #2: It's....It's.....It's.....(hold up a sign that reads "Cub Scouting") Cub Scouting!!!

OPENING - WEATHER SYMBOLS

SETTING: Have 4 Cubs carry signs with four weather symbols. RAIN, SUNNY, SNOW and CLOUDY.

CUB #1: (RAIN) The rain keeps us indoors, most of the time, but the rain makes the crops grow, and the flowers to bloom. Rain is good for the earth.

CUB #2: (SNOW) The snow and cold causes trees to go into a winter sleep. This makes the tree rest, so that when the sun comes out and the seasons change again, the tree grows again, refreshed.

CUB #3: (SUNNY) The sun brings us warmth, the sun along with the rain make the grass and flowers grow. With the proper rain and sun, the fields are green with fruits and vegetables and grain. Oklahoma farmers depend on these crops for their livelihood.

CUB #4: (CLOUDY) Clouds, when the conditions are right, will turn into rain. Clouds will block the rays of the hot sun during the summer heat to cool things off a little.

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouting is a program for all seasons and weather conditions.

OPENING - HERE IS OUR FUTURE

NARRATOR: I represent the Spirit of Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Boy Scouting. I am also the Spirit of Scouting Past and Present. Here is our future---Cub Scouts of America.

1ST BOY: In the Cub Scout Promise, we say, "I promise to do my duty to God", and religious activities are part of our rank advancement program. I like to wear my uniform to church on Scout Sunday. Nearly half of all Cub Scout packs are sponsored by churches.

2ND BOY: I wear my uniform with pride. People know I am a Cub Scout, growing straight and strong through Cub Scouting. There is only one official uniform. The colors of the uniform have meaning. Blue stands for truth and loyalty; gold, for good cheer and happiness.

3RD BOY: (Carrying Indian headdress) Early Cub Scout ceremonies were based on Kipling's jungle tales. When Cub Scouting was established in America in 1930, Indian themes were used. Akela was the big Chief of the Webelos tribe - to which all Cub Scouts belong. Chief Akela's father, Arrow of Light, stated that all men were brothers, and a tribe could be no greater than its boys.

4TH BOY: (Carrying wood project) Cub Scouting means FUN! We have lots of fun, but I like making things - real boy projects -things we can play with our that follow our theme. Cub Scout arrow points and Webelos activity badges give us many different projects to work on so we make useful things and learn new skills while we progress.

5TH BOY: (Carrying a collection) I like to go on hikes and collect things for my nature collection. Hikes help us to appreciate the outdoors and help us grow physically.

6TH BOY: (Carrying American Flag) I am proud to be an American so I can salute our flag. I also like to see our pack flag (points to it) because then I know I am part of ___ years of Scouting. I belong! When you salute the U.S. flag, you salute a lot of other things too. You salute your family, your home, your friends, your Cub Scout den, your fellow Americans, and this land of freedom - Because they are America!

NARRATOR: Yes, I represent the Past and the Present. These boys - Cubs Scouts now - are the men of Tomorrow. They will be the preservers of our American heritage. (Pause) Please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - YEARNING TO WIN

Each boy should read his line from a card which has the first letter of the sentence on the front side.

D Dads and sons this month have had some fun.
E Everyone working to make their pinewood derby car run.
R Races will be held right here tonight.
B Boys and dads hoping they built their's just right.
Y Yearning to WIN a race or two.

T Thinking hard about the competitions our car must go through.
I In just a short while the races will begin.
M May all the best cars win.
E Everybody please rise. Let us say the pledge to the flag.

OPENING - TOM-TOM MESSAGE

ARRANGEMENT: One Cub Scout dressed in Indian costume is seated on the floor with tom-tom on one side stage. Other Cub Scouts in uniform (any number) are standing in center off stage with Cubmaster. As Indian beats out message on the tom-tom, the Cub Scouts take turns "translating" for Cubmaster.

(Indian beats out short message on tom-tom)

1ST CUB: Running Deer says that a meeting of Akela's tribe will be held tonight. (Cubmaster nods in understanding. Indian beats out another message.)

2ND CUB: He says that many awards will be given at the meeting. (Cubmaster nods. Indian beats out another message.)

3RD CUB: He says that there will be singing and games at the meeting. (Cubmaster nods and Indian beats out another message.)

5TH CUB: He says that many good leaders will be at the meeting, and many families of Akela's tribe. (Cubmaster nods. Indian beats out another message. All boys shake their heads, shrug their shoulders to show that they don't understand. Indian beats out the same message again. Boys repeat motions of confusion. Indian beats out the same message for a third time.)

CUBMASTER: I've got it! Running Deer says to telephone him if there's anything we want him to bring to the meeting.

All Cubs: (disgustedly) Telephone! Good Grief

OPENING - TOWER OF SCOUTING

SETTING: To begin this ceremony, the tower is center stage and the tower unit stands to the left of the tower. Each Cub has an unlit candle. The lights are dimmed. The Cubmaster can either hold the pack candle or have it on a table in front of him. As each Cub's ranks mentioned, that Cub lights his candle from the pack candle and says his line. Then he goes to the tower and lights the candle at his station and moves to the right side of the tower.

CUBMASTER: I light the pack candle in order to kindle the Spirit of Scouting.

MC: As the little ones of the forest grow, they start to learn the new and exciting ways of the world around them. As the little ones grow they must learn the ways of all the animals. The first step of the littlest one is the Tiger.

TIGER: As a Tiger, we Search, Discover and Share.

MC: In a year they are ready to learn the ways of the pack. They become the Bobcat.

BOBCAT: We learn the law and order of the pack. "The Cub Scout follows Akela."

MC: Quickly the laws and the order of the pack are learned. so the new Cub is ready to study the ways of the Wolf.

WOLF: We learn the power and fun of working together as one. We have formed dens.

MC: Now the Cubs are working as one. They are ready to tackle the more challenging ways of the Bear.

BEAR: We learn how to work with the world around us and to enjoy its fruits.

MC: The Cub has now learned the ways of the forest. Now it is time to search the ways of the outer world as Webelos.

WEBELOS: As loyal Scouts, our duty is to explore the many careers of the new world.

CUBMASTER: Each Cub now has his assignment. May the pack grow as the will and spirit of the Cub grows.

The Tower of scouting and the pack candle remain burning throughout the evening. Make sure the candle is large enough and burns slowly to burn all evening.

OPENING - HAPPY HOLIDAY

ARRANGEMENT: Cub Scouts come on stage one at a time carrying appropriate props and line up facing audience as narrator reads the following poem.

First boy comes on carrying a wreath with sign across it saying Seasons Greetings.

Season's Greetings to everyone,
We're glad you joined us for the fun,

Tis certainly the happy time of the year,
Wish everyone bursting with Holiday Cheer.

Second boy comes on carrying a globe with some Christmas tinsel wrapped around the base.
To find out about Christmas across the seas,
Our theme tonight is Happy Holiday",

Each country has it's own way, Of celebrating Christmas Day.

Third boy comes on carrying a candle.

On Christmas Eve in Ireland, Candles shine so bright,
As children place them in windows,
To shine into the night.

Fourth boy comes on carrying a pinata.

In Mexico the children,
Gather goodies from the floor,
After they break the Pinata,
Filled with prizes by the score.

OPENING - BUCKSKIN AND HOMESPUN

LEADER: They were clothed in buckskin and homespun. They had lots of strength, courage and patience. Mile by mile they pressed westward. They crossed rivers, prairies and mountains, carrying rifles, kettles and faith. Many had left family and comfort far behind them for a future they thought would be good. They took little money and lots of faith along with their courage, patience and vision. These were the things that really mattered the most. They were the Early Americans. Please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENINGS - SEVERAL PATRIOTIC OPENINGS

These openings should be used after the posting of the colors, but before the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. The U.S. flag is the emblem of our nation... the leader of the free world. Let us now salute the flag.
2. An active patriotic citizenry is essential to preserve and strengthen our American heritage. Respect for our flag is part of this. Let us show it by saluting the flag.
3. Planted firmly on the high pinnacle of America - faith, the U.S. flag has proved an inspiration to untold millions. Men have looked upon the flag as a symbol of national unity. Let us unite in the pledge to the flag.
4. So long as the principles of truth, justice, and charity for all remain deeply rooted in human hearts, our flag shall continue to be the enduring banner of the United States of America. Let us join in the pledge to our flag.
5. For more than nine score years, our flag has been the emblem of liberty for generations of Americans. Let us look at it with pride as we salute our flag today.
6. The flag flies before our eyes as a bright gleam of color and a symbol of ourselves. Let us join in saluting 'the flag of the United States of America.
7. The Stars and Stripes are our dreams and our labors. In these unsettled times, let us salute the American flag.
8. Our flag is bright with cheer, brilliant with courage, and firm ,with our faith. Let us add to this with our sincere salute today.
9. Our flag is representative of constitutional government designed to serve all people.
10. To personally understand and maintain the American way of life and to pass it on to succeeding generations is the responsibility of every true American. Let us vow to do this and think about it now as we salute our flag.
11. Thomas Jefferson said, "The God who gave us life, gave us liberty at the same time." As we repeat the Pledge of Allegiance, let's remember that our flag is a symbol of this precious liberty.

OPENING - ALASKA OF OLD

This ceremony can be modified to use any number of Cubs, depending upon the size of the den. Have each boy write one or more of the terms listed below on a poster and explain what they mean.

NARRATOR: This month we have studied about Alaska of old and would like to share with you some of the commonly used words and their meanings:

CHEECHAKO is the term used for a "tenderfoot", a newcomer to Alaska.

DUST means fine gold

HUSKY was, of course a sled dog, vital to inhabitants of this state.

IGLOO - an Eskimo dwelling

KAYAK was a single passenger skin boat

MALEMUTE is also a sled dog. Many of them are now found in many other states

MUCKAMUCK means food

MUKLUK - is a fur boot, very comfortable, indeed

MUSH - means "Get on!" It is a command to a dog team

OUTSIDE - means outside of Alaska (Back in those days, it meant the U.S.)

PANHANDLE - was the southeastern part of Alaska

POKE - was a moose hide bag for holding gold dust

POTLATCH - was a community festival

SKOOKUM-HOUSE - was a jail

SOLMOUGH - was an oldtimer, a veteran

OPENING - IT'S A BEAUTIFUL TREE

PREPARATION: Each boy is asked in advance to bring an ornament for the pack Christmas tree. Later these ornaments will be donated to a needy family. Ornaments are placed on the tree as the boys arrive.

Cubmaster asks everyone to be seated.

Suddenly an angel appears and says: "It's a beautiful tree, but something is missing. What could it be?"

SOMEONE SAYS: "It's the star!" The angel agrees and explaining that he brought a star from heaven to place at the top of the tree. As he puts the star in place, he explains: "The star was a signal for the Wise Men to start on their journey many years ago.. and it guided them along the way. Let this star signal the start of our pack meeting tonight, and guide us in the Spirit of Scouting and of goodwill. (Angel disappears)

Cubmaster then leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - CANDLELIGHT IS A SIGN OF WELCOME

PERSONNEL: Akela, four Scouts.

EQUIPMENT: Six candles, log or ceremony board.

AKELA: Candlelight is a sign of welcome, warmth, love and joy. All over the world people use lighted candles for celebrating special occasions. On this special occasion, we too, will use candlelight. Let the candles we light represent the Spirit of Scouting and our bond with one another.

SCOUT #1: I am lighting this candle for courtesy. A Scout is courteous. He is courteous to his elders, friends, teachers, and especially to other members of his family.

SCOUT #2: I am lighting this candle for unity. When a boy joins a pack, he becomes a member of a den. When a boy crosses over and joins a troop, he becomes a member of a patrol. He does not work alone, but in the company of other young men. He learns to get along with others.

SCOUT #3: I am lighting this candle for bravery. A Scout is courageous enough to stand up for things he knows to be right and honest, thereby making the world a better place to live.

SCOUT #4: I am lighting this candle for service. A boy not only does service to himself while he is in scouting, but he also services others. He helps spread goodwill.

AKELA: Men and times change, but principles never do. Tonight we celebrate the principles upon which scouting was founded. These two candles, which I now light, signify the bridge we are crossing, the past with the present and the present with the future. What better way to explore the future than through scouting.

OPENING - A-C-H-I-E-V-E

Use seven pieces of cut poster board with the letters to spell the word "ACHIEVE". Have Cubs stand in correct order to spell the word and read the following:

A - Advancement - along the Cubbing trail

C - Commitment - to always do your best

H - Home - where it all begins

I - Individual works alone as well as with others or stands up for himself

E - Everyone all Cubs work together

V - Victory -- is achieved at the end of the trail

E - Excellence -- for a job well done

OPENING - THIS FLOWER POT

PROPS: One flower pot, stones or charcoal, hand shovel, seeds (Large size such as pumpkin seeds). watering can, I potted plant (preferably in bloom).

CUBMASTER: I'd like to draw your attention to this flower pot and the seeds I have in my hand. The pot is empty right now, but we are going to prepare it so that it will become a suitable home for these seeds.

First I line the bottom of the pot with stones (or charcoal) so that the seed will have proper drainage.

Then I add the soil which contains the nutrients that seed must have.

Then I place the seeds into the soil and cover them. Water must next be added so the seed will have moisture to drink.

By placing the pot in a sunny location the miracle of nature that we call growth can take place. The pot holds the seed. The seed receives its life from the soil, water and light. Soon it will germinate and grow into a mature plant such as this (show pot with blooming plant).

The values we learn in Scouting... Citizenship, Character and Physical Fitness... are as valuable to the growth of our boys as the soil, water and light are to the seed. The growth of a seed is truly a wonder of nature. The growth of our sons is truly a miracle of God.

Betty Morgan, Arrowmoon District
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OPENING - HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD

CUB 1: In India and Thailand, they celebrate the Festival of Lights, With little lamps or lotus boats that float into the night. [Boy carries a Lotus Boat of foil]

CUB 2: In Sweden, too, they honor Santa Lucia, Queen of Light The oldest girl will wear a crown with candles warm and bright. [St. Lucia crown or candle and greens.]

CUB 3: In Mexico, the children gather goodies from the floor, For they've broken the piñata filled with candy treats galore! [Piñata]

CUB 4: In Poland, on the table, under dishes they put straw, And they leave a chair that's empty for the Holiest child of all. [Hand full of straw or a small chair.]

CUB 5: In Holland, children fill their shoes with carrots and with straw In hopes "Black Pete" will substitute a gift for one and all. [Wooden shoes and/or carrots]

CUB 6: In Israel, the children play with a special top for a special day. [Dreidel]

CUB 7: In England, children hang a sock - one that doesn't have a hole! They hope it will hold presents and not a lump of coal! [Christmas stocking]

CUB 8: Let's Celebrate! Let's Celebrate! and learn of special ways that people all around the world celebrate their holidays! [Globe]

OPENING - PIONEERS OF AMERICA

ARRANGEMENT: Eight Cubs hold up posters with pictures describing the lines which are to be spoken.

CUB #1: (Map of U. S.) Many American pioneers helped decide our country's fate.

CUB #2: (Silhouette of Washington) As our first President, George Washington was great.

CUB #3: (Parchment and quill pen) Thomas Jefferson, the Declaration of Independence did write.

CUB #4: (Picture of Abraham Lincoln) Lincoln freed the slaves after quite a fight.

CUB #5: (Kite with a key and lightning) Ben Franklin shared many ideas bright.

CUB #6: (light bulb) Thomas Edison invented the electric light.

CUB #7: (Astronaut) Neil Armstrong placed on the moon, our own red, white and blue.

CUB #8: Will you please stand and join us as we pledge our flag.

OPENING - THESE MATCHES

EQUIPMENT: Several matches, flag.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster or other leader.

CUBMASTER: In my hand I have several matches. These matches could represent Cub Scouts. Like a Cub Scout, just one alone is easily broken. (break one match)

But if you put several together, they are much harder to break. The more matches added, the stronger they become.

In Scouting, we highlight country and flag along with the freedoms and responsibilities it represents. If this flag could speak, it would tell many stories about our country. The most important of these would have to be of battles and wars and the lives lost, protecting and preserving the rights and freedoms for which it stands.

And like our country has become large and powerful, as our packs and Scouts work to grow, we too, will become hard to stop. And each Scout will be unbreakable.

OPENING - BLUE AND GOLD CUBS THOUGHT

Tonight the birthday of Cubbing
We are here to celebrate.
This great movements been going,
Fifty great years to date.

So let us now join together
And pledge ourselves anew,
To always strive for the things
Signified by the Gold and Blue.

You may strive for Truth and Spirituality
In the warm light under the sky above,
As you bring good cheer and happiness,
With steadfast loyalty brought through love.

OPENING - COMMUNICATIONS #2

BOY 1: Communications reach us by means of hearing, seeing and sometimes by means of tasting, smelling and touching.

BOY 2: We communicate by talking, writing, signaling, gesturing, singing, drawing and even by dancing.

BOY 3: Man has developed such devices as radio, television, telephone, computers and motion pictures to communicate with people beyond the ordinary limits of sight and sound.

BOY 4: We as Scouts can communicate to each other our love our country by joining in the Pledge of Allegiance. Will you please stand.

OPENING - GREAT EVENTS OF SCOUTING

CUBMASTER: On the 25th of July in 1907, Lord Baden-Powell took 22 boys with him to Brownsea Island, off England's southern coast. This was the world's first Scout camp. That little camp was the foundation of the tremendous world-wide Scouting movement. The Boy Scouts of American was organized along with Scouting associations in many countries. Today there are more than 15 million Scouts and leaders in over 150 countries. Time changes many things, but the Scout Promise and Law are as important today as they were in the beginning. Please stand, give the Cub Scout sign and repeat the Cub Scout Promise with me, followed by the Pledge of allegiance.

OPENING - CUSTOMS OF COUNTRIES

Our opening tonight is made up of facts and legends from several countries such as Greece, Holland, Scandinavia, and the United States.

The legends about St. Nicholas have spread to many countries. He takes many forms and his day is December 6, which is the anniversary of his death in 342 A.D. Many miracles and stories are told about him such as the ransoming of three kidnapped girls, the arrival of grain ships during a famine, protecting the poor and the sailors at sea.

The Dutch called him "Sinterklass". In 1664 they adopted the good saint as a giver of gifts. It was in 1822 that Clement Clark Moore of New York City wrote "Twas the Night Before Christmas" about the visits of St. Nicholas and his gifts. It was in 1865 that Thomas Nash drew the Santa Claus with a red suit, white whiskers and a pot belly, thereby setting the way for the Santa as we know him today.

With good thoughts of St. Nicholas and our holiday time of year, please stand and join me now in the Pledge to our flag.

OPENING - IN FAIR COMPETITION

CUBMASTER: We promise that we will take part in our games, in fair competition; respecting the rules that govern them and with the desire to take part in the true spirit of sportsmanship for honor to our dens and for the glory of the sport.

Do you all promise to do your best to obey this promise?

BOYS: We do.

CUBMASTER: Let us all stand and face our Country's flag as we repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - THIS OLD FLAG

(Have a large blower or fan behind the flag and to one side of it so it will look like it is blowing in the breeze. Spotlight the flag with flashlights and have someone recite the following.)

This old flag is my protection.
This old flag is my birthright.
This old flag is full of beauty,
May it fly both day and night.
It's an honor to salute it,
And with pride we hold it high.
We will keep it flying o'er us
Like a symbol in the sky

This may be followed by the pledge of allegiance.

OPENING - P-I-O-N-E-E-R

1st CUB: P is for Pioneers who helped explore the Rocky Mountains.

2nd CUB: I is for the independence in the way they explore new and exciting places.

3rd CUB: O is for the great outdoors.

4th CUB: N is for the never ending struggle that life was

5th CUB: E is for exploration, that ever pioneer loved to do.

6th CUB: E is for Every loved one that the pioneers left behind as they went off the explore.

7th CUB: R is for the vast open ranges that they encountered.

ALL CUBS: Will you please rise and join us in sing "America the Beautiful".

OPENING - OLD GLORY RED AS A SUNSET

(Cubmaster reads or it can be split up with a den reading several lines each.)

Over the house tops Old Glory is flying. Red as a sunset, white as a cloud, blue as the midnight where little stars crowd.

Up on the flagpole Old Glory is waving.

Waving to airplanes that sput-sputter by.

Waving to the birds that wave back as they fly.

Up on the flagpole, Old Glory is waving.

Never stop flying, never stop waving.

Hold up your head over house tops and trees.

As long as you do this, Oh Beautiful Banner, all of my playmates and I shall be free.

Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance...

OPENING - N-A-T-U-R-E #2

N - is for nothing so beautiful as a forest in summer.

A - is for animals that are free to run and play.

T - is for tall pine trees that try to touch the sky.

U - is for life under the rocks and logs in the woods.

R - is for rivers that flow freely all year through.

E - is for everything God made for you and me.

Would you all stand for the pledge to the flag?

OPENING - SET YOUR COURSE

ARRANGEMENTS: Four Cub Scouts are needed in their uniforms. Each will need to have a compass.

CUB #1: (walks with a compass across the stage.) I think the top of that is northeast.

CUB #2: (not bothering to look at his compass.) No, that is more to the northwest.

CUB #3: (looking at his compass.) Look guys, I think (name #1 Cub) is right. My compass reads the same.

CUB #4: Well, there is only one way to find out. Let's go. I'd like to end up on top of that mountain.

All Cubs get their bearings by looking at their compasses and start toward the mountain walking off stage.

Then you hear a howl.

ALL CUBS: Yaaaaaa! We made it!

OPENING - O-U-R F-L-A-G

PROPS: Have one boy come out carrying the American Flag. Then have seven boys come out carrying a card with one of the letters that spell out "OUR FLAG" and then have each of the boys tell what his letter stands for.

O Only Flag for America

U understanding for all Americans

R Rejoicing for our freedoms

F Freedom for all

L Legions to God and Country

A American United for all

G Glory, Grace and Goodness

Have everyone repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - LET US BE THANKFUL

The United States has much to be proud of. One of the many things we can be proud of is the fact that America 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. As we all join together in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag, let us be thankful for the courageous astronauts of America who helped make it possible for our flag to be flown on the moon, so that someday some of our own Cub Scouts may be able to leave their footprints on the moon, too. Please rise now and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - FIRST AMERICANS

ARRANGEMENTS: U.S. flag is posted on stage. Four Cub Scouts in Indian costume say the following lines, with another boy acting as narrator.

NARRATOR: We, the first American call your attention to this flag - the symbol of our country's beginning. Let us go back to a time before our flag and country was formed. We witnessed the early history that led to our becoming an independent nation Hear how its growth spanned a continent. Hear the words of those who have seen this history.

1ST BOY: I am an Algonquin. I stood by the big water and saw the Pilgrims land,

2ND BOY: I am of the Iroquois tribe. I served for a white man in the battle they call the Revolutionary War.

3RD BOY: My people are called the Sioux. We saw the wagon trains cross the prairie to the land of the sun.

4TH BOY: I am of the Navajo tribe. Our young men served as radio operators in the Signal Corps during World War II.

NARRATOR: When we look at this flag, we think of these things. Will you now please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

OPENING - FELLOWSHIP AROUND CAMPFIRES

SETTING: This can be done around an electric council fire if you have an indoor meeting. Don't have an electric campfire? Use a few logs to make a fire-lay and have each boy add a cardboard "flame" to the fire as he reads his part.

CUB #1: The early cave men used fire to keep themselves warm and to protect themselves from wild animals.

CUB #2: Ancient Phoenicians used fires on mountain tops to signal their ships at sea.

CUB #3: American Indians used fire to hollow logs for canoes, fire pottery and in ceremonies.

CUB #4: Pioneers used fire to forge the iron rims of their wagon wheels.

CUB #5: Cowboys of the old west sat around campfires after a day on the trail to tell stories and sing songs.

CUB #6: The fiery flames of rockets have set today's pioneers to the moon.

CUB #7: The fellowship around campfires is one of the lasting memories in the life of a Scout. If every pack in the world had a campfire tonight, the world would be filled with the glow of brotherhood.

OPENING - THOUGHTS FROM THE AMERICAN INDIAN

CUB #1: The American Indian is a very important part of our heritage and national pride. The Scouting organization has adopted the American Indian as its inspiration and symbol to follow.

CUB #2 . "May the warm winds of heaven blow softly on this house." (Comanche)

CUB #3. "To realize your home is earth and mother, the life of man depends upon earth and the Great Spirit works through it."

CUB #4: "I perform the beauty way. I am over eighty years. I have been learning since I was young. I want someone to learn what I have lived."

CUB #5 " Happiness is a butterfly, which, when pursued is always just out of reach, but which, if you sit down quietly may alight upon you."

CUB #6. "Do not judge other's deeds until you have walked three days in his moccasins."

OPENING - A IS FOR AMERICA

EQUIPMENT: American Flag, Pack Flag, stands, letter cards for spelling out America

SETTING: Color guard brings in colors as in usual flag ceremony, but before the colors re posted each Cub Scout holds up his letter and recites his line. (Letters could be tacked up on a line or board as each Cub reads his lines either by the Cub, Den Chief or Den Leader.)

CUB #1 - A -- is for ARMY that guards us well.

CUB #2 - M -- is for the MEN who for liberty fell.

CUB #3 - E -- is for ENEMY thrust from our shores.

CUB #3 - R -- RANKS of soldiers, amid the gun's roar.

CUB #3 - I -- is the dear INDEPENDENCE we won.

CUB #3 - C -- is our COUNTRY, as fair as the sun.

CUB #3 - A -- is the ALLEGIANCE we feel for our land.

CUB #8 - Let us now pledge it with heart and with hand. All those in uniform salute, all others hand over heart. I Pledge....."

After the pledge: "Color guard post the colors."

OPENING - WHEN ACCIDENTS HAPPEN.....

When accidents happen, we are told to call 911 on the telephone. But what if there is no phone. What if we are out in the woods or on a boat. There are other ways that we can communicate that we need help. Let's have some of our Cub Scouts show us what we could do in an emergency.

1ST CUB: (carrying a flag upside down) One distress signal is to fly the flag upside down and others will know that you need help.

2ND CUB: (carrying a poster of 3 bonfires burning in a row) Building three fires equally spaced apart. Remember that a fire will be seen a long way during The night, but smoke is better for day.

3RD CUB: (carrying a horn or whistle) Remember the number three. Three shots fired from a gun, three blast from a horn or a whistle at equal intervals should bring help.

4TH CUB: (carrying a flashlight or two sticks) Don't forget S.O.S. You can use a flashlight to signal 3 short, 3 long, and 3 short; or you can beat out this morse code with sticks or on a pipe.

5TH CUB: Knowing how to communicate has and can save lives, even our own or those we love.

OPENING - ACHIEVEMENT

Setting: Each boy walks on in turn holding a card with a letter on it, says his part and then stands in line.

A - is for Always do your best
M - is for Makes the pack go!
E - is for Every ready to give good will!
T - is for Takes time to serve others!
C - is for Cub Scout Spirit!
E - is for Enthusiastic!
I - is for Integrity and ingenuity!
V - is for Very dependable!
N is for Never gives up!
E - is for Eats, always!
H - is for Having fun!

BOYS: Put them all together, and what have you got? (Boys rearrange themselves in correct order to spell achievement) You've got what a Cub Scout can do, and that's quite a lot!

OPENING - AN EAGLE OPENING

PROPS: The boys can make posters or pictures showing the different varieties of the Eagle. Divide these lines up with the boys in your den. Adjust it to suit them.

The eagle is one of the largest and most powerful birds in the world with a wing span of up to 7 feet.

They look fierce and proud, and gracefully soar high in the air in search of prey. Because of this, eagles have long been symbols of freedom and power.

The United States chose the Bald Eagle as its national bird in 1782. Our country's insignia and many of our coins have the Eagle on them.

Eagles are very strong. they weigh from 8 to 13 pounds, are 30" to 35" long and when the wind is favorable, Golden Eagles have been know to carry prey weighing as much as they do to their nest or territory to eat it.

Eagles have very keen eyes. Most birds have better eyes than man, but eagles and hawks are said to have the keenest eyes of all. They sight their prey while flying thousands of feet above the ground.

Eagles have long broad wings and tails. They can glide long distances by holding their wings out stiffly.

The Eagle is on many of our historical documents and since the Eagle is usually perched upon the top of the flag pole, let us present the United States flag and you will join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - AS FUTURE CITIZENS

PERSONNEL: Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Copy of statement below for each Cub Scout or have statement printed on large sign or film slide for everyone to see and read.

CUB SCOUT: All Cub Scouts stand and read together... "As future citizens, we will do our best to be prepared in body and will, in spirit and skill. We accept our obligation to God and will show by our actions we are willing to serve others and to be good members of the Scouting team." (Cub Scout salutes Cubmaster who returns salute.) Please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - THE BEGINNING OF TIME

1 small American flag
1 white candle
1 blue candle
1 red candle
4 persons

1st person: Practically from the beginning of time, man has used symbols to express hope, ideals, and love of his own nation. Our flag represents the ideals and science,commerce and agriculture. It symbolizes the sacrifices made by men and women for the future of America. It stands for your home and everything and everyone you hold dear.

"I light the red candle which is the symbol of the red in our flag,and stands for hardiness and valor and symbolizes the lifeblood of brave men and women."

2nd person: "I light the white, which is the symbol of purity and innocence and symbolizes the white of our flag."

3rd person: "I light the blue candle which is the symbol of perseverance and justice, and symbolizes the eternal blue of the heavens."

4th person: "The stars in our flag represents states. They indicate that the heights of achievement for our nation are limitless as the heavens above us.'

Together: "Won't you join us in the Pledge of Allegiance?"

OPENING - BUGS BUGS BUGS

1ST CUB: There are flies, and fleas, ticks and chiggers.

2ND CUB: There are mosquitoes and ants, and scorpions.

CUB CUB: There are spiders, crickets, and cockroaches and more.

4TH CUB: And they are all creatures of this great earth.

5TH CUB: Believe it or not, they were all put on this earth as part of God's great plan.

6TH CUB: And Mom and Dad, there are days when you think that we are all just as big of a pest as they.

ALL SAY: So tonight we ask that you think of us all as part of that Godly plan, and love us all.

OPENING - CAROLS COOKIES AND THE CHRIST CHILD

EQUIPMENT: This ceremony can be done with lettered cards, candles or objects. Each Cub responsible for reciting the meaning of one letter in the word "Christmas".

- C - Carols, Cookies and the Christ Child.
- H - Hurrying, Holly and Happiness.
- R - Ribbons, Raisins and Reverence.
- I - Icicles Ivy and Innocence.
- S - Santa, Secrets, and Shepherds.
- T - Trimmings, Tinsel and Trying to be good.
- M - Mischief, Madonnas, and Miracles.
- A - Apples, Angels, and Adoration.
- S - Snowflakes, Spangles and a Star in the East.

OPENING - C-I-R-C-U-S

PERSONNEL: Six Leaders dressed as clowns carrying balloons, each with a letter in CIRCUS on it.

- C - Come and watch what we have in store.
- I - Including fantastic acts never seen before.
- R - Roaring lions may fill you with fright.
- C - Clowns will be making you laugh all night.
- U - Using the Pledge of Allegiance for our show to begin.
- S - Stand now together as our flag is brought in.

OPENING - F-U-T-U-R-E

- F -F is for frontier, our final frontier is space.
- U -U is for understanding, by understanding the past we can plan for the future.
- T -T if for together, we must learn to live together on this earth.
- U -U is for universe, our universe is only a small part of the heavenly bodies around us.
- R -R is for resources, we must conserve our natural resources so they will be there when we need them.
- E -E is energy, we will need more and different forms of energy for the future.

OPENING - C-L-O-W-N

PERSONNEL: Five Cub Scouts enter, dressed as clowns, holding posters with large letters and sayings on back.

C - C is for Cub Scouts - Cub Scouts like to laugh and to have fun.

L - L is for Leaders - Leaders are there to show, teach and to help.

O - O is for Opportunity - An opportunity to have boys laugh with you rather than at you.

W - W is for Webelos - Webelos are older Cub Scouts that also like to laugh and have fun.

N - N is for Nothing - Nothing in the world has more learning and laughter and fun than Cub Scouting.

OPENING - CUB SCOUT MAGIC

NARRATOR: Tonight some of our Cubs will tell you about the Magic We call Cub Scouting.

CUB SCOUT #1-- M is for Memories Cub Scouting will hopefully help you and your son build memories that you can share in the years to come.

CUB SCOUT #2-- A is for Achievement. Achieving new skills is a big part of the sharing time for the Cub and his parents.

CUB SCOUT #3-- G is for Goodwill. Giving Goodwill is the part of the Scouting program that teaches our boys to share and help others.

CUB SCOUT #4-- I is for Important. It is very important the time that we give our families, and Cub Scouting provides great family activities.

CUB SCOUT #5-- C is for Communication. This is the key to understanding and respect within a family, and hopefully Cub Scouting will be the instrument by which families will start to talk.

OPENING - EARTH PLEDGE

I pledge allegiance to the Earth and all life. To protect and defend the environment of which I am part. I pledge to faithfully preserve, conserve, and recycle, and to respect all life and to help in any way to maintain the beautiful balance of nature. I promise this, the great gift of renewal, to my planet, my world, and my home for all generations to come.

OPENING - FACE THE FLAG MY SON

The following item may be used for an opening flag ceremony for troop meetings, courts of honor, PTA meetings, or any flag ceremony where it would be appropriate. It is a modification of John Wayne's "Face the Flag My Son".

FACE THE FLAG

Face the flag of stars and bars
Of red and white and blue.
A flag that guarantees the rights
For a people like me and you. Face the flag friends, read what's written there;
The history, the progress, the heritage we share.
Our flag reflects the past, but stands for so much more,
And in this age of Aquarius, it still flies in the fore.
It leads the forward movement, shared by all mankind;
To learn, to love, to live with peace of mind,
To learn the mysteries of space as well as those of Earth,
To love each person for what they are regardless of birth,
To live without the fear of reprisal for belief,
To ease the tensions of a world that cries out for relief.

Face the flag of stars and bars
Of red and white and blue.
A flag that guarantees the rights
For a people like me and you.

Face the flag friends, take a good long look,
What you see now can't be found in a history book.
It's the present, the future friends, its being written now,
And you're the ones to write it, and the flag can show you how.
Do you know what it stands for? What its makers meant?
To think, to speak, the privilege of dissent,
To think our leaders might be wrong, to stand and tell them so,
These are the things that people under other flags will never know.
But, responsibility, that's the cross that freemen must bear.
If you don't accept that, then freedom isn't there.

(chorus)

Face the flag of stars and bars
Of red and white and blue.
A flag that guarantees the rights
For a people like me and you.

Face the flag friends and face reality.
Our strength and our freedoms are based in unity.
The flag is but a symbol friends, of the world's greatest nation.
So do what "you got to do", but always keep in mind

A lot of people believe in peace, but there are the other kind.
If we want to keep the freedoms we may have to fight again,
God forbid. But, if we do, let's always fight to win.
The fate of a loser is futile, it's bare;
No love, no peace, just misery, despair.
Face the flag friends and thank God it's still there.

OPENING - MAGIC FIRES OF HONOR, DUTY, COURAGE

SETTING: (Cubmaster or other leader enters dressed as Merlin, the magician and reads the following from a scroll)

My Lords and Ladies, To you, who, over the countless years hold aloft the honor and spirit of Scouting, I bring you greetings. I am Merlin, the magician. Tonight I have been commissioned by my lord and liege, King Arthur, to take you on a journey back through the years to the Court of Camelot. All that you will need to make this journey safely is to close your eyes when I tell you, and keep them closed until you hear the trumpets. It is important that you do exactly as I say, for if you open your eyes too soon, you could be lost somewhere between here and there.

First, I must light the magic fires.....
(1st candle) I light the Fires of Honor
(2nd candle) I light the Fires of Duty
(3rd candle) I light the Fires of Courage

Now we are ready for our journey. Close your eyes. (pause)
(read the following getting slower and softer towards the end)

Oh, magic fires burning bright,
Take us swiftly beyond this night,
Let us through the centuries fly
'Til, Yea, a thousand years go by.
Eyes are closed 'til trumpets sound
For only then is Camelot found.....
Eyes are closed 'til trumpets sound
For only then is Camelot found.....
Eyes are closed 'til trumpets sound
For only then is Camelot found..... (at this time a trumpet sounds and Cubs enter dressed as knights and following King Arthur)

OPENING - FIRST, BUT NOT THE LAST

CUB #1 - Scouts and NASA go hand in hand. How? both are concerned about our future and both will be part of the future.

CUB #2 - The Rendezvous in space of Gemini 6 and 7 might be called the First Patrol Meeting in space. All the astronauts involved had been scouts.

CUB #3 - In Gemini 6 was Walter M. Schirra Jr., 1st Class Scout and Thomas Stafford, a Star Scout.

CUB #4 - In Gemini 7 was James A. Lovell, Eagle Scout and Frank Bornman, Jr. Tenderfoot Scout.

CUB #5 - Of course, July 20, 1969 was when Eagle Scout Neil Armstrong walked on the Moon!

CUB #6 - Of the 157 pilots and scientists selected to be astronauts since 1959, 103 were Scouts or have been active in Scouting.

CUB #7 - There have been 25 Eagle Scouts, 19 life Scouts, 11 Star Scouts, 15 First Class Scouts, 14 Second Class Scouts, 6 Tenderfoot Scouts, 2 Explorers, 7 Cub Scouts, 1 Scout leader and 3 of unknown rank.

CUB #8 - The Boy Scouts of America teaches young people to be good citizens and trains them to become leaders. Just think how it will be in the year 2030 AD when all of us are leading the country?

DENNER, DEN CHIEF, OR LEADER - I am sure when the year 2030 AD is here, and Cub Scouts is 100 years old, the Cub Scout Promise, Law of the Pack and Motto will be the same. It will also have the same meaning to saying that Pledge.

OPENING - TWO SMALL WORDS - I CAN

As we watch the flag blowing in the breeze, we often think of what living in this wonderful country does for us. We are blessed to be AMERICANS. If we look at the word American we notice that it ends with two small words I CAN.

1st person: I CAN be loyal to my country.

2nd person: I CAN be honest in my dealings with others.

3rd person: I CAN show respect to others and their property.

4th person: I CAN be helpful to others.

5th person: I Can work hard to help me and my country.

6th person: I CAN be thankful for living in this country.

If we do these things, our country will be even greater in the future. Let us pledge...

OPENING - THE FLAG OF AMERICA

SETTING - Cut a 26" X 4" cardboard rectangle. Place it on an easel. From cardboard, cut 7 strips 2" X 24" and 6 strips 2" X 14" Color Strips. Cut a square of blue and add 50 stars. Back all building pieces with plenty of 2 sided tape. The flag is assembled on a base during the program.

PERSONNEL: 8 Cub Scouts or more.

CUB #1 - Our flag is sometimes called the Stars and Stripes. The stars and stripes are there for a reason.

CUB #2 - In the corner of the flag is a field of blue - like the sky.

CUB #3 - On this there is one star for each of the current United States.

CUB #4 - Once there were 13 stars here. Now there are 50.

CUB #5 - The stripes are red and white.

CUB #6 - George Washington said the red was taken from the red in the flag of England.

CUB #7 - And the white broke up the red to show America had separated from England.

CUB #8 - There are 13 stripes, one for each of the original colonies.

(As each colony is named, a stripe is added to the base.)

CUB #1 - Virginia

CUB #2 - North Carolina

CUB #3 - Massachusetts

CUB #4 - South Carolina

CUB #5 - New Hampshire

CUB #6 - Pennsylvania

CUB #7 - Maryland

CUB #8 - Georgia

CUB #1 - Connecticut

CUB #2 - New York

CUB #3 - Rhode Island

CUB #4 - New Jersey

CUB #5 - Delaware

CUB #6 - The Stars and Stripes is a beautiful flag.

CUB #7 - Will everyone now rise and join us in singing "The Star Spangled Banner".

CUB #8 - Thank you. You may now be seated.

OPENING - THE FLAG AND SCOUTING

The flag of the United States is a symbol of our country and all it represents. One of the many great things our flag represents is Scouting. Let's look at the flag from our Scouting viewpoint.

The white stripes are all Scouts with their clean, fresh desire to learn, be with the best of others, and still stand out in their own individuality.

The red stripes can represent the parents, who have given their sons the blood of inheritance, the closeness of constant support, the brilliance of visible good example and distinction of encouraging self-reliance.

The blue field represents the Scouting organization with it's broad principles and high ideals bound together with sound practices serving a teaching and supporting background.

The white stars are Scout leaders - Scoutmasters, Cubmasters, Den Leaders, Patrol Dads, and Den Chiefs. All those who assume the color and interest of the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, guide them in self-leadership, brighten the way of their growth, and illuminate the goals to constructive manhood, that basic ingredient that supports our country and earns our Flag it's most distinctive honor -RESPECT.

OPENING - G-E-N-I-U-S

PERSONNEL: 1 narrator and 6 boys, each of the boys should hold either the article they are describing, or a picture of it.

NARRATOR: This month we learned about inventions, of which there are quite a few; We'd like to share some of what we learned about tonight with you:

CUB #1: Glass was invented a long time ago, it not only helps us to see clearly, but can also help plant grow.

CUB #2: Electricity gave Ben Franklin quite a start, today electric lights help us to read so we too can grow smart.

CUB #3: Nylon is a strong, synthetic fiber; Why I bet this rope could hold a Tiger! (consider having one end of the rope attached to a Tiger Cub)

CUB #4: Ice making machines answered every young boys summer dream of how to keep cold on a hot summers day his favorite ice cream.

CUB #5: Uranium is a radioactive isotope, whose power for energy has given us hope.

CUB #6: Scouting's founder, Lord Baden-Powell, developed a plan for using the genius in each and every boy, and he called it SCOUTING.

OPENING - GLOW OF SCOUTING

PERSONNEL: Each Cub Scout has a candle (or battery powered candle) and lights it as he speaks.

CUB #1 - This is my Scouting light. It is my enthusiasm. As light brings out the sparkle in diamonds, enthusiasm brings out the sparkle in Scouting.

CUB #2 - This is my Scouting light. It represents what I know I can do. I'll do my best to do my duty to God and my Country.

CUB #3 - This is my Scouting light. As we face each other tonight, let us look at the light and silently thank God for the brotherhood of Scouting we share here tonight.

CUB #4 - This is my Scouting light. I shall pass this way but once so if there is any good that I can do, let me do it now for I shall not pass this way again.

CUB #5 - This is my Scouting light. Let each one of us take time to look back at where we've been and have pride in that past. Let us look forward to where we're going and have hope for that future.

CUB #6 - Would you please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - NATURE IS GOD'S HANDIWORK

MATERIALS: 6 Cub Scouts 6 pieces of paper with a letter of NATURE printed in it
Each Cub Scout holds up his letter and read the following (glue to back of letter card)

N - N stands for naturalist - All of us who love and seek to preserve nature in its purist, undisturbed state.

A - A is for animals - The creatures who make their homes in the great woodland and wilderness areas of our world.

T - T is for the trails we hike - Admiring the Earth's rare beauty from a safe distance.

U - U is for undisturbed- Clean air, water, and trees that have not be carelessly marked by passing of man.

R - R is for richness - The splendor of surprising a deer in the wild. The breathtaking view of snow-capped mountains.

E - E is for Earth - This is the only home we have. Only WE can preserve it all time.

ALL Nature is God's handiwork.

CLOSING - A SCOUTER'S GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

I took a piece of plastic clay, and idly fashioned it one day
And as I pressed it still it bent and yielded to my will.

I came again when day was past, that bit of clay was hard at last
My early impressions still it bore and I could change its form no more.

You take a piece of living clay and gently form it day by day
Molding with your power and art, a young boy's soft and yielding heart.
You come again when days are gone, it is a man you look upon;
Your early impressions still it bore, you could change him never more.

You are dealing with a boy, that must be guided unaware:
Must be shown, but oh so gently, how to live upon the square
Pins and badges aren't the object, character building is the goal
Do not lose your courage sir, you are piloting a soul.

OPENING - INTERPRETATION OF THE CUB SCOUT PROMISE

ARRANGEMENT: Six Cub Scouts hold cards, on which are printed parts of the Cub Scout Promise as shown below. Each Cub Scout holds up his card in turn and reads the explanation given below.

I, _____, PROMISE - A promise is a solemn vow, where your reputation is at stake.

TO DO MY BEST - Your best is giving all you've got when you have something to do, and working on it with all your heart and with all the strength and devotion you have.

TO DO MY DUTY - To do the job; to meet the responsibilities; to do what must be done, not just halfway but completely and fully so that you may be proud of your work.

OPENING - IMAGINATION

SETTING: Have each boy hold a card with one letter per card. Write on the back of the card what the boy needs to say. When the boys come up to the front, have them hold their cards down and raise each letter one at a time when they say their parts. When all the cards are up and facing the audience, it will spell the word "imagination" which is what the boys will use. I - I is for imagination plenty of in this month's theme.

M - M is for make-believe

A - A is for anything you want to be

G - G is for goblins

I - I is for intriguing tales

N - N is for never ending stories

A - A is for Arthur's court

T - T is for things that go bump in the night

I - I is for images of the mind

O - O is for open thoughts, not closed minds

N - N is for new ideas.

OPENING - HALLOWEEN HELPERS

CUBMASTER: "Halloween is coming," said the Spirit of October. "Who will help to make the people frolicsome instead of sober?"
(Each Cub Scout holds up the appropriate construction-paper "creature" as he reads his part.)

CUB #1: "I will," said a big black cat. "I will come and scat, scat, scat."

CUB #2: "I'll make faces through the night," said a Jack O'Lantern bright.

CUB #3: "Let us help, " said all the witches, "with our broomsticks & our switches."

CUB #4: "For your doings I will prowl," hooted then a big-eyed owl.

CUB #5: "I'll be there; you need me most," squeaked the voice of some lone ghost.

CUB #6: "We'll be peeping out from nooks," added one of many spooks.

CUB #7: "Right beside him we will roam," said a goblin and a gnome.

CUBMASTER: "Thank you for willing offers," said the spirit of October. "Surely now we'll make the people frolicsome instead of sober."

OPENING - LAND OF MAKE BELIEVE

ARRANGEMENT: Any number of boys can be used. All wear costumes. They come on stage, one at a time, and speak their lines. Adjust the lines below to fit your number of boys and their type costumes.

NARRATOR: Won't you come and join us in the Land of Make Believe? Just use imagination and see what you can see:

1ST BOY: I am a daring Astronaut..I like to fly in space, My rocketship will take me to the most unusual place.

2ND BOY: I am a racing driver..I always like to win, I always put my helmet on before the race begins.

3RD BOY: I am a pirate brave and bold..I sail; the seven seas, I make landlubbers walk the plank and don't listen to their pleas.

4TH BOY: I am the scariest monster that you have ever seen, I frighten little children, and make the women scream.

5TH BOY: I am a walking robot. I am so very smart, I'll answer all your questions, but I don't have a heart.

6TH BOY: My shining arm or and my sword show that I'm a knight, And when a dragon comes around, I'm ready for a fight.

7TH BOY: I'm a famous Indian Chief; I'm fierce, but I am fair, I even let my Indian braves grow the longest hair.

8TH BOY: I am a ghost....a real live ghost; you don't believe, you say? Then when I see you an a real dark night, please don't run away.

9TH BOY: I am the headless horseman, straight from the legend old, But I carry my head along with me, in case my neck gets cold.

10TH BOY: I'm Rip Van Winkle. I have a long, long beard; I slept so long it grew that way. Some folks think I'm weird.

OPENING - LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE

ARRANGEMENT: A single light bulb is illuminated in the from of a darkened room.

CUBMASTER: This light bulb is a pretty commonplace thing to people these days. But it's a fitting symbol for our Pack's Genius Night because of what it represents. Its inventor, Thomas Edison, was recognized as a genius--one of the great inventors of all time. But even more, he represented what you can accomplish if you remember to live up to that part of the Cub Scout promise that says you will **DO YOUR BEST**. Even if you don't invent a better light bulb, I hope each one of you will do your best, and not stumble around in the darkness, complaining about what everyone else is doing.

Turn up the house lights. Color guard posts the colors and leads the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - LORD BADEN-POWELL

EQUIPMENT: 15 Cub Scouts each holding a large square of paper. On each square is one of the letters that spells out "Lord Baden Powell." When it is the appropriate boys's turn, he flips the square over, and reads the following which is printed on the back of the square for him to read as the audience views his letter. Tell each boy to emphasize the word that is in caps.

L - A Scout **LOVES** the outdoors.

O - A Cub Scout **OBEYS** Akela.

R - A Scout **RESPECTS** others.

D - A Scout **DOES** his best.

B - A Scout **BELIEVES** in God.

A - A Scout is **ALWAYS** prepared.

D - The **DEN** is where fun begins.

E - **EVERYONE** grows in Scouting.

N - Scouting **NEEDS** your support.

P - the **PACK** helps the Cub Scout grow.

O - Scouting teaches the **OUTDOOR** Code.

W - **WEBELOS** transition to Boy Scouts.

E - **EAGLE** Scout is the highest award in Scouting.

L - Scouts **LEARN** skills.

L - A Scout **LEADS** others.

OPENING - OLD GLORY'S PAST AND PRESENT

PERSONNEL: Narrator, George Washington, Captain Sam Reid (Naval Capt.), Henry Ward Beecher (Minister), Pres. Woodrow Wilson, 11 other Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Several flags. They can be posters made by the boys (copied from the genuine flag), flags sewn for the occasion, or made on felt squares. Four Colonial wilderness flags, Grand Union flag, Betsy Ross or the First Stars and Stripes flag, Fifteen Stars and Stripes flag, 48 star flag, 2 each 50-star flags.

BOY #1: (Holding star): The star is a symbol of the heavens and the divine goal towards which man has aspired.

BOY #2: (Holding red stripe): The stripe is symbolic of the ray of light shining from the sun.

NARRATOR: (Standing by the American flag posted in a stand): Henry Ward Beecher said, "A thoughtful mind when it sees a nation's flag, sees not the flag, but the nation itself. And whatever may be its symbols, its insignia, he reads chiefly in the flag, the government, the principles, the truths, the history that belong to the nation that sets it forth. The American flag has been a symbol of liberty and men rejoiced in it."

BOY #3: Our Colonial forefathers adopted flags symbolic of their struggles with the wilderness. (Show representative flags) Beavers, pine trees, rattlesnakes were some of the symbols used on their flags.

BOY #4: (Shows flags with mottoes) These flags also had mottoes such as: Liberty, "Appeal to Heaven," "Don't Tread on Me."

NARRATOR: The first flag of the colonists to show any resemblance to the present stars and stripes was the Grand Union Flag sometimes call the "Congress Colors."

(Boy 5 stands in the middle with Boys 6 & 7 on either side.)

BOY #5: (Holding up Grand Union Flag) The Grand Union Flag has 13 alternating red and white stripes representing the 13 colonies with a blue field in the upper left-hand corner that had on it the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew suggesting union with the Mother Country, England.

BOY #6: This flag flew from the ships of the colonial fleet in the Delaware River, Dec. 1775.

BOY #7: The Grand Union Flag was the standard of the Continental Army when it was formed in January 1776.

NARRATOR: When the Star-Spangled Banner was flown by the Continental Army, George Washington said:

BOY #8 (George Washington): "We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our mother country, separating it by the white stripes thus showing that we have separated from her; and

the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty."

BOY #9: The first Army flag, popularly known as the Betsy Ross Flag (show flag) had the stars around in a circle based on the idea that no colony should be more important than another.

NARRATOR: As each new state was admitted to the union, a star and stripe was added (show 15 stars and stripes flag). In January 1794, a resolution was adopted that the flag should have 15 stars and stripes for the new states, Kentucky and Vermont. But, Captain Samuel C. Reid suggested to Congress:

BOY #10: (Capt. Reid): I suggest that the stripes on the flag remain 13 representing the Thirteen Colonies, and that a star be added to the blue field for each new state coming into the Union.

NARRATOR: On April 14, 1818, Congress passed a law that a star be added for each new state on the Fourth of July after its admission.

BOY #11: (Holding 48-star flag): When Arizona and New Mexico were admitted to the Union in 1912, we had a 48-star flag.

BOY #12: (Holding 49-star flag) In 1959, Alaska added the 49th star.

BOY #13: (Holding flag of 50 stars): In 1960, the new state of Hawaii gave our flag its 50th star.

Display present American flag in darkened room with spotlight shining on it. Two boys representing President Wilson and Henry Ward Beecher stand on either side of the flag.

NARRATOR: Our flag of 50 stars and 13 stripes has witnessed a great and ever-changing history. Two of our country's statesmen express their feelings for our American flag. In 1812 Henry Ward Beecher said:

BOY #14: (Henry Beecher): "As at the early dawn the stars shine forth while it rows light, and then as the sun advances that light breaks into banks and steaming lines of color, the glowing red and intense white, striving together, and ribbing the horizon with bars effulgent; so on the American flag, stars and beams of many-colored light shine out together..."

NARRATOR: President Woodrow Wilson on Flag Day 1917 added:

BOY #15 (Pres. Wilson): "This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power, our thought and purpose as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation. The choices are ours."

(lights up)

1. A tape of the speaking parts can be pre-recorded and the actors can pantomime to it.
2. George Washington, Capt. Reid, Henry Beecher, Pres. Wilson can be portrayed by one

simple characteristic prop such as a wig or hat representative of the man and his period; or full costume may be used.

OPENING - OPENING OUR EYES

PERSONNEL: 6 Cub Scouts, looking around the stage.

CUB #1 - What's that up in the sky - a dragon, a plane, a cloud?

CUB #2 - I've seen lots of bugs, but never one like this, have you?

CUB #3 - That's a pretty bird up in that tall tree; I wish I knew what kind it was.

CUB #4 - I wonder if we could play ball or maybe even have a picnic out here.

CUB #5 - Let's ask our Den Leader or our parents. I'm sure they will let us.

CUB #6 - Boy, you guys have really opened up my eyes to all the fun we can have by sharing the things we're interested in.

TOGETHER - Would you please stand, and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - O-U-T-D-O-O-R-S

ARRANGEMENTS: 8 Cub Scouts and Den Leader, each Cub holds up a poster board sign with one of the letters O-U-T-D-O-O-R-S on it.

1ST CUB: O - Observing animals!

2ND CUB: U - Underwater games!

3RD CUB: T - Tracks and trails!

4TH CUB: D - Dinner on the ground!

5TH CUB: O - Owls in oak trees!

6TH CUB: O - Outings and campouts!

7TH CUB: R - Riding bikes!

8TH CUB: S - Stargazing!

DEN LEADER: Boy, you guys really have opened my eyes to all the fun we can have
OUTDOORS!!!

OPENING - THESE FLAGS

SETTING: 7 Cub Scouts or Webelos Scouts holding 7 cardboard or cloth replicas of historic flags. U.S. and Pack flag are advanced in usual manner.

1ST BOY - This evening we will display the flags we have made and give you a brief history of our U.S. flag.

2ND BOY - This is the Grand Union Flag. At the beginning of the American Revolution, the colonist hoped not so much to gain independence as to correct the wrongs done them under the rule of King George III They kept the British Jack out of loyalty to the crown, but added 13 stripes to show their own unity. It was raised the first day of January, 1776, over George Washington's headquarters.

3RD BOY - This is Old Glory, the first official flag of the United States. It was created by a resolution of the Continental Congress, passed June 14, 1777, a day we celebrate as Flag Day.

4TH BOY - This is the Star Spangled Banner. This flag with 15 stars and stripes flew over Fort McHenry the night of its bombardment in 1814 and inspired Francis Scott Key to write the National Anthem.

5TH BOY - This is the Flag of 1818. As more states joined the Union, the flag would become an awkward shape if more stripes were added. So, on April 4, 1818, Congress passed a law that restored the design of the flag to the original 13 stripes and provided that a star should be added for each new state.

6TH BOY - This is the 48 Star Flag that came into being in 1912 when Arizona became a state. President Taft ordered that the stars be placed in six rows of eight stars each. This flag served us through two world wars and the Korean conflict.

7TH BOY - This is the 50 Star Flag, the Flag of the United States of America today. It has 13 red and white stripes and 50 white stars. The stripes remind us of the 13 original colonies that gained us our liberty. The stars represent the states that are bound together into one country. When we salute our country's flag, let's remember all the things for which it stands... our history, our liberty, our traditions, our American way of life. Then let's pledge ourselves to honor them as boys and to uphold them as men.
Please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - V-I-K-I-N-G-S

Have each boy hold appropriate letter and read the accompanied verse glue on the back of the letter.

V - is for victories in battle we have won.
I - is for ice and snow that hide the winter sun.
K - is for the kingdoms that we raided for their treasure.
I - is for our interest in family, home and pleasure.
N - is for the northlands, the places we call home.
G - is for the gallant ships across the seas to roam.
S - is for the songs and sagas, told to you and me.
Put them altogether and brave Vikings we will be.

OPENING - WATCHING ALL THE BUGS AND BEES

Personnel: Seven boys, each holding a poster depicting their line.

CUB #1 - We know a place where you can find fun things to do of every kind.
CUB #2 - We can find a sneaky snake or fill an ant farm in a shake.
CUB #3 - Chase butterflies flying by or jump a fence (if it's not too high!)
CUB #4 - Hear the crickets serenade, sit on the grass, drink lemonade.
CUB #5 - Games of all sorts we do play, this we do to pass our day.
CUB #6 - The first one able to climb the tree tells the others what he can see.
CUB #7 - The dirt and grime that's left on me shows how much fun it is to be,
ALL - Watching all the bugs and bees!

OPENING - S-P-O-R-T-S-M-A-N-S-H-I-P

S - Smile, even if you hurt inside.
P - Pardon those parents who may show poor manners.
O - Ooze with enthusiasm for your car and fellow den members.
R - Respect the feelings of other Cubs.
T - Try your best and be.
S - Satisfied with yourself.
M - Master the art of self-control.
A - Anger has no place in our meeting.
N - Notice that only one car can be the winner.
S -- Success in "doing your best" will be present for every Cub Scout.
H - Hush those words of bragging.
I - Insert your "Congratulations" to the winner.
P - Play the "Derby Game" for fun.

OPENING - W-A-T-E-R

SETTING: Five Cub Scouts, each holding a poster board with one letter on the front and their line written on the back.

CUB #1: W is for wet and wild.

CUB #2: A is for always around in winter.

CUB #3: T is for there's never enough in summer.

CUB #4: E is for its part in the environment.

CUB #5: R is for the refreshing relief it brings us.

(If you have more than five boys, you might have the rest stand at the end of the line, one could hold up a big glass of water for drinking, one might hold up a water balloon, one might have a spray bottle and mist the audience, all are showing how water refreshes us.)

OPENING - THE WAY OF COMMUNICATION

PERSONNEL: 7 Webelos Scouts and Leader

ARRANGEMENT: Scroll, model of horse and rider, semaphore flags, sign name, radio and small picture of a TV.

LEADER: We have been studying communication. Here are a few of the things we have learned.

1ST CUB: In ancient Roman days, the messages were sent with runners.

2ND CUB: In ancient England, the way of communication was sent by horse and rider.

3RD CUB: In the army, they used Morse Code, a bunch of dots and dashes, and semaphore, the use of flag letters and hand signals.

4TH CUB: To communicate with someone who has a hearing disability, we use the hand alphabet or signing.

5TH CUB: In the early years, a radio was a popular way of communicating. Do you remember the Shadow or the Green Hornet?

6TH CUB: TV is today's way of communicating. Most TV shows are taped and played at a later date, but in the early days, it was live.

7TH CUB: There are satellites around the earth that beam live TV programs from anywhere in the world. We have Weather, TV and phone satellites.

LEADER: As you can see, the boys have learned a lot this month. We ask that everyone now rise and join in communicating our pride in America by repeating the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

OPENING - WE THE KNIGHTS OF THE ROUND TABLE

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster in Knight's costume, Reader, Pack of Cub Scouts dressed as Knights.

EQUIPMENT: Knight's costumes, including shields and wooden or cardboard swords and a scroll.

ARRANGEMENT: Cub Scouts form a closed circle around the Cubmaster, holding shields in front of them and facing out.

CUBMASTER: We, the Knights of the Round Table, are bound together in a circle of steel. Let this steel wall remind us to keep from our land and from our daily lives, those things that are not in keeping with our code of honor. Now, Knights of the Round Table, place your left hand on your sword. May the spirit of honor and freedom go forth from you to all your brothers.

READER: (Repeats the Cub Scout Promise written on the scroll.)

OPENING - WEATHER FORECASTING THE OLD FASHIONED WAY

PERSONNEL: Have boys hold up cards explaining their parts if you wish: for example: a cloud, a moon, etc., and you can use as many Cub Scouts as you like, some may do more than one part.

NARRATOR: Weather forecasting has been around. People have used all kinds of methods; Today scientific instruments really abound, But just for fun, let's look at some oldies.

CUB #1 - Red sky in the morning, sailors take warning. Red sky at night, sailor's delight.

CUB #2 - When the dew is on the grass, Rain will never come to pass.

CUB #3 - A circle around the moon tells of a storm pretty soon.

CUB #4 - When stars above are bright, A good day is still in sight.

CUB #5 - Mackerel sky, storm is nigh.

CUB #6 - Sounds travel far and wide, A stormy day will be tide.

CUB #7 - When the grass is dry at night, Look for rain before the light.

CUB #8 - Cotton floating in the air, (clouds) Moderate wind and weather fair.

CUB #9 - Evening red and morning gray, Are certain signs of a fine day.

CUB #10 - Grasses dry in the morning light, Look for rain before the night.

OPENING - "WHAT LIGHT BREAKS?"

But soft! What light through yonder window breaks?
It is the east, and Cub Scout Spirit is the sun!
Arise fair sun and prepare our "Knights of the Roundtable."
Arise light of spiritual growth and belief in God.
Arise light of citizenship and sportsmanship.
Arise light of friendship and achievement.
Arise light of fun and excitement.
Gallant nobles of her majesty's court,
"Gratitude" we give thee for thy lessons in lighting the "Cub Scout Sun" within our hearts!
Cub Scouts, Cub Scouts, wherefore art thou Cub Scouts.
Deny your Nintendo, refuse your cartoons,
But be willing, gallant squires to be our "Knights of the Roundtable."

OPENING - WHAT IS THE STRENGTH OF AMERICA?

EQUIPMENT: U.S. flag, spotlight or flashlight.

PERSONNEL: Webelos honor guard and narrator. The honor guard presents the colors, leads in Pledge of Allegiance, and posts the colors. Dim houselights and spotlight the flag.

NARRATOR: What is the strength of America?

An agriculturist may have you believe that America's strength lies in the land.
A merchant may say that a nation's power is in its commerce
A manufacturer might say that it is in technology, in machinery and in skilled labor.
A politician may contend that our nation's strength is in its politics.
An educator might declare that knowledge is the nation's power,
and a scientist would say that the secret is science, the product of the laboratory.
A military man would no doubt insist that a nation is great if it has many weapons and a
mighty military power.
But America's real strength is in the character of her people. Men of character fought the
Revolution, endured the Civil War, led the pioneers who settled the West, and have fought
the battles of freedom everywhere.
Our strength today is still rooted in character. That's why the Scouting movement is still
concerned with building strong character in boys. Our aim is to pass on to them the character
traits that built America and are symbolized by our flag. Please join me now in expressing
our love for our country by singing 'God Bless America' .

OPENING - CUB SCOUT CORRAL

NARRATOR: (Dressed in Cowboy clothes: I'm the rootinest-tootinest shootinest-hombre you ever did see. And I'm here to tell you about the biggest event of our times. We're about to open one of the wooliest rodeos you tinhorns ever did see. Hang onto you're hats cause here they come, those ridin, roughin, ropin Cowboys from Pack _____.

(Enter cowboys on horses (stick or around waist) make a wild ride around the chairs and end up in front of audience.)

ALL BOYS SING:

We're rough & tough we ride-em high.
We're rootin-tootin cowboys.
We throw a rope, or brand-em fast,
We're rootin-tootin cowboys,
With one hand high
We'll ride or die.
We're rootin-tootin cowboys.
So welcome now to our POW WOW
We're rootin-tootin cowboys
"Ya-hoo".

OPENING - B STANDS FOR BOYS

B stands for BOYS - without them there would be no Scouting program.

L is for LEADERSHIP - both boy and adult.

U is for the many USEFUL things we are learning in Cub Scouting and for the UNSELFISH time our Cub Scout leaders put into the program.

E reminds us that the Cub Scout program is for EVERY boy, regardless of race, creed or color.

A is for ALWAYS. We'll always remember our Cub Scouting days.

N is for NOW. It's all right to dream of the things we will do when we are older, but Cub Scouting is something worthwhile we can do now.

D is for DO Your Best - the Cub Scout Motto.

G is for GAMES and Great fun.

O is for OPPORTUNITY to learn new skills.

L is for LOVE - for our parents, our leaders, and our country.

D is for DEVELOPMENT. Cub Scouting develops citizenship, sportsmanship, new skills, and brotherhood. We're proud of our Cub Scout program and hope you will always support us.

OPENING - COLORED WATER OPENING

PERSONNEL NEEDED: Narrator (Cubmaster) and four Cub Scouts.

PREPARATION: 4 quart size fruit jars are needed. The underside of the fruit jar lid should have 5 drops of cake coloring placed on, the lid and dried onto the lid ahead of time. The four lids need to be marked on the top of the lid: B, C, Y or R. Fruit jars should be filled 1/3 full of clear water.

(Cub #1 holds up a quart fruit jar 1/3 full of water. The water will be clear.)

CUBMASTER: The main color of our Cub Scouts is blue. (The first boy shakes the bottle and the water changes to blue.)

CUBMASTER: "Blue represents the color of our sky, clean and pure in its blue, as does the blue in our flag which stands for justice and pure virtues."

(Cub #2 holds up his quart fruit jar 1/3 full of water. The water will be clear. The boy shakes the jar. The water stays clear.)

CUBMASTER: "The water in the bottle is still clear and clean and pure. The white in our flag's stars and stripes also stands for purity and our dreams for a better tomorrow in both thought and deed - a rule of conduct we all should heed. A reminder that all of our lives need to stay clean and pure."

(Cub #3 holds up his quart fruit jar and shakes it. The water changes to a yellow-gold.)

CUBMASTER: "Yellow or gold is the other main color of our Cub Scout colors. Yellow of gold represents the sunshine and happiness of our lives. Health and happiness in a land of abundance and prosperity."

(Cub #4 holds up his quart fruit jar and shakes it. The water turns red.)

CUBMASTER: "The color in this bottle represents the red stripes of our flag. It reminds us that many people with courage and bravery have given their lives and their blood to protect this land and our freedom."

CUBMASTER: "Let's now pour the clear water into the gold water. (Pour) We still have the sunshine of life and happiness. Let's now pour the blue into the gold water. (Pour) We now have the magic of green. Our country is a country of beautiful green valleys and beautiful mountains of green, a true land of freedom. Blue and gold have blended together to show we can work together for a better world."

"Now as we pour the red into the green, the jar turns black. (Pour) So it is with our lives. If we live good lives that bring us happiness, the sunshine will always be there. The black illustrates that when we do things that are not right, our lives are filled with sadness or unhappiness because of our wrong doings. Let us all strive to follow the path of the green."
"Will you now join me in the Cub Scout Promise!"

OPENING - AMERICA A LA MODE - A RECIPE

Take a huge melting pot.

Put in a large quantity of ENGLISH people (the English will add to the melting pot-our language, system of courts and laws, their desire for religious freedom)

Gradually add 3 cups of the IRISH (the Irish will add to the melting pot - St. Patrick's Day, shamrocks and leprechauns, Irish stew and Irish potatoes, the Irish Setter, their imagination and sense of humor)

Pour in a large measure of GERMANS (the Germans will add to the melting pot-hot dogs, the hamburger, the pretzel, kindergarten, the State University, and their determination to make their new land a great country)

Add a heaping cup of FRENCH (the French will add to the melting pot-wigs, the waltz, wonderful foods, the Statue of Liberty, a taste of elegance, and their dreams of freedom)

Add several tablespoons of AFRICANS (the Africans will add to the melting pot-soulful songs, jazz, athletes, large stature and muscles that did hard, heavy work in the country's infancy)

Add a pinch of REFUGEES FROM MANY LANDS - the tired, the poor, and the oppressed who yearn for freedom.

Mix all these ingredients well and allow to stand to grow rich in flavor. If the mixture begins to foam or bubble, fold in very gently some patience, understanding brotherhood, and love.

If you have done everything right, you should have AMERICA A LA MODE.

OPENING - BLOCK OF WOOD

EQUIPMENT: A long table with a cloth covering the top and front and side, A block of wood, A variety of wood working tools, A piece of wood carved and finished

CM: You see this block of wood (holds up the block of wood, uncarved) which is much like a boy as he enters the Cub Scouting program. It is just a block of wood. It is plain and does not suspect what it can become.

Now, let's look at a piece of wood (holds up the wood that is carved) that has then lovingly shaped, sanded, stained, and finished in every way to become something useful and beautiful. What makes the difference between the uncut block of wood and this fine piece of wood? A patient wood worker, using tools that are properly cared for, follows a pattern to shape a block of wood into something of beauty and use. It takes time, it takes patience, it takes a plan. That's what Cub Scouting is all about. A plan to help shape boys into achieving their potential. And that's what we're here to celebrate tonight.

OPENING - PROMISE TO THE FOUR WINDS

Have a large cut-out of the compass on the floor to denote directions. Each Cub Scout reader, dressed in costume, comes forward one at a time and reads a portion of the Promise. Den Chief or Den Leader reads explanations.

North Cub Scout: Father North Wind, I promise.....

Reader: **PROMISE:** To promise something means to say that you will do it. If you keep your word when you promise something, people will believe what you say. They know they can trust you. The harder a job is, the harder a Cub Scout tries to keep his promise.

East Cub Scout: Father East Wind, I promise to do my best.....

Reader: **DO MY BEST:** You know what doing your best means. You will not be perfect. Nobody is, and your parents and Cub Scout leaders won't expect you to be. But they want you to do your best.

South Cub Scout: Father South wind, I promise to do my duty to God and my country.....

Reader: **DO MY DUTY:** Your duty means thing you ought to do. It means showing respect for other people. It means finishing Jobs you are asked to do and going to meetings you are supposed to go to. Doing your duty to God means practicing your religion at home and in your church or synagogue. Your duty to your country is to be a good American. You will always stand up for your country and for your own rights and the rights of others.

West Cub Scout: Father West Wind, I promise to help other people.....

Reader: **TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE:** To help other people means to do things for them that you don't have to do. It is like a Good Turn in Scouting.

All four Cub Scouts, together:
And to obey the Law of the Pack.

The remaining den members come forward to lead the pack members in the law of the Pack.
Designate one to announce what to do.
(Follow with the Pledge of Allegiance)

OPENING - I THINK ASTRONAUTS

CUBMASTER: Think about America's astronauts.

CUB 1: I think astronauts need to know a lot, so I will do my best at school.

CUB 2: I think astronauts must work hard, so I will listen to my parents and do my best at home.

CUB 3: I think astronauts have to cooperate well with others, so I will do my best to get along in my neighborhood.

CUB 4: I think astronauts must be honest and have good character, so I will do my best in God's eyes.

Let us Look to the Stars of our beautiful flag as we say the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - BE THANKFUL

PERSONNEL: Two Cub Scouts or two leaders.

CUB #1: Oh boy, Thanksgiving is coming! Turkey, stuffing and lots of pumpkin pie. Boy, am I going to pig out!

CUB #2: Is that all Thanksgiving means to you?

CUB #1: Sure, what does it mean to you?

CUB #2: Eating a big dinner is only a small part of Thanksgiving. It is a time to celebrate and to give thanks for all that we have.

CUB #1: Oh! Yea, to give thanks for that pumpkin pie.

CUB #2: To give thanks for everything we have, not just for the food, but our homes, family and friends, and our freedoms.

CUB #1: Freedoms?

CUB #2: Yes, the Pilgrims celebrated religious freedom with a feast after a year in the new world. The other freedoms that we enjoy in America are freedom of speech, freedom to live as we choose, and the freedom to elect our leaders.

CUB #1: I never realized that I had so many things to be thankful for.

OPENING - REPAIR A CUB SCOUT

A disheveled Cub Scout stands in front of the group. His hair is messed up, his face is dirty, the tail of his shirt is pulled out in a messy way. He has a pronounced frown on his face and he stands all slouched over. The Den Leader or Den Chief comes and stands beside him and says the following:

"This Cub Scout is in need of repair and I think we have just the tools to do the job."

A Cub Scout repairman picks up a hammer with a sign attached which says 'Do My Best'. The Cub Scout pretends to hammer on the boy. The disheveled Cub Scout tucks in his shirt and stands a little straighter.

Another Cub Scout repairman picks up a screwdriver with a sign attached which says 'Do my Duty'. This repairman pretends to work on the other Cub Scout. Now the Cub Scout combs his hair and stands a little straighter.

A third Cub Scout repairman picks up pliers with a sign attached that says 'God and Country'. After being worked on by his friend with the pliers, the Cub Scout stands at attention and salutes the flag.

The next Cub Scout repairman uses a saw which is labeled 'Help other People'. After his repair work, the Cub Scout washes his face.

The final Cub Scout repairman uses a plane labeled 'Law of the Pack'. After this final repair, the Cub Scout puts on his biggest smile.

The Den Leader or Den Chief then says "Now this Cub Scout is in really good shape."

Close by having all the boys check their appearance and then conducting the Pledge of Allegiance and the Cub Scout Promise.

OPENING - GIVE THANKS TO YOUR GREAT CREATOR

PROPS: Electric campfire that a remote switch so you can turn it on. Akela in headdress and Indian feathers (if possible). Have everyone seated In den groups and the room in darkness or little light.

AKELA: (Raise arms until everyone is quiet) All is quiet, the Great Spint watches. We have all gathered around the Council fire to learn of the wisdom of our elders. Do I hear the Bobcats? (All Bobcats howl like bobcats) Are the Wolves here? (Wolfs all howl) Are the Bears gathered? (Bears wuff and growl) Are the Webelos here? (Webelos yell "Weee beee looyalll Scooooouuts!")

AKELA: (Have all do their yell again together then call for quiet) We are all here, let the council fire ignite. (Have assistant turn on the switch)

AKELA: (Raise arms to heaven and look up) O Great Father in the sky, listen to thy people.

1ST BRAVE: We thank Thee for the light of the sun each day and the beauty of the earth.

2ND BRAVE: We thank Thee for me plants and animals Thou hast created for us to enjoy.

3RD BRAVE: We thank Thee for the moon and stars at night and the fire which gives us warmth and cooks our food.

AKELA: Rise up all you braves. Rise up white brothers. Rise up all people. (motion for audience to rise) We want to honor the flag of our white brothers.

FLAG BEARER: (brings in American flag, sets in stand) This banner stands for freedom, liberty, and possibilities for all. We honor it and respect it. It is our country's ensign. Let us pledge...

AKELA: White brothers give thanks to your Great Creator (have prayer).

OPENING - SOMETIME DURING CHRISTMAS

Sometime during Christmas
As the days go rushing by.
Take time to see the Christmas lights
Mist-haloed against the sky.

Some time during Christmas
Breathe deep the Christmas smell,
The bayberry and the piney scents,
What welcome they foretell.

Sometime during Christmas
When carolers are singing.
Retell the age-old story
For which the bells are ringing.

Sometime during Christmas,
Midst the gaiety and noise.
Take time to hear the quietness
Of simple Christmas joys.

Some time during Christmas
Remember friends are near.
And feel the warmth of knowing
Your friendship's very dear!

OPENING - PRISONER OF WAR FLAG 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.

OPENING - WHAT GOLDEN RULE

PERSONNEL AND PROPS: A large Golden Rule, flashlights, and a large poster with the Cub Scout Promise on it, a long wooden dowel with a black arrow point. As an added special effect, you could tape them up at the 12" of the rule.

CM: What is the golden rule? Do unto others as you would have them do unto you! Do we always do that? I'm afraid not! Sometime we hit the other guy, or talk about him behind his back, or fail to help him when he needs our help. We're not doing to him as we would like to do to us.

Where do you stand on the "Golden Rule? Do you almost never think about other people and their feelings? Then you're here on the golden rule.

(point to the 2" mark on the rule)

Most of us, I think are here, because sometimes--but not always--we remember the other guy (point to the 6" mark). As good scouts, we should always aim to go as far as we can on the golden rule. We won't make it all the way to the end, because "nobody's perfect", but if we try real hard, we can make it to here (point to the 11" mark). Let us renew our pledge to follow the golden rule by repeating the Cub Scout Promise.

Den #?: Would you please repeat after us, and please repeat the Pledge.

OPENING - CONSTELLATIONS

Thoughts to be read by one of the leaders:

For thousands of years, people have gazed at the night sky with wonder and awe. As they studied the patterns of the stars, the early sky watchers drew imaginary lines from star to star, outlining the shapes of objects, animals, and gods. Some of their names for these constellations are familiar to us today.

Stonehenge, a ring of mammoth boulders built several thousand years ago on the plains of Southern England, may well have functioned partly as a prehistoric observatory used to record important positions of the sun and moon, and perhaps even to predict eclipses. Some Egyptian pyramids were erected with features in line with certain stars, as were some of Central America's Mayan Temples.

Even though most celestial features are far more permanent than terrestrial ones, our point of view is constantly moving, and thus different star charts are necessary to reflect the appearance of the sky overhead at different hours of the night and during different seasons of the year. The center of each chart usually corresponds with the zenith of the sky (the point directly overhead), and is marked with a small cross. The horizon, that line where the sky appears to touch the ground, is the circle bordering each chart.

OPENING - CUB SCOUTING IS A BEGINNING

SETUP: The Cubmaster presents the pack flag and asks each den to send one boy to the front. The boys grasp the flagstaff with their left hands and make the Cub Scout sign with their right hands.

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouts are asked to be loyal to their pack. Let's remind ourselves of that by repeating the Law of the Pack: (Boys repeat the Law of the Pack and return to their seats.)

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouting is a beginning, not an end in itself. It is the first step on the Scouting trail. It is a good idea to keep that in mind. And so I'd like to read something Lord Baden Powell, Scouting's founder, had to say about it. Baden Powell said: "The Wolf Cub pack is not designed as a separate organization, but part of a Scout group. The Cubmaster should work in close cooperation with Scouts and Scout leaders. He should make it plain to every new boy and to every new boy's parents that the Cub pack is only an anteroom to the Scout troop, and he should always keep the idea of becoming a Scout before the Cubs."

CUBMASTER: In the next couple of months, many of our Webelos Scouts will be graduating into Boy Scout troops. Let's do our best to make sure all Webelos Scouts have that opportunity.

OPENING - RAINBOW AFTER A STORM

PERSONAL: CM, 7 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Poster of Cub Scout emblem with rainbow poster attached to the wall, 7 strips of colored ribbon or crepe paper; red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, & violet.

ARRANGEMENT: 7 boys are in a semicircle. Each is holding his streamer to Cub Scout emblem and sits down. (It might be a good idea to mark the Scouting emblem where streamers will be attached).

CM: We all love to see the rainbow appear after a storm, and glory in the wonderful display of colors. Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet appear in an arch of such rare beauty. We might liken this phenomenon to the Cub Scouts. Just as all 7 colors combined will form a beautiful rainbow, so all the activities enjoyed by our Cub Scouts will develop beautiful character and good citizens.

1ST BOY: The red color stands for love and courage. A cub scout is courageous to stand up for the things he thinks are right.

2ND BOY: The orange color stands for wisdom. A Cub Scout learns new and interesting things to do in his den.

3RD BOY: The yellow stands for cheer and brightness. A Cub Scout is cheerful and a friend to all.

4TH BOY: To some, the color green stands for temperance. To Cub Scout green means being alert and full of life.

5TH BOY: Blue stands for loyalty and obedience. A Cub Scout obeys the Law of the Pack.

6TH BOY: Indigo stands for service. A Cub Scout spreads goodwill and serves others.

7TH BOY: Violet or purple sometimes stands for richness. A Cub Scout is rich with new friends when he joins the Pack.

CM: (Pointing to the rainbow) When you see these colors, we hope you will not only be reminded of the rainbow, but will also remember Cub Scouts will develop the characteristics the colors symbolize.

OPENING - SALUTE TO THE SETTING SUN

Members of the den are assigned parts to speak (have them printed on the back of a paper feather to read as memories sometimes fail). If the den has more or less than eight members make adjustments- one boy can read more than one and extras can be on hand for atmosphere. Costumes needed.

CUB SCOUT 1: We are in the tune of the Moon When Grass Starts (April). Think on these things as we prepare for the council meeting.

CUB SCOUT 2: Before the sun leaves to let the night come let us give honor to the ways of nature.

CUB SCOUT 3: Let us honor the setting sun for the good things that have happened during the day.

CUB SCOUT 4: Let us honor the sky for the much-needed rain which has fallen.

CUB SCOUT 5: Let us honor the winds from the north, east' south and west for the good things we have received from them.

CUB SCOUT 6: Honor the earth. mother and giver of food.

CUB SCOUT 7: Honor the sky, home of the Great Spirit.

CUB SCOUT 8: Honor Akela, and follow in his footsteps.

CUB SCOUT 1: Think long on these things. Now let the council members gather close together in celebration of challenges put before us, and challenges met.

OPENING - SHOW BIZ

ARRANGEMENT: Boys in costume form parade outside room. Den Chief is at head of parade, carrying pack flag. On signal they enter room, and parade around audience. After going around room once, they take their seats, as pack flag is posted. American flag is already posted on stage.

CUBMASTER: Ladies and gentlemen and children of all ages. Tonight you will see stars in performance of unparalleled magnificence. The most startling and unusual features are assembled from the far corners of the civilized globe, in a super-spectacle with all the color of Hindustan and the majesty of the Grand Canyon. A gigantic presentation will be unrivaled before your very eyes. Welcome to Pack _____ Show Biz.

(Parade enters, marches around room with calliope music in background. After they are seated, the music is switched to the Star Spangled Banner and audience stands. After national anthem , a Cub Scout leads audience in Pledge of Allegiance.)

OPENING - I STOOD BESIDE THE FLAG TODAY

by Louise Pinkerton Fritz

I stood beside the flag today
And watched it gently wave;
I saw amidst the stars and stripes
America, the great...
A land to which the masses turn,
A land that still is free,
A country that still has been spared
The rule of tyranny.
I stood beside the grand old flag,
The tried red, white and blue...
Compatriots, this flag and I,
Of a nation fair to view.
A nation built upon God's truth,
Where He is still the key
To keeping this, our glorious land,
A torch of liberty.

OPENING - LEIF ERIKSSON

Personnel: Cubmaster dressed as Leif Eriksson comes out.

Props: American flag

LEIF ERIKSSON: I am Leif Eriksson, son of Eric the Red and a mighty Viking. In 999 A.D. I went to King Olaf of Norway who commissioned me to spread Christianity to Greenland. As I was returning, my ship was blown off course to the land you call America. It was a land of which I had previously had no knowledge. I called it Vinland because of the wild grapes I found growing there. I also found wild wheat and 'mosur' wood. I spent the winter there with my crew of 35 men. Then we loaded our ship with wood and sailed back to Greenland. So you can see that your land was not first discovered by Columbus but by brave Vikings. In fact, I was not the first Viking to discover America. Fourteen years before my voyage Bjarni Herjolfsson was also blown off course and reached America. He did not explore it though. So, you see, your heritage also includes the Vikings. Join with me now in pledging allegiance to the flag which now flies over this great land.

OPENING - WHEN THE PRESS IS FREE

Thomas Jefferson wrote "When the press is free and all men are able to read, all is safe." A free press was so important to the fathers of our country; they included it in the First Amendment. This month our boys have had the opportunity to learn about the importance of free speech and a free press. The American press reports all the news. It may be news that is embarrassing to our government or in praise of it. There are few places in the earth which the importance of knowledge over rides the desire of a government. Let us stand up now and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance remembering that while we may not like every individual's opinion, our country will defend every person's right to voice and embrace it.

OPENING - GOLD RUSH

PREPARATION: 8 large posters with a letter on the front of each; boys can have their lines written on the back of each card.

G - G is for all the good that Cub Scouts do.

O - O is for one Cub Scout that can make a difference.

L - L is for the Law of the Pack.

D - D is for our duty to God and country.

R - R is to remind us to take care of our earth.

U - U is for using our resources to help others.

S - S is for the special times we share with families and friends.

H - H is for how Cub Scouting makes us feel "happy".

Please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - HOLIDAY MAGIC SCRAMBLE

PREPARATION: Two dens and a Den Chief can participate together on this skit. A poster board for each letter of the words "Holiday Magic" is needed. After the letters are written, let the boys decorate their posters as desired.

Boys enter the stage carrying letter poster that spells "Holiday Magic". All the letters are scrambled as the boys come on stage. The boys look at one another and at the posters and look puzzled.

Den Chief enters, looks at boys, scratches his head and really looks the boys over again. He begins to rearrange the letters by moving all the boys around. He makes several errors. All the time, the boys are looking around, trying to figure out the message. The Den Chief finally gives up. He just cannot figure it out. The boys huddle together and discuss the situation. Finally, one boy goes over, taps the Den Chief on his shoulder, and whispers in his ear. The Den Chief then proceeds to properly arrange the letters to spell "Holiday Magic".

When all the letters are finally in place, the dens lead the audience in singing a lively holiday song.

OPENING - WATER FUN COLLEGE 101

CUBMASTER enter pack meeting room in a long laboratory coat over slacks that are easy to remove, holding a clipboard, and carrying a briefcase. (Wearing socks and slip on shoes, the Cubmaster has on Beach clothes under the lab coat.)

CUBMASTER:

Welcome to our WATER 101 college pack meeting. I am Professor Cubmaster and I hope that you are all prepared to listen closely and take notes. We are here today to learn about a very important substance...H₂O, otherwise known as water. Now the first thing we will study is the molecular structure...

PACK COMMITTEE CHAIR: (Runs in to interrupt Cubmaster.)

Excuse me, Professor Cubmaster, but tonight's pack meeting is WATER FUN, not WATER 101.

CUBMASTER:

Oh, but I'm sure my secretary told me about a WATER 101 lecture I was to give today. (Consults pocket calendar.) How embarrassing. That's next week. Luckily, every good Scouter comes prepared for nearly everything. Excuse me a moment... (Cubmaster turns around, opens his briefcase, sheds his lab coat and loose slacks and reveals self dressed in beach going gear. Pulls a beach towel, snorkel and fins from the brief case. Steps into sandals or thongs and—as the piece de resistance – pulls out a water pistol and fires off a few squirts to the audience.) Tonight WATER FUN, and we are going to have fun! Who's ready to join me in that???

OPENING - I STAND FOR CHRISTMAS

Nine boys stand in a line at the back of the room. Each holds a large letter that spells out Christmas.

Each steps forward in turn and shows his letter and recites his lines.

C - I stand for carols and Christmas cheer.

H - I stand for holly that's hanging here (points to holly hanging from his sign).

R - I stand for reindeer I've never seen.

I - I stand for ivy of Christmas green.

S - I stand for skates and skies.

T - I stand for tinsel on Christmas trees.

M - I stand for the Christmas message to you from me.

A - I stand for the angel atop the tree.

S - I stand for secrets of every size, all wrapped and waiting for eager eyes.

All - We stand for letters that, one by one, spell out a season of joy and fun.

OPENING - P-I-R-A-T-E-S

Have each of the letters spelling "pirates" on heavy colored tag board. Put the script for each letter on the back of the tag board. Each boy in turn brings his letter from behind his back, holds it up for all to see and reads what his letter represents.

- P stands for Pirates, dangerous and wild.
Who rode the sea, bad weather or mild.
- I stands for Islands, where pirates would gather
to divide the loot between each other.
- R stands for Ransoms the pirates would demand
when they took hostages from the ships onto land.
- A stands for admirals and all the ship's crew
who would die if attacked by you know who.
- T stands for Treasures, silver and gold
taken by all pirates, young and old.
- E stands for Exciting Battles to the death.
Who would win? Who would be left?
- S stands for Seas and all types of Ships.
The pirates were feared on all long trips.

OPENING - WOOD

In the early days, wood was hard to cut and shape, Good tools were scarce and highly to Those who had good tools and good wood used them with care. Fine wood carving was admired and appreciated. As we gather for this pack meeting, let us remember to appreciate each other.

OPENING - OUR COUNTRY

PREPARATIONS: A small flag or a picture of our flag, picture of Statue of liberty, picture of mills or factories, scene from Texas, picture of Alaska, Hawaiian scene, map or picture of USA, recorded background music of your choice, 7 Cub Scouts. The Cub Scouts form a semi-circle around the flag, hold up their pictures and say the short verse that goes with it.

FIRST: (Statue of Liberty) New York is a lovely place, where we see this lady stand.

SECOND: (factory or mills) Michigan is a very great state. They make the cars for our land.

THIRD: (Texas scene) Texas is our own state; we're proud in many ways.

FOURTH: (Alaskan scene) Alaska has some very cold nights with lots of short, short days.

FIFTH: (Hawaiian scene) Hawaii is our newest state, and we're proud to say she's ours.

SIXTH: (map of USA) But all of the states together make a nation of beautiful stars.

SEVENTH: (flag) Please join me in singing "God Bless America."

OPENING - T-I-G-E-R-S

The word "TIGERS "is spelled out on cards, with the words to each line written on the back,
Boys may hold cards and adult partners may read lines,
What is Tiger Cubs?

T - Time spent building a stronger relationship with a boy and his family.

I - Introducing a boy and his family to Scouting.

G - Getting to know others and oneself better.

E - Entering into a group, being part of something special,

R - Reaching out to one another and getting hands-on experience.

S - Sharing and discovering new things and ideas.

This is what Tiger Cubs is all about Searching, Discovering, Sharing.

OPENING - PIONEER TRAIL

CUB 1: The mountain trail is a steep trail and rocky rough and bare.

ALL: But most trails are steep trails that get you anywhere.

CUB 2: The mountain trail is a hard trail with pitfalls left and right.

ALL: But most trails are hard trails that reach a beckoning height.

CUB 3: So over the rocks we scramble

CUB 4: With never a mind to stop!

ALL: And few of us care if it's a steep trail for thought of the mountaintop!

OPENING CEREMONY - THAT'S WHEN CUB SCOUTING CAME TO BE

EQUIPMENT:Eight large cards with a simple but colorful drawing on the front of each to reflect an item in each verse(*the back of each card can hold a copy of the words to be read*)

PERSONNEL: Narrator (den chief or den leader), eight Cub Scouts to recite words.

NARRATOR:Many people think of the 1930s as an era of depression and lean times, but looking through the lens of time, we can see the essence of the American spirit that has formed our great nation through the years. We did not just pull through; we pulled together and triumphed with positive outcomes, achievements, and advances in many areas of American life.

CUB SCOUT 1:

Though times were hard for some each day, Our spirit shone through in the American way.
1930 doesn't seem all depressing to me, For that's when Cub Scouting came to be.

CUB SCOUT 2:

With wonder and excitement we looked to the sky And discovered small Pluto as it orbited
by. The following year, we sang loud and sang long For 'The Star-Spangled Banner' became
our own song.

CUB SCOUT 3:

Amelia Earhart found something exciting to do Flying across the Atlantic in 1932.
Los Angeles was home to the Olympics that year. And the first electric timers made results
very clear.

CUB SCOUT 4:

Radio shows with Jack Benny and Charlie McCarthy Had families gathered each night for
laughs good and hearty. New-fangled theaters hosted group upon group
Watching the Marx Brothers in their new movie, Duck Soup.

CUB SCOUT 5:

Women tennis stars shocked us in 1934, Knee-length white shorts-never dreamt of
before! American pilots kept our spirits quite high With a new altitude record set in 1935.

CUB SCOUT 6:

The next year, an American hero took hold, Working hard for his triumph-four medals of
gold. With talent and grace, he ran for us all. Jesse Owens was a man who made us stand tall.

CUB SCOUT 7:

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs hit the screen, The first full-length cartoon the world had
seen. Orson Wells sent his radio spoof through the night, And we all knew the Martians were
well within sight.

CUB SCOUT 8:

'39 saw the rise of a new kind of king As Goodman played jazz to a new beat called
swing. We closed out the decade with a classic still seen As The Wizard of Oz first came to
the screen.

NARRATOR:As you can see, the American spirit forges on. When we work together as a team, as a family, as a nation we will always find a way to rise above the most difficult of times. Some call it finding the silver lining. For the 1930s, I think that it could be called the gold lining - the blue and gold lining. Happy birthday,Cub Scouts!

OPENING - BRING BACK ONE OF NATURE'S SECRETS

EQUIPMENT: Acorn; pine needles; feather.

PERSONNEL: 4 Cub Scouts; Cubmaster dresses as Akela.

AKELA (to 4 Cub Scouts): To test your manhood, I send each of you out into the earth's vast high country to bring back one of nature's secrets.

(Cub Scouts exit and return.)

AKELA (to CUB #1): What secret have you brought and where did you find it?

CUB #1: Akela, I return with great hunger, thirst, and a painful sunburn. I learned that a young brave must plan ahead.

AKELA (to CUB #2): What lesson have you brought and where did you find it?

CUB #2: Akela, I searched the hills and forests and bring an acorn. Just as a mighty oak grows from a small acorn, if I have faith in myself, I can become strong.

AKELA (to CUB #3): What secret did you bring?

CUB #3: Akela, I climbed high into the distant mountains where the snow is still deep, and the air is cool. I bring green needles from the giant pine trees. Just as the pine needles remain green throughout the year, a brave should always remain true to Cub Scouting--Do Your Best.

AKELA (to CUB #4): What treasure have you brought and where did you find it?

CUB #4: Akela, I traveled to the top of the mountains. From my high perch, I saw the wonders of God's creations. I saw the eagle as it soared high and free in the blue sky. I bring an eagle's feather--a reminder of freedom and the vision we must have to protect and cherish it.

AKELA (to the audience): These braves have learned well. Nature shared her secrets with them. It is now their responsibility to live what they have learned, to plan ahead, to have faith, to remain true to Scouting, and to cherish freedom. Will everyone now please stand and join me in repeating the Pledge of Allegiance and the Cub Scout Promise?

OPENING - CAMPFIRE OPENING AND CLOSING

EQUIPMENT: One large candle and 14 small candles, 7 of which have foil cupcake cups to catch hot wax (see page 5 above); one orange bead for each pack member; a coffee can and another container larger than the can, for the "campfire"; 7 index cards, each printed with lines for Cub Scouts to read; tape

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster and 7 Cub Scouts

ARRANGEMENT: Place the orange beads in the coffee can and put it in the larger container. Tape the seven remaining small candles in a semicircle around the top edge of the large container. Each Cub Scout has a candle with a wax guard on it and a card with his part written on it. These Cub Scouts stand in a semicircle behind the campfire.

OPENING

CUBMASTER: Welcome to our pack meeting campfire. This large candle I am holding represents the spirit of Cub Scouting. We use it to light the others to add to the brightness of our campfire. *(As each Cub Scout reads his part, Cubmaster lights both the Cub Scout's candle and one of the candles taped to the container.)*

CUB #1: I am light. As I am added to the campfire, my flame allows us to see new chances to be helpful to others.

CUB #2: I am friendship. My flame teaches us how to be a friend to other people.

CUB #3: I am restraint. My flame reflects off the stones that surround the campfire, thus keeping the fire in check. When I am added to the campfire, we learn to keep our tempers and our tongues in check.

CUB #4: I am the rising smoke. As I rise from our campfire, our eyes turn skyward and we envision God.

CUB #5: I am love. My flame makes the campfire burn brighter and lovelier. Love grows toward parents and families when it is returned, and it makes our own lives more joyful.

CUB #6: I am fun. My flame jumps and leaps with sheer pleasure. When I am added to the campfire, we see the joy and fun of Cub Scouting.

CUB #7: I am the Scout spirit. My spirit is the brotherhood of Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts all over the world who are preparing themselves to become good citizens.

CUBMASTER: We have learned that the things Cub Scouting offers us can make our campfire stronger, brighter, and more beautiful. Now before we *continue our* pack meeting, I ask all Cub Scouts to reach deep into the campfire and take a glowing ember. You will need it for our closing ceremony. *(The boys each take an orange bead.)*

CLOSING

CUBMASTER: After our opening ceremony tonight, each of you took a glowing ember from

our campfire as a token of our friendship. Please take it out now, hold it at arm's length, and look at its glowing light. *(Pause)* Now may the Cub Scout spirit that is captured in your ember sustain you until we meet again.. Goodnight and good Cub Scouting.

OPENING - WHAT IS A COMPUTER

EQUIPMENT: Have a computer part drawn on separate sheets of paper and have the boys build a computer as they speak each of the parts, i.e.: a monitor, keyboard, printer, mouse, mouse pad, disk drive, joystick, and disk.

CUB SCOUT 1: What is a computer? It is a machine that stores and works with information.

CUB SCOUT 2:Computers are used to control industrial robots. Many of these robots are used to build cars or move dangerous chemicals from place to place.

CUB SCOUT 3:In 1971 the first TV game was made by an American. Mr. Nolan Bushnell created the game called Pong, a simple bat and ball game like table tennis.

CUB SCOUT 4: Thanks to Mr. Bushnell, who founded the Atari Corporation, we now have arcade games all over the world, as well as in home computers.

CUB SCOUT 5: Is there a computer for every job? Yes, but not every computer can do every job.

CUB SCOUT 6:Airlines as well as space travel use computers daily to help take care of the different problems that come up and can take care of them very quickly.

CUB SCOUT 7:Even the cartoons and animated films we see use computers to help people to create them faster.

CUB SCOUT 8:This is just the beginning of computer use. We use computers everyday and sometimes without even thinking about it. Could we all please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance?

OPENING - PAINT US A MASTERPIECE

NARRATOR:-We are honored to have as our guests a group of famous artists who are going to combine their efforts and talents to paint us a great masterpiece. As they are introduced. They will tell you what their contributions will be.

Artist 1: I will paint for you the tradition and charm of New England, showing you the fishing and boating industries of its rugged coast and its historic heritage, (each boy step behind curtain when finished talking)

Artist 2: I will portray through my brush the tremendous harbors of New York City, the hodge-podge of peoples from many lands that make up its teeming population.

Artist 3: My artistry will show you the charm of our Southland, the beauty of its magnolias and azaleas, the strength of its struggle through and after the Civil War years, and the contrast of the serenity of Kentucky Blue Grass gentility with New Orleans at Mardi Gras time.

Artist 4: May I add to our canvas just a little of the beauty of our great Mid-West; Chicago's cosmopolitan Michigan Avenue; the automobile capitol of the world, our own beautiful Detroit; the waving grain and the rolling plains; and the deep blue of the lakes of Minnesota.

Artist 5: Our great Western beauty will be a task to portray. No mere picture can convey the majesty of the Grand Canyon, the beauty of the Painted Desert, the expansiveness of Texas or the splendor of the Colorado Rockies; the fantastic land of geysers in Yellowstone Park, or the Great Salt Lake in Utah.

Artist 6: Our beautiful West Coast reaches from the hot Mexican border to the colder snows of Alaska. In between we find Hollywood's glamour, the Golden Gate of San Francisco, majestic redwood and sequoia trees and Washington's tremendous Mount Rainier. Where once rough, tough gold prospectors were found in Alaska, now tourists spend happy summers seeing, among other things, the Ice Age that still grips most of its coast.

Artist 7: I will complete our picture with famous Waikiki Beach and Diamond Head, whose base is now ringed tight by the exotic metropolis of Honolulu in our newest state, Hawaii.

NARRATOR:And now for the unveiling. May I present our masterpiece! As the curtains are slowly parted and "America, the Beautiful" is played, the flag is solemnly shown, with "artist" saluting. (Boys could be dressed in smocks and caps holding an artist's palette.)

OPENING - B-U-G-S

Setup: Make large cards to spell out BUGS.

B-stands for best. A Cub Scout promises to do his best

U-stands for understands. A Cub Scout understands his duty to God and his Country.

G -stands for goodwill. A Cub Scout gives goodwill.

S- stands for spirits, the Cub Scout spirit.

The letters on the cards spell BUGS. We share our world with bugs and others of God's creatures.

Let us learn to live in harmony with those around us.

OPENING – MY POCKET

My pocket is a special place
That's full of all neat things,
What Mom once called old junk
To me's like diamond rings.

I gather things as I walk home
In case they're gone tomorrow
'Cause you'll never know just when
Someone has a need to borrow.

The things that go in my ol' pocket
Say more than words can say
They tell about things important
To me from day to day.

They are not money, or expensive goods
I don't need them right now.
It's more important to find a stone
Or a broken piece of plow.

Someday I won't see things like
I see things now, you know.
I'll get too tied up in the world
To see the wildflowers grow.

So while I can collect neat things
And put them in my pocket
Please don't think it's yuck or dumb
And please don't go and mock it.

OPENING - WIZARD OF OZ

Uses: Opening stunt Props: Large hair ribbon or apron (Dorothy) tin funnel - with a string to tie under the chin (Tin Man), straw hat (Scarecrow).

Instructions: (Cubmaster completes announcements then says) Tonight will be a special pack meeting. We have for everyone tonight (Then raising his voice while he turns to each group...)

The Bobcats! The Wolves! And the Bears!

(At this point, the three characters above, link arms and come skipping through the door to the front exclaiming:)

Bobcats & Wolves & Bears! Oh My! Bobcats & Wolves & Bears! Oh My! (They get louder & louder just as Dorothy & her friends just prior to meeting the Cowardly Lion).

Cubmaster: Excuse me Dorothy! Can I help you and your friends?

Dorothy: Why yes. Meet the Tin Man and the Scarecrow. (They shake hands). We're on our way to the Emerald City to find the Wizard! But alas, we've lost our way here in the forest and we're afraid we might run into some Bobcats or Wolves or Bears!

CM: This room is FILLED with them!

All Three: (Very scared) IT IS? OH NO! (They start to panic...).

CM: Settle down! Settle down! These ones are quite harmless, I assure you. Just ask their parents! Why don't you stay awhile and watch. They have worked hard to be worthy to be called Bobcats, Wolves and Bears. Tonight we will present some of them their awards.

Dorothy: We really must be going. But good luck to all these wonderful young men. We're off again to the Emerald City! Goodbye! (Off they skip saying Bobcats & Wolves & Bears! Oh My!).

*A variation might be to present the award as the Grand Wizard himself. They (the Cubs) really had it (the rank) in themselves all the time. (As the Tin Man already had a heart, the Lion, courage etc). The journey along the Cub Scout Trail (Yellow Brick Road) only served to help them realize the talents they already possessed.

OPENING - THE FAMILY TREE

EQUIPMENT: some sort of tree in the room

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouts, see that tree over there? Beautiful isn't it? And you can tell that it's strong, too. You can compare that tree to a strong family. The roots are faith in God. The trunk is the parent. And the branches are the children. A poet named Helen Crawford made a comparison in a poem I'd like to read to you. It's called "The Family Tree" and it goes like this:

There's one thing in God's natural world
That means a lot to me.
It symbolizes most of life;
It is a lovely tree.

With roots so deep in God's rich earth.
It's not disturbed by weather:
Like families with faith in God
Who live in peace together.

Its trunk, the body strong and firm
Like parents anywhere,
To guide, control, direct, sustain
The offspring which they bear.

The branches which like children spread
In every known direction,
Until the fruitage of their growth
Has reached its full perfection.

And so a tree appears to me
The gem of God's creation,
As it portrayed our families,
Which constitutes a nation.

Each one of you can do your part to make your family tree stronger and more beautiful. How? By loving all your family members, by obeying your parents and by doing your fair share of the family's work.

Now I'd like to ask all the Cub Scouts to join in a "Grand Howl" for our families.

OPENING - BUILDING A COMPUTER

PERSONNEL:7 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: A case such as a soda pop case or a brief case, etc., a board with mother written on it, large picture of a ram, steering wheel, board cut like a key or a key painted on the board and a window screen.

CUB 1: We have been asked to show you how to build a computer. By the time we are through you will become very knowledgeable on the makeup of a computer.

CUB 2: First you must have a case to mount your equipment.
(Holds up a case,such as an old soda pop case,or a brief case,etc.)

CUB 3: Next you need a mother board to wire all your circuitry and to hold all of the memory that makes the computer work..
(Holds up the board that has mother written on it.)

CUB 4: You will then need to add RAM, so the computer can work logically and perform its tasks.
(Holds up the picture of a ram.)

CUB 5: Now you will need a hard drive to interface and store the information to be put into the computer.
(Boy holds up a steering wheel and says,“Whew, that was a hard drive here.”)

CUB 6: You will need a screen to be able to see what tasks the computer is doing and to see what you are telling the computer.
(Boy holds up a window screen.)

CUB 7: And finally you will need a keyboard to tell the computer what functions you want it to perform and to type in your data.
(Holds up a board cut out in the shape of a key or has a key painted on the board.)

CUB 1: Now that you know all there is to know about computers we would like to welcome you to this Pack’s Meeting ...World of Computers.

OPENING - WELCOME ABOARD STARSHIP FLIGHT 2000

PERSONNEL: All pack leaders.

EQUIPMENT: None.

SETTING: Pack leaders on stage, in uniform or space costumes.

CUBMASTER: Welcome aboard Starship flight 2000, headed for Cub Scout space station, located 1985 degrees in the May way. I am _____, your commanding officer and we will be traveling twice the speed of a young boy, hopefully. Our trip will take us approximately an hour and half. My crew members will introduce themselves and tell you what their duties are.

ASSISTANT CM: Hi, I am first mate _____. I help the commanding officer in anyway I can. When he is not available, I take his place. Someday when I have more experience, I may command a starship, too.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Hello, I am _____ your navigator. I will try to get you to your destination by reading charts and mapping out points of interest that might help you understand your flight more.

WEBELOS LEADER: I am Helmsman _____, I steer this We Be Loose flight up and then bring it back down at our destination. I will try to avoid all the rough spots so your flight will not be rough and bumpy.

DEN LEADER COACH: Good evening, I am science officer _____. I help your space craft persons in their duties by supplying them with materials to study, and help them create things for you to do to make your flight more pleasant.

DEN LEADER: I am first class space crafts person _____. (All den leaders introduce themselves and say together.) We are the crew members that help you find things to make during your flight and help you be more at ease so you won't worry so much.

ADVANCEMENT CHAIRMAN: I am log man _____. I log all of the input from your flight crew and put it on paper so you can see what we have done on this starship flight 2000, destination 1985 degrees in the May way. We all hope your flight will be enjoyable.

OPENING - WHAT HAVE YOU GOT IN YOUR POCKET?

PERSONNEL: 5 Cubs

EQUIPMENT: Wolf book, various patches (**Arrow of Light, Wolf, Bear, etc.**), Small book and light bulb.

SETTING: CUB 1 sits cross legged, center stage, wearing a ragged or torn old beach towel or blanket over his uniform. He has a pot or a 3 lb. coffee can in front of him. CUB 2 enters and walks up to him and stops in front of him.

CUB 1: Excuse me, would either of you care to contribute something to our Cub Scout Pack.

CUB 2: Sure, glad to help out.

(Throws some change in pot.)

CUB 1: No! We don't need any money. What we need is some fun!

CUB 2: **(Reaches into pocket, pulls out a small book.)**

Well, here is a new book of games we found.

(Drops book into pot, then walks off.)

CUB 1: Thanks. Now if I just had some spirit.

CUB 3: **(Walks out and stops in front of CUB 1. Drops some change into pot.)** Here you go my man.

CUB 1: Hey, no. Wait, I don't want your money, what I need is some more Scout Spirit.

CUB 3: **(Reaches into pocket, pulls out a new Wolf Scout Book.)** Here you go. Everything you need to know about Scout Spirit is in here. **(Walks off)**

CUB 1: Thanks, Now if I just had some goals.

CUB 4: **(Walks out and stops in front of CUB 1. Drops some change in the pot.)** Glad to help.

CUB 1: Oh, Oh, here we go again. Sorry, Sir, I'm not after money. What is needed is some goals.

CUB 4: **(Reaches into pocket, pulls out some patches - Wolf, Bear, Arrow of Light, etc. and throws them in the pot.)** How about these rank advancements, they make excellent goals. **(Walks off)**

CUB 1: Hey, good deal. Now if I just had some way to help our community.

CUB 5: **(Walks out and stops in front of CUB 1. Drops some change in the pot.)** Glad to help out.

CUB 1: Well, thanks anyway. I wish you could pull out of your pocket an idea for me how I can help the less fortunate.

CUB 5: You know, **(pulls out a small light bulb, drops it into pot.)** here's an idea for you.

CUB 1: **(Pulls the light bulb, holds it over his head and thinks . . .)** Hey, I've got it, I'll donate all this money in my pot to a needy family. Maybe my Pack can adopt them for Christmas. **(Throws off towel, gets up with pot and begins to walk off stage.**

Stops turns to the audience.) How about you folks? Have you got anything in your pockets we could use? **(Turns and walks off)**

OPENINGS - OTHER LANDS

NARRATOR: This month the dens have been learning about other countries. They have played games and made crafts from different lands. They have learned other customs and found out about Scouting in other countries. Please stand as Den _____ brings in the flags from around the world.

Have flags from other countries flanked between American and Pack Flag when on stage.

_____ (Boy's name) carries the flag representing our Country (American)

_____ carries the flag representing the East (Germany)

_____ carries the flag representing the South (Mexico)

_____ carries the flag representing the West (Japan)

_____ carries the flag representing the North (Canada)

_____ carries the flag representing Scouting (Pack Flag)

Do Not Post Colors At This Time

CUB 2: From the East where the sun rises in the morning.

CUB 3: From the South where the birds fly for winter.

CUB 4: From the West where the sun sets at night.

CUB 5: From the North where the star is the brightest.

CUB 6: From our Pack full of happy Cub Scouts.

As the Pledge of Allegiance is being repeated. All other country flags are slightly lowered and attention given the American Flag.

CUB 1: And, from America the land of the free. Please repeat the Pledge of Allegiance with me!

NARRATOR: POST THE COLORS.

The Pack and American Flag remain at front of room. The other flags are taken to the back of the room for display.

OPENING - OUTDOOR FESTIVAL

As the dew dries on the ground; the birds start their morning songs; the animals scout for their morning meals; the trees sway with the breezes of nature; the waters reflect the morning sun; while the sun is rising and leaves are falling. Please rise and join with me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - WHEN YOU WALK THROUGH WOODS

PERSONNEL: 4 Cubs

CUB 1: When you walk through woods,
I want you to see
The floating gold of a bumblebee,
Rivers of sunlight, pools of shade,
Toadstools sleeping in mossy jade,
A cobweb net with a catch of dew,
Treetop cones against the blue,
Dancing flowers, bright green flies,
And birds that put rainbows in your eyes.

CUB 2: When you walk through woods,
I want you to hear
A million sounds in your eager ear;
The scratch and rattle of wind-tossed trees,
The rush as a timid chipmunk flees,
The cry of a hawk from the distant sky,
The purr of leaves when a breeze rolls by,
Brooks that mumble, stones that ring,
And birds that teach your heart to sing.

CUB 3: When you walk through woods,
I want you to feel
That no mere human could make this real,
Could paint the throb of a butterfly's wing,
Could teach a wood thrush how to sing,
Could create these wonders of earth and sky;
There's something greater than you or I.

CUB 4: When you walk through woods
and the birches nod,
Please, meet a friend of mine named God.

OPENING - T-H-I-N-K

PERSONNEL: 5 Cubs

EQUIPMENT: 5 pieces of poster board with a letter printed on front.

SETTING: They form a line and hold up their card when it is their turn.

T: Try to do your best at everything that you do.

H: Have a fire extinguisher handy at all times.

I: Ice will cool a hot beverage.

N: Never leave a fire unsupervised.

K: Cub Grub is the theme for tonight's pack meeting!

OPENING - BLUE AND GOLD CANDLES

ARRANGEMENT: 7 candles (1 white, 3 yellow, 3 blue) are placed on a table. 6 Cub Scouts stand behind yellow and blue candles.

CUBMASTER: (*Lights the white candle*) As I light this spirit of Cub Scouting candle, I am proud that every Cub Scout here has promised to do his best, to do his duty to God and his country, to help other people, and to obey the Law of the Pack. Tonight we will see many Scouts advance in rank and truly know they have done their best. We want you to understand what the Cub Scout colors, blue and gold, represent. (*Hands white candle to first Scout*)

CUB #1:(*Lights the first yellow candle*) As I light this candle, I challenge each of you to live up to the Cub Scout promise. Cub Scout gold stands for warm sunlight. (*Hands white candle to 2nd Scout*)

CUB #2:(*Lights the second yellow candle*) As I light this candle, remember that a Cub Scout always does his best. He does it with another meaning of gold - good cheer. A Cub Scout does not do anything halfheartedly. (*Hands white candle to third Cub*)

CUB #3:(*Lights the third yellow candle*) This gold candle represents the Law of the Pack which guides you in your life. You should always radiate happiness, the final meaning of the Cub Scout gold. (*Hands white candle to fourth Cub*)

CUB #4:(*Lights the first blue candle*) The first blue candle represents one part of the Law of the Pack, a Cub Scout follows Akela, and the first meaning of the blue of Cub Scouting, truth. (*Hands white candle to the fifth Cub*)

CUB #5:(*Lights the second blue candle*) This blue candle represents the spiritual part of Cub Scouting. Remember that a Cub Scout helps the pack go just as the pack helps the Cub Scout grow. (*Hands white candle to the sixth Cub*)

CUB #6:(*Lights the third blue candle*) This blue candle represents loyalty. Remember that a Cub Scout gives goodwill. (*Returns white candle to Cubmaster*)

CUBMASTER: I congratulate each Cub Scout continuing the steps up the Scouting trail and welcome you all to our Blue and Gold Banquet.

OPENING - FOLLOW THE PROMISE

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster or Den Leader

CUBMASTER: Would you like to ride in a star ship or a planet hopper, to walk on the moon or float through space, or be a part of a space station crew? These may be some things we will be doing some day. We can't be sure, but one thing is certain, the world will need good men and women in the future. And we can be sure we will fill that need if we remember to follow the Cub Scout Promise. Let's think about that as we stand and say the Promise.

OPENING - MINE IS THE VOICE

PROPS: Silhouettes of Washington, Lincoln, Baden-Powell; back lighted shadow screen; American flag; offstage microphone.

PERSONNEL: 3 adult voices; 2 or more Cub Scouts

(Room dimly lighted, shadow screen brightens to reveal shadow of George Washington)

VOICE #1: Mine is the voice of George Washington. You celebrate my birthday as father of our country on February 22nd. My dedication was to the unalienable rights of freemen. We won your FREEDOM through the American Revolutionary War. The Stars and Stripes have waved over our country for more than two centuries as the result of the sacrifices of patriots.

(Shadow screen dims and re-brightens to reveal shadow of Abraham Lincoln)

VOICE #2: Mine is the voice of Abraham Lincoln. You celebrate my birthday on February 12. We engaged in a great civil war to test whether a nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal might long endure.

(Shadow screen dims and re-brightens to reveal silhouette of Baden-Powell.)

VOICE #3: Mine is the voice of another man born in February. I am Baden-Powell. My birthday is not celebrated as the birthday of a man but as the birthday of a great movement. Scouting came to America 89 years ago. Since that time millions of boys and men have been Scout trained for FREEDOM, PATRIOTISM, and EQUALITY--plus another virtue which we must fight to maintain--INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY.

I would like to now call on some young friends of mine who know that the future of America ...and indeed the world ...depends on our willingness to preserve freedom in each generation. They will ask you to rededicate yourself to your country through your Pledge of Allegiance to your flag.

(Cubs Scouts come forward and lead Pledge of Allegiance)

OPENING - SPACE: THE NEW FRONTIER

PERSONNEL: 8 Cubs

EQUIPMENT: Have large pieces of construction paper with a picture representing each of the eight different aircraft or space ships.

SETTING: Put the boys lines on the back of each picture. 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: As a space shuttle soars across the sky,

CUB 6: An attempt to predict the future, I would try.

CUB 7: I would sit before a crystal ball and peer,

CUB 8: But all I can do is dream of "Space: The New Frontier".

OPENING - TALL TALE HEROS

MATERIALS: An American flag set up on stage; costumes for Paul Bunyan, Pecos Bill, John Henry, Davy Crockett, and Johnny Appleseed; spotlight to light each boy as he speaks.

CUB #1: I am Paul Bunyan. I have faith - anything is possible.

CUB #2: I am Pecos Bill. I have courage - courage to battle rattlesnakes and tame tornadoes.

CUB #3: I am John Henry. I have strength - the strength to overcome obstacles & never give up.

CUB #4: I am Davy Crockett. I am an explorer who is always learning new things and blazing new trails for others.

CUB #5: I am Johnny Appleseed. I am a planner - always willing to share and make the world a better place.

NARRATOR: As Cub Scouts, I hope we can learn the traits of these tall tale heroes and share our knowledge with those around us. Please stand, salute, and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - BLAST OFF TO FUN

Prepare eight sections of cardboard cut to represent a rocket ship(*i.e., have one section pointed like the nose cone of a rocket; perhaps have two extra sections shaped like rocket fins*). Paint them, if desired, and put large letters on each section spelling

BLASTOFF As the narrator reads, Cub Scouts hold up the sections and "build" the rocket.

NARRATOR: As we begin our pack meeting tonight, let us remember what Cub Scouting is all about.

B Boys -- without whom there would be no Scouting

L Leaders -- who guide boys through their journey of Scouting

A Akela -- the great leader of the pack

S Skills -- learning to do new things

T Training -- to help us be better citizens

O Outings -- that increase our awareness

F Families -- helping and caring

F Flag -- the symbol of our country

Will you please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag? (*After the Pledge of Allegiance, the boys should hold up the cards once again, forming the shape of a rocket. All the boys will yell, "Blast off to fun!" as they run off stage.*)

OPENING - S-O-A-R

Four Cub Scouts and a Denner or Den Chief are required. Boys hold up large cards with a different large letter on each. The Denner or Den Chief calls out letters in turn and the boy holds up his card and reads his line on the back.

S: Some people seem to waste.

O: Others save not in their haste.

A: Americans should all beware.

R: Resources we must save if we care.

ALL: Save Our American Resources.

(Leaders yells out each letter once more and each boy responds by shouting the word his letter stands for).

OPENING - WHAT DO I SEE?

Introduce this ceremony by pointing out to boys that trees provide us with many useful things, besides being a natural part of our earth and wilderness areas. Remind them that trees can be useful but also should be cherished and protected for their natural beauty and shade. Each boy could draw a picture depicting his line. Have words to be recited printed on the back of a card.

BOY 1:

What do I see when I see a tree?
Oranges and apples and peaches to eat.

BOY 2:

What do I see when I see a tree?
A pinewood derby car made by Dad and me.

BOY 3:

What do I see when I see a tree?
The paper for books in the library.

BOY 4:

What do I see when I see a tree?
The walls of the home of my family.

BOY 5:

What do I see when I see a tree?
The hull of Pilgrim ships sailing across the sea.

BOY 6:

What do I see when I see a tree?
The staff of our flag, that flies so free.

CUBMASTER:

In honor of our flag that flies so free, would you
please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - LEARNING HOW TO COOK

Preparations for ceremony besides giant pot and some cardboard vegetables: boys in chefs hats and aprons

Boy 1: We would like to welcome you tonight.

Boy 2: We are learning to be healthy and light.

Boy 3: Stew is what we are learning how to cook.

Boy 4: We are learning how to read a cook book.

Boy 5: We are learning how to share.

Boy 6: Stay tuned, watch us, and see that we care!

As boys say their part, they will add a vegetable, stir the pot, and pretend to taste the stew.

OPENING – I'D RATHER

I'd rather see a lecture than hear one any day.
I'd rather one should walk with me than merely point the way.

The eye's a better pupil and more willing than the ear.
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear.

And best of all the teachers are the men who live their creed.
For to see the good in action is what everybody needs.

I can soon learn how to do it if you let me see it done.
I can watch your hands in action but your tongue too fast may run.

And the lectures you deliver may be very wise and true.
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

For I may understand you and the high advice you give,
But there's no misunderstanding how you act and how you live.

OPENING - OUT IN SPACE

Setting: Four Cub Scouts are standing on stage looking up to the sky.

CUB 1: What's out in space?

CUB 2: Mostly lots and lots of space, but also billions and jillions of stars, galaxies and solar systems, planets, and moons, blazing comets and deadly rays.

CUB 3: Yeah, and sometimes even people!

A fifth Cub Scout walks out dressed in a space helmet and says those famous words of Neil Armstrong: "One small step for man. One giant step for mankind."

CUB 4: That's what's out in space!

Let's all stand and remember the American flag flying on the moon. Please join with us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - COMPUTERS NEED DISCIPLINE TOO

CAST: Two Cub Scouts and Den Leader

SCENE: One Cub is working at a computer while the other Cub is off to the side working on some piece of equipment.

Cub #1: Oh no! Not again!

Cub #2: What's wrong?

Cub #1: It crashed! The computer system locked-up!

Cub #2: Did you try giving it a good whack?

Cub #1: Are you crazy? This is a delicate piece of equipment.

Cub #2: Let me give a good whack!

Cub #1: Don't touch it, I have already called the Den Leader.

Den Leader: What's the problem?

Cub #1: I'm thinking it is a skuzzy interface problem or possibly the motherboard can't read my video card upgrade.

Den Leader: I see. (Den Leader whacks the computer and says,) Don't let them fool you. Just like Cub Scouts, computers need discipline, too!

All: Welcome to this month's Pack meeting, "World of Computers."

OPENING – S-U-M-M-E-R

Have 6 Cubs hold cards with the letters SUMMER on the front. On the backs, print the following:

S: School is over, summer has come.

U: Untold days of adventure and fun.

M: Many of us will stay home,

M: Many more will be out in the summer sun,

E: Everyone wishes for something to do,

R: Relax, the pack will find something for us to do!

OPENING - BOYS AND THEIR POCKETS

Preparation: You will need each boy to have one of the following in his pockets: a frog (plastic, unless you are brave), dirt, marbles, rocks, and a small flag. Have boys practice their parts ahead of time.

Cub Master or den leader: Have you ever wondered what boys keep in their pockets and why? Lets see what we can find out tonight.

Boy 1 -(pulls out frog) This frog reminds me of freedom of speech, he can croak all he wants and no one stops him.

Boy 2-(pulls out dirt) This dirt reminds me of our forefathers as they put their feet on American sod for the first time.

Boy 3-(pulls out marbles) These marbles remind me of the pilgrims as they worked and played in this new land of freedom.

Boy 4-(pulls out small flag) This flag stands for our country will you please join me in the pledge of allegiance?

OPENING - TREES GIVE US

Preparation: Make signs with the pictures of the following trees or if you are really lucky and have these trees in your back yard; carefully cut a small twig from each one (enough so you can tell there are different kinds of trees) Sugar Maple, White Ash, Red Cedar, Long Leaf Pine, Douglas Fir, Aspen, and White Birch.

This is a Sugar Maple; it gives us maple syrup.

This tree is a White Ash, it is used to make baseball bats.

You get pencil from this tree, it is a Red Cedar.

Turpentine is a product from this Long Leaf Pine.

The most important lumber is the Douglas Fir.

Spools are made from this White Birch.

This is an Aspen tree, it is used to make matches. Don't use matches near it or the other trees, we need to protect the trees in our forests. We need to learn conservation of all our natural resources. Let's pledge allegiance to our great country and all its natural resources.

OPENING - WHAT IS A CUB SCOUT

EQUIPMENT: At his turn each Cub Scout holds up a card with his part written on the front (PROMISE, LAW OF THE PACK, MOTTO, SIGN, etc.) and his lines on the back.

CUB #1: I have a promise. It has three parts and Cub Scouts all over the nation are brothers and friends in this promise.

CUB #2 I have a law. It is the Law of the Pack. This law should be used daily in each Cub Scout's life, in all he does at home, school and play.

CUB #3: I have a motto, "Do Your Best." This means that I am willing to try as hard as I can in everything I do.

CUB #4: I have a sign. This I give whenever I repeat my promise or the Law of the Pack. The two fingers stand for two parts of the Promise and look like a wolf's ears ready to listen to Akela.

CUB #5: I have a salute. My salute means that I respect my country and flag. I give my salute like this. (Give salute.)

CUB #6: I have a handshake. I give it with my right hand. I have two fingers up and two fingers down. This means that I will help others and obey the Law of the Pack. (Give handshake.)

CUB #7: I have a uniform and am proud to wear it. It must be neat at all times. When in uniform I try even harder than usual to obey the Law of the Pack.
Now will the audience stand and recite the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack?

OPENING - C-O-M-P-U-T-E-R #2

Arrangement: 8 (Cub Scouts, each with a large letter printed on a card)

C: Communication not confined

O: Operating and on-line

M: Memory to store away

P: Programs that we learn and play

U: Utilities to keep us straight

T: Terminals to match and mate

E: Entering much information

R: Resource for many functions

NARRATOR: In looking far into our futures, we will use more of our computers.

OPENING - THE GREAT MELTING POT

PERSONNEL: 3 parents, 3 Cubs and Den Leader or Cubmaster to be Akela

EQUIPMENT: 3 Poles, Rope or Twine, 2 flag poles, Pack Flag and American Flag

SETTING: Each parent will walk in with a stave, then they will form a tripod which an older Scout will tie. This is a unique way for a Scout troop to share with the Cub Scouts

PARENT 1: I support Scouts because they promote strong healthy boys and minds.

PARENT 2: For me, it's their encouragement of the boys in their religious beliefs, and their growth within their own church.

PARENT 3: It's the citizenship, the respect for one's duty to God and their country. It's the sharing with the community. **(Cub comes out carrying a large pot which is to be hung from the tripod or a cardboard cutout of same.)**

CUB 1: Our nation is like this kettle. Our ancestry mixed. The different feelings, cultures and religious beliefs are in this kettle.

CUB 2: As Cub Scouts , we learn to respect, even help people who are different than us. **(Pulls out pack flag, and places on flag pole)**

CUB 3: That is why Scouting can be good for our community, state and nation. **(Brings forth American Flag and puts on pole).**

AKELA: Now as we are all mixed together into one large Scouting family; let's stand and honor our flags. Scout salute. I pledge allegiance _____.

OPENING - PACK, PACK, PACK

Begin with Cub Scouts in dens. Baloo enters from the center of the hall and calls:

Listen, O Cubs of the jungle To these words of old Baloo, On your left paw *(Cubs turn to face left)* Turn to follow The trails laid down for you.

Now raise your voice to the jungle, Let the shadows echo it back; Once, twice, and again repeat The Law of the Pack.

At the final "pack," the Cubs start a slow, methodical march around the circle, repeating "Law of the Pack" three times. By the end, they are in a complete circle and Baloo can call, "Pack, Pack, Pack!"

OPENING - THE HEALTHY SCOUT

PERSONNEL: 7 Cubs

EQUIPMENT: Cubs come on stage, carrying various kinds of muscle building equipment. They use the equipment and in turn, speak the lines below.

CUB 1: To keep your body strong and healthy
Is more valuable than being wealthy.

CUB 2: When you are fit, you feel so good,
And try to do the things you should.

CUB 3: It helps you lend a helping hand
To needy folks around your land.

CUB 4: Eating the right foods is always wise,
And everyone needs some exercise.

CUB 5: Stand on tiptoes, one, two, three,
Touch your toes, don't bend a knee.

CUB 6: Run a while, then slow your pace,
Practice will help you win the race.

CUB 7: Scouting builds young boys into men.
And this is where it all begins.

OPENING - COMPUTER DICTIONARY

DEN CHIEF: This month Cub Scouts in Den ____ have been learning about computers. And they would like to share what they learned.

C COMPUTER

A computer is a machine that uses electricity and helps people work with different types of information.

O OUTPUT

Output is the computer's answer after it has processed your message or program.

M MICROCHIP

A microchip is a tiny piece of material that stores and sends information through the computer.

P PRINTER

A printer helps you create your important documents. Dot matrix, bubbles and laser jet, too.

U UNIT

The CPU is the central processing unit of the computer. It is the computer's brain.

T TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Telecommunications can be done with other computers over telephone lines if you have a modem.

E E-MAIL

E-mail is a message sent from one computer to another over some type of a network.

R RAM

RAM, random access memory, is a computer's memory that can be changed by your input or program.

S SOFTWARE

Software is the program, or instructions, that tell the computer what to do. They are usually stored on disks or tapes.

OPENING - HIKING AND THE FLAG

PERSONNEL: CUBMASTER, ASSISTANT CUBMASTER, 2 DEN LEADERS

EQUIPMENT: Camping gear and outfits for each of the participants; 1 pair of BINOCULARS; AMERICAN AND PACK FLAGS.

ARRANGEMENT: The flags are in front of the audience. The group of participants are off to one side and slowly walk through the audience to the front.

(Everyone starts walking slowly.)

CUBMASTER: It sure is nice to be here in the outdoors. All these trees, animals and fresh air.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER: *(Looking through binoculars)* Hey, I think I see a big red bird up there!

(DL #1 takes the binoculars while everyone continues to walk slowly to the front.)

DEN LEADER #1: Here, let me see. Naw, it's a huge white bird of some sort.

(DL #2 takes the binoculars while everyone continues to talk slowly to the front)

DEN LEADER #2: Boy, you don't know what you are talking about. It's not red or white. It's big and blue, and ...what's this?!?! It has stars!

(Cubmaster takes the binoculars and everyone stops.)

CUBMASTER: Here, let me see what you are all talking about. *(Looks through the binoculars.)* Come on you guys. *(Motions everyone to follow as they walk up to the front.)* It's not a red bird, or even a white bird. What you were looking at is our nation's flag. *(Turns to audience.)* Will you please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

OPENING - INDONESIA, TAIWAN & JAPAN CUB SCOUT PROMISE

In Indonesia a Cub Scout says: "I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and the Republic of Indonesia, to *follow* the family rules, and to do Good Turns everyday."

In Taiwan a Cub Scout says: "I'll obey my elders, help others, tell no lies and will not be afraid of any difficulty."

In Japan a Cub Scout says: "I promise to do my best and to *follow* the Law of the Cub Scout pack.

Now we are going to repeat American Cub Scout Promise. Please stand and make a Cub Scout sign. *(Repeat Cub Scout Promise)*

OPENING - EUREKA I'VE FOUND IT

PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT: Sourdough prospector with floppy hat and gold pan, merchant with long-sleeved white shirt and sleeve garters, blacksmith with black apron and hammer, teamster with horse whip, saloon keeper with wipe rag and root beer bottles, Cub Scout in uniform

NARRATOR: Marshall's discovery of gold in 1849 made California the destination for people from all over the world.

SOURDOUGH: I came to the goldfields to find my dreams in a rich gold claim. The work is hard and the gold is fleeting. I find little to reward me.

MERCHANT: I came to the goldfields to provide supplies and outfit the miners. The work is hard and I'm always out of supplies.

BLACKSMITH: I came to the goldfields to make equipment and keep bullion wagons moving. The work is hard and I'm always out of picks and shovels, horseshoes, and wagon wheels.

TEAMSTER: I came to the goldfields to carry supplies in and gold dust out of the mining camps. The work is hard and my horses are always thirsty and hungry.

SALOONKEEPER: I came to the goldfields to mine the miners. The work is hard and I never have enough root beer.

CUB SCOUT: I came to Scouting to have fun and do challenging new things. I have worked hard to earn my advancement and have discovered fun, fellowship, and self-confidence. The ideals of Cub Scouting will last forever in my character. Eureka! I've found it! ... The BLUE and GOLD of Cub Scouting. Please join me in the Cub Scout Promise.

OPENING - CHARLES BABBAGE

SUPPLIES: Flashlights, music, microphone

SCENE: Turn off the lights and have a few Cub Scouts shining the flashlights around the room like search lights. Start the music. Have it start loud then soften when you begin to speak. The music can be a theme from shows like Space Odyssey, Star Wars, etc.

CUBMASTER: Many, many year's ago, Charles Babbage believed that he could build a machine that could handle a number of problems and print out the answers. He failed, but because of his ideas he inspired other inventors to build what he could only imagine. The computer was now born.

Scouting was started many years ago by Baden-Powell. He believed that adults and boys could get together and accomplish many things. He had an idea and every one of us today are helping him keep his dream and ideas alive.

Let us all stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Turn on lights and turn the music off.)

OPENING – MOUNTAINEERS

EQUIPMENT: Each group or boy should carry a sign with the name of the mountain. The ears of each mountain should be as follows:

Green Mountaineers - huge green paper ears attached to a persons real ears

Rock Mountaineers - small rocks tied on strings and hung over the ears

White Mountaineers - large white paper ears attached to a persons real ears

Smoky Mountaineers - corncob pipes on a string hung over ears

Cold Mountaineers - ear muffs on ears

GROUP 1: We're Green Mountaineers, we're Green Mountaineers, As you can see, we have green ears. We're Green Mountaineers, Vermont's our state, And we sing her praises from early to late.

GROUP 2: Our rocky earrings are quite unique. These rocks came from a famous peak. We're Rocky Mountaineers and we tell you brothers, We love our mountains above all others.

GROUP 3: We're White Mountaineers our ears are white. The view from our mountains is a gorgeous sight. We're White Mountaineers; we're White Mountaineers.

GROUP 4: These pipes on our ears are just a joke! We love our mountains wreathed in smoke. We're Smoky Mountaineers; it's plain to see, We hail from North Carolina and Tennessee.

GROUP 5: No doubt you have noticed ear muffs on our ears 'Cause we're from Alaska and we're cold mountaineers. We're cold Mountaineers; we shiver as we spent We climbed Mt. McKinley, America's highest peak.

OPENING - OLYMPIC OATH

SPEAKER: I imagine most of us have watched the Olympic Games on television. It's really great seeing the World's greatest athletes competing isn't it? Did you know that these athletes take an oath before they begin competition? Let me read the oath:"We promise that we will take part in the Olympic Games in loyal competition, respecting the regulations which govern them and desirous of participating in them in the true spirit of sportsmanship for the honor of our country and for the glory of sport." Did you notice that the oath says nothing about winning? Of course the athletes want to win. After all, they have been training for four years or more to get ready for the games. But the Olympic ideal is fair competition, not winning at all costs. Play to win. But remember that every athlete must learn how to lose gracefully, without alibiing or complaining. That's the Olympic ideal in a nutshell. It's also the ideal in Scouting.

OPENING - INTERPRETATION OF THE CUB SCOUT PROMISE

Props: Each Cub Scout holding a sign with his part of the Cub Scout Promise on it.

I, _____ PROMISE A promise is a solemn vow, where your good reputation is at stake.

TO DO MY BEST Your best is giving all you've got when you have something to do... and working on it with all your heart and all your strength and devotion.

TO DO MY DUTY To do the job; to meet the responsibilities; to do what must be done, not just half-way, but completely and fully so that you're proud of your work.

TO GOD AND MY COUNTRY First, duty to God. Fulfill your religious responsibilities and uphold our religious beliefs. Second, duty to country. I know you've been told how lucky you are to live in a free country and I hope you are aware of what freedom means. You should try to be a good citizen.

TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE To help... it doesn't say how much. It could mean saving a life or changing a tire or carrying a bag of groceries. To help other people, not just your own family. The best time to help is when you have to go out of your way to do it.

TO OBEY THE LAW OF THE PACK So that we will all remember just what this law includes, will you please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance

OPENING - SCOUT HISTORY

Cubs enter dressed in different types of Scout clothing.

1ST CUB: In 1908 in England, Lord Baden Powell started Scouting. It was based on two already existing American programs.

2ND CUB: Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts exist in 117 countries.

3RD CUB: The Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910.

4TH CUB: The Scout program exists to develop the character of boys.

5TH CUB: Leaders and parents help guide boys through this development.

6TH CUB: So you can see we all benefit from the great events of Scouting!

OPENING - GET INTO SHAPE

PERSONNEL: 3 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: 1 Cub is dressed neatly in athletic clothes, the other two dressed sloppily, looking tired, bored.

CUB 1: **(Drags on stage, looking tired, bored, and meets sharp, clean CUB 2)** Boy, am I tired. I wish I could be in shape. I'm so weak I don't know what to do.

CUB 2: I have something that will get you into shape physically and mentally. Take the first step into my program and into shape by stepping over this line.

CUB 1: **(Steps over line and becomes very bright, alert , athletic.)**

CUB 3: **(Walks in dragging, tired and meets 1 and 2.)**

I'm so bored. I have done everything there is and nothing is left. I miss the challenges.

CUB 2: I have something that will challenge you, train you, coach you and develop you both physically and mentally. Just step over this line!

CUB 3: **(Steps over line and becomes very bright, alert, athletic.)**

Cubs 1 & 3: **(together)** What is this program we stepped into that gives us energy, strength, challenges and fun?

CUB 2: **(Holds up sign reading "CUB SCOUTING")** It is a mental and physical fitness program...
CUB SCOUTING!!!!

OPENING - BALOO-GOLD

B - is for Boys, boys of all kinds

A - is for Anniversary, Cub Scouting's 69th

L - is for Leaders, those who guide us

O - is for Outdoor fun, all boys enjoy it

O - is for Opportunities to advance

G - is for Goals, we learn in Cub Scouting

O - is for Outstanding Program, which our pack leaders provide

L - is for Liberty, in years to come

D - is for Do Your Best, our Cub Scout motto

All - Baloo and Gold, our theme for the banquet. We welcome you to the anniversary celebration!

OPENING - FAMILY THANKSGIVING

ARRANGEMENT: Cub Scouts cant' cards spelling THANKSGIVING.

DEN LEADER: We all have a lot to thank our families for. The boys in Den ____ have these things to say to their families.

Thanks for yourTrust
Thanks for yourHelp
Thanks for yourAffection
Thanks for theNourishment
Thanks for yourKindness
Thanks for yourSharing
Thanks for yourGuidance
Thanks for yourInstruction
Thanks for yourValues
Thanks for yourIdeals
Thanks for theNurturing
Thanks for yourGift of Love

ALL: That's THANKSGIVING for our families!

OPENING - C-O-M-P-U-T-E-R #3

Have the boys make up letter cards (that people in the back of the room can see when the Cubs hold them up on stage) for the word *computer*. Have them draw pictures on the cards that represent (to them) what they are saying.

1. "C" stands for Cubs, we're gathered here tonight.
2. "O" stands for "outta." The meeting will be outta sight!
3. "M" stands for "many," the fun things we'll do
4. "P" stands for "people," that's me and you.
5. "U" stands for "under," let's get under way.
6. "T" stands for "to," as in let's do it today!
7. "E" stands for "everyone," so not one of you drag when...
8. "R" stands for "rise," please all rise for the flag.

The Denner calls out "Attention," "Salute," and "Please join together in the Pledge of Allegiance."

OPENING - EVERY NIGHT OF HANUKKAH

SCENE: As you light the Hanukkah candles, read the following poem:

It may seem strange for me to burn
And hardly leave a trace,
Yet every night of Hanukkah
You'll find me in my place.

For I'm the Shamash candle
That lights each wick in turn'
First one, then two,
Then three, then four,
Till eight will proudly burn.

I'm glad to lend a helping hand,
To bring the candle's light
Each one's a touch,
A freedom flame,
Shining in the night.

OPENING – G-O-O-D H-E-A-L-T-H

NARRATOR: Here's a presentation to "good health."

G is for Get Moving. Don't sit around doing nothing when you can be moving around.
O is for Outdoors. There is no better place to experience good health than the great outdoors.
O is for
D is for Daily. Get your exercise daily to stay in good health.
H is for Happy. Keep a smile on your face. It's one of the best things you can do for yourself and others!
E is for Eat. Eat the things you should from the Food Pyramid and cut back on the sweets.
A is Active. Stay active and don't be a computer/couch potato!
L is for Love. Love what you do and do what you love to be as healthy as can be.
T is for Time. You only have 24 hours in a day, so use your time wisely to keep on the good side of being healthy.
H is for Harmony. Do the things you should do to keep harmony and good will in your home and in your health.

OPENING - DOES NOT COMPUTE , DOES NOT COMPUTE

Scene: A group of Cub Scouts is looking at a robot and talking.

CUB SCOUT 1: What a cool robot! We sure have had fun this month learning about computers.

CUB SCOUT 2: Yeah. It's too bad that every boy in the first through fifth grades isn't in Cub Scouts. They don't know the fun they're missing!

ROBOT (*moving arms and legs stiffly*): Does not compute, does not compute!

CUB SCOUT 3: And what about our families. They have fun in Cub Scouting, too.

CUB SCOUT 4: Yeah. It's too bad that not all of the parents have the time to help our pack go.

ROBOT (*moving arms and legs stiffly*): Does not compute, does not compute!

CUB SCOUT 5: Well, I guess we need to just be thankful for what we do have. Just look at all the boys and parents who are here tonight and able to enjoy Cub Scouting.

ROBOT(*moving arms and legs stiffly*): That does compute, that does compute, that does compute!!!

CUB SCOUT 6: To celebrate the spirit of Cub Scouting that is present here tonight, please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag.

OPENING - HAPPY SMILES WILL COME YOUR WAY

ARRANGEMENTS: 8 Cubs, each holding up a sign with a letter on it. Letters on signs spell out "HOLIDAYS". Boy in turn reads the sentence pertaining to his letter. (Sentence can be taped or printed on back of sign.)

1st Cub: Happy smiles will come your way if

2nd Cub: Other people you help each day

3rd Cub: Living your life by the Golden Rule

4th Cub: Instead of being mean and cruel.

5th Cub: Daily doing one good deed.

6th Cub: Always aware of another's need.

7th Cub: You will be a better soul.

8th Cub: Should "Do Your Best" become your goal.

OPENING - C-U-B-S-C-O-U-T

Personnel: Den Leader and 8 Cub Scouts.

Equipment: Large cardboard rocket ship - divide into 8 parts plus a fuse.

Sayings written on back of each.

Den Leader: The Cub Scouts of Den ___ drew up plans for a rocket so they could take a safe trip into space. Now they are going to build the rocket for you in case you want to go along with them on this journey into outer space. Here they come with their parts! (Boys enter one at a time and repeat their lines in order.)

C: is the part we build on, and it stands for courtesy in Cub Scouting and all through life.

U: is next. This part stands for unity, because united we are strong.

B: is then added. That stands for bravery in all our thoughts and all our deeds.

S: is next and that stands for safety. We learn about safety and apply it to everything.

C: adds some more and it stands for church – the one of your choice.

O: is building this stronger. It stands for outdoor life which is fun and healthy.

U: is near the finish and stands for usefulness to ourselves and to others.

T: is the nose that guides us. It stands for truth in all things.

Den Leader: Anyone knows the fuse is necessary to light and send this rocket on its way.

(DL puts the fuse to the first Cub.) We are on our way. Everything's a-ok.

Ready for lift-off! Fire! (Cub Scout #8 leads and they walk off stage, still keeping the parts in the proper order.)

OPENING - AMERICA IS SPECIAL TO ME

Arrangement: Eight Cub Scouts in uniforms stand in a straight line. Seven boys hold poster boards, each with one letter of AMERICA on one side.

The other side shows a colorful drawing by the Cub Scout that corresponds to the description or of what America means to him. Begin with all drawings facing the audience. The Cub Scouts turn over their letters one at a time as they speak.

A - *Abounding* wildlife running free

M - *Majestic* mountains from sea to sea

E - *Eagles* soaring through evergreen forests

R - *Raging* rivers and nature's own chorus

I - *Immeasurable* love God has for us

C - *Courageous* people who love this land

A - *Adventures* in Scouting, lessons firsthand CUB SCOUT 8 (*dressed as Uncle Sam and holding an American flag*): Will you please join us in the Pledge of Allegiance?

OPENING - HOW WE USE COMPUTERS

Cub #1: We live in a time in which computers are changing the way we organize our daily lives. We have computers in our schools, homes, places of work, and vehicles.

Cub #2: They are a tool to help us work more efficiently. We have yet to invent a computer that will do our thinking for us entirely, but they are a resource for us to use when we need them.

Cub #3: We now have more knowledge at our fingertips than many volumes of encyclopedias could provide in the past and that knowledge is very up to date. Computers talk to other computers linked around the world, they get faster and faster and have more in their memories than we can often conceive.

Cub #4: How can we use computers in our Cub Scouting program? Information, please! Computer Fun and Communicator all have activities that we have been working on this month and earning our advancement at the same time.

Cub #5: We found out how computers are used and visited workplaces that use different programs. We have used computers ourselves and looked at different programs that will help us or that we enjoy.

Cub #6: We have multimedia computers that link CD's, videos and computers into a network filled with information, games and artistic possibilities. Explore for yourselves, for this is the world of our future.

OPENING - ADVISE FOR WHITTLERS

CUB SCOUT #1:For some years *Boy's Life* published a regular feature called "Slide of the Month", written and illustrated by Ben Hunt, a noted carver. Here are some of what Ben Hunt had to say about whittling slides.

CUB SCOUT #2:Almost any good sharp pocketknife will serve as your starter, but if you're going to buy a knife, make it the three-bladed pocket type.

CUB SCOUT #3:Your knife must be sharp. A dull knife will skid on a tough piece of wood, but won't hesitate to slice into soft flesh.

CUB SCOUT #4:How to hold your knife is one of the things you need to master. You rarely whittle with the thumb on the back of the cutting blade.

CUB SCOUT #5: The hand holding the wood should always be in back of the blade, away from the cutting edge to avoid injury.

CUB SCOUT #6:Next you need a piece of wood and some bandages. Yes, because no matter how careful you are, some day you'll be absorbed with whittling your creation only to begin wondering how a piece of soft pine got stained blood red.

CUB SCOUT #7:Softwood is usually best.Good whittling woods include pine, basswood, poplar and cottonwood. Most softwoods can be whittled while green.

CUB SCOUT #8:Remember you may not carry a pocketknife in the Cub Scouts until you are a Bear and have earned the Whittle and Chip Card. Would everyone please rise and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING - ANCIENT GREEKS VIEWED ATHLETES

Cub 1: Ancient Greeks viewed an athlete as a person of great beauty, a symbol of truth.

Cub 2: The training he received was rigorous and strictly disciplined.

Cub 3: There was no time allowed for idleness.

Cub 4: We charge you as Cub Scouts to keep yourselves strong in mind, body and spirit, not just for your own sake but so that you can become useful citizens in the world to come.

Cub 5: Remember to say, "I will try" and to always do your best.

OPENING - SCOUTING IS

CUB 1: As we prepare to join together in a banquet to celebrate the birthday of Scouting, it is important to remember why we chose to join the Scouting movement.

CUB 2: Scouting is a program for young men and boys which is much bigger than just the people who are Scouts. When we join together, we are able to do more and be more than just ourselves.

CUB 3: Scouting is a sea of blue and gold uniforms. Scouting is a shirt full of patches. Scouting is a new neckerchief slide that you made yourself.

CUB 4: Scouting is a new pocketknife and bandaged finger. Scouting is a picnic and a sack lunch. Scouting is learning a new game. Scouting is putting the worm on the fishhook yourself.

CUB 5: Scouting is a hike in the park. Scouting is learning a new game. Scouting is picking sides and being chosen first.

CUB 6: Scouting is all of these things and many more. To each of us it is a different experience. Most importantly, Scouting is caring parents and leaders who bring Scouting to each of us each and every week.

ALL: Scouting is the Blue and Gold we celebrate here tonight. May we be grateful for past good fortune.

OPENING - SCOUTING IS THAT

Those speaking the lines should pause briefly after saying "Scouting Is". If desired, each participant could hold up a colored poster of the rank of which he speaks with part #6 holding up universal symbol and #7 holding B-O-Y sign.

#1: Scouting is... That little Bobcat who the Cub Scout promise makes.

#2: Scouting is... That Wolf Cub Scout who his first elective undertakes.

#3: Scouting is... That older Bear Cub who can tackle much more.

#4: Scouting is... That Webelos Scout who's running up a fine activity badge score.

#5: Scouting is... That Webelos Scout, working toward his Arrow of Light.

#6: Yes, that's what Scouting is..plus much more too, giving us all the reason for the Scouting we do.

#7: Yes that B-O-Y (spell out boy) clad in blue, makes this gathering important to you and you and you! (point to different sections of the audience)

OPENING - ONE STEP AT A TIME

CHARACTERS: "Senior" Scout (Den Chief, Denner, Webelos), Junior Scouts

CUB 1: When I grow up I'm going to be the world's greatest broad jumper and jump like this (Jumps about 1 foot and falls down).

SENIOR: Well, you'll have to remember to take it one step at a time, one step at a time.

CUB 2: Well, I'm going to be a high jumper and win a gold medal like this (jumps and falls flat)

SENIOR: Well, just remember that you'll have to take it one step at a time, one step at a time.

CUB 3: Well, I'm going to be a world famous baseball player and hit home runs like this (swings and falls)

SENIOR: Fine, fine, but remember to take it one step at a time, one step at a time.

CUB 4: I'm going to be the world's best slam dunker (dribbles imaginary ball across stage and slam dunks falling)

SENIOR: Sure, sure, but remember to take it one step at a time, one step at a time.

CUB 1: Say, what are you going to be when you grow up?

SENIOR: Why, I'm going to be the greatest marathon runner that ever lived! (Turns and starts to walk away, but trips over shoe lace.)

ALL CUBS: ONE STEP AT A TIME, ONE STEP AT A TIME!

OPENING - MAGIC CANDLE

PROPS: One Magic candle - Drill 1/4" holes every 2 inches down opposite sides of a white candle. Place scraps of blue and gold crayon in the holes. Melt paraffin and whip with eggbeater. Cover the candle with the whipped paraffin to give the candle a rough decoration.

1ST CUB: We will open the Blue and Gold banquet by lighting this candle. Most candles are nothing but wax and string. They can mean many things to each of us, truth, warmth, and loyalty. This is a special candle because in it we have mixed the colors of the Blue and Gold of Cub Scouting.

2ND CUB: The white represents a well-planned Cub Scout program.

3RD CUB: The blue represents the boys - full of fun, mischief and curiosity.

4TH CUB: The gold represents the well-trained leaders - helpful and interested in the boys.

5TH CUB: The flame, which draws from all three represents the spirit of Cub Scouting.

OPENING – G-R-E-A-T S-C-O-U-T-I-N-G

Great time to look up people who were old Cub and Boy Scouts. Find out if they have some old uniforms. You can also look them up in old Scout books. Have skits that show some of the events in Scouting. Cubs enter carrying signs with the letters on front to spell.

G: great, going gangbusters, gigantic, glorious, glamorous

R: real cool, riotous, robust

E: eventful, envious, energized, elevated, electrified

A: adventurous, all right

T: tremendous, terrific

S: super, stupendous

C: creative, colossal.

O: out of this world, outrageous

U: ultra WOW, unified

T: terrific, talented

I: ingenious, ideal

N: neat, gnarly

G: GREAT!

All: Great events of Scouting are all these and more

OPENING - C-A-L-I-F-O-R-N-I-A

C is for the community of Cub Scouting

A is for Akela who leads us on the Cub Scouting trail

L is for loyalty to country and family

I is for ideals, the people we admire and imitate

F is for fun at our den meetings and pack meetings

O is for obedience to the Law of the Pack

R is for real service and respect for others

N is for neighborhoods of friends and nature

I is for inviting our pals to join our pack

A is for all of us making our state a better place to be

OPENING - THE ANT HILL

Bugs are all around us. Have you ever noticed an anthill? The anthill was constructed with team effort from each ant. During the winter the ants stay underground. When the weather warms, they clear a passage to the outside world. Grain by grain the soil is brought up and deposited in a little pile around the opening. Like the ants, our den requires teamwork from each scout to be successful. Please join me in repeating the Law of the pack.

OPENING - C-U-B S-C-O-U-T

PERSONNEL: 8 Cubs

EQUIPMENT: 8 cards upon which are large letters to spell C U B S C O U T.

C: is for **COMRADESHIP**; we learn to get along.

U: is for **UNITY**; together we are strong.

B: is for **BOY**; wild and woolly - but nice.

S: is for **SOCIALS**; you needn't ask us twice.

C: is for **COURTESY**, of which we all know.

O: is for **OUTINGS**; we're rarin' to go.

U: is for **UNIVERSAL**; Scouts are known in every land.

T: is for **TEAMWORK**; we'll lend you a hand.

OPENING - DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION

PERSONNEL: 8 Cubs and a narrator

EQUIPMENT: Cubs dressed as doctors

NARRATOR: I present to you Cub Scouts and parents, the eight best doctors in the world. Give heed to their words.

DOCTOR 1: I am Doctor Rest. I cure you when you are tired.

DOCTOR 2: I am Doctor Exercise. I make you strong.

DOCTOR 3: I am Doctor Fresh Air. I give you vigor.

DOCTOR 4: I am Doctor Proper Food. I help you live long.

DOCTOR 5: I am Doctor Bath. I keep you clean.

DOCTOR 6: I am Doctor Sleep . . . I make you well and help you grow.

DOCTOR 7: I am Doctor Sunshine. I make you cheerful.

DOCTOR 8: I am Doctor Play. I keep you happy and make you smile.

ALL DOCTORS: Employ us every day, we help you all and ask no pay.

OPENING - T-U-R-K-E-Y #2

PERSONNEL: 6 Cubs with signs, large letters on front and sayings printed on back.

T:T is for **THANKS**, many thanks for all we have, food, shelter, family, freedoms.

U:U is for **UNIFORM**, the uniform we wear is a visible sign of what we stand for.

R:R is for **RESPECT**, respect others, what they are and what they believe in.

K:K is for **KEY**, the key to who and what we are depends on our background and heritage.

E:E is for **EFFORT**, you must expend effort in order to make anything worthwhile.

Y:Y is for **YES**, yes, we are grateful for many things and yes, we accept the Scouting challenge.

OPENING - TRAINING FOR THE OLYMPICS

LEADER: This is a typical day in the training of our Cub Scout Athletes.

COACH: Time to get up.

CUB 1: I'm tired I didn't go to bed until 10 o'clock.

COACH: You know the rules about lots of rest. Now eat your breakfast.

CUB 2: (Sits slouched over his food, shoveling it in.)

COACH: Sit up straight and don't gobble your food.

CUB 3: We're going outside. (Scouts walk across the stage and start exercising.)

COACH: O.K. boys that's enough. Hit the showers.

ALL CUBS: Do we have to? (They all continue to grumble.)

COACH: It's either that or this ... (the boys start to run into the crowd saying "No, No")

The Coach chases the boys with a bucket. When the boys are in the crowd he throws the bucket of confetti in the crowd.

OPENING - TO THE GREEKS

CUB 1: It has been said that every nation in the world today, owes a debt of gratitude to Ancient Greece.

CUB 2: To the Hebrews, we owe our idea of one God.
To the Romans, we owe our idea of sanitary science.
To the Greeks we owe nearly everything else.

CUB 3: The Greek philosophy of life was to take little and give much. Robert Baden Powell, founder of Scouting, reminded us to leave the world a little better than we found it.

CUB 4: Perhaps Lord Baden Powell would have fit well into the world of Ancient Greece, for the people held the basis of life to be moral character.

OPENING - TIME MACHINE

Prepare ahead of time a large refrigerator box to look like a time machine, use lots of buttons and a string of Christmas tree lights to make it look like it might really be one. The flashing kind of lights would really add to the authenticity.

Using the time machine, put a boy in the box, turn it around several times and out steps someone with an old Boy Scout Uniform on; preferable an older leader that has been around. Here is where you can really have fun. Use your imagination!

You could have several people come out of the time machine representing the different times and phases of Boy Scouting and Cub Scouting-taking in the starting of Boy Scouts by Lord Baden Powell, the starting of Boy Scouts of America, the starting of Cub Scouts, the 50* Anniversary of BSA, the 75* Anniversary of BSA, today. Or...you could do a time line of different Scouts and Scout Leaders of your own pack. Or...you could do a time line of exciting times in your pack.

Highlight some great activities that old timers could remember and some current ones. Or...your older leader could just give some history of Scouting, nationally or just locally.

OPENING - APPLES RED, AND MELONS GOLD

Equipment: Copy of following poem
Thank you for all my hands can hold
Apples red, and melons gold,
Yellow corn both ripe and sweet
Peas and beans so good to eat!
Thank you for all my eyes can see -
Lovely sunlight field and tree,
White cloud boats in sea deep sky
Soaring bird and butterfly.
Thank you for all my ears can hear –
Birds song echoing far and near
Songs at little streams and big seas
Cricket, bull frog, duck and bee!

OPENING - T-U-R-K-E-Y

EQUIPMENT: Cards that spell out turkey As boys hold their card have them say the following:

T: is for the Thanks we give at this special time of year.
U: is for Uniting of families from both far and near.
R: is for Remembering that first Thanksgiving Day.
K: is for the Kindness we show to people along the way.
E: is for Everlasting peace our forefathers showed long ago.
Y: is for You, that is what we'll need to help and make it so.
The 1st Thanksgiving was in 1621 and lasted 3 days!
Would you please stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance with us.

OPENING - CUB SCOUT THANKSGIVING

T Stands for the Time our den leaders gladly give;
H Stands for the Help from our parents.
A Stands for America, where we are all free to live;
N Stands for Nature, where we always learn something new;
K Stands for Kindness of Cub Scout friends;
S Stands for Songs in which we raise our voices;
G Stands for Games we play--Sportsmanship never ends;
I Stands for Independence we learn to make our own choices;
V Stands for Variety in our lives which Cub Scouting gives anew;
I Stands for Individuality that each boy in Cub Scouting brings;
N Stands for New skills we gladly learn to do;
G Stands for God whom we thank for all these blessings.

OPENING - M-O-S-Q-U-I-T-O

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster or Den Leader and 8 Cubs

EQUIPMENT: 8 large cards. One for each of the letters of the word Mosquito.

M - is for the **memories** we will share tonight, and the memories of our time at camp.

O - is for the **opportunity** we are fortunate to have - the opportunity to grow together at camp, to learn new skills, and to share together around an open fire.

S - is for the **super** activities and people we meet when we are at Camp.

Q - is for the **quiet times** we experience together: times when we can reflect on the wonderful friends we have made.

U - is for the **ultimate** peacefulness in the out-of-doors.

I - is for the **inspiration** we receive from nature, and from friends.

T - is for the **terrific** people we meet each day.

O - is short for "**On with the Show**"

CUBMASTER: And when you put these all together, what do you get?

ALL: MOSQUITO!

CUBMASTER: Both the mosquitoes and I welcome you to tonight's pack meeting.

OPENING - SONG IN MY POCKET

NARRATOR: Tonight's theme is "Pockets." What good are pockets? Well there are the obvious good uses of pockets, like holding your Cub Scout Registration and, if you're a Bear Scout or older, to hold your Wittlin' Chip. And you hold your Den Dues and important notes your Den Leader sends home with you. But there is another really good use for a pocket, that you might not have ever considered. You should always have a song in your pocket. What, a song in your pocket? What does that mean?

Well it means you should always have a way to turn the bad into good or have an idea that can keep things lively, and what better way is there than to always have a song ready—ready to sing, or whistle, or hum. Tonight, to begin our Pack Meeting, I have a song in my pocket. [Reaches in pocket and pulls out a paper.] Let's all stand and join together in singing "My Country 'Tis Of Thee."

OPENING - C-O-M-P-U-T-E-R AND CUB SCOUTING

C is for Computer and Cub Scouting
O is for Output of future citizens
M is for Memory of fun we'll keep for years
P is for Program that's outstanding
U is for User Friendly--Yes, we have fun in Cub Scouting
T is for Task we gladly do
E is for Environment that is ideal
R is for Record and Cub Scouting has a great one.

OPENING - GOLD RUSH IN CUB SCOUTING

G is for gathering of friends and families
O is for outstanding objectives of the program
L is for learning that lasts your lifetime.
D is for dreams that will come true with diligent work.
R is for responsibility to do what is right
U is for the understanding of others we develop
S is for soaring of spirit and strength of character
H is for happiness and sense of humor

That's GOLD RUSH in Cub Scouting. Let's find our gold!

OPENING - FIT FOR LIFE

PERSONNEL: 5 Cubs

CUB 1: One of the goals of Cub Scouting is physical fitness, and we've been paying special attention to it this month.

CUB 2: It's fun to test yourself against standards to see how fit you are and to compete against other Cub Scouts in fitness games and contests.

CUB 3: But there is a more important reason for all this physical activity. It's to make you fit for life.

CUB 4: Physical fitness is not just being strong and athletic. It's also knowing how to take care of your body, how much rest it needs, and what not to put into it, like drugs, alcohol, and tobacco smoke.

CUB 5: Don't learn the hard way. Stay away from drugs and drinking and stay fit for life.

OPENING - FROM THE TREES

Preparation make signs with the different parts of a tree such as roots, trunk, leaves, nuts, and fruits.

The Roots from some trees are used to make herbal teas.

From the stumps of trees come charcoal, tar oil, and wood tar.

Logs are used to make lumber and from the lumber you can make boxes, cabinets, flooring and more; all of these from the trunk.

From the sap of the trees you can get maple syrup; this sap comes from the trunk, also.

The leaves of the trees supply us with oils and extracts.

Nuts come from trees and are used by us and our animal friends.

Fruits come from certain trees and are enjoyed by all.

Trees supply us with a lot of products and are a great natural resource in our country. Let's pledge to a great country.

OPENING - FOOD FOR THOUGHT

NARRATOR: Years ago, doctors conducted a study in an orphanage that monitored the health of the children and compared that against the food, physical care, and attention (love) they received. What the doctors found was that, while food is absolutely necessary to survive, people also needed care and love to be healthy. Without it, the children suffered all types of illness.

Just as the body needs nourishment, attention, care and love to survive and to thrive, so do other living things. And our country is a living thing. In order for it to survive, it needs the food of financial support. It needs the caring of service to each other. And it needs the love of commitment and allegiance. Let's join together to pledge our commitment to provide for each other—our country. (Salute and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.)

OPENING - E-X-E-R-C-I-S-E

PERSONNEL: 8 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: A cardboard letter for each boy - E X E R C I S E

SETTING: Each boy holding letter

E:This is our first secret word for tonight.

X:Your body is like a machine.

E: It runs best when you use it,

R: and take good care of it.

C: Exercising helps take care of your body machine.

I: It helps your heart,

S: your lungs,

E: and your muscles.

OPENING - BUGS AND THINGS

EQUIPMENT: Have Cub Scouts, dressed as the different 'bugs', come out, one at a time.

NARRATOR: To open our pack meeting tonight, Den___ has been working on the theme this month "Bug and Things" and brought their collection of "bugs" to share with us. Let's begin with the:

"BEDBUG" (boy dressed in P.J.'s) who just hates to get up in the morning;

"LITTERBUG" (boy throws around litter) who ruins every place he goes;

"WATERBUG" (boy dressed in swimsuit, goggles) who just can't get enough swimming.

"LADYBUG" (boy dressed in wig, dress, etc.) who thinks "she's " the best looking bug around;

"SOWBUG" (boy with a pig mask) who's a hog at every meal'

"PINCHERBUG"(boy with cardboard pinchers on his hands)who hurts everyone he sees

Well, that concludes our "bug" collection...but I think you left one out---the "STINKBUG".

BOYS (in unison) No, we didn't

NARRATOR: Well, where is he?

CubMaster walks in.

BOYS: Here he is now!!!

OPENING - THE PROMISE INTERPRETED

I PROMISE: An assurance I make, a pledge to do right; I keep it before me, a bright shining light.

TO DO MY BEST: I promise to try, then folks will believe me.

TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD: To God, the creator, I'm sure you will agree. So let's keep it always, the Land of the Free.

TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE: If I am helpful, faithful, and just; then I'm deserving of everyone's trust.

AND TO OBEY THE LAW OF THE PACK: A guide for each day, as we go on our way. And a good one to know, as we follow and grow.

OPENING - RED, WHITE AND BLUE CEREMONY

Webelos honor guard holds U.S. Flag. Cubmaster has scraps of red, white, and blue cloth.

Cubmaster says: Cub Scouts, what is our flag? You could say it is just a few pieces of red, white, and blue cloth like these in my hand. That would be true. But our flag is really much more than that. We all recognize the flag as the banner of our country. In other words, it stands for our country. And so we should respect it and treat it as we would want to be treated--with care and love. Let us show our respect by standing and saying the Pledge of Allegiance

(After the pledge the Honor Guard posts colors).

OPENING - AMBER WAVES OF GRAIN

Preparation: Prepare signs with pictures of a grain field or a letter A or both, mountain and/or letter M, newspaper and/or E, plains and/or letter R, picture of George Washington, Abe Lincoln, JFK and/or letter I, scene of people in any city and/or letter C, pretty picture of America and/or letter A.

On back of sign put the words the boys need to read.

Needed 7 boys and signs-one boy for each sign

1. A-is for Amber waves of grain.
2. M-is for Mountains majestic.
3. E-is for Everyone's freedom.
4. R-is for Rich, fruited plains.
5. I-is for I love my country.
6. C-is for country of the free
7. A-is for America the Beautiful. Please join me in singing "America the Beautiful" After the song, please stand to pledge the symbol of this great country.

OPENING - COMPUTER #4

PERSONNEL:8 Cubs and a narrator.

EQUIPMENT:Large cards with a letter and corresponding text for each Cub spelling out the word **COMPUTER** .

C - Communication not confined

O - Operating and on-line

M - Memory to store away

P - Programs that we learn and play

U - Utilities to keep us straight

T - Terminals to match and mate

E - Entering much information

R - Resource for many functions

Narrator: In looking far into our future, we will rely more on our computers.

OPENING – P-I-C-N-I-C

Seven Cubs stand facing the audience with the first 6 Cub Scouts holding white paper plates which have the word PICNIC spelled on them with red and blue felt markers or tempera paint. Seventh Cub will lead audience in Pledge of Allegiance or patriotic song.

P: Picnics are fun for everyone.

I: Including food, games and lots of fun.

C: Celebrating our nations' birthday, we're glad to be here.

N: Never ceasing to be thanking our country dear.

I: In our hearts ever loyal we'll be.

C: Constantly pledging to keep our nation free.

Seventh Cub: "Let's all stand together and say the Pledge of Allegiance."

OPENING - IMAGINE

PREPARATION-6 signs with a big question mark on the front

Need 6 boys

Boy 1-Imagine what the world would be like without Cub Scouts.

Boy 2-Imagine what the world would be like without gravity.

Boy 3-Imagine what life would be in the future.

Boy 4-Imagine what the world would be like without cars and trucks.

Boy 5-Imagine what the world would be like without computers.

Boy 6-Imagine what the United States would be like without our freedom? (Pause for a minute for reflection) Please join me in pledging allegiance to that freedom.

OPENING - JOIN US AT THE CIRCUS

NEEDED: Five Cub Scouts dressed as clowns.

CUB 1: Round and round the elephants plod, the monkeys swing on a shining pod.

CUB 2: Bespangled ponies cavort and prance, Roly poly bears do a clumsy dance.

CUB 3: A peddler lifts up his voice to sell, Fresh roasted peanuts in the shell.

CUB 4: The acrobats whirl and loop the loop, A dog jumps through a flaming hoop.

CUB 5: The circus is a sawdust flower, We ask you to join us for the next hour.

OPENING - THE BEGINNINGS OF CUB SCOUTING

CAST: Narrator, Sign carriers - 5 Cub Scouts

NARRATOR: Cub Scouts got its start by hanging around the Boy Scouts. But the Boy Scouts didn't want the younger boys hanging around their troop meetings. The younger boys couldn't see any reason for not being able to stay and join the older boys.

CUB SCOUT #1 enters with sign saying, "Robert Baden-Powell"

NARRATOR: Robert Baden-Powell was a great Englishman. He started Scouting for boys England in the early 1907.

CUB SCOUT #2 enters with sign saying, "William D. Boyce"

NARRATOR: William D. Boyce is the man who went to England on business. While there he was helped find a street by an English Boy Scout and was greatly interested in the program. Mr. Boyce then asked the boy to take him to Baden-Powell. Boyce returned to America with a trunk full of Boy Scouting books and uniforms and other material to begin a Scouting program in America.

CUB SCOUT #3 enters with sign saying, "Ernest Thompson Seton"

NARRATOR: Ernest Thompson Seaton was he first Chief Scout of the Boy Scouts of America. He was very talented in Indian crafts and lore.

CUB SCOUT #4- enters with sign saying, " Daniel Carter Beard"

NARRATOR: Daniel Carter Beard was the first National Commissioner and Chairman on the National Court of Honor. He also wrote and illustrated articles for the Boy Scout magazine, Boy's Life.

CUB SCOUT #5. enters with sign saying, "Happy Birthday, Cub Scouts"

NARRATOR: Baden-Powell's Wolf Cub Packs turned into the Cub Scouts of America in 1930. Since then we have grown from 5,000 boys to over 3,000,000 boys. Please join me in singing Hippy Birthday to the Cub Scouts.

OPENING - THAT'S WHAT TIGER CUBBING IS ALL ABOUT

Search - A Tiger Cub trip to see.

Discover - Learning about new things.

Share - Sharing with others in our group.

That's what Tiger Cubbing is all about.

OPENING - WE CAN LEARN FROM THE CAMPFIRE

Welcome _____ to the _____ campfire. _____ Is among us. Let us draw from this campfire, with all its vibrance and warmth, the secrets of Scouting and the Spirit of Brotherhood.

In its LIGHT we will see new chances to be helpful and to do our best.

From its WARMTH we will strengthen the bonds of fellowship and learn how to get along with others.

From the STONES that ring the fire and keep its power in check, we learn how we can curb our tempers and become good citizens.

From the SMOKE that rises out of the fire, we can learn to lift our eyes upward and worship God.

The SPARK that starts this fire reminds us that little good turns can lead to greater deeds.

Just as the fire needs FUEL WOOD to bum brightly, so do we need the care and love of our parents to help us to grow and to glow in a meaningful way.

In its LEAPING FLAMES we will see the fun of Scouting and the job of life.

MAY THE FIRE BE LIT!

OPENING - PASS THE TORCH CUB SCOUT PROMISE

PERSONNEL: Three Den Chiefs in Indian Costume, Cubmaster holding lighted torch.

CUBMASTER: "We will light our council fire with this torch which represents the spirit of Cub Scouting and a Cub Scout's promise to do his best." (Passes torch to the first Den Chief who says)

DEN CHIEF #1: This fire is a symbol of a Cub Scout promise to do his duty to God and his country. (Passes torch)

DEN CHIEF #2: This fire is a symbol of a Cub Scout Promise to help other people. (Passes torch)

DEN CHIEF #3: This fire represents our Pack and a Cub Scouts promise to obey the Law of the Pack. (Passes torch back to Cubmaster who lights the fire.)

OPENING - INTERNATIONAL CAMPFIRE IDEAS

(Canadian)

Near the waters, near the reedbeds
Near the wigwam, O my brothers,
We will light our evening campfire,
Light the red flower of the forest,
That her leaves and petals rising
Call us to our friendly council.

(Italian)

O Drummer, summon the Legions;
Send the call o'er valley and hill
For council we take round our campfire
And friendship; listen we will.
Let friendship be our clear watchword,
Let us join in the campfires light
Our hands, to show we are brothers
Forever, as we are tonight.

(Australian)

When the sands of the desert are burning
And the billabong's dusty and dry
Then coppers, the tribes will all gather
For coroboree under the sky.
So lay down our boomerangs, coppers
For coroboree under the sky.

OPENING - T-I-G-E-R-S THAT'S US

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

T = is for Tigers - that's us!

I = is for me - a Tiger too!

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.

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Closing Ceremonies

CLOSING - AMERICA'S ANSWER

America needs men with a concern for the common good -- men who have the understanding and insight to help solve her problems and those of the changing world around us. she needs citizens of integrity who value their great heritage and who are determined to pass on to others an enduring faith in the ideals and methods of our free society.

How does a boy come to know and to appreciate his heritage as a citizen of this nation? How does his sense of responsibility and his concern for others unfold?

Begin with him when he is a Cub Scout as he promises with all the solemnity of an 8-year old "to do my duty to God and my country..." Watch the pride and loving care with which he handles the flag as he is taught to fold it. He may not fully understand all that it stands for, but someday he will... with help.

Observe him later as he stands tall, alert and proud in his kaki uniform as the flag is lowered at Scout camp. He is living everyday experiences as a good citizen and showing concern for the needs of others. He is growing and practicing the fundamentals of citizenship. All of this time he is under the friendly guidance and companionship of men who care about him.

Now he is grown tall.. in high school.. an Explorer. He ponders the words of the Explorer Code. There is conviction in his voice as he says: "I will treasure my American heritage and will do all I can to preserve and enrich it."

And so this young American comes to manhood. He has grown through his Scouting experiences and though the influences of many men and women who have helped him. He has a job and a family and is making himself count in his community. He is a citizen of a great nation. He understands his heritage and cheerfully accepts his future obligations to all men.

He has been a Scout. He is America's answer!

CLOSING - AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

CUBMASTER: This evening we have shared our respect for our great country. We have seen some of the glory that is the United States. The most fitting end to our meeting is to sing "America the Beautiful". In this great song we sing of the glory of our great land, but the last two lines of every verse have an acknowledgement of God who guides us all. Just to recall the last two lines of the first verse.

"America, America, God shed his grace on thee. And crown they good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea."

Everyone please stand and join me in singing "America the Beautiful."

CLOSING - NATURE AND THE GOOD VISITOR

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Our pack meeting tonight brought us all together to think about nature. We can enjoy the great outdoors but we must think of others who will follow us. Wherever you go in the great wide world of nature, try to be a "good" visitor who will leave the plants and the creatures for others to enjoy after you leave.

FIRST CUB: The only shots I took were snapshots.

SECOND CUB: I tried to walk on pathways to keep off plants.

THIRD CUB: When I see animals or birds, I try to remember that I am a guest in their living place and I don't do anything to them but look at them.

FOURTH CUB: The one big thing I always do when I am ready to go home is to look and see that all fires are out in nature's backyard.

CUBMASTER: With Cubs and Webelos like you to help keep our friends on the ball, I'm sure that the beauties of nature will be around for years to come. Thanks Cubs, Good night.

CLOSING - ANNIVERSARY CLOSING

EQUIPMENT: Candelabra with three candles; one larger candle.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster and all present and former Cub Scouts.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have had a lot of fun at the ____th birthday of Cub Scouting and the _____ birthday of our own pack. As Cub Scouts and leaders, we are following a trail blazed by millions of other boys, men, and women.

All of them have had the Cub Scout spirit, which we symbolize with the flame of this one candle. (Light larger candle. Extinguish room lights.) What is the Cub Scout spirit? That's easy. It's the three things we promise to do in the Cub Scout Promise. We say, "I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country." That's the first part. (Light one candle on candelabra.)

The second part is, "To help other people." (Light second candle.) And the third is, "To obey the Law of the Pack." (Light third candle.) Now, while these candles burn as a reminder to us, will all Cub Scouts, and former Cub Scouts who are with us tonight, please stand, and repeat the Promise with me. (Lead Promise.)

CLOSING - LORD BADEN-POWELL'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

(This letter was found among Baden-Powell's papers after his death on January 8, 1941.)

Dear Scouts,

If you have ever seen the play, "Peter Pan", you will remember how the pirate chief was always making his dying speech, because he was afraid that possibly when the time came for him to die, he might not have time to get it off his chest.

It is much the same with me, and so, although I am not at this moment dying, I shall be doing so one of these days, and I want so send you a parting word of goodbye.

Remember it is the last you will ever hear from me, so think it over.

I have had a most happy life, and I want each one of you to have as happy a life, too.

I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness doesn't come from being rich, nor merely from being successful in your career, nor by self-indulgence.

One step towards happiness is to make yourself healthy and strong while you are a boy, so that you can be useful, and so can enjoy life when you are a man.

Nature will show you how full of beautiful and wonderful things God has made the world for you to enjoy.

Be contented with what you got, and make the best of it; look on the bright side of things instead of the gloomy one. But the real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people.

Try and leave this world a little better than you found it, and when your turn comes to die you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have "done your best".

"Be Prepared" in this way, to live happy and die happy; stick to your Scout Promise always--even after you have ceased to be a boy--and God will help you to do it.

Your friend,
Baden-Powell

CLOSING - CUB SCOUT BIRD WATCHERS

PERSONNEL: Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos Scout, Arrow of Light recipient, Cubmaster or Den Leader.

EQUIPMENT: Large poster with the picture of a hummingbird, a sparrow, a robin, a hawk, and an eagle. Parts may be read from back of each.

ARRANGEMENT: Cubs are off stage and enter one at a time to say his part. Each Cub enters to center stage, holds the poster for all to see and says (or reads from back of poster) his part.

BOBCAT CUB: I am a Bobcat Cub. Like the tiny hummingbird, I must work hard to achieve the recognition of my fellow Cubs.

WOLF CUB: I am a Wolf Cub. I have learned many basic skills that will help me to do things in life just as the small sparrow can do many things for himself.

BEAR CUB: I am a Bear Cub. I have many colors on my chest to show my accomplishments (Points to badges of rank and arrow points) just like the brightly colored robin's breast.

WEBELOS: I am a Webelos Scout. I have learned much along the Cub Scout trail that will make me strong and independent like the hawk.

A OF LIGHT: I am earning the Arrow of Light which is the highest recognition in Cub Scouting. As the eagle is a proud and mighty bird, I am also proud of my accomplishments and my American heritage.

CUBMASTER: Just as we have watched the many species of bird found in our environment, we have also watched the Cubs advance along the Scouting trail.

CLOSING - BIRD WATCHERS

NARRATOR: (Lines up all the Cubs who have pictures of birds, facing the audience.)

Tonight our theme was "Bird Watchers". It is our duty as Cubs, as parents, as Americans, to appreciate the beauty in birds. Let us conduct ourselves so that we may pass on the beauty of birds to our children and our children's children. The greatest enemy of most birds is pollution and we all know that we must prevent pollution. Do your part to keep our America beautiful.

CLOSING - BLUE & GOLD BOYPOWER

Have a small birthday candle at each Cub Scout table setting and have larger candles on all tables. At the proper time, the Cubmaster announces that each Webelos Scout should come forward and receive a lighted candle to take to his table. After he reaches his table all other lights are turned off.

CUBMASTER: America's Manpower begins with Boypower. As we light all our candles, you can see the room is growing brighter (Cubs light their candles). That is the way it is in Cub Scouting in our community as we increase our Boypower. One Cub Scout may not be very big, but as our members grow we can light up all our homes and make everyone aware of our Cub Scout spirit. Let's make Cub Scouting really shine with Boypower (lights come on and candles are blown out.) Do your best.

Cub Scouts responds

We'll do our best!

CLOSING - INDIAN VERSION OF THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM

The Great Father above a shepherd chief is. I am His and with Him I want not. He throws out to me a rope and the name of the rope is love, and He draws me to where the grass is green and the water not dangerous; and I eat and lie down and am satisfied. Sometimes my heart is very weak and falls down, but he lifts me up again and draws me into a good road.

His name is Wonderful.

Sometime, it may be very soon, it may be a long, long, time, He will draw me into a valley. It is dark there, but I'll be afraid not, for it is in between those mountains that the shepherd chief will meet me and the hunger that I have in my heart all through this life will be satisfied.

Sometimes He makes the love rope into a whip, but afterwards He gives me a staff to lean upon. He spreads a table before me with all kinds of foods. He puts his hand upon my head and all the "tired" is gone. My cup He fills until it runs over. What I tell is true. I lie not. These roads that are 'away ahead' will with me through this life and after; and afterwards I will go to live in the big Tepee and sit down with the Shepherd Chief forever.

CLOSING - BADEN POWELL HAD A VISION

The following closing could be done by a den of boys standing up front and reciting together the first eight lines or have one of them as narrator, take a few steps forward and say:

Baden Powell had a vision,
That he made come true,
So now we can enjoy Scouting,
And have fun while we do.
While he wasn't an American,
He's become famous to us,
Earning though America,
Our admiration and trust.

As adult leader dressed as Baden Powell comes out, faces audience and says:

Now may the Spirit of Scouting,
Be with both young and old.
As you remember again,
The meaning of Blue and Gold.
May you strive for truth and spirituality,
In the warm sunlight under the sky above,
As you bring good cheer and happiness
With steadfast loyalty brought through love.

Good Night and Happy Scouting!!

CLOSING - RECOGNIZING THE CHANGE IN UNIT LEADERSHIP

The seven team members from the opening ceremony stand in front with flashlights held waist high. All other lights are out.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Tonight signifies the celebration of our past year in helping our pack grow. Before you stand the seven representative team members who contributed, each in their own way, to our pack activities. We all thank them for helping us along the way. Now for our next year, between this Blue and Gold and the Blue and Gold in February 1988 our team will be (pause while another Den, Webelos, parent and any other committee members or cubmaster who will be leaving are replaced in the line and take the flashlight and hold it chest high) made up of some former members and new members. But each of you are part of that team to help Pack have a successful year. What must we all do?
(New Team and audience promise in unison): To Do Our Best!

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: With all of your help and promise to do your best, we look forward to another successful year with Pack. Good night all.

CLOSING - CANDLELIGHT

NARRATOR: (Lights out) To a Cub Scout it looks very black when there is no Leader, no Den, no Pack. Wait, here's a leader - a Cubmaster!

CUBMASTER: (Lights a candle)

NARRATOR: But the job is more than one person can handle. He needs a Den Leader and Committeemen also, be there is so much to do. Now, he has found another Leader - a Committeeman.

COMMITTEEMAN: (Lights a candle)

NARRATOR: Here's a Den Leader!

DEN LEADER: (Lights a candle)

NARRATOR: Look here! We have a Den Leader Coach!

DEN LEADER COACH: (Lights a candle)

NARRATOR: For our Cub Scout it is now getting bright.

Our Cub Scout no more will he grope,
To find his way along the road,
That millions like him often strode.
To wear the uniform of the Blue and Gold,
The Law of his Country and God to uphold,
You also can now see your way too,
So if all together we hold our candles high,
Cub Scouts will never die!

Let's all stand and sing: (Either God Bless America or Good Night Cubbers)

CLOSING - CAPTAIN OF ALL SCOUTS

Now may the great Captain of all Scouts
Who created the seas and all things that live therein
And Who gave us dominion over them
Be with us till we meet again.

CLOSING - A CREED

This is an impressive closing for the Blue and Gold Banquet or any other type of dinner.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Cub Scout poem reader, person to turn off lights.

EQUIPMENT: Candles, one on each den's table.

ARRANGEMENT: On each den's table a single lighted candle burns. All houselights are out.

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouting is a part of family life in 60 countries around the world. In all of these free countries, on an evening such as this, Cub Scouts are joining in a Grand howl and repeating the Cub Scout Motto. What is the Cub Scout Motto?

CUB SCOUTS: Do Your Best.

CUBMASTER: As we face each other around our Blue and Gold tables, let us look at the candle's flame and silently thank God for the Cub Scout friendships we are privileged to enjoy. Now, join me in rededicating ourselves to our Cub Scout Promise. (All repeat Cub Scout Promise.)

CUBMASTER: Thanks to everyone for your assistance tonight. We'll say good night after Cub Scout (name) reads Edgar A. Guest's "A Creed".

Lord, let me not in service lag,
Let me be worthy of our flag;
Let me remember, when I'm tired,
The sons heroic who have died
In freedom's name, and in my way
Teach me to be as brave as they.
In all I am, in all I do,
Unto our flag I would be true;
For God and country let me stand.
Unstained of soul and clean of hand,
beach me to serve and guard and love
The starry flag which flies above.

CLOSING - EXPLORE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

CUBMASTER: In those times of gas shortages and economic problems, our neighborhood has become more important to us than ever before. We've all heard stories from our grandparents about the good old days when people sat in their yards and visited and got to know each other better. There are some of here tonight who really don't know each other even though our sons share a common experience. Let's take about five minutes right now to introduce ourselves to each other. (After time limit) Den ____ will now retire the colors for us.

CLOSING - CUB SCOUT INDIAN PRAYER

For that solemn moment towards the end of Den or Pack meeting, try this Cub Scout Indian Prayer:

Morning Star wake us, filled with joy.
To new days of growing to man from boy.
Sun, with your power, give us light.
That we can tell wrong and do what is right.
South Wind, we ask, in your gentle way.
Blow us the willingness of obey.
North Wind, we ask, live up to thy name.
Send us the strength to always be game.
East Wind, we ask, with your breath so snappy.
Fill us with knowledge of how to be happy.
West Wind, we ask, blow all that is fair.
To us, that we may always be square.
Moon, that fills the night with red light.
Guard us well while we sleep in the night.
Akela, please guide us in every way.
We'll follow your trail in work or play.

CLOSING - THE DOUBLE CIRCLE

PERSONNEL: Entire pack - Cub Scouts, parents, and visitors.

EQUIPMENT: United States flag, four spotlights or four large flashlights

ARRANGEMENT: Have all present stand in a double circle, with Cub Scouts and other boys on the inside, and parents and visitors on outside. Focus spotlights or flashlights on the flag held in center of circle. Sing "God Bless America."

CLOSING - ASTRONAUT FRANK BORMAN PRAYER

ARRANGEMENT: Have Cub Scouts and their families form a large circle. The Cubmaster then reads the following prayer, which was broadcast to earth by U.S. Astronaut Frank Borman, while on a moon-orbiting mission in December, 1968. (Cubmaster should explain what he is reading).

Give us, O God, the vision which can see the love in the world, in spite of his 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 one of us can do to set forward the spirit of universal peace.

CLOSING - DEN CANDLE

Boys are seated in a semi-circle around the den ceremonial board.

Den leader begins by reminding the boys that we use a candle to symbolize Akela, the good leader. She then lights a candle.

DEN LEADER: Boys of Den ____, this light means we will follow a good leader. It even means that we will do the right things when our leader isn't present because if we don't, our leader will lose faith in us. We will lose faith in ourselves, too, because we will not be doing our best. What is our Motto?

CUB SCOUTS: Do Your Best!

DEN LEADER: Let the memory of this flame stay in our mind to remind us to do our best. (blow our candle).

CLOSING - AMERICAN CREED

EQUIPMENT: A red candle, white candle, blue candle.

ARRANGEMENT: Room is dark except for the three candles.

PERSONNEL: Four Scouts.

SCOUT 1. As I put out this white candle representing purity, may we be ever mindful of this obligation that a Scout is clean. He is clean in body and thought, stands for clean speech, clean sport, clean habits, and travels with a clean crowds.

SCOUT 2. As I put out this blue candle representing loyalty, may we be ever mindful of this obligation that a Scout is loyal. He is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due, his Scout leader, his home, his parents, and his country.

SCOUT 3. As I put out this red candle representing courage and sacrifice, may we be ever mindful of our obligation that a Scout is brave. He has the courage to face danger in spite of fear, and to stand up for the right against the coaxing of friends and the jeers or threats of enemies and defeat does not drown him.

SCOUT 4. May we close this pack meeting by reminding our selves of our duty according to the American's Creed;

I therefore believe it is my duty to my country
To love it;
To support its constitution;
To obey its laws;
To respect its flag; and
To defend it against all enemies.

CLOSINGS - SIMPLE DEN CLOSINGS

Form boys and parents in a large circle. Ask all in the circle to cross their arms and grasp neighbors' hands. Then lead the Philmont Grace by repeat-after-me method: "For food, for raiment, for life, for opportunity, for friendship and fellowship, we thank Thee O Lord." Turn out lights, shine flashlight on U.S. flag, and sing first verse of "America, the Beautiful".

Form den in living circle. Have denner lead Cub Scout Promise.

Form den in living circle. Have denner lead Law of the Pack. Ask boys to observe a moment of reverence.

Form living circle. Denner leads Cub Scout Promise. Sing "Akela's Council" (Cub Scout Songbook). Ask boys to observe moment of reverence.

Form living circle and have denner lead Cub Scout Promise. Give brief den leader's thought on how the pledge "to help other people" relates to Christmas or Hanukkah.

Form den in living circle. Have oldest den member lead Law of the Pack. Ask boys to observe a moment of reverence.

Denner retires colors while all salute. Ask boys to observe moment of reverence. In turn, boys salute den leader, give handshake to den chief, and leave quietly.

Form den in brotherhood circle with arms around each other's shoulders. Den chief leads Scout benediction: "And now, may the great Master of all Scouts be with us till we meet again."

Have a Webelos den lead its favorite campfire closing ceremony. Or, make a large circle of the pack and perform the "Friendship Circle" closing.

"Friendship circle closing". Each den member is given a three-foot length of rope which he ties to his neighbor's with a square knot so that a circle is made. Boys pull back on the line with their left hands and make the Cub Scout sign with their right. Den leader says, "This circle shows the bond of friendship we have in Cub Scouting. Now please join me in the Cub Scout Promise."

Sing "Akela's Council" (Cub Scout Songbook). Ask boys to observe moment of reverence.

Tell boys to bring finished pinewood derby cars next week to test them. Boy who conducted opening ceremony retires colors and folds flag with aid of denner. Sing or hum "Taps" (Cub Scout Songbook).

Form pack in a large circle, with families behind the boys. Have the group hum "Taps" while a Cub Scout (prepared beforehand) slowly recites the Cub Scout Promise. End by leading the Scout benediction by the repeat-after-me method: "And now, may the great Master/ of all Scouts/ be with us/ till we meet again."

Boy who conducted opening ceremony folds flag with aid of denner. Den leader, asks, "What's the Cub Scout motto?" Boys respond, "Do your best!" Sing or hum "Taps"

Den leader gives brief closing thought on sportsmanship and being a good loser as well as a good winner. Ask boys to observe moment of reverence.

Close with "Double Circle" ceremony from Staging Den and Pack Ceremonies.

Den chief reads Outdoor Code from Official Boy Scout Handbook or Webelos Scout Book and discusses its meaning.

Sing "Scout Vesper" (Cub Scout Songbook). Ask boys to observe a moment of reverence.

Seat boys in circle and sing "Parting Song" (Cub Scout Songbook). Ask boys to observe a moment of reverence.

Boys give Cub Scout handshake to den leader, salute den chief, and leave quietly.

Sing "Scout's Good-Night Song" (Cub Scout Songbook).

Ask two boys to fold U.S. flag properly. Sing first verse of "America" (Cub Scout Songbook). Ask boys to observe moment of reverence.

Perform grand howl. Ask boys to observe moment of reverence.

Give brief den leader's thought on how Law of the Pack pledge to "Give Goodwill" relates to Good Turns.

Read the Knight's Code and discuss how it is similar to Cub Scout Promise.

Denner retires colors while all salute. Sing "God Bless America".

Boy retires colors while all salute. Sing "Keep Advancing" (Cub Scout Songbook).

Den leader asks, "What's the Cub Scout motto?" boys respond, "Do your best!" Give closing thought on why knights always did their best. Ask boys to observe moment of reverence.

Den chief reads President's Oath of office. Denner leads Cub Scout Promise.

Den chief reads The American Creed. Den chief asks, "What's the Cub Scout motto?" Boys respond, "Do your best!"

Form circle. Ask boys to pass Cub Scout handshake around the circle. Ask boys to observe moment of reverence, then give Cub Scout salute to den chief as they leave.

Den leader gives closing thought on real meaning of Thanksgiving. Sing "Scout Vesper Song" (Cub Scout Songbook).

Ask boys to form line facing U.S. flag. Have two boys who are working on Wolf flag Achievement 2 fold flag. Sing first verse of "America".

Form den in circle around U.S. flag and sing "God Bless America". Ask boys to observe moment of reverence.

Close with "Outdoor Code - Responsive Reading" ceremony from Staging Den and Pack Ceremonies.

Song leader leads "Bless Our Cub Scouts" from Cub Scout Songbook. Cubmaster then asks

all to stand, join hands with their neighbors, and repeat the Scout benediction: "And now, may the great Master of all Scouts be with us till we meet again."

Sing "Cub Scout Advancement Song" (Cub Scout Songbook).

Form den in semicircle facing flag. Ask boys, in turn, to step forward, salute flag, and step back. As the boys leave, they give Cub Scout handshake to den leader.

Form circle and ask boys to give den yell in honor of members who passed at least one achievement or elective this month. Sing "Scout's Good-Night Song".

Give brief closing thought on meaning of first two points of the Scout Law - Trustworthy and Loyal for good citizenship.

Form Webelos den in line. In turn each boy steps forward and gives one point of Scout Law until all 12 have been said.

Form Webelos den in circle. In turn around circle, boys give one point of the Scout Law.

Repeat Cub Scout Promise and Scout Oath. Den leader gives closing thought on their similarities.

Den leader leads a dialogue with Scouts on the theme of "moderation" in all things: Alcohol, food, exercise, losing weight, teeth care, etc.

Scouts leave in alphabetical order of first letter of first name. Salute den chief, U.S. flag.

U.S. flag on staff; all stand at attention, salute, as flag is paraded past the den and carried out of the area.

Leaders closing thought: Tell how the Cub Scout motto, Do your best, applies as a code for home, school, play. Denner retires colors while all stand at attention and salute.

Sit on floor cowboy-style around imaginary campfire and sing campfire songs.

CLOSING - DO YOUR BEST

Boys with key words hold up cards saying "DO YOUR BEST"

CUB 1: DO unto others as they should do to you.

CUB 2: That's called the Golden Rule.

CUB 3: YOU'RE all Cub Scouts of Gold and Blue,

CUB 4: The Pack Law is your special tool,

CUB 5: BEST way we know to celebrate this season,

CUB 6: Is in giving your best to others,

CUB 7: And now we wish you, for that very reason,

ALL: Happy holidays! May we all be brothers.

CLOSING - YEAR'S END

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

CUBMASTER: (Lights candles) This last ceremony for 19__ is one of re-dedication. 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 19__ to do your best to help other people and obey the Law of the Pack, and to advance on 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 19__ 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 remain burning. Those three candles stand for Follow, Helps, and Gives, which means "We'll be loyal." Will you be loyal Cub Scouts in 19__? (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 you hearts during the year of 19__ as we go upward and forward in Pack _____. Good night, Cub Scouts.

CLOSING - CAMPFIRE

As darkness creeps into our circle of light,
Embers that glow and sigh
Draw our friendship circle closer,
Whisper memories that will not die;
God's magic danced in our fire's flames,
And fills the gathering night
With mystery and a wondrous peace,
That bids safe sleep till morning's light.

CLOSING - FLAG RECIPE

EQUIPMENT: 6 Cub Scouts, 1 cup blue crepe paper bits, Stars (glitter), American flag, 1 cup red crepe paper bits, 1 cup white crepe paper bits, Large pot, spotlight (optional).

ARRANGEMENT: Cub Scouts form semi-circle around large pot. American flag is folded and hidden in pot. Each Cub is holding the ingredients which he adds.

CUB 1: We are going to fix a treat that is really grand;
And make for you a recipe.... the greatest in the land.

CUB 2: First we'll put in a heaping cup of red for courage true, (He adds red paper bits to the pot)

CUB 3: And then we will add for loyalty, a dash of heavenly blue, (He adds blue paper bits to the pot)

CUB 4: For purity, we will now sift in a layer of snowy white, (He sprinkles in white paper bits)

CUB 5: We will sprinkle in a pinch of stars to make it come out right, (He adds glitter)

CUB 6: We will stir and stir and then you will see,
That what we have made is...
(He uses a large spoon and pretends to stir, taking care not to disturb the flag)

ALL: (together) OLD GLORY. (All Cubs reach in and pull out American Flag.)

CUB 1: Our flag is the most beautiful flag in the world. Let us always be loyal to it. (Two Cubs hold American flag high. Lights out, spotlight on the flag as curtain closes.)

CLOSING - GOOD DEEDS OF OLD

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have enjoyed recalling the days of old when brave men went forth doing good deeds. They carried their banners high, proud to show who they were. Tonight we would like one member from each den to come forward. (Either with the den flag or use the number on the sleeve.) (Line the boys in a row in front showing the den number.) Now as we look at the symbol which stands for our group let us all stand and sing "God Bless America."

After song:

CUBMASTER: Let us now go forth and be Proud of our Cub Scout uniform and try to live up to our Cub Scout Law and promise.

CLOSING - GREAT MASTER WE GIVE THANKS

Boys in an inner circle, hands across chest. Adults in an outer circle behind the boys, hands across chest.

1st Den: For all the food that the Great Master provides for us - we give thanks.

2nd Den: For all the beauty that the Great Master surrounds us, we give thanks.

3rd Den: For all of our parents and leaders who guide us, Great Master, we give thanks.

Cubmaster and Adults Together: (extend arms) And now Great Master guide us in love and friendship until we meet again.

CLOSING - HONORING THE FLAG

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, two Cub Scouts who know proper way to fold U.S. flag.

EQUIPMENT: U.S. flag.

CUBMASTER: Today, and at most of our pack meetings, we post the U.S. flag when we begin and leave it standing until the meeting is over. Why do we do that? I think there are two main reasons. First we honor the flag by including it as part of our meeting. And second, we show that we are under the protection of that flag and all it represents, our Constitution and our laws.

We honor the flag by saluting it and by pledging allegiance. We can also honor it by displaying it properly and by taking it down and storing it the right way. Now these boys are going to show us how to retire the flag and fold it properly. As they do that, join me in singing "God Bless America." (Lead song as boys retire colors.)

CLOSING - I MADE A PROMISE

Five boys are needed for this ceremony. Each should have his part printed on a small card he can conceal in his hand or have the part memorized.

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, and 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.

CLOSING - INDIAN SIGN BENEDECTION

"May the Great Spirit (point to sky) who has been with you in the past (point back over shoulder) and who will be with you in the future (point forward) bring (hands together in shape of cup) you (point to someone else) great joy." (Group does benediction together again without words and departs.)

CLOSING - INDIAN PRAYER

Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds and whose breath gives life to all the world. Hear me. I come before you, one of your many children. I am weak and small. I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in the beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset; my ears sharp so I may hear your voice. Make me wise so I may learn the things you have taught my people; the lessons you have hidden under every rock and leaf. I seek strength, not to be superior to my brother, but to be able to fight my greatest enemy - myself. Make me ever ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes, so whenever life fades, like the fading sunset, my spirit will come to you without Shame.

CLOSING - LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS

Form the pack in a large circle. Cubmaster says:

"We've had lots of fun this month imagining what life may be like on other planets. We've looked into the night sky and enjoyed its beauty. Some of you may have learned, too, that the North Star, Polaris, is fixed overhead and that it is used by space travelers and ship captains to find their position. In Cub Scouting we have our own North Star, the Cub Scout Promise. Like the North Star, the Promise is a guide for people on earth. If we follow the Promise, we can be pretty sure that we will be good men. Please join me now in repeating the Cub Scout Promise". (Make the Cub Scout sign and lead promise).

CLOSING - THE METRONOME

EQUIPMENT: A metronome, a microphone

Setting: The metronome is placed near the microphone so that the sound will be amplified. The narrator speaks into the microphone off stage.

NARRATOR: (As metronome begins ticking) Oh, no. Don't turn around. There aren't any actors here...just a voice and a clock...a voice and a clock. (Pause for ticking) You seek the actors are you...and the only stage setting we need is a boy, and you can't see him because he is a mile away...or 10 miles away...or the boy in your mind.

That boy in your mind...he's a Cub Scout...or is he? He's a boy in a den...or is he? He's in uniform and he's growing in character and developing in citizenship and he's having fun... or is he? Or is he the boy you didn't reach quite far enough to touch? (Pause) Well...you say we've reached him? That's that! We've done it folks! Another Cub Scout! We've done our job!...But have we? Let's see...let's check it out.

Adventure... fun... comradeship... exciting new things to do... recognition... a chance to grow... the real Cub Scout program! Look at the boy... the one you have in your mind. Does he just belong to a pack? Or does he really get the Cub Scout program? Only you can answer that. You... and the voice... and the clock... (pause)... and the boy. There stands the boy: He is 8 or 9 or 10. No. Wait a minute. He's 8, 9, 10, but he doesn't just stand there. Remember the clock?... (pause).. with each tick of the clock he is getting older.

When you're 30 or 40 or 50 that tick is pretty distinct, isn't it? But when you're 10, time goes rather fast...and when you are 8, the only time there is is now! We can circle the globe in a few days. The atom explosion takes 1/16 of a second. That doesn't leave much time, does it? So that's where the voice comes in...the voice in the back of your head that says: "We can't wait too long to reach out and touch that boy... and when we've touched him, we can't wait too long to reach out and give him the real thing. And when we do give him the real thing, we can't stop too long to pat ourselves on the back, because that boy has a younger brother, or a friend next door. Our community, our nation, and the future of the world stand here beside us with the voice...the clock...(pause)..and the boy." God give us the strength to do the job.

CLOSING - CUB SCOUT BENEDICTION

And now may the Great
Master of all Cub Scouts
Guide and guard our footsteps
Today, tomorrow,
And for the tomorrows to come.

CLOSING - MISC DEN CLOSING CEREMONIES

The Living Circle

- May be used alone as a ceremony or it may be used as part of one. It reminds a Cub Scout of the fine friendships he is making in Cub Scouting.
- It is made by a den and its leaders in a close circle, facing inward. They turn slightly to the right in the circle, and each extends his LEFT hand into the circle, palm downward with the left thumb pointing to the right.
- Each person grasps the extended left thumb of the one to his left... thus making a complete live circle handclasp. Meanwhile, the right hand of each is held high above the head in the Cub Scout sign.
- Use almost any saying to end the meeting:
Promise, Law, etc., will work, or make up something yourself.

Patriotic

- Form a circle around the United States flag or the den flag. Cubs then salute and sing "America" "God Bless America", or any other patriotic song.

Cub Scout Ideals

- Den forms fellowship circle (arms crossed in front with right over left, grabbing the hands of the scout on each side of him) and repeat together the "Law of the Pack, Cub Scout Promise, and Cub Scout motto.

Friendship Circle

- Each Cub has a 3-foot section of rope. Boys tie rope with a square knot to each others rope (both sides), and pull back to form a taut circle. Leader says, "You are now a part of a group of close friends, held together by the square knot... a symbol of friendship. Let us give our Cub Scout Promise.

My Flag

- A week before this ceremony is to be used, ask each Cub Scout to prepare and bring to the next den meeting a 10-line statement on "What My Flag Means to Me". Leader selects an interesting one and has its author read the statement.

CLOSING - INDIAN MOCCASIN PRAYER

Great Spirit, Grant that I may not criticize my neighbor until I have walked a mile in his moccasins.

CLOSING - MORNING STAR INDIAN PRAYER

Morning star; wake us, filled with joy to new days of growing to man from boy.

Sun; with your power, give us light that we can tell wrong and do what's right.

South Wind; we ask in your gentle way blow us the willingness to obey.

North Wind; we ask, live up to thy name, send us the strength to always be game.

East Wind; we ask, with your breath so snappy, fill us with knowledge of how to be happy.

West Wind; we ask, blow all that is fair to us, that we may always be square.

Moon; that fills the night with red light, guard us well while we sleep in the night.

Akela; please guide us in every way, we'll follow your trail in work of play.

CLOSING - THE MANY SIDES OF A CUB SCOUT

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

1st CUB: I'm the one all full of dirt, so very sure that soap & water will hurt.

2ND CUB: I'm the one who lives in his dreams, always off on a cloud, at least that's how it seems.

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 all 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: (OR DEN CHIEF) 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!

CLOSING - MUSCLE BUILDERS

ARRANGEMENT: The following closing ceremony leaves the audience with some good closing thoughts. Seven boys line up across the stage holding barbells which have letters printed on each end spelling out MUSCLE BUILDERS.

1st Cub: Muscles some think are really a must.
Unless you want to be a bust.

2nd Cub: So flex your muscles and raise those weights high. Cause it will make a healthy guy.

3rd Cub: Lift all of the load you possibly can,
Else you could be called a shirking man.

4th Cub: Buckle down and lift your share of the load,
Unless you want to be a shirker on life's road.

5th Cub: If you always do your part,
Lifters you will be from the start.

6th Cub: Do your best to lift your share,
Everyone showing that they care.

7th Cub: Reaching always a little out of reach,
Since that's the best philosophy to teach.

CLOSING - MY CREED

My creed is to love justice, to long for the right, to love mercy, to pity the unfortunate and assist the weak, to forget wrongs and remember benefits--to love the truth, to be sincere, to utter honest words, to love liberty, to wage relentless war against slavery in all its forms, to love wife and child and friend, to make a happy home, to love the beautiful, to fill life with the splendor of generous acts, the warmth of loving words, to discard error, to destroy prejudice, to receive new truths with gladness, to cultivate hope, to see the calm beyond the storm, the dawn before the night, to do the best that can be done and then -- to be resigned.

Robert G. Ingersoll

CLOSING - OUR AMERICAN HERITAGE

PERSONNEL: 8 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Small American flags, cue cards.

ARRANGEMENT: Cub Scouts in uniform stand in a straight line with each holding a small American flag.

CUB #1: I am the symbol of the living America, the badge of its greatness, the emblem of its destiny.

CUB #2 I am faith. It is I who keep men mindful of their priceless heritage, life, liberty, and the right to pursue happiness.

CUB #3: I am hope. I represent the land of promise wherein, already, man's loftiest dreams have approached closer to realization than ever before on this earth.

CUB #4: I am life. Each strand and fiber of my being is a memorial, dedicated to the sacrifices of all those strong men and steadfast women who have lived and died in the nation's service, that it might live forever.

CUB #5: I am tolerance. So long as I shall wave, all people under my protection may freely worship, think, write and speak, undaunted by the shadow of fear.

CUB #6: I am justice, tempered with mercy. For I am friend to the oppressed and downtrodden of every land.

CUB #7: I am a sign of the future. I wave over schools throughout the nation and in them the nation's future is molded.

CUB #8: I am the flag of the United States... the last... the best hope for peace on earth.

CLOSING - LISTEN COMMUNICATION

(Six Cub Scouts line up each holding a card with a letter on it.)

CUBMASTER: We will close our pack meeting tonight by giving you the secret to successful communication.

L - Let's all take a minute before we hurry on our way.

I - If you remember this message, it can help you each day.

S - Sometimes people find it hard to communicate with those around.

T - They can solve this problem when the meaning of our word is found.

E - Everybody stop and read our message now.

N - Needless to say, to communicate, we've just told you how.

CUBMASTER: Goodnight everybody. See you next month!

CLOSING - PATRIOTIC CLOSING #1

This closing thought can be read by Cubmaster or other pack leader.

What can we learn from the past?
What lesson that will last?
Faith in God, honor of country,
To these truths, we hold fast.

Our forefathers made us free;
Stood for truth and liberty;
Made inventions and Improvements
And legacies for all to see.

As Cub Scouts we honor them,
Those brave men we remember,
From Washington to Reagan,
They've fanned the glowing ember.

This glowing ember of America
Shall burn for centuries;
The flame of greatness lingers on
For future men to seize.

We now salute our growing Cubs,
Whose youth shall soon be gone;
From Cubs to real men, some shall grow
To lead our country on.

CLOSING - MORE DEN CLOSINGS

- 1) Den Chief retires U.S. flag while boys salute. Den Chief says, "Do your Best," and the boys respond by shouting "We'll do our best!"
- 2) Form den in circle. Den Chief leads in the Law of the Pack.
- 3) Form den into circle. Den Chief passes the Cub Scout hand clasp to the boy to his right. That boy in turn repeats the hand clasp with boy to his right. When the last boy shakes hands with the Den Chief, he (den chief) shouts "Do your best!" and the boys respond by shouting "We'll do our best!"
- 4) Den forms brotherhood circle, crossing the right arm over the left and holding the hands of the people next to them. Make sure you leave an opening in the circle. The opening is left as a place where others may join. Recite Scout benediction: "And now, may the great Master of all Scouts be with us till we meet again."

CLOSING - PEACE PIPE CLOSING

The peace pipe as used in this ceremony is wooden, painted in bright colors and decorated with feathers. It is not smoked. Chief may wear headdress.

CHIEF: (Cubmaster) (Steps forward, holding peace pipe in both hands, arms straight in front of him.)

To our Father, the Great Spirit (holds pipe aloft) who has given us so many blessings.
(Pretends to smoke pipe.)

To our Mother, the earth (extends arms downward) who has given us so many blessings.
(Pretends to smoke pipe.)

To the North Wind (gestures toward North) with its cold breath of winter that gives us endurance. (Pretends to smoke.)

To the East Wind (gestures towards East) from the land of the rising sun, sending the morning light across the plains. (Pretends to smoke.)

To the South Wind (gestures towards South) and the warm sunshine. (Pretends to smoke.)

To the West Wind (gestures towards West) from the land of the tall mountains. (Pretends to smoke.)

I now declare this Pack Meeting closed!

CLOSING - PIRATE THEME

The boys form a large circle around the Admiral (Cubmaster) with their parents behind them. Turn out the lights and light a single candle. The Admiral says, "Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts, this candle represents the spirit of Cub Scouting, which we talk about in the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack. All sailors - even pirates - have their 'rules of the road' for sailing, and we have the Promise and Law - our rules of the road for living. Let us remind ourselves of those rules by repeating the Law of the Pack." (Lead Law.)

CLOSING - GOOD NIGHT FRIENDS

Put candles on three of the four corners of a table. A different Cub lights each candle and REPEATS part of the Cub Scout Promise. Akela or Den Chief stands at the fourth corner. He says the last part of the Promise and closes the meeting by saying "GOOD NIGHT FRIENDS".

CLOSING - PURPOSES OF CUB SCOUTING

This is a good ceremony to be performed by the Webelos Den, with the Webelos Leader acting as narrator.

ARRANGEMENT: 9 boys holding large cards lettered with these words - INFLUENCING, DEVELOPING, ENCOURAGING, IMPROVING, STRENGTHENING, FOSTERING, SHOWING, PROVIDING, PREPARING. At the appropriate place in the narration, each boy raises his card high so it can be seen by the audience.

NARRATOR: Cub Scouting is a program of Boy Scouts of America, for parents, leaders and institutions, to use with boys 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 years of age, for the purpose of:

INFLUENCING: Influencing the development of the boy's character and spiritual life.

DEVELOPING: Developing habits and attitudes of good citizenship.

ENCOURAGING: Encouraging good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body.

IMPROVING: Improving understanding within the family.

STRENGTHENING: Strengthening the ability to get along with other boys and respect other people.

FOSTERING: Fostering a sense of personal achievement by developing new interests and skills.

SHOWING: Showing how to be helpful and do ones best.

PROVIDING: Providing fun and exciting new things to do.

PREPARING: Preparing them to become BOY SCOUTS. (the boy holding this card could be in Scout uniform)

NARRATOR: I would like to ask now that all of us - boys, leaders, parents - rededicate ourselves to Scouting. This task takes love, it takes dedication, it takes knowledge. Love and dedication comes from us, but knowledge is gained by experience and training. Dedicated parents and trained leaders are necessary to make Cub Scouting work. Let's "DO OUR BEST" for our pack. Good night Scouts!

CLOSING - FIRE DETECTIVES

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouts, all during our meeting the candle representing the spirit of Cub Scouting has continued to burn. Now we'll blow it out, reminding ourselves that a flame must never be left burning when now one is around. But let us keep the light of Cub Scouting burning in our hearts. (Extinguish candle)

CLOSING - RODEO COMPETITION

CUBMASTER: Rodeos started with cowboys competing in their everyday work to see who was the best at a particular job. Later, prizes were gathered to make it more interesting. It has now grown into a huge national sport, and some of the contestants are still working as cowboys. They work together and help one another to grow. It is the same with Cub Scouting. We must help each other cheerfully, if we expect our pack to grow. Will you please stand and repeat with me the Cub Scout Promise.

CLOSING - THE ROPE CIRCLE

MATERIALS: A 2-3 foot length of rope or heavy cord for each Cub Scout.

CUBMASTER: We have seen tonight that we are all geniuses in our own right. It makes you mighty proud, doesn't it? We should all be proud of our accomplishments and abilities. We should never forget, though, that we all depend on other people and our greatness does not come out until we can be great with and for other people.

Would all Cub Scouts come and make a circle. Take a piece of rope, each of you, and tie it to the rope of the person on your left with a square knot. (The boys do this). Joining with other people makes you a better and stronger person.

Hold the rope with your left hand and make the Cub Scout sign with your right hand. Then we'll say the Cub Scout Promise together and pledge ourselves again to the ideals of Cub Scouting.

CLOSING - THE SCOUT BENEDICTION

Form brotherhood circle with arms around each other's shoulders and repeat Scout benediction: "And now, may the great Master of all Scouts be with us till we meet again."

CLOSING - SCOUTING AROUND THE WORLD

(May be adapted for opening, closing, or advancement ceremony.)

EQUIPMENT: Globe of the world.

CUBMASTER: (Pointing toward your location in the United States) This evening we are holding our Blue and Gold banquet here. But did you know that all over this world (spin the globe) Cub Scouts just like us are taking part in Scouting activities, too? Well, it's true. The Scouting movement exists in 115 countries in almost every nation of the noncommunist world. Their Cub Scouts are much like us. They have the same ideals, the same promise, and the same brotherhood of service. So let's think of our brother Cub Scouts around the world as we join in our cub Scout Promise. (Lead promise).

CLOSING - SOMEBODY ELSE RECRUITING FOR LEADERS

During the meeting have distributed to all adults small birthday type candles
Group of Scouts to one side - (They will repeat the Cub Scout Promise later)
Boy with lit candle and parents come forward to Cubmaster.

LEADER: (name), I see you enjoyed your first pack meeting tonight. You carry with you the spirit of Cub Scouting. Would you like to join our pack?

BOY: Yes, I would like to become a Cub Scout.

PARENTS: Yes, (name), would make a fine Cub Scout.

LEADER: we would be very pleased to have him join our pack. However, if your sons is to receive a quality Cub Scout program we need help from the parents as pack and den leaders and as pack committee persons.

DAD: I can't help! I work. You'll have to ask somebody else.

MOM: I can't help! I have house work. You'll have to ask somebody else.

LIGHTS OUT.....

LEADER: There's a clever young fellow named somebody else. There's nothing this fellow can't do... He's busy from morning 'till way late at night. Just substituting for you. You're asked to do this or asked to do that, And what is your ready reply? "Get Somebody else", Mister Cubmaster, "I know He'll do it much better than I."

There's so much to do in our scouting, so much and the workers are few... And somebody else is getting weary and worn Just substituting for you.

So next time you're asked to do something worthwhile, Just give then this reply: "If somebody else can give time and support You bet your last dime so can i."

(Pack leaders & committee should be ready to come forward)

LEADER: To give our sons a meaningful Cub Scout experience we need somebody else - A small group of parents can not do it themselves.

LEADER: The Cub Scout Spirit Burns dimly in the boys hand and heart.

(Committee Chairman comes forward and lights candle)

(Pack committee come forward and light their candles)

(Pack and Den Leaders come forward and light their candles)

ALL ABOVE AID IN LIGHTING PARENTS CANDLES THROUGHOUT THE ROOM.

LEADER: The Cub Scout spirit now burns brightly. This shows us that starting with only a small candle, like a small group of concerned parents, when all are working together the cub scouting experience glows and fills the room... and everyone does only a small part.

SCOUTS: Repeat the Cub Scout promise.

LEADER: The Cub Scout promise reminds us "to help other people" do we know a better way to teach our boys the meaning than by our example?

LIGHTS ON.....

LEADER: Recruit for needed positions right then. Have an assistant placed at a registration table.

CLOSING - SPARK OF GENIUS

The following closing ceremony can be done very effectively by a den if the boys practice so they can speak their parts clearly. The lines can be written on a small card to help the boy's memory. Eight Cub Scouts line up on stage holding large cardboard light bulbs painted yellow, with cardboard rays fastened around the edge or use yellow pipe cleaners for rays. The light bulbs are made such that when the bottom is folded up and the light bulb is turned over it turns into a sun coming up.

CUB 1: Everyone has a spark of genius in them just waiting to be lit.

CUB 2: If they'll jump into things and not just sit.

CUB 3: Although we may not go down in history as the genius of our day.

CUB 4: We can help others in this world to travel life's way.

CUB 5: By sharing our sparks of genius with others that we know.

CUB 6: Thus helping ideas, along the way to grow and glow.

CUB 7: Remember the spark of an idea we may share with a friend.

CUB 8: Can be added to by others and become a genius idea in the end.

ALL: And we can be happy because we helped in our small way, just as we in Den _____ have each had a part in this thought for the day.

All Cubs then fold up the bottom of the bulbs as described above and turn them over to make suns and say: "May you have a good night and even brighter tomorrow."

CLOSING - STRENGTH IN UNITY

This ceremony can be used just before returning the colors or by itself to emphasize patriotism.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Cub Scout color guard and bearer.

EQUIPMENT: A single wooden match and a bundle of five wooden matches, US flag.

ARRANGEMENT: Advance the flag to a prominent place beside the Cubmaster. As he speaks he demonstrates with matches what is said.

CUBMASTER: I hold in my hand several wooden matches. You can see that one match alone is easy to break (demonstrates by breaking in two a single match), but when I put five or more together, they are almost impossible to break (makes unsuccessful effort to break bundle of five matches). Each month we learn more about the wonderful freedom and responsibilities our national flag stands for. If it could speak, it could tell about many battles fought to maintain these freedoms we love. When our pack works together to uphold the wonderful traditions behind it, we, too, will be hard to stop.

CLOSING - SCOUTER SUCH AS I

Dear Lord, from your judgment seat of high,
Look down on a Scouter as I.
Search me through and find me whole,
Then help me, Lord, to reach my goal.

Help me, Lord to work for thee,
Guard my homeland, keep it free,
Help me work with others and be kind,
Helpful with my hands and mind.

Keep me, Lord, both well and strong,
To help our growing boys along,
Control my thoughts, keep them right,
Sound, clean weapons for Life's sight.

Protect my morals keep them high,
Grant this to a Scouter such as I, Amen

CLOSING - STRONG FOR AMERICA

PERSONNEL: 8 Cub Scouts.

EQUIPMENT: Signs to hold up showing the different types of fitness. Speeches can be written on the back of the signs.

ARRANGEMENT: Cub Scouts line up on stage and one at a time hold up their sign and read their lines.

CUB #1: When we talk about a Cub Scout being strong for America, we usually think of physical fitness and the different ways one can be "fit". In Scouting, we like to talk about five different kinds of fitness.

CUB #2: PHYSICAL FITNESS - Physical fitness means that a Cub Scout develops and keeps his body healthy for a well-rounded life.

CUB #3: MENTAL FITNESS - Mental fitness is the development of our minds, skills, and attitudes.

CUB #4: EMOTIONAL FITNESS - Emotional fitness is the ability to control feelings of fear and anger, to win and lose gracefully and to get along with others.

CUB #5: SOCIAL FITNESS - Social fitness means to work, play, and live happily with others.

CUB #6: SPIRITUAL FITNESS - Spiritual fitness means to know your obligation to God.

CUB #7: These five forms of fitness are what we mean when we say "Scouting rounds a guy out", and makes us all better Americans.

CUB #8: Please rise, give the Cub Scout Sign, and repeat the Cub Scout Promise with me.

CLOSING - OUR FLAG

Today, as we gather, let's all keep in mind,
Our flag and the meaning therein we can find,
The red is for blood of Americans so true,
Who gladly would give up their lives for you.
The white is for purity, of both thought and deed,
A rule of conduct, we all might well heed.
The blue is for justice, for all not just one,
A belief we fought for and so dearly won.
The stars are a symbol of God's guiding hand.
Over the union in this mighty land.
There isn't a one our flag won't protect.
Don't you think we could show it greater respect?

CLOSING - WORLD TAKE MY SON BY THE HAND

World, my son is growing up. He is starting on great adventures that will include wars, tragedy and sorrow.

To live his life in the world he has to live in, will require faith and love and courage.

So, world, I wish you would sort of take him by his young hand and teach him the things he will have to know.

Teach him..... but gently, if you can.

He will have to learn, I know, that all men are not true.

Teach him that for every scoundrel, there is a hero, that for every crooked politician, there is a dedicated leader. Teach him that for every enemy, there is a friend.

Let him learn early that the bullies are the easiest people to lick.

Teach him the wonders of books. Give him quiet time to ponder the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun, and flowers on a green hill.

Teach him that it is far more honorable to fail than to cheat. Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if every one else tells him they are wrong.

Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone else is getting on the bandwagon. Teach him to listen to all men - but to filter all he hears on a screen of truth and to take only the good that comes through.

Teach him to sell his brawn and brains to the highest bidders, but never to put a price tag on his heart and soul.

Teach him to close his ears on a howling mob - and to stand and fight if he thinks he is right.

Teach him gently, world, but don't coddle him because only the test of fire makes fine steel.

This is a big order, world, but see what you can do. He's such a nice little fellow....

CLOSING - ACTING PARTS IN LIFE

CUBMASTER: Fellows, our lives are made up of many different acts or parts. As young boys, you act the part of a Webelos, or a Cub. In school you act the part of a student. At home you act the part of a son. Whatever part you act, do what is right and do your best so you too someday may be a good parent, and a good citizen just like all the adults around you today.

See you all next month.

CLOSING - A TALK ABOUT OUR FLAG

I have often stopped to look at our Flag rippling in the breeze from a flag staff atop a tall building and marveled at it's beauty, with it's 13 stripes of Red and it's Stars of a field of Blue.

I often wondered why these colors were chosen, and I find that Red is a symbol of Bravery, White is a symbol of Purity, and Blue is a symbol of Love and Devotion.

The Cloth of which our Flag is made is made up of millions of threads and stitched, and all bound together and each doing it's part, it makes the background for our Flag.

In the same way our Country is made up of millions of individuals, with different Religious beliefs, different colors and creeds, but all bound together in the common cause to see that Liberty and Justice prevails in this Country of ours.

When looking at our flag, I can understand how proud of it Francis Scott Key was when he wrote our National Anthem. He had gone over to a British battle ship anchored in Baltimore Harbor to intercede for the release of a friend of his held captive by the British. When he walked into the British Captain's cabin he overheard the plans the British were making to assault Fort McHenry that night. The British Captain agreed to release Key's friend on the condition that Francis Scott Key remain overnight aboard the ship so that he could not tip off the plans for the assault.

As darkness was closing in, Francis Scott Key was on the deck of the ship and the last thing he saw was Old Glory proudly floating above Fort McHenry. During the night the British made a terrific assault on Fort McHenry and Francis Scott Key had his doubts as to whether the Fort could stand during the night. As dawn was breaking, Francis Scott Key walked out onto the deck of the ship and the first thing that met his gaze was Old Glory still proudly floating above the Fort, and the words of our National Anthem, The Star Spangled Banner, came to him at this time.

Oh say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming.

I think we should be as proud of our Flag as was Francis Scott Key, and that we should re-pledge our Allegiance to our Flag.

(Have all stand and give Pledge of Allegiance.)

CLOSING - THANK YOU MOM!

Remember the day your son came home, a smile was on his face. He couldn't hold still and talked so fast, it seemed he was at a race. "Guess what mom, in school today, the Cubmaster gave a show." "He wants everyone to join tomorrow." "Can I go mom, please can I go?" Remember how uncertain you were with your son's best interest at heart. Just two bucks and a form you signed gave him that scouting start. Then on the way home, you hummed scouting songs wondering what was ahead, "I'll have to get a shirt and tie and learn the promise," the young boy said. Remember then, how once a week you'd put that scouting shirt on display. You'd tuck it in, fix his tie, and tell him to have a good day. And when he got home you'd hear him say, "Mom, I ripped my shirt." Sometimes it wasn't torn too bad, but was it full of dirt. Remember that first Pack Meeting, you went with him to receive his badge. He stood there straight and very proud, and as parents you took a pledge. To help him along the Scouting Trail, and quickly you found out how, "My Bobcat badge has got to be sewn on, mom, couldn't you please do it now." Remember the derby cars he built anxiously awaiting the day, He came home without a trophy that night, but you knew just what to say, And at the Blue & Gold Banquet when his den did a skit, their uniforms all looked great. The front of your son's reminded you that earlier he dropped his plate. Remember when he earned his Wolf badge, all twelve requirements complete. He said to you. "Mom, could you sew it on and try and make it neat." "And on the other pocket mom, could you sew on my Cub Day Patch?" "It has got to be done by the next Den Meeting so everyone's will match." Remember the family picnic, when as a team you raced, And only a mother would notice, her son had a dirty face. But that was your son and proud you were when he was awarded the winner. Just think it wasn't long ago in scouting he was a beginner. Remember when he earned his Bear badge, he's getting older now it seems. "It goes right next to the Wolf badge mom, my uniform needs to be cleaned." And then came the arrow points, both gold and silver he received. "Mom you sewed them on upside down." "Could you turn them over, please?" Remember how very happy you were when he joined the Webelos Den? No more arrow points to sew on, finally you've reached an end. And when he got home from his first den meeting, there was a smile on his face. "Mom, my Den 2 patch has got to come off." "This gives the Webelos colors a place." Remember the overnight campout, how carefully everything was packed. And when he got home, he said to you, "Mom, I didn't bring everything back." "I left the kitchen knife behind and the flashlight you bought me too." "But I really had a good time though mom, look I've got both my shoes." Remember when he earned his Webelos badge, how neat his uniform looked. The Cubmaster said, "A round of applause, this boy has been studying his book." You knew well where this badge went, its place was easy to tell. His uniform was now complete, or was it? It's amazing how it fits him so well. Remember how very proud you were when he earned his Arrow of Light? "Mom," he said as he accepted that badge, "I'd like to thank you aloud." "Not only for all the patches you've sewn, but because you're always around." "And mom," he said as he held that badge high, "Boy Scouts meet Tuesday night," "Could you sew this on my new uniform, please?" "Thanks mom, you're all right!"

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CLOSING - THE PENETRATING LIGHT

PERSONNEL: Cub Scouts, Den Leader

EQUIPMENT: A Cub Scout badge, a Wolf book, and a candle on a table

ARRANGEMENT: Cubs stand in front of table

Den Leader: These three things have been significant in Cub Scouting since it began in 1930. this badge is a symbol of Cub Scouting all over America. There are many books that are important to Cub Scouts. the Wolf, Bear and Webelos handbooks help us learn new skills.

The candle is a symbol of light that scouting brings to everyone. It penetrates the darkness of hate, prejudice, and distrust. It is a light which must be kept burning in the heart of every Scout, now, and as he grows into manhood.

CLOSING - THIS MOMENT

I may never see tomorrow; there's no written guarantee,
And things that happened yesterday belong to history.
I cannot predict the future, and I cannot change the past, I have just the present moment; I
must treat it as my last.
I must use this moment wisely for it soon will pass away,
And be lost to me forever as a part of yesterday.
I must exercise compassion, help the fallen to their feet, Be a friend unto the friendless,
make an empty life complete.
I must make this moment precious for it will not come again, And I can never be content
with things that might have been. Kind word I fail to say this day may never be unsaid,
For I know not how short may be the path that lies ahead.

The unkind things I do today may never be undone,
And friendships that I fail to win may nevermore be won.
I may not have another chance on bended knee to pray,
And thank my God with humble heart for giving me this day.
I may never see tomorrow, but this moment is my own.
It's mine to use or cast aside; the choice is mine, alone. I have just this precious moment in
the sunlight of today, Where the dawning of tomorrow meets the dusk of yesterday.

CLOSING - THE FIFTY SIX MEN

CUBMASTER: As we come to the end of our pack meeting, I would ask that you stop for a moment and think with me about the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence over 200 years ago. Five were captured or imprisoned in the war that followed. Nine died of wounds or hardships. Twelve lost their homes. Seventeen lost everything they owned. Every one of them was hunted. most were driven into hiding. They were offered immunity, rewards, the return of their property, or freedom of loved ones if they would give up their cause. That cause was freedom. No one did. Not one man broke his pledge. Because of men like that... men of dedication and purpose... we enjoy living in a free country today.

CLOSING - THIS IS CUB SCOUTING

PERSONNEL: Six Cub Scouts parents, Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Candle holder made from cedar post or other wood, three blue and yellow candles, table.

ARRANGEMENT: Lights out, Cubmaster with six candles, three blue and three yellow , on a table. The six parents each light a candle and give their part of the ceremony.

PARENT 1: Some people think Cub Scouting is only for boys, but it isn't. Cub Scouting is for the family.

PARENT 2: Mothers and dads, as they work in Cub Scouting with their boys, are able to maintain their natural relationship with them, yet they come to see their boy's play and leisure in a new light. The Cub Scout advancement program ensures a closer boy-parent relationship.

PARENT 3: Cub Scouts are considerate of others. They promise "to help other people" and to do their best. When parents sign their boy's membership application, which is also a family contract, they take as their motto, "We will help our son do his best."

PARENT 4: Cub Scouting is the basic part of the three-phased Scout program for boys and girls of high school age. Each part is packed with challenges most appropriate to the age involved and leads to the next phase. Thus, when our Cub Scouts join the Webelos den and earn the Arrow of Light award they are prepared to enter Scouting with their joining requirements.

PARENT 5: Cub Scouting in all it's phases operates to strengthen the home - not to weaken it. You and your family will strengthen your home only by living, playing, and growing in it together.

PARENT 6: Your boy has only a few more years of boyhood left before he looks away from home for his principal interests. What you do together today is important. Tomorrow may be to late.

CUBMASTER: Will all parents pledge their support to Cub Scouting? Now join with the Cub Scouts in the Cub Scout sign and repeat the Cub Scout promise with me. " I (name). promise to do my best....."

CLOSING - INDIAN SIGN LANGUAGE

Have Den Chief gave each Cub an Indian name and teach him how to say it in Indian Sign Language. For the closing, the boys sit in a circle around the "Campfire". Then they take turns telling their name and showing how they are said in sign language. Then the boys could put up their Cub Scout signs and say,"Akela, we'll do our best!"

For names and signs see: "Indian Sign Language" Robert Hofsinde 1956 "Talking Hands" Aline Amon 1968.

CLOSING - TRAVEL BY TRAIN, CANOE, WAGON, AND PLANE

ARRANGEMENT: This can be a closing ceremony performed by Cub Scouts holding large cardboard cutouts as they read their lines off the back of the cutouts. Or, large posters with the lines printed on them can be displayed around the room instead of the closing ceremony.

CUB 1: (Holding train engine)

When engineering a project, keep on the right track. This way you never will be caught slack.

CUB 2: (Holding canoe)

As the wise old Indian would say to you, "Learn to paddle your own canoe."

CUB 3: (Holding covered wagon)

The covered wagon served folks well in its day. But don't get in a rut, you won't go far that way.

CUB 4: (Holding plane cutout)

To guide your life, like a good pilot, you'll find It's important to keep an open mind.

CUB 5: (Holding car)

If spinning your wheels causes a terrible rumbling. You may not be moving but just sitting there grumbling.

CUB 6: (Holding a space ship)

Just as an astronaut flies into space. With a lot of determination you can go anyplace.

(Cub Scouts prop cutouts against back wall and join hands in the Living Circle while the Den Chief or Leader reads the following;)

"Just like the cars in a train, we're joined together as one; We do our best to help the Pack go while having Cub Scout fun. And when it's time to part and each take a separate trail, We'll do our best for God and Country and in that we will not fail. We remember our Cub Scout Promise in everything we do. Won't you all please join us as we pledge ourselves anew?"

(Den Chief or Leader leads boys in the Cub Scout Promise.)

CLOSING - HALLOWEEN

Arrangements; Large card with the letters H A L L O W E E N.

Nine cubs each have one line and they should be holding a sign with one letter. After they all say their "lines" they all say "HAPPY HALLOWEEN"

H = Halloween

A = Awesome

L = Laughable

L = Lovable

O = Outrageous

W = Wacky

E = Eerie

E = Exciting

N = Neat

CLOSING - THOUGHTS FOR YOUR WHOLE LIFE THROUGH

ARRANGEMENT: Cub Scouts hold up cards with slogans as they read their lines.

1st CUB: Do Your Best - in everything you do on life's way.

2nd Cub: Always Be Friendly - to brighten others' day.

3rd CUB: Give Away Your Smiles - for it is rewarding indeed.

4th CUB: Be Prepared - to help others in their daily need.

5th CUB: Be Honest and Sincere - towards others you meet.

6th CUB: Be Loyal and True - a most commendable feat.

7th CUB: Count Your Blessings - being thankful each day, for Life's wonderful opportunities that come your way.

8th CUB: Good night to each and every one of you. May these thoughts stay with you your whole life through.

CLOSING - TAPS

Have den form a living circle and sing "Taps"

Day is done,
Gone the sun,
From the lake,
From the hills,
From the sky;
All is well, safely rest,
God is nigh.

Fading light,
Dims the sight,
And a star,
Gems the sky,
Gleaming bright;
From afar, drawing nigh,
Falls the night.

CLOSING - TOM-TOM BENEDICTION

Form group into a large circle and do the friendship dance, everyone faces in and holds arms around neighbor's shoulders or waist while doing a slow side step dance to a one, two beat of the tom-tom. Close by repeating this benediction. "May the Good Spirit be with you till we meet again.

CLOSING - CHRISTMAS SPELLING

ARRANGEMENT: Nine Cub Scouts come onstage, one by one. Each carrying a large cardboard letter. As he speaks his lines, he holds up his letter, each ultimately spell out the word Christmas.

C - C is for candles, we burn on Christmas night.
To gladden weary travelers with their light so bright.

H - H is for happiest; the happiest time of year;
It's jolly, gay old Christmas tunes with all its mirth & cheer.
R - R is for ring; we ring the Christmas bell.
All the Christmas gladness, the world to tell.

I - I is for the infant who lay in a manger
Little Lord Jesus, a dear little stranger.

S - S is for shepherds who kept their flocks by night;
And heard the angels singing, and saw a wondrous light.

T - T is for tree, all green and gold and red,
We see it Christmas morning when we jump out of bed.

M - M is for the mistletoe we hang at Christmas time;
In merry wreaths, when candles burn and Christmas bells chime.
A - A is for all; to all men we wish cheer,
Joy and gladness, love and hope, for Christmas time is here.
S - S is for the star that shone on Christmas night,
Star and candle, bell and wreath, all make our Christmas bright.

CLOSING - INDIAN PRAYER OH GREAT SPIRIT

Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I here in the winds and whose breath gives life to all the world; hear me. I come before you, one of your many children. I am weak and small. I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever to behold the red and purple sunset; my ears sharp so I may hear your voice. Make me wise, so I may learn the things you have taught my people; the lessons you have hidden under every rock and leaf. I seek strength, not to be superior to my brothers, but to be able to fight my greatest enemy...myself. Make me ever ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes, so whenever life fades, like the fading sunset, my spirit will come to you without shame.

(This prayer, composed by Chief Yellow Lark, Blackfoot Tribe, may be read as a closing.)

CLOSING - THE FIRST AMERICAN WARSHIP

CUBMASTER: The colonial Navy was born in 1632 when the English Colonists of Massachusetts built the first American warship, the 30 long ton Blessing of the Bay. They used it to fight pirates off the Atlantic Coast. By the late 1700's the colonists has build hundreds of ships including privateers, or privately owned war vessels. On board all these vessels, the flag of the original colonies, and now, in recent times, the flag of the United States waves proudly in the sea breezes. Long may she wave. This evening Den ___ Will retire the colors for us.

CLOSING - BLOOD AND TEARS

CUBMASTER:Have you ever thought of the blood and tears that have been shed for our nation throughout the years? We have won all our wars, but we have not yet learned to conquer our fears and hates. No. it hasn't been easy to keep our land free. Now the challenge is passed on to you and me. So be proud you are an American. Hold your head high! Think of these things as our flag passes by.

CLOSING - THE GREATEST SHOW

CUBMASTER: Ladies and gentlemen, you have just witnessed the greatest of all shows in the world today. the Circus is for children of all ages, for eight to eighty. For your pleasure, we have presented the most wonderful and remarkable living animals, daring feats of skill and intelligence, a stupendous performance unlike and you have ever seen before. We will ask you to remain in your seats while the wild animals leave. That's all of our show. Good night folks.

CLOSING - AMERICAN FOLKLORE HEROS

CUB #1: All of our American Folklore heroes were hard working people, You won't find a shirker in the bunch.

CUB #2: Campfire stories about them tell us so.

CUB #3: All were Americans trying to improve this young country of ours.

CUB #4: As we leave her tonight, lest us keep those hard working Americans in our mind.

CUB #5:Do the same as they did, so more than your share.

CUB #6: Help your parents whenever they ask and even when they don't.

CUB #7: Maybe some day, there will be a legend that tells about your great deeds.

CLOSING - THE FLAG ON THE MOON

CUBMASTER: The Pledge of Allegiance is always a good way to begin or end a Pack meeting or activity. If it is at night and you forgot to bring your flag, remember there is a U.S. flag standing on the moon, planted there by a former Boy Scout. It is appropriate to stand and salute this flag even though it can only be seen through the imagination- Please join me now in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CLOSING - THIS SET OF WINGS

PERSONNEL: 6 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: One set of large cardboard wings

SETTING: Boys holding wings facing audience

CUB #1: Tonight we have visited many different places and met some very important people.

CUB #2: Our whole trip was made possible by this set of wings.

CUB #3: To some of us these wings are merely cardboard and foil, but hopefully to most of us these wings will be a symbol of the key to the future.

CUB #4: Our future is full of new places to visit, new experiences to live and new things to learn.

CUB #5: By working together as a Cub family we can experience together all the adventures that Cub Scouting has to offer us.

CUB #6: We thank you for taking this opportunity to fly with us and we look forward to your next flight. Good night.

CLOSING - PIRATES TILL NEXT WE MEET

ARRANGEMENT: 8 boys dressed in pirate costumes speak the line below.

PIRATE #1: Captain Woods Rogers' the name. I'm the scourge of the Spanish Main.

PIRATE #2: When they speak of Sir Francis Drake, the good people quiver and quake.

PIRATE #3: Sir Henry Morgan, I be, I'm the terror of every sea.

PIRATE #4: They call me "Peter the Great". Sails with me...

PIRATE #5: The scurviest bunch, they all know; sails with me... I'm Edward Low.

PIRATE #6: I'm Captain Bartholomew Sharp. My victims all play the harp.

PIRATE #7: When the Jolly Roger they spy; All know that Blackbeard is nigh.

PIRATE #8: Tis said Captain Kidd's crew is mee-an, the worst in the whole Caribbean.

ALL: Yo ho, ho, ho. Till next we meet.

CLOSING - TIRED DOG SLED

Cubmaster rides sled to front for last time, tired from all that work, announces the end of deliveries for the day, that the dogs are tired and hungry. Thanks all "Eskimos" and others for enduring the cold and snow to get there, announces den to retire the colors and drives sled to the rear again.

CLOSING - THE DAY THE U.S.A. WAS MADE

Once a long time ago, before you were born,
God set out to make a new land, one early morn.
He thought and thought for half a day.
Then said, "I know what I'll do. I'll make the U.S.A."

First He used a glacier as a giant broom
And swept the Midwest till it was clean and smooth.
God leaned on the handle when He was through
And said, "There! I guess that will do for a corn patch or two."

Then He turned the glacier into a spade
And with a few strokes scooped out the Great Lakes.
He dug Niagara Falls for a lovely fountain
And tossed the first West to make the Rocky Mountains.

God started the great Mississippi from a little spring
And sent it flowing down the map clear to New Orleans.
You can float on a barge and watch white heron flying
Or catch twenty-pound catfish just ready for frying.

On each side of the country He set an ocean with beaches of sand
And winds full of salt spray like giant fans.
He put whales and fish along each coast
And notched deep harbors for huge sailing boats.

God looked at His work and said,
"That's grand but I need a border of garden around this land
Where it's never cold, but not too hot.
I want to plant oranges, grapefruits and lots of kumquats."

So He made the South full of fruit, and flowers
And told the sun, "Shine right there four hours and hours"
He made dark Cyprus swamps, mysterious and calm
Hung Spanish moss on the trees and planted coconut palms.

Out West He grew forests and liked them so much
He turned some to stone so they'd never be cut
Planted dates and grapes and roses for miles
Then added the desert for a giant sandpile.

In the North He sent snowy winters across the map
With skating and sledding and maple syrup to tap
He added hundreds of dairy cows giving milk and cheese
And for juicy pies, planted the cherry and apple trees.

As a finishing touch to His fine new land

God sent wind in the trees for a soft sting band
He looked it over and smiled when He was through
Said, "There! I guess that will do for a million years or two."

CLOSING - PIRATES, PIRATES, YOU HAVE SEEN

ARRANGEMENT: Letters may be printed on pirate flags. Hold the flags high until the end of the last line, Pirates flags are then lowered and the American and Pack flags are then retired.

P- Pirates, Pirates, you have seen
I- Like Blackbeard, they can be mean!
R- Rough waters we have sailed about
A- Avast, Landlubbers - you better look out!
T- Take heed and listen to me
E- we'll be the BEST that we can be!

W- We found the treasure -- yes we did,
A- Advancements - protected by a giant squid!
T- Tonight we learned and we had fun
E- Even though the meeting's done.
R- Remember the Pirates Yo, Ho, Ho!
S- Soon the flags are hanging low.

(Lower the pirate flags)

CLOSING - BEDTIME STORY

Make a large, over-sized birthday book from poster board. Cut the poster board in half crosswise and punch holes along one side. String together with colorful yarn. Draw a birthday cake on the front cover. Page one starts out "Once upon a time..."The last page says, "The End."
In the middle pages, write some of your pack history. When was it started? Who were some of the Cubmasters? What activities has your pack done? The Cubmaster sits in a rocking chair to "read" the story about Blue and Gold traditions. Comment how this banquet will be added to the pages of this birthday book for those in the future to remember.
Close the book saying, and they Lived happily ever after.

CLOSING - GETTING TO KNOW OTHERS

CUBMASTER: In those times of gas shortages and economic problems, our neighborhood has become more important to us than ever before. We've all heard stories from our grandparents about the good old days when people sat in their yards and visited and got to know each other better. There are some of us here tonight who really don't know each other even though our sons share a common experience. Let's take about five minutes right now to introduce ourselves to each other. Den #___will retire the colors for us.

CLOSING - WHO ELSE...

Have all the Cub Scouts and Webelos line up at the front of the room with a spotlight and the adults reading the following parts from the back of the room.

ASST. CUBMASTER: Boys, are the nicest things that ever happened to me... those arrogant, self-assured, little men-children who assume that all the great big world revolves around them.

DEN LEADER: Who else can carry half a worm, one crushed daisy, a piece of scrap metal, a three-day old apple core, and two cents all in one pocket?

DEN LEADER: Who else can take a bath without getting their shoulders wet, and wash for dinner without turning on the faucet.

DEN LEADER: Who else can believe that right is right and wrong is wrong, and the good guy always wins in the end.

WEBELOS LEADER: Who else can be a fireman, sword fighter, cowboy, deep-sea diver, all in the space of an hour. And then solemnly hold a funeral, complete with cross and box, for a shell off a turtle lost a month ago?

SEC-TREAS: Who else can be a cutter without teeth, meaner without malice, kinder without embarrassment, sillier without foolishness, and clean without neatness?

COMM. CHAIR: The world gains much in leaders and man power when boys grow up...but it loses something too...that magic feeling that comes with being nine! The feel of dust between bare toes and the ability to lie quietly while time stands still, to watch a minnow in a brook.

CUBMASTER: Me...I like Cub Scouts -- the boys! They smile when I need a smile; they tease when I'm somber; they keep me from taking myself too seriously. No, I don't wish that I were nine again. I just hope that somehow God will see to it that I always have someone nine years old in or near my house and heart.

ALL: Cubs are the nicest thing that ever happened to ME!

CLOSING - THE LIGHTS OF A HUNDRED CAMPFIRES

(Give each person a sprig of dried cedar, pine, juniper, etc. If using an artificial campfire indoors, use toothpicks.)

CUBMASTER: The light from hundreds of campfires around the world have brightened the Cub Scout Spirit for many years. Tonight, we have enjoyed the warmth and cheerfulness of our campfires as one Cub Scout pack family. As the campfire dims, its glowing embers are reminders of the fun and fellowship we have shared. I ask that you now slowly walk past our campfire in silence... throw your twig upon the embers... and think of what Cub Scouting means to you. Then please leave our council ring, remaining silent. Good night!

CLOSING - THE U.S.A.

This poem might be read by the Cubmaster as the closing for a program or banquet, in which there have been characterizations of various famous Americans.

THE U.S.A.

So we march into the present
And it's always rather pleasant
To speculate on what the years ahead of us will see,
For our words and thoughts and attitudes,
All our novelties and platitudes,
Will be Rather Ancient History in the 21st century

Will they find us wise - or silly?
Looking backwards, willy-nilly,
At our queer old-fashioned costumes and our quaint old-fashioned ways?
When our doings face the ages,
Printed down on textbook pages,
Will they cry, "That savage Era"? Will they sigh "Those were the days!"?

I don't know - you may be wiser.
Time's a curious capsizer
Of a lot of reputations that seemed certain to endure,
While he'll sometimes make his heroes
Out of people, once thought zeros,
For the most well-grounded reasons, by the solemnly cocksure.

So instead of prophesying
(Which is fun, but rather trying)
Who they'll pick to be our great ones when the books are on the shelves,
Here's the marching panorama
Of out past and present drama
- And we shan't know all the answers till we're history, ourselves.
- Rosemay & Stephen Vincent Benet

CLOSING - BIRDS A PART OF NATURE

Birds are a very important part of nature, without them we would be over run with insects, and we would surely miss watching them in flight and listening to them sing. To remind us of how important birds and nature are lets all repeat the outdoor code together, (have code written on poster board).

As an American, I will do my best to be clean in my outdoor manners, be careful with fire, be considerate in the outdoors and be conservation minded.

CLOSING - MEANING OF OUR FLAG

MATERIALS: 1 piece of construction paper in red, blue and white
1 piece of white paper cut to be a star
1 flag
5 Scouts

Each Scout uses one of the items above. Write the words each should say on the back of their items.

LEADER: Today, as we leave, let's all keep in mind our flag and the meaning therein we can find.

CUB #1: The red is for blood of Americans true,
who gladly would give up their lives for you.

CUB #2: The white is for purity, in both thought and deed,
a rule of conduct we all might well heed.

CUB #3: The blue is for justice, for all, not one,
a tenet we fought for and so dearly won.

CUB #4: The star is a symbol of God's guiding hand,
over the union and this mighty land.

CUB #5: There isn't a one our flag won't protect,
don't you think we could show it greater respect?

CLOSING - ANOTHER BLUE & GOLD CLOSING

Have a small birthday candle at each Cub Scout table setting and have larger candle on all tables. At the proper time, the Cubmaster announce that each Webelos Scout should come forward and receive a lighted candle to take to his table. After he reaches his table all other lights are turned off.

CUBMASTER: America's manpower begins with Boypower. As we light all our candles, you can see the room is growing brighter (Cubs light their candles). That is the way it is in Cub Scouting in our community as we increase our Boypower. One Cub Scout may not be very big, but as our members grow we can light up all our homes and make everyone aware of our Cub Scout spirit. Let's make Cub Scouting really shine with Boypower. (lights come on and candle are blown out). Do your best.

Cub Scout respond: We'll do our best!

CLOSING - THE LAST CLOSING CEREMONY OF THE YEAR

STAGING: House lights are dimmed. Four posters with the four Cub Scouts ranks, eight candles (two by each poster).

CUBMASTER: This last ceremony of 19__ is a fine time to reconfirm our beliefs in ourselves and the Scouting program. (Lights two candles by the Bobcat poster) Will all Bobcat Cub Scouts and their parents please stand. Bobcats, do you promise in 19__ to do your best, to be true, to help other people, to obey the Law of the Pack, and to advance one rank? (They respond) We will do our best. (If there are no Bobcats present) Since we have no Bobcats, will the pack leadership please stand. Will you rededicate for yourselves and for the Bobcats of our future, to do your best, to be true, to help other people, to obey the Law of the Pack. (They respond) We will do our best. (Follow the same procedure for Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts) Will all Webelos Scouts and their parents stand. Webelos Scouts, do you in 19__ promise to do your best, to be true, to help other people, to obey the law of the Pack, and to earn the Arrow of Light award? (They respond) We will do our best. All of these eight candles are part of the light, the Light of the Spirit of Cub Scouting.

ASST. CUBMASTER: The first four candles are the four parts of the Cub Scout Promise - Duty to God, duty to country, to help other people, and to obey the Law of the Pack. The second four candles are the four parts of the Law of the Pack - the Cub Scout follows Akela, the Cub Scout helps the pack go, the pack helps the Cub Scout grow, the Cub Scout gives goodwill.

CUBMASTER: I know you will be loyal Cub Scouts in 19__. As the Spirit of Cub Scouting burns here it also burns in the hearts of Cub Scouts everywhere. May it continue to burn in your hearts during the coming year as we go upward and forward in Pack (#).

CLOSING - HALLOWEEN WITCHES BREW

The Den leader witches are back at their pot of brew. One of them recites:

We've put a lot into this stew,
And we came out with a pretty good brew.
The parents have had a chance to learn,
The ranks attained and badges earned.
Everyone will return a month from now,
To attend our meeting and find out how,
Each boy has fared, advancements made,
For on his merits, each Scout is weighed.

CUBMASTER: (Spotlight switches to Cubmaster) I want to thank each of you for attending our pack meeting. Remember Scouts, our witches brewed up quite a few extra badges in their pot. So everyone work hard this month and earn a new badge or our next meeting.

CLOSING - BACK TO NATURE

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Nature pictures. Slides of nature. Film strip of nature. Pictures of endangered wildlife, badges for boys.

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience.

CUBMASTER: Nature is a beautiful thing, something we have enjoyed for many, many years. What would life be like without nature? Without any of this (point to pictures, slides, and/or film strip). Cub Scouts are taught how important nature is. How they can preserve nature?

With their knowledge of nature, we have some Cub Scouts who have completed the requirements to advance in rank. Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents come forward. (Bugs are a part of nature. Present each boy with a plastic bug or with a picture of wildlife and tell them to "do their best" to continue preserving nature so it can be enjoyed for years to come. Give the badges to the parents to present to their boys.)

(Have the pack form a friendship circle.) Did you ever pause to think about how helpful a tree is? It provides a nesting place for birds, shade from the sun and protection from the rain. It discards its dead branches, providing wood for fires and for cooking foods. It adds beauty to the countryside. We must admit that a tree gives a lot more than it receives. We can learn a lesson from the tree by doing our best to be helpful to others by putting others first and ourselves second. Remember the lesson we learned from the tree - **TO GIVE MORE TO OTHERS THAN WHAT WE RECEIVE.**

CLOSING - SCOUTING'S BIRTHDAY

CUBMASTER: This month we celebrate Scouting's (#) birthday in the United States. Everywhere Scouts are taking time to listen to the story of Scouting and to rededicate themselves to the aims and purposes of our movement. Scouting was started in England by Lt. General Robert Baden-Powell, a British war hero. Guided by his experience in training Army scouts, Baden-Powell made Scouting for boys an outdoor program with ideals... a way of thinking and living, a way of doing things. Today Scouting is still a program filled with fun and adventure. It is learning worthwhile skills that train us to be responsible citizens. It is the Spirit of all men who worked to make our nation great. More than 4 million boys and leaders are registered in Scouting in the U.S. today. Men who earned badges as Scouts now sit on the Supreme Court bench and in Chambers of Congress. Others hold important offices in our government, business and industry. Former President John F. Kennedy was the first president who had been a Boy Scout. Former President Gerald Ford is an Eagle Scout. Many of our astronauts were Scouts. More and more men, trained as Scouts, are taking their places in today's world as responsible adult leaders. This (#) anniversary of Scouting and (#) anniversary of Cub Scouting is a time to recommit ourselves to the goals of Scouting... character, citizenship, and personal fitness. Will you all stand with me now and repeat the Cub Scout Promise as we rededicate ourselves to the purposes of Scouting.

CLOSING - ALASKA IS DIFFERENT

CUB #1: Alaska is different in climate that (your state name), different in the food produced, and offers different ways of life.

CUB #2: The beauty of Alaska is captured in silent snow and the glorious Northern Lights.

CUB #3: One thing (Your state name) and Alaska have in common it being part of the fifty United States of America, pledging their allegiance to our flag.

CUB #4: There are differences in a Cub Scout den. Each boy had different abilities, different interests and different needs.

CUB #5: We are united in Cub Scouting to develop ourselves mentally, physically and morally.

CUB #6: Cub Scouting keeps us together in one unit, regardless of whether we are in (your state name) or Alaska. Our packs & dens are part of the whole Scouting program.

CUB #7: We become better citizens as we learn and achieve together.

CUB #8: Let us close by singing "America the Beautiful".

CLOSING - JIMMY

He's just eight years old
He's made of the following ingredients:
Noise, energy, imagination, curiosity, and hunger.
He's the "cute little fellow down the street",
That "spoiled imp next door," or
"My son,"... depending on who you are.
He's something to be kept fed, clothed, healthy,
happy and, out of trouble.
But.....
He's something else, too.....
He's tomorrow.
He's the future we've been fighting for.
He's part of the world's most important generation.
Our generation must also win the peace.
His generation must KEEP THE PEACE.
His generation will determine whether it is worth doing.
He's one of the most important people in history.
So..... Anyone who influences his life
Is also a MIGHTY IMPORTANT PERSON!!!!

CLOSING - I PROMISE

(One boy steps forward and recites the first line of the Cub Scout Promise. Another boy recites the accompanying verse.)

I promise: An assurance I make, a pledge to do right: I keep it before me, a bright shining light.

To do my best: I promise to try, then folks will believe in me.

To do my duty to God: To God, the creator, I'm sure you will agree. So let's keep it always, the Land of the Free.

To help other people: If I am helpful, faithful, and just: then I'm deserving of everyone's trust.

And to obey the Law of the Pack: A guide for each day, as we go on our way. And a good one to know, as we follow and grow.

CLOSING - COMING TOGETHER

Form a circle around the derby track.

CUBMASTER: Coming together is a beginning. (Now cross arms and hold the hands of people beside you.)

"Keeping together is progress. Working together is success." This is a quote from the famous car maker. Henry Ford.

All of the dens come together to form the beginning of our pack. Keeping together at our monthly pack meetings is progress. Working together in Cub Scouting is surely a success story of which you each 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 every boy in Pack (#) a winner!

CLOSING - DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that millions of boys and men have been part of the Boy Scout movement since its beginning In 1916? Many of you dads were Scouts (let's see your hands), and today your sons are Cub Scouts. What a vast force to be working each day at work or play for those things America holds dear. As we light the candles on our birthday cake think of the spirit of Scouting-Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Explorer.

Let us resolve that someone someplace helped us get started in Cub Scouting, so will we help more boys join Cub Scouting. Will you do your best? Repeat We'll do our Best.

CLOSING - KNOCKS AND SCRATCHES

(Have the boys on stage wearing cardboard feet which have scratches, cuts, band-aids, etc. on them.)

NARRATOR: Our Shape Up meeting has come to an end.
We now have a message to leave with you, dear friend.

Our many achievements in life make feet tired and weary.
But if there was nothing to do, our life would be dreary.

So forget the knocks and scratches, blisters and aches.
Do your best at all times, That's what success takes!

(As the poem is finished, boys lay down on stage with their cardboard feet facing the audience...each of the feet has a letter on it spelling out G-O-O-D-N-I-G-H-T).

CLOSING - CONSERVE

Using eight Cub Scouts holding cutouts of cars made from poster board and painted in different bright colors. As each boy speaks his line, the car is turned over to show the-large letter printed on back of each one to spell out the word: CONSERVE.

C - Cars and busses and such were invented by men.
O - Oil fields were discovered also by them.
N - Nobody really worried about the amount of fuel this would take.
S - So on no transportation did they put the brake.
E - Eventually the amount of fuel used grew astonishingly.
R - Raising on everyone's mind a great big doubt.
V - Very soon the world's traffic was put to the test.
E - Everybody to conserve fuel must now do their best!

CLOSING - FUN ON WHEELS

PERSONNEL: Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: A picture of a bicycle, car, train

SETTING: Boys holding pictures as they recite or read lines.

CUB #1: I have fun riding my bicycle.

CUB #2: I always enjoy traveling in the car.

CUB #3: Trains are my thing.

CUB #4: As you can see, there are many ways to have fun on wheels, just as there are many ways to enjoy Scouting.

CLOSING - MY BACKYARD

CUB #1: My backyard is a wondrous place...I can stake a claim for contemplate space.

CUB #2: I can pitch a tent and sleep in the rain, or listen to the whistle of a far away train.

CUB #3: I can throw a ball to Mother of Dad, Or just be alone when I get mad.

CUB #4: I can plant a garden or climb a tree, Or get my dog, Ralph to chase a Frisbee.

CUB #5: Sometimes we even have den meetings there, I've finished my Wolf and started my Bear!

CUB #6: Yeah, the backyard's the place where I run, When I really want to have some fun.

CLOSING - COWBOY'S PHILOSOPHY

PERSONNEL: 5 Cub Scouts

SETTING: Boys up front

CUB #1: We, the cowboys of the western plains are bound by our desire to live free.

CUB #2: We must, therefore, show respect for our fellow man,

CUB #3: Respect for his beliefs,

Respect for his belongings,

Respect for his privacy,

Respect for the ground he walks on and the air he breathes.

CUB #4: In doing so, we show respect for ourselves.

CUB #5: And secure freedom for all.

CLOSING - THE GOLDEN RULE

The golden rule, treating other people as you would like to be treated....

Easy to do except for those that are not like us the mentally or physically handicapped. We laugh, point, and turn the other way. But wait! Have you ever heard a person say "I can't see without my glasses?" A person with glasses is ok but a blind person, no. A short person has only to find a stool, chair, or ladder to be tall. Someone in a wheelchair just stays short. If I were only seven feet tall, that would be great! But not all tall people are basketball stars. Beds are too short, cars too small, door openings four inches too low, And where do you buy your clothes? The handicapped person's biggest hardship is the way we treat them. So the next time you could be of service to someone in need, help them get the door to a happier and easier life.

CLOSING - THE LIGHT OF DAY HAS LEFT US

The light of day has left us. Our campfire burns low. A good day of Scouting done, we can sit back and consider our rewards. The whole of nature surrounds us: towering trees, running water, green grass, hills and valleys, the animals of the fields and forest, the stars and especially good friends. Our fire still warms us against the chill night air. The fire focuses our attention, embers glowing, giving a soft light to silhouettes moving slowly around the camp. We treasure these friendly hours of team work, as we become a close knit Scouting family. While the fire becomes only ashes, only a memory, our friendship, and our Scouting traditions go on forever.

CLOSING - WONDERFUL FIESTA

CUBMASTER: Tonight, we've had a wonderful fiesta. Fireworks are part of many fiestas. Fireworks also help us to remember our flag.

Fireworks remind us of a time when our country was at war and Francis Scott Key waited through the night watching the "rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air."

Would the pack please come to attention and join me in singing the Star Spangled Banner.

(After the anthem, the color guard can retrieve the colors. The pack is then dismissed.)

CLOSING - I WILL USE...

Have a Cub Scout read the narrative or pass out cards so the entire audience can read this pledge in unison or have 5 or 6 Cub Scouts repeat the lines from cards.

1ST CUB - This is my country I will use my eyes to see the beauty of this land.

2ND CUB - I will use my ears to hear it's sounds.

3RD CUB - I will use my mind to think what I can do to make it more beautiful.

4TH CUB - I will use my hands to serve it and care for it.

5TH CUB - And with my heart, I will honor it.

CLOSING - USE THIS STRENGTH WISELY

All Cubs and Webelos form a circle. With right sleeve rolled up, have boys place right foot into the circle and raise their right arms to show their muscles.

CUBMASTER: May the Great Master who gives us our bodies and our strength give us the wisdom to use this strength wisely in accordance to His wishes - especially to help those who need our help.

Cubs, do you promise to use your strength wisely and especially to help others?

CUBS: (Shout) We do!

CUBMASTER: Then go forth and use what you have learned wisely.

CLOSING - THE CANDLES OF FRIENDS

EQUIPMENT: 13 yellow taper candles (drip guards are optional but help a lot), 1 larger column candle (1" by 6" or larger) in a candle holder. The larger candle should be center stage on a small table with 13 Cub Scouts, each with a yellow taper, in a semi-circle around the larger candle. The larger candle is lit before the first Cub begins his lines. The first Cub steps forward to the table and lights his candle and says his line. He then lights the candle of the second cub who then speaks his line. The flame is passed in this manner until all 13 Cubs hold lighted candles.

1st CUB: We light the candles of Friendship.

2nd CUB: These are the symbols of our promise as Cub Scouts.

3rd CUB: Our flames are small and burn steady and bright.

4th CUB: We light them with thoughts of friendship glowing and steadily burning in our hearts.

5th CUB: We watch the glowing flames with hopeful hearts, for children here and abroad that they may enjoy all the rights of the child.

6th CUB: For the Founder of all Scouting, Lord Baden-Powell.

7th CUB: For the Founders of American Scouting: Ernest Seton, Daniel Beard, William Boyce, and James West.

8th CUB: For the "unknown Scout" whose helpful deed brought Scouting to the United States.

9th CUB: This candle is for the hope of peace in every land.

10th CUB: This one is for service to our Country.

11th CUB: For all Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts wherever they may be tonight.

12th CUB: For the Law of the Pack and the Cub Scout Motto.

13th CUB: For the Cub Scout Promise we make as Cub Scouts together.

ALL CUBS: Join with us as we renew our Cub Scout Promise.

I promise to Do MY BEST
To do my DUTY to GOD and my COUNTRY
To HELP other people, and
To OBEY the Law of the Pack."

CLOSING - FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY #1

SETTING: This is a very solemn ceremony that should be held at the end of an outdoor pack activity so that the members of the pack will leave thinking about what our flag really stands for.

PREPARATION: 1 Flag - worn, tattered and soled, one medium fire. Take the flag and cut out the blue field with the stars, then cut the flag up into smaller pieces so that each participant can have a piece to lay on the fire.

NARRATOR: Our flag is the symbol of our country. Have you ever stopped to think what the flag really means?

The Blue in our flag stands for valor which our ancestors fought and died for in the many battles that have been fought for our country and all for which it stands.

The White stands for the purity in all of our hearts. It also represent the honor that each of us should show in all that we do in our everyday lives.

The Red stands for all of the men and women who have died in the service of our country, both as members of the armed forces and as everyday citizens.

Our flag has gone into every battle into which there have been United States citizens, from the American Revolution to the Civil War, to WW I, to WW II, to the Korean Conflict the Viet Nam War to the Desert Storm.

It has flown over some battles that were never declared, such as Beirut where the Marine Barracks was blown up by terrorists, and the Alfred Murrah Building in Oklahoma City.

In all of these, we the American people have stayed true to the values that the Flag represents. We should always value the sacrifices that have been made for our flag and the country that it represents.

We have an old friend here who has fulfilled his duty to our country. He has become worn and tattered and we are here tonight to retire him with honor.

We shouldn't be sad about the retirement of our friend. We are not burning him in anger, we are only releasing his spirit so that he can continue to serve us in our thoughts.

Now I would invite each of you to take a piece of cloth from the box being passed around and each of you in turn place it on the fire. You can pause for a moment to reflect upon what the flag means to each of us and remember the 167 people who lost their lives in OKC, some working in the service of our country and others as AMERICAN citizens. Thank you.

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CLOSING - AS THE FLAMES POINT UPWARD

SETTING - This is perhaps the most compelling of the opening phrases. It calls for dignity and it sets the pattern. The camp fire is brought to the alert, the Scoutmaster walks in and stands a few yards behind the fire which must be lit and burning well, otherwise the words are a mockery. When the Scoutmaster comes to the words, "As the fire warms the circle so may the Scout ideal" . . . his hand should go out over the fire, making the Scout sign.

As the flames point upwards, so be our aims;
As the red logs glow, so be our sympathies,
As the grey ash fades, so be our errors,
As the fire warms the circle,
So may the Scout ideal warm the world.

It's not much use to grumble or complain
It's just as quick and easy to rejoice,
When God sorts out the weather and sends rain,
Then rain's our choice

Comes the last day of many days,
The last Camp Fire of all too few,
Last - but not lost. In the years ahead,
These times our memories shall renew.

CLOSING - A PAIR OF BINOCULARS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster and denners. The denners remain in the audience with their respective dens.

EQUIPMENT: A pair of binoculars A flashlight for each denner.

SETTING: Dim the lights in the auditorium. Cubmaster on stage.

CUBMASTER: Did you know that you can look through either end of a pair of binoculars? (Look through the wrong end) When you look this way, everything is very tiny and distant. The binoculars make the view worse instead of better. (Points to the right end) But you can really see a great distance doing it this way (The words "a great distance" is the cue for the denners to turn on their flashlights.) Know what do I see.

All around the room I see the bright lights of the spirit of Cub Scouting--the kind of spirit that made this country great and will keep it great in the years ahead. Let us all join in singing the prayer for our country called "God Bless America." (Leads the singing.)

CLOSING - C-H-R-I-S-T-M-A-S

PREPARATION: 9 Cubs enter each with a card with the appropriate letter on them.

C - is for Christ, whose birthday we observe
H - is for Happiness to those who serve
R - is for Reverence and a prayer from above
I - is for Incense, a Wise Man gave in love
S - is for Snow, a blanket so pure and white
T - is for Time, as it stands still tonight
M - is for Mary, the mother of the babe
A - is for Answers, as we search for the light
S - is for a Star, shining brightly tonight.

Please join us in singing "Silent Night."

CLOSING - JOIN THE CLUB

(Sing to the tune of the Mickey Mouse Club)

If you want to join a club
That's fun for you and me.
C-U-B S-C-O-U-T-I-N-G

Tigers, Wolves and Bears are there
As well as Webelos.
C-U-B S-C-O-U-T-I-N-G

Cub Scouting, Cub Scouting,
Forever let us hold our Cub signs high
High, High, High
Come along and join the fun
And bring your Family
C-U-B S-C-O-U-T-I-N-G

Now it's time to say good bye
To all our company
C-U-B - Be here next month
S-C-O - Or you'll miss all the fun
U-T-I-N-G

CLOSING - GIVING THANKS

CUB #1: In 1621, after the first harvest was completed by the Plymouth colonists, Governor James Bradford proclaimed a day of thanksgiving and prayer.

CUB #2: During the American Revolution, a yearly day of national thanksgiving was suggested by the Continental Congress. In 1817, New York state adopted Thanksgiving Day as an annual custom, and by the middle of the 19th century, many other states did the same.

CUB #3: In 1863, President Abraham Lincoln appointed a day of thanksgiving and since then each president has issued a Thanksgiving proclamation, generally designating the last Thursday of November as a national holiday.

CUB #4: We, as Americans, have much to be thankful for --- especially our country's many freedoms. We have more freedoms than any country in the world. Yet how many of us think of Thanksgiving Day as a day to give thanks and not just a holiday!

CUB #5: O, heavenly Father, we ask for your blessing. For loved ones and friends that are near. We thank you for food and for love and for life and the Spirit of Scouting that's here.

CUB #6: We thank you for leaders who care about boys, who give us their time --- that's better than toys! We thank you for dads who help us learn right, for moms who sew on our badges at night. For all this, thank you, dear Lord, up above, for being in Scouting is something we love!

CLOSING - WHAT DID IT FEEL LIKE, ASTRONAUT

(To be read by a Cub Scout)

What did it feel like, astronaut, as you flew into outer space?
Did you mind being so cooped up in such a tiny place?
Did the stars have points? Did the clouds race by?
Did they bump into you as you sailed by?

Did you fall like a kite when the string breaks away
And it loses its balancing tail?
Could you hear the wind as it whistled by?
Is the world really big and round?

Were you scared, astronaut? Were you happy and glad,
When you walked again on the ground?

CLOSING - NATURE IS EVERYWHERE ALL THE TIME

It is exciting to learn about animals, birds and insects, flowers, and trees, rocks, soil, weather, water and stars!

Nature is everywhere all the time---in cities, in the woods and fields, in the winter, spring, summer and fall.

Nature is not confined by time and place--- it is everywhere.

But where to begin--how to begin. All you need to start is an inquiring mind --- and eyes, ears, nose, and hands. Use all senses to gather information from the world about you.

In the beginning we might just as well make up our minds that we are never going to know all there is to know about the subject. Remember that is is not so much knowing the names and identifying everything but the joy in making the discovery that counts.

The "Country Cub" knows there is plenty of nature to be seen if you take time to look around, while the "City Cub" may have the notion that nature is not to be found in the city limits---not true, of course.

Nature is something we can enjoy no matter where we go in the world. Nature is something we should enjoy and respect.

Let's step out into the world of nature.

CLOSING -RECIPE FOR A WONDERFUL DAY

1 cup of friendly words
1 dash of gentle humor
2 heaping cups understanding
1 pinch spice of life
2 cups milk of human kindness
1 drop of warm personality
3 heaping Tbls time and patience

Measure words carefully. Add cups of understanding to milk of human kindness. Sift together three times to make a smooth paste. Cook with gas on front burner. Keep temperature low so it never boils over. Season with gentle humor, warm personality and spice of life. Serve in individual molds. Works best with a good mixer.

CLOSING - DAY'S END

1st CUB: Often when day is done and in my bed I lay, (put palms together, place hands to cheek.. and tilt head to side as if asleep).

2nd CUB: I ask myself a question, did I do my best today? (Make a big question mark in the air with a pointed finger.)

3rd CUB: Did I wear a cheery smile as I went on my way? (Big smile)

4th CUB: Or a frown that hurt a friend along the way? (Big frown)

5th CUB: Did I help a dear one that depended on me today? (With palm up make gesture of extending it to audience)

6th CUB: Or was I much too busy going my own selfish way? (Use both hands as if to brush it away with fingers up)

7th CUB: Tomorrow I will remember to be helpful and obey. (Place palms together as if in a prayer)

8th CUB: Then I can with honesty say, I did my best today! (Give Cub Scout salute)

CLOSING - FOLK TALES

This idea could provide closing ceremonies for the whole month, and help the boys pass their American Folklore achievement.

The Den Leader could provide for the boys to choose stories from or she could copy certain stories and let each boy choose one to take home and prepare for the next den meeting. For the closing ceremony, the boys would sit around their "campfire" and then one or two boys could tell or read their Indian folk tales. The Den Leader could make the ceremony more important by rewarding each boy with an Indian tie slide as he complete his story.

CLOSING - THE PLEDGE OF THE TRIBE

CUBMASTER: Braves of the tribe of Akela, our council fire is lit, but the time grows late. Let all braves stand now and raise their right hands toward the Great Spirit in the sky. Now let us give the pledge of our tribe of Akela - the Cub Scout promise. And now may the Great Spirit of all good Indians and Scouts be with us till we meet again.

CLOSING - NEIGHBORS

PROPS: Cards with the letter "NEIGHBORS" written on the front and description of the word on the back for the Cubs to read.

NARRATOR: What are the qualities you can find in your neighborhood? We will spell them out for you.

N - Nice. A neighborhood is made up of nice people.

E - Excellent. A neighborhood is an excellent place to live

I - Individuals. A neighborhood is made up of many different individuals.

G - Good Friends. A neighborhood is made up of people who are good friends.

H - Helpful. A neighborhood is made up of people who are helpful to each other.

B - Belong. A neighborhood is a special place for people to belong to.

O - Occupations. A neighborhood is made up of people who have many different occupations.

R - Reliable. A neighborhood is made up of many reliable people who depend on one another.

S - Sensitive. A neighborhood is made up of people who are sensitive to one another's needs.

NARRATOR: These are the qualities of the people who make up your neighborhood. The Cub Scout program helps develop these qualities so we will grow up to be the kind of neighbor you would like to have live next door to you.

CLOSING - MANY A CUB SCOUT I'M SURE

Many a Cub Scout I'm sure
Has dreamed of becoming an astronaut,
And we should always remember
That these dreams are not for naught,
Most of our present astronauts
Were Scouts when they were young.

The Training that this program gives
Has praises to be sung.
Just as the men in space exploration

Tackle their jobs with a courageous, firm hand,
We should tackle our earthbound problems
To make this a better land.

As we preserve our environment
By increasing our knowledge each day,
Using courage and imagination
In the Scouting-Astronaut way.

CLOSING - OHIO STATE MOTTO

Have two scrolls ready - one with the Cub Scout Motto and one with the State Motto. Make scrolls with shelf paper or tape typing paper together. Roll from both ends to the center. It will take two boys to hold and unroll the ends of the scroll.

LEADER: A motto is a short and simple way of keeping something important in mind. If all Cubs, Webelos, moms and dads learn and live by these mottos, life will be better and happier.

(Unroll Cub Scout Motto)

CUB #1 : The Cub Scout Motto, is "DO YOUR BEST."

(Unroll State Motto)

CUB #2: The motto of the State of Ohio was suggested by a 12-year old Cincinnati boy. It is "WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE."

LEADER: These mottos work together very well. Would everyone please join in repeating them together.

DO YOUR BEST!!!

WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE!!!

CLOSING - PARADE OF STARS

Den Leader will read as boys wave stars and later the boys will help lead audience in song.

In closing tonight I'd like to remind you that we have learned about some other countries and their customs, St. Nicholas, and the Yule log. Now I'd like to tell you about similar customs of the Philippines and Holland. In Holland during Christmas season young people go through the street singing carols and carrying stars on log poles. This is called "Star Singing". In the Philippines the "Parol" of Christmas Star is the custom throughout the season. It is hung in windows above the nativity scene in all the homes. All sizes are carried on Christmas Eve in the "Parade of Stars" and villages compete for prizes.

Tonight please pick up your stars and join me in singing "Silent Night."

CLOSING - NO MATTER WHERE YOU LIVE

"No matter where you live, there is a world of undiscovered secrets of nature still waiting to be explored. A naturalist is a student of natural history which includes the many things found in nature, such as plants and animals. There are many more interesting activities to help your Cub Scouts learn more about the world of nature and to develop an appreciation of it."

CLOSING - C-H-A-R-A-C-T-E-R

C - There is another kind of course that is even more important than that which was told to you in the opening of the pack meeting.

H - That is the CHARACTER course.

A - Your character is being formed right now.

R - By what you do and what you don't do.

A - Many of your actions will be influenced by others.

C - Try to set your own course.

T - Make up your mind that you will live always by the Cub Scout Law.

E - Then follow through with it.

R - Go to the top of Character Hill!!

CLOSING - SOME DOGS ARE SO DOG-GONE CHEERFUL

Have you ever stopped to wonder why some dogs are so dog-gone cheerful. It's kind of pleasant, isn't it, to be around a happy dog? On the other hand, we usually try to steer clear of dogs who appear to be kind of grumpy. That's the way it is with people, too. It's much nicer to be around people who have a cheerful attitude than someone who's always looking on the dark side of things. You know, if you look for them, there are lots of reasons to be happy.

CLOSING - WHAT WILL THE WORLD OF TOMORROW BE LIKE

What will the world of tomorrow be like? Will we be living in a world of space acimnture, solar power, and other marvels that we can only imagine? Our Cub Scouts here today will probably still be attending Cub Scout meetings --- but they will be the Cubmaster, Pack Committee Chairman, Webelos leader --- for their own Cub Scout Son. Looking forward to the year 2000, let us remember the Cub Scout motto: Do Your Best.

CLOSING - LUDWIG VON BEETHOVEN

CUBMASTER: Ludwig von Beethoven was a great composer. Music was his life. So, when he found he was going deaf, it seemed so cruel a fate to him that he nearly ended his life.

But an inner voice told him that the Lord knows what he does. He began to hear sounds in his head. He wrote most of his songs when he was already deaf. His music glorifies man's freedom and dignity.

Had Beethoven yielded to despair and taken his life, his music wouldn't be ours to enjoy and be moved by until the end of time.

CLOSINGS - GOOD NIGHT AND GOOD SCOUTING

Den Leaders all have candles lighted.

CUBMASTER: As we close tonight and the candles go out, our spirit does not go out, but is inside us burning even brighter as we do our Good Turn daily and just grow in the spirit of Scouting. (The Leaders are blowing out their candles one at a time as the cubmaster is talking.) "Good night and good Scouting."

CLOSING - IT HAS TO START SOMEWHERE

When you repeat the Cub Scout Promise, the words "Do My Best" are often lost among other important words. Let's stop for a minute and really consider these words. "BEST" describes actions and effort well above our usual performance. You are the only person who can possibly know whether or not you have done your best. Don't you think that everyone deserves the best? It has to start somewhere, you may as well be the one to do the best first. Think about the meaning of the promise and decide you will always do you best no matter what. You will be the one that benefits the most!!

CLOSING - GIVE HIM A DAY

What is the gift you give to you?

A glamorous game, a tinsel toy?

A whittling knife, a puzzle pack?

A train that runs on a curving track?

A Boy Scout book, a real live pet?

No, there's plenty of time for such things yet.

GIVE HIM A DAY for his very own.

Just your boy and you, alone.

A walk in the woods, a game in the park.

A fishing trip from dawn to dark;

Give him the gift that only you can.

Your companionship; hand in hand.

Games are outgrown, and toys decay.

But he'll never forget if you GIVE HIM A DAY.

CLOSING - "ADIOS"

Boys hold cards spelling "ADIOS" which is Spanish for good bye. Each boy read one of the parts and after the last one is read, all boys shout "Adios."

A - We came together and had our fun. It seems as though we'd just begun.

D - We sang and danced and played some games. And had some fun with Spanish names.

I - We ate new foods and learned how Spanish children play and shout.

O - We dressed in ponchos we had made, and took siestas in the shade.

S - But now the time has come to say, "Adios until another day!" "ADIOS ! "

CLOSING - BEAUTIFUL AMERICA

ARRANGEMENT: 7 Cubs line up on stage, side by side. Each holds a card with one letter of AMERICA on it. As his turn comes, he holds up his card and says his lines that are written boldly on the back of each.

A - America abounds in beautiful sights.

M - Making it beautiful is one of our rights.

E - Each of us proud of our U.S.A.

R - Rolling hills and lakes in which we can play.

I - Instead of littering and spoiling our land.

C - Crusade to keep America beautiful and grand.

A - And then we can always be proud of our land.

CLOSING - THE LITTLE BUG WHO HAD THE BLUES

MATERIALS: Cut Scouts could make bug posters to hold up with the words written on the back.

1ST CUB: There was a little bug who had the blues, And cried because he had no shoes.

2ND CUB: He walked around with six bare feet, And hid them when other bugs he would meet.

3RD CUB: Such a small, sad bug was he, Until one day he changed to see.

4TH CUB: A happy, wiggly worm crawl by, With a smile as big as the sky.

5TH CUB: That really made the bug feel bad, For all the time that he was sad.

6TH CUB: (And just because he had no shoes) That worm didn't even have feet for shoes!

7TH CUB: The little bug is smiling now, Be cause he finally learned how.

8TH CUB: To always be thankful for what you've got, No matter how little, no matter what!

CLOSING - THE DISGUSTED FIREMEN

Make some "to do" about lighting a large candle at the pack meeting. It burns all the way through your meeting. When it's time to close, have boys imitating a fire brigade come running in and circle the room toward the candle. One or two boys make siren noises, another one or two might have bells ringing, several could have a hose, one carries a bucket. They all rush toward the candle and just before they get there, the Cubmaster blows out the candle. The firemen look disgusted and walk away muttering. The Cubmaster then says, "Good night all".

CLOSING - AN EAGLE CLOSING

There are 48 kinds of eagles in the world. Only the Bald Eagle and the Golden Eagle breed in the United States

Many Bald Eagles have been killed by hunters and trappers. There are now only about 15,000 left in the United States.

Many people fear that the eagle will become extinct. In 1940 the Bald Eagle was protected by Federal laws, but not until 1962 were Federal laws protecting the Golden Eagle enacted.

Before the laws were passed protecting them, many Eagles were killed by hunters from airplanes hired by ranchers in Texas. They feared they would kill their young lambs.

However, Eagles feed mainly on fish, rodents and young mammals. They will occasionally kill a very small or weak lamb or calf.

Ecologists believe that birds of prey are necessary to balance nature. The Eagle is such a beautiful, stately bird.

Eagles have such a noble history, it would be sad to see them become extinct. We should protect them to enjoy for generations to come.

CLOSING - ALBERT EINSTEIN

Albert Einstein has been quoted as having said "The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery everyday. Never lose curiosity." With our theme this month, we have tried to provide the boys with opportunity to question and put his curiosity to good use. As we retire the flag this evening, let us think about tomorrow and the new curiosities it will bring.

CLOSING - FARMER'S GARDEN OF THOUGHTS

Personnel: Seven Cub Scouts with straw hats., garden tools and large cut-outs of vegetables as indicated.

CUB #1 - We're Cub Scout farmers who've come your way to share with you, our garden of thoughts for the day.

CUB #2 - (Holds up carrot) Take **care at** all times, remembering to do your best each day.

CUB #3 - (Holds up lettuce) **Let us** always give a smile to others as we travel down life's way.

CUB #4 - (Holds up turnip) Be sure to **turn up** at meetings and participate in the pack activities.

CUB #5 - (Holds up bean) Learn not to put things off - for it's not fun **being** late.

CUB #6 - (Holds up beet) In life's game, you can **beat** if you strive to work with everyone.

CUB #7 - (Holds up large package of seed) And now that we've planted some seeds of thought we'll say Good Night, for our meeting is adjourned.

CLOSING - G-O-O-D-W-I-L-L

PERSONNEL: - 8 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: 8 Signs with the letters G O O D W I L L on them.

ARRANGEMENT: The Cub Scouts enter one at a time, holding up sign with a letter on it. Each speaks his line and the next Cub Scout enters. When the final Cub Scout joins the group, the letters will spell GOODWILL.

G - Good Cub Scouts are fiends to all.

O - On their honor to obey the Pack Law.

O - Once they spread good will all around.

D - Doubled friendships will surely be found.

W - Working together to make the universe a better place.

I - Including as friends, boys from each faith and race.

L - Leaving behind them a path of good cheer.

L - Let's all practice it now and all through our years.

CLOSING - I KNOW THE UNIFORM

To end this evening, I'd like to tell you a story. A crowded bus stopped to pick up a bent old woman. With great difficulty she struggled up the steps of the bus with a large basket of freshly-washed laundry.

"You'll have to put your laundry in the rear of the bus," said the driver impatiently.

"But I can carry them. I don't care. They belong to me," the woman replied.

The driver was firm. "You and that basket are in the way. Either stow it or get off."

The old lady was almost in tears when a young man arose. "You sit here, Ma'am," he offered.

"I'll take your basket to the back and watch it until your stop."

The woman was doubtful, but the driver was about to put her off. A second lady sitting nearby said to the old woman, "That boy's all right. Can't you see the uniform? I'll vouch for him."

The woman was seated, and the basket of clothes carried to the rear. At her stop, the boy gently set the basket down by her, then returned to the rear of the bus.

"Who's the kid?" asked the driver of the second woman.

"I don't know the boy," came the reply, "but I know the uniform, and you can trust it every time."

CLOSING - CHRISTMAS IN THE MANGER

PROPS: Cards or construction paper signs with single letters, large enough to be seen from the back of the room, spelling out the word C H R I S T M A S .

PERSONNEL: 9 Cub Scouts, one for each letter in the word CHRISTMAS.

CUB #1 - C was the child in the manger asleep.

CUB #2 - H was the herder that guarded the sheep.

CUB #3 - R was the room in the stable that day.

CUB #4 - I - was the Innkeeper letting them stay.

CUB #5 - S was the star that led three by its light.

CUB #6 - T was the tidings of joy brought that night.

CUB #7 - M was the mother, whom Joseph stood near.

CUB #8 - A was the angel, whose message was clear.

CUB #9 - S was the song that the angels sang then, of peace on the earth and good will towards men.

CLOSING - LOVE IS....

Love is.....

Doing something for others even when you don't have the time.

Making others happy when you would rather be alone.

Not being irritable when others get in your way or interrupt you.

Being kind and patient regardless of the circumstances.

Looking for ways to make others happy no matter who they are.

Honest and just, but also tender understanding and compassionate.

More than a paper valentine or sentimental love note.

Operative all the time and lasts for a lifetime.

Not getting upset or angry on the spur of the moment.

Choosing to be consistent through hard experiences and finds its joy in God - not circumstances.

CLOSING - MAGIC OF THE WORLD

As parents, we want to show our sons the wonders of the world. In the eyes of a child, there are not just eight wonders of the world but eight million. We want him to be able to look at the stars, sunrise, sunset, and feel their beauty.

We want them to see a world of love, laughter, and compassion.

We want them to build strength within themselves of strong character and a sensitivity to the needs of others.

We want them to be the best they can be.

Unfortunately, no one can wave a magic wand so that they will receive these things. We as leaders and parents must set the example to show the guidance so they may see the way to accomplish all of these things. This is the magic; Our example and guidance.

So as we leave, let's be aware of our actions and how loudly they speak to our youth.

CLOSING - THIS IS THE SEASON OF LIGHTS

SETTING: Room is darkened, each participant lights candle with each purpose

NARRATOR: This is the season of lights. It is a time when days are shorter and nights are long. But somehow the world seems brighter during the Hanukkah and Christmas season. Thousands at home have candles to light the way for the Christ child. Other thousands have candles burning to commemorate the miracle of the oils of Hanukkah. Even the stars in the winter sky seem brighter. But the most brilliant glow comes from the spirit of goodwill that we live all year-round in the Cub Scout program. Please listen as we shine a light on the Purposes of Cub Scouting.

1. Influencing the development of character and encouraging spiritual growth.
2. Developing habits and attitudes of good citizenship.
3. Encouraging good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body.
4. Improving understanding within the family.
5. Strengthening the ability to get along with other boys and respect other people.
6. Fostering a sense of personal achievement by developing new interests and skills.
7. Showing how to be helpful and do one's best.
8. Provide fun and exciting new things to do.
9. Preparing them to become Boy Scouts.

CLOSING - SIGNS OF AMERICA

EQUIPMENT: Small flag, Wolf Badge, Webelos Handbook and lighted candle on table

Cub Scouts, these four things have been significant of Cub Scouting since it began in 1930. The badge is a symbol of Cub Scouting all over America. There are many books that are important to Cub Scouts. The Wolf, Bear, and Webelos Handbooks help us to learn new skills. The Bible is another important book because it guides our daily lives. The American flag is the symbol of our country and the good things it represents. The candle is a symbol of the light of Scouting which penetrates the darkness of hate, prejudice, and distrust. It is a light that must be kept burning in the heart of every Scout, now and as he grows to manhood.

CLOSING - THE "KEEL"

SETTING: This may be read by a Cub Scout or leader just before the retrieving of the colors.

NARRATOR: One of the most important discoveries of the Vikings, was the invention of the "keel." A keel is a long narrow piece of wood, attached to the underside of a ship. The keel reduced the ship's rolling motion. By doing so, it greatly improved the ship's speed and thus the distance it could travel with out stopping for supplies. A ship with a keel is less likely to be blown sideways by the wind. This make the ship easier to steer, and enabled the Vikings to stay on course and reach their destination.

As we sail through life, we sometimes need a "keel" to help keep us on course. Principle we learn as Scouts can be our keel, if we strive to live by the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack.

CLOSING - THE UNKNOWN BUGLE BOY

There's a battlefield at Gettysburg
 where swords and sabers rust.
And brothers who were flesh and blood
 are scattered in the dust.
But every night at Gettysburg
 when everything is still.
They say a golden bugle blows
 on Cemetery Hill.
Who was the unknown bugle boy
 at Gettysburg that day.
And was he wearing Yankee blue
 or wearing Southern gray?
Why did he die?
What was his motive?
That Government of the people,
By the people, and for the people shall
not perish from the earth.

CLOSING - NOW IT IS TIME FOR US TO GO

SETTING: Have one boy read each line, and when they are done you can retire the colors for the meeting.

CUB #1: Now it's time for us to go.
CUB #2: Taking with us a friendly glow.
CUB #3: From joining together in teamwork.
CUB #4: Our responsibilities never to shirk.
CUB #5: May all of us soon meet again.
CUB #6: And bring new friends, that we did win.
CUB #7: While we're traveling down life's way,
CUB #8: May our paths cross another day.

CLOSING - THE LEGEND OF THE CHRISTMAS SCOUT

SETTING: Have leader in the front of the room. Turn off all lights possible. Leader reads the Legend with the aid of a small flashlight.

NARRATOR: This is the legend of the Christmas Scout. It was told to me by a small boy whose faith in the story was absolute. He showed me a toy airplane and said emphatically that it came from the Christmas Scout.

A Boy Scout was returning on Christmas Eve from a party of his relatives where he had received all of his gifts. He had a sled full of presents, just the things he had been hoping for; and although it was cold, he was warm because he was wearing the new plaid jacket for which he had been hinting. It was his favorite gift.

In spite of everything, he was not happy. This was because it was to be his first Christmas without his brother, whom had, during the year, been the tragic victim of a reckless driver. His brother had been a good Scout and a fine example to him.

The Boy Scout had taken a short cut through the Flats, hoping he might meet his Patrol Leader who lived there with his widowed mother. This was a section of town in which many of the poor lived. His Patrol Leader, one of the best Scouts in the Troop, had to work hard. Not that the Boy Scout was rich. His family was just one step above the Flats.

As he hiked down the street, the Scout caught glimpses of the trees and decorations in many of the homes. He had no intentions of prying, but suddenly, in one glimpse, he had seen a shabby room with two limp stockings hanging above an empty fireplace and a woman seated near them weeping. The stockings reminded him of the way he and his brother had always found them the next morning, full to brimming. Then, he remembered that he had not done his Good Turn for the Day.

He Knocked at the door. "Yes?", the sad voice of the woman inquired. "May I come in? I am a Boy Scout." "You are very welcome", she said, "but I can not help you. I have nothing for my own children." "That is why I am here", he replied. "You are to choose whatever you need from this sled." "God bless you!", she answered gratefully. "My little boys will be very happy." She took some candies and a game, the toy airplane, and a puzzle.

Then, as she took the new official flashlight, the Scout almost cried out. But he did not. He saw that the stockings were filled and then turned to go. "Won't you tell me your name?", the lady asked. "Just call me the Christmas Scout," he replied.

He was glad to have done the Good Turn, but he was not really happier. He had seen that his sorrow was not the only sorrow in the world, and before he got out of the Flats that night, he had given the remainder of his toys away. The plaid jacket had gone to a boy whom had none at all.

He trudged homeward, cold and disconsolate. He had given his presents away and he could think of no explanation he could give his family that would seem reasonable. He wondered how he could make them understand. His parents tried to be patient. His father was firm.

"You made your choice, son. You know we can not afford to give you any more presents."

The Christmas Scout realized he had seemed foolish in the eyes of his parents and even, to a degree, in his own. His brother gone, his family disappointed, he suddenly felt alone. He hadn't thought to be rewarded for his generosity, for in the wisdom of his young grief, he knew that a good deed should always be its own reward. It would be tarnished otherwise. He didn't want his gifts back. The boy thought of his brother and cried himself to sleep.

The next morning, he came down to find his parents listening to the Christmas music on the TV. Then the announcer spoke. "Merry Christmas everybody. The nicest Christmas story we have this morning comes from the Flats. It appears that a crippled boy down there has a new sled this morning, another youngster has a fine plaid jacket, and several families have reported that their children have been made happy by the visitation of a Boy Scout who gave no name, but simply referred to himself as the Christmas Scout. The boy with the jacket declared that the Scout gave it off his own back. No one can identify him, but the children of the Flats are claiming that the Christmas Scout was a personal representative of old Santa Clause himself."

The Christmas Scout felt his father's arms go around his shoulders and saw his mother smiling at him through her tears. "We are proud of you, son." The Christmas Scout caught his breath. "Mother, Father!" he cried. "This is a happy Christmas after all!"

The carols came over the air again filling the room with music. "And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth."

CLOSING - CUB SCOUTS HAVE THEIR OWN GUIDING STARS

We have had lots of fun with water at this activity. As we've played in the water, we can also think about the sailors who sail on the water. How do they do it, and not get lost? How did the big ships of long ago, sail across the ocean and find their destination?

Do you think that they ever used the North Star as a guide? For thousands of years, men have known that the North Star does not move. Seamen have used the North Star and other heavenly bodies to guide their ships to port ever since they first dared leave the sight of land. Even today, the stars are important in navigation for ships, jet planes, and spaceships.

Cub Scouts have their own guiding stars to help them through life. There are families, churches, schools, and of course, Cub Scouting! Their navigational aids are the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. They tell us how we should act and what we should do for ourselves and for others. The Promise and Law of the Pack are just like the stars by which the seaman steers his ship. Please repeat the Law of the Pack.

CLOSING - LEADERSHIP CANDLES

EQUIPMENT: One large candle, five smaller candles.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, assistant to snuff out candles.

SETUP: Light all candles and extinguish room lights.

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouting is growing all around the country.

Why do boys join? To have fun, of course.

But Cub Scouting is more than just a good time. It is a program that can have a positive effect on boys for the rest of their lives.

The large candle represents all the fun, adventure, and excitement Cub Scouting offers. But its light is not enough for a successful program. We need the light from the smaller candles, too. Together they represent the spirit of Cub Scouting.

Our program is for families. Without the support of every family in the pack, some of that Cub Scout spirit is lost. (Snuff out first small candle.)

Without enough den leaders, some of that Cub Scout spirit is lost. (Snuff out second candle.)

Without enough committee members, some of that Cub Scout spirit is lost. (Snuff out third candle.)

Without enough uniformed pack leaders, some of that Cub Scout spirit is lost. (Snuff out fourth candle.)

Eventually the darkness becomes overpowering, and the 1st candle representing the fun, excitement, and adventure of Cub Scouting can no longer sustain itself. It, too, dies out. (Snuff out large candle.)

(Softly) Until we are left with nothing but darkness. (Pause) It's up to you. Thank you, and good night.

CLOSING - HERE SOON

PERSONNEL: The Cubmaster

Thanksgiving will be here pretty soon. It is a great time of the year. It opens the door to the holiday season. Think about that turkey dinner, the football games, visits with friends and family. Just about everybody likes Thanksgiving. This year let's think a bit about what the holiday really means. It means giving thanks, of course, and it started out with the pilgrims thanking God for a bountiful harvest more than 300 years ago. As we enjoy this Thanksgiving, let us give thanks to God for the bounty we enjoy. We all have something to be thankful for, even if we don't have everything we might want. Let's remember that!!!! And remember God---as we observe Thanksgiving.

CLOSING - WATER FUN COLLEGE 101

CUBMASTER resumes position in front of the pack meeting audience, rubs his plastic water pistol fondly before setting it down, lays down his beach towel after wiping away some imaginary drops of water.

CUBMASTER: Well we've come to the end of another deliciously delightful pack meeting.. In planning a successful activity for Cub Scout age boys, there are five essential ingredients to include...

- First is ACTION. Boys find it impossible to sit and do nothing. Action makes everything much easier. Tonight we had ACTION!

- Second is SOMETHING TO WATCH. Watching and helping celebrate another's accomplishments and hard work is one of the best ways to have fun watching.

- Third, is having SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT. It's fun for Cub Scouts to hear adults telling stories and fun for them to do things that are worth talking about later. I think we accomplished that tonight!

- Fourth is SOMETHING TO LAUGH AT. We all need to enjoy laughter and sharing funny experiences is one of the best ways to do that. Did we succeed with laughter?

- Fifth is SOMETHING TO HELP WITH. Parent, leaders, and family members get involved in helping Cub Scouts move along their trail toward Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and the Arrow of Light. But just in case you missed out on helping this week, we have one more chance, as we have our retiring of the Colors, you can help with the cleanup!

Oh, and just in case you would like to learn more about the molecular properties of water, come back next week, same time and place, and I'll ... (loud groans from audience members and Den Leaders). Huh, nobody interested? Oh well...

CLOSING - A GOOD THING SAID ABOUT NEWSPAPERS

Gutenberg invented the movable type printing process. Reducing the "time to press" that documents had to endure. The Wolf, Bear, and Webelos books that you have are made from this method of print. Ideas and information can be given to many people at the same time. Imagine having to write down the entire book by hand from a copy that was hand written from another copy. Or get your information from town criers and minstrels that simply holler or sing the news of the day. News from afar would both be late and quite probably mixed with other stories that have joined in the mind of the crier or minstrel.

In fumes of peace, our daily, weekly, and monthly papers and magazines can be full of fluff. But in times of need, the information is priceless. Think about all the great things said by great people and remember that newspapers bring that to you.

CLOSING - GENIUS AT BEING A BOY

CUB 1: Everyone cannot be brilliant, everyone cannot be smart,
I may not be a genius, but I can build a neat go-cart.

CUB 2: I can dam a stream with boulders, I can climb trees to the top,
I can run for blocks and blocks and never stop.

CUB 3: I can't solve a chemical equation or lecture on Newton's rule,
But I can make a peanut butter sandwich that'll really make you drool.

CUB 4: I don't know much about flowers, but the smell of them is a joy,
I don't think I'm a failure, I'm a genius at being a boy.

CLOSING - THE ANTIQUE MAP

While browsing in an Antique Store, a beautiful Map of the World caught the eye of a young father. He purchased the map and all the way home wondered as to where it would most enhance his den. Upon arrival at home, he laid the map on the dining room table and left in search of his pipe, slippers and the afternoon newspaper.

Arriving home from an afternoon of hard play in the neighborhood, the man's 8-year-old son spied the map on top of his father's briefcase. Without asking, he took the map into mom's sewing room and using her sewing scissors, the map was soon in shreds. Later, the father discovered his son's act. After consulting with his wife, punishment was decided upon. Dad called his son into the room and told him the punishment. "Son, you've made a terrible mess of dad's map. You must take the pieces of the map, along with a roll of tape to your room. You may not come out until the map is completely assembled in correct fashion exactly as it was before you cut it up."

The boy did as he was instructed and left for his room. Twelve (12) minutes later, the son returned with the map completely assembled and entirely correct. Both parents were amazed at the feat that the eight-year-old had performed, and the father asked his son "How did you finish the job so quickly?"

The son answered his father: "It was simple, dad, on The back of the map was a picture of a boy, and WHEN YOU PUT THE BOY TOGETHER RIGHT, THE WHOLE WORLD COMES OUT OKAY!"

CLOSING - DINNER CLOSING

EQUIPMENT: Have a large single candle on each Blue and Gold banquet table, with a leader prepared to light it. Extinguish the house lights and ask leader to light their candles.

PERSONAL: Cubmaster, other leaders, Cub Scouts

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouting is part of family life in many countries around the world. Right now, a pack in some other part of the world is gather as we are. They too, give the Cub Scout Promise and The Law of the Pack and call out the Cub Scout motto. What is the motto?

CUB SCOUTS: Do Your Best!

CUBMASTER: As we face one another across our tables, let us look at the candle's flame and silently thank God for the friendship and brotherhood we share. Now please join me in the Scout benediction: Now may the great Master of all Scouts be with us till we meet again.

CLOSING - WATER FUN

Have the boys make signs with the letters spelling WATER FUN. Write the appropriate verse on the back of each letter. At the proper time the boys come forward, standing in order, and read each verse.

W	-	We've had fun with water here.
A	-	And we hope that you have too.
T	-	Together we have learned a lot.
E	-	Enlightening me and you.
R	-	Remember what we talked about.
F	-	Fun can be safely done.
U	-	Ultimately we all want.
N	-	Nothing but safe fun.

CLOSING - AS THE WOOD IS SHAPED

As the wood is shaped, assembled sanded, finished, and adorned with the final details of a fine finished piece of furniture, so our Cub Scouts grow through experiencing the many traits Cub Scouting has to offer. And soon, almost before we know it, the boy has grown and developed until he is ready to advance into the Boy Scouting program. Before our eyes, a boy has turned into a well adjusted young man.

But a boy doesn't become a finished product all by himself. He needs challenge and direction. Our den leaders, assistants, and other pack leaders provide this help for our boys. They help to carve and shape the future of young men. Parents provide vital support to help put the finishing touches on their son.

Thanks so much to all of you who have reached out to help the boys in our Pack along the way to become all they can be.

CLOSING - NO KNIGHTS ABOUT TODAY

EQUIPMENT: None

PERSONNEL: Eight Cub Scouts in costume. In turn each recites one line of this verse.

If I had been a knight of yore,
I would have opened up the door.
For queens and ladies to pass through:
I would have been trustworthy, true.
I would have ridden giant steeds,
Accomplishing noteworthy deeds!
Today there are no knights about,
And so I have become a Scout

CLOSING - IT DOESN'T TAKE A DETECTIVE

It doesn't take a detective to figure out a thing or two.
Why do we get a tear in the eye, when we see the red, white and blue?
Why do we get a lump in our throat, when we stand and sing, "Oh Say can you see?"
And why are people still risking their lives to come and reside in this land of the free?
It's for freedom.
Yes, true freedom.
But it calls us all to do our part,
To fight and die, to serve and work, and love with all our heart!
Will everyone please stand and reflect on this magnificent symbol of our nation, while we retire the colors?

CLOSING - THE HIGH COUNTRY

Why are there Mountains for you and me
Placed here and there across our country?
For hiking - Leaders climb and youth just run
The scent of pine, wildlife, cool weather and fun
Await all who will do their best
Views forever from North and South, East and West.
Mountains make outings special, too.
God made high places on earth for me and you!

CLOSING - BE A HAPPY CLOWN

A den of Cub Scouts come onto stage dressed as clowns. One has a large sad mouth painted on. Others have large smiling mouths painted on or half of the boys with sad faces and half with happy ones. Another way this could be done, if not dressed as clowns, the boys could have large clown faces cut from poster board and fastened onto fiberglass arrow shafts, thin dowels, yardsticks, etc. These could be held up in front of faces as narrator reads the following lines.

If your life is to be as happy,
As a Circus, bright and gay,
There is something you can do,
As you hurry through each day.
Be happy and cheerful,
And remember not to frown.
But give freely of your smiles,
And you can be happy as a clown.
For a smile costs so little,
But to others means so much,
So if everyone keeps smiling,
Our lives will have that happy touch!

When the line about frowning is read,
boys holding sad clown faces take a step
forward and when line about smiles is
read those boys step forward with others.

CLOSING - WE ARE AMERICA TODAY

CUBMASTER:

We are America today! As we look down the road Americans have traveled, we see that many of their dreams have come true. We see the towns they have built, the bridges they have crossed, the mountains they have climbed. We feel the hardships they endured. We see places where they hammered off the rough edges of their dreams so we would have a better life today.

The pioneers worked out a way of life, a life of personal freedom that held hope for tomorrow. They made history yesterday – but it is up to us to make it today. This is our land. Here, men and women of the past lived and worked and died serving great ideals. These ideals were freedom and justice.

None of us here tonight can fail to carry his part of this great dream to his children and to his children's children. Our land is rich in material goods, but also in history – in living legends of the people who left their mark on America. Our own past speaks to us and as we listen we hear the voice of the past saying, "Hear me now. Courage, endurance and faith built America, and what was built was good. If you build the same way, the future will also be good."

Lead or have a tape and close with "Taps".

CLOSING - HAPPY TRAILS TO YOU

CUBMASTER: Our pioneer forefathers found and followed many trails. The Native Americans explored the country first. European settlers followed. With each new person came new experiences and new challenges.

CUB 1: Our trail is the Cubbing trail!

CUB 2: Our experience is the fun and adventure of Cub Scouting

CUB 3: Our challenge is to be good Scouts, friends and neighbors.

CUB 4: Our future is to explore the world around us, moving up the trail from Cubs to Webelos and then to Boy Scouts!

CUBMASTER: Let's join together in singing "Happy Trails to You."

CLOSING - BLUE AND GOLD "THANK YOU" CEREMONY

PROPS: 4 blue or gold candles in holder on table; one candle for each boy in den; one taller white candle in the middle on the table.

LEADER: As we turn out the lights I want you to think about the darkness. *(Pause, lights out)* Now, I'm going to light this candle that represents the Spirit of Cub Scouting. *(Pause)* Notice how much brighter the room is.

CUB #1: *(Lights his candle and places in holder)* This candle represents our den leaders and pack committee who make our pack possible.

CUB #2: *(Lights his candle and places in holder)* This candle represents the support of our parents, that is necessary for us to attain our goals.

CUB #3: *(Lights his candle and places in holder)* This candle stands for our sponsor. Our pack is dependent upon them and other friends in the community.

CUB #4: *(Lights his candle and places in holder)* This candle represents the boys in Cub Scouts.

(All the boys in the den light their candles)

LEADER: The more boys that are involved in Scouting, the greater will be the LIGHT OF THE SPIRIT that leads us--and the greater will be our influence upon our world.

CLOSING - GREAT MOVEMENT

Tonight the Birthday of Cub Scouting
We are here to celebrate.
This great movement's been going,
_____ years to date.

So let us all now join together
And pledge ourselves anew,
To always strive for the things
Signified by the Gold and Blue.

May you strive for Truth and Spirituality
In the Warm Sunlight under the sky above
As you bring Good Cheer and Happiness,
With Steadfast Loyalty brought through love.

GOOD NIGHT AND HAPPY SCOUTING!

CLOSING - WE NEED “U” CEREMONY

PERSONNEL: Leader, 10 Cub Scouts

LEADER: We, the Cub Scouts, need you.

CUB 1: (Enter with a sign that spells S_PPORT.)
We cannot spell **SUPPORT** without you.

CUB 2: (Enter with a sign that spells OPPORT_NITY.)
We cannot spell **OPPORTUNITY** without you.

CUB 3: (Enter with a sign that spells _NITY.)
We cannot spell **UNITY** without you.

CUB 4: (Enter with a sign that spells CO_NTRY.)
We cannot spell **COUNTRY** without you.

CUB 5: (Enter with a sign that spells INFL_ENCE.)
We cannot spell **INFLUENCE** without you.

CUB 6: (Enter with a sign that spells C_RIOSITY.)
We cannot spell **CURIOSITY** without you.

CUB 7: (Enter with a sign that spells GRATIT_DE.)
We cannot spell **GRATITUDE** without you.

CUB 8: (Enter with a sign that spells F_N.)
We cannot spell **FUN** without you.

CUB 9: (Enter with a sign that spells ENTH_SIAS_M.)
We cannot spell **ENTHUSIASUM** without you.

CUB 10: (Enter with a sign that spells VAL_ES.) We cannot spell **VALUES** without you.

ALL: Now “U” see how important “U” are to US!

We cannot spell **US** without “U”.

(Point to parents each time you say “U” and point to yourself when you say us.)

CLOSING - SAY THANK YOU IN OTHER LANGUAGES

In Vietnamese It's "Cam on new"

In Korean It's "Kamsahamnida"

In Japanese It's "Arigato"

In Chinese It's "Xiexie"

In English It's "Thank you"

Thank you for coming tonight. Goodnight everyone!

CLOSING - COMPUTER GAMES MUST COME TO AN END

CUBMASTER OR CUB SCOUT: As all good computer games must come to an end, so this meeting must end. Your score for the night is 100--that's 100% for being a Scout and doing your best. Just as you must exit or complete a program before turning off your computer, we must close our pack meeting properly before leaving for the night. To do this we need to retire the colors. Will Den ____ please advance and close our meeting?

CLOSING - THE COMPUTER WORLD IS CHANGING

While the world is changing by leaps and bounds, let's not get too caught up in the change to leave behind the positive values of the past and present. Here's a reminder of the kinds of values that Cub Scouts hold dear.

C - Courtesy. Being polite, like holding the door for someone.

O - Obligations. Remembering that we have responsibilities, like doing our chores and our studies.

M - Manners. Remembering to say "please" and "thank you" to others.

P - Peace. Keeping control of ourselves and remembering the Golden Rule.

U - Upbeat. Wearing the smile that helps ourselves and others remember that things are really pretty good, no matter how bad they may seem.

T - Truthful. Being honest.

E - Eagerness. Being ready and willing to help others when they need our help, whether they ask us or not.

R - Respect. Remembering that God made us all no matter how different we are from one another and that we all deserve to be treated with dignity.

S - Sensitivity. Paying attention to other people's feelings and needs.

Sure, these letters may spell out "computer"—a modern day wonder. But don't ever forget that no matter how fast, how fancy, and how powerful these modern machines get, they'll never be as fast as the first "hello," as fancy as the first "You are special," or as powerful as the first "thank you!"

CLOSING - STAR WARS

Cub Scouts have large cards spelling out STAR WARS. As each one steps forward, he holds up his card and says his line:

S stands for seek. Seek the mysteries of the future.

T stands for Top. Top the obstacles of youth.

A stands for Advance. Advance in the Cub Scouting program.

R stands for Reap. Reap the fruits of your labors.

W stands for Watch. Watch for imperfections.

A stands for Attack. Attack your shortcomings.

R stands for Reach. Reach for the sky.

S stands for Shoot. Shoot for the stars.

ALL: And may the force be with you, all the days of your lives.

CLOSING - TIME

CUB #1:

We have talked this evening about the world of computers. In our busy world today, even with the help of computers, one of the most important needs we have is that of time.

CUB #2:

Our perception of time keep changing. The older you are, the quicker time seems to pass.

CUB #3:

Our parents can look at a housing development and remember a time when that was just a field, or a wooded area where they played as children.

CUB #4:

Time becomes telescoped, not because of our age, but because of overlapping images. Each age offers a different vision which you can capture, borrow and save.

CUB #5:

The point is this - somewhere along the way, each person needs to recognize that there is such a thing as personal time.

CUB #6:

We have a great deal of opportunity to choose what we do with our time. If you have been thinking about spending more time with your son, have you set aside the time?

CLOSING - WITHIN MY POWER

I am not a very important man, as importance is commonly rated. I do not have great wealth, control a big business, or occupy a position of great honor or authority.

Yet, I may someday mold destiny. For it is within my power to become the most important man in the world in the life of a boy. And every boy is a potential atom bomb in human history.

All about me are boys. They are the makers of history, the builders of tomorrow. If I can have some part in guiding them up the trail of Scouting, on to the high road of noble character and constructive citizenship, I may prove to be the most important man in their lives, the most important man in my community.

A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different, because I was important in the life of a boy.

CLOSING - ONE HUNDRED SCOUTS

ARRANGEMENT: The following should be read by a few adults.

Of any one hundred boys who become Scouts, it must be confessed that thirty will drop out in their first year. Perhaps this may be regarded as a failure, but in later life all of these will remember that they had been Scouts and will speak well of the program.

Of the one hundred, only rarely will one ever appear before a juvenile court judge. Twelve of the one hundred will be from families that belong to no church. Through Scouting, these twelve and many of their families will be brought into contact with a church and will continue to be active all their lives. Six of the one hundred will become pastors.

Each of the one hundred will learn something from Scouting. Almost all will develop hobbies that will add interest throughout the rest of their lives. Approximately one-half will serve in the military, and in varying degrees, profit from their Scout training. At least one will use it to save another person's life and many will credit it with saving their own.

Four of the one hundred will reach Eagle rank, and at least one will later say that he valued his Eagle above his college degree. Many will find their future vocation through merit badge work and Scouting contacts. Seventeen of the one hundred boys will later become Scout leaders and will give leadership to thousands of additional boys.

Only one in four boys in America will become a Scout, but it is interesting to know that of the leaders in this nation in business, religion and politics, three out of four were Scouts.

This story will never end. Like the "Golden Pebble" of service dropped into the human sea, it will continue to radiate in ever-widening circles, influencing the characters of men down through unending times.

CLOSING - HANUKKAH - THE TEMPLE IS ASLEEP

SCENE: As you extinguish the Hanukkah candles, read the following poem:

The Temple is asleep.
The lamp burns bright;
Judas, the Leader
Has started the light.
The sun shines by day
And dark is the night;
But always and always
The lamp burns bright.

CLOSING - I CAN

PERSONNEL:4 Cubs

SETTING:Cubs stand at the front of the room

CUB 1:

Everyone cannot be brilliant,
everyone cannot be smart,
I may not be a whiz at computers,
but I can build a neat go-cart.

CUB 2:

I can dam a stream with boulders.
I can climb a tree to the top.
I can run for blocks and blocks
and never even stop.

CUB 3:

I can't solve a chemical equation
or teach computer logic at school.
But I make a peanut butter sandwich
that will really make you drool.

CUB 4:

I don't know much about flowers,
but smelling is a joy.
But I don't think I'm a failure,
I'm a whiz at being a BOY.

CLOSING - THE RINGS OF A TREE

Cub Master needs a large slice of tree.

CUB MASTER: Look at the rings on this piece of tree. You can tell the age of the tree by the number of rings. You can also tell how much water the tree received in each year by how far apart the rings are; the more water, the further apart the rings are. How about our Cub Scouts?

Can we tell by how tall they are? Can we tell by how many ranks they have earned? What is the true measure of each boy? I feel it is in his heart and the growth in citizenship, character, and physical fitness. We are all working toward the best of each boy. Good Luck to all!

CLOSING - IT'S UP TO YOU

PERSONNEL: 5 Cub Scouts

CUB 1: God gave you this day
To do just what you would,
You can throw it away;
Or do some good.

CUB 2: You can make someone happy;
Or make someone sad.
What have you done
With the day that you had?

CUB 3: God gave it to you
To do just as you would,
You can do what is wrong;
Or do what is good.

CUB 4: You can hand out a smile;
Or just give them a frown,
You can lift someone up;
Or just put them down.

CUB 5: What did you do
With your beautiful day?
God gave it to you;
Did you throw it away?

CLOSING - THE CUBMASTERS POCKET

Have Cub Master pull out what is in his pockets and explain why he carries it and how he is prepared for emergencies with it.

CUBMASTER: Everything a boy puts in his pockets is important to him, just as he and his family is important to our pack. We have to work together to be successful, if our pack is successful, each of us will feel good about ourselves and each other. Let's remember to be prepared by what we carry in our pockets and our lives and be successful.

CLOSING - SPACE SHUTTLE

PROPS: Large cardboard box made to look like the space shuttle; projector and film. Chairs for each Cub in skit. The chairs are placed behind the shuttle with the astronauts sitting in the chairs.

COSTUMES: Den Chief dressed to look like the ground control. All other Cubs dressed as astronauts.

DEN CHIEF: Well men, are you ready for your first mission?

CUBS: Yes, sir!

LAST BOY: Mr. Ground Commander sir! I have been thinking about this first mission and there is just one last question, "How do we get down?" Lights go out and projector is turned on with a film of the landing of the first space shuttle to the music of Star Wars.

Note: The projector and film can be obtained from several different places. For example: high schools, churches, public library. If these places are not fruitful, ask your parents.

CLOSING - THE THANKFUL BUG

CUB SCOUT 1: There was a little bug who had the blues, And cried because he had no shoes.

CUB SCOUT 2: He walked around with six bare feet, And hid them when another bug he'd meet.

CUB SCOUT 3: Such a small, sad bug, always was he, Until one day he chanced to see

CUB SCOUT 4: A happy worm crawl slowly by, With a smile as wide as the big blue sky.

CUB SCOUT 5: That really made the bug feel bad. For all the time he'd felt so sad.

CUB SCOUT 6: For the lack of shoes, he'd had the blues, While the worm didn't even have feet for shoes!

CUB SCOUT 7: The little bug is smiling now, Because that day he discovered how

CUB SCOUT 8: To be truly thankful for what you've got, No matter how little, no matter what!

CUBMASTER: Good night, everyone!

CLOSING - POCKETS ARE FOR COLLECTIONS

PERSONNEL: 7 Cubs

EQUIPMENT: Cards with letters spelling out P O C K E T S and pictures of collections.

P: is for **POSTAGE STAMPS**, something people have collected for many years.

O:is **OLD-FASHIONED**, what some call antiques.

C:is for **CARDS**, baseball, football, basketball or hockey. There are so many kinds to choose from.

K:is for **KITES**, to fly high in the sky. They come in so many styles and color the variety is endless.

E:is for **ELECTRONICS**, some people collect everything electronic they can get their hands on. TVs, radios, CD players, video games and computers the list goes on.

T: is for **TOYS**, every kid is a true collector. Their collecting never stops even when they grow up. They just collect different toys.

S:is for **SCOUT STUFF**, that every Scout collects. What Scout does not have collections of badges, patches, uniforms, ties slides, T-shirts, and camping gear.

CLOSING - THESE ARE GIFTS THE CUB SCOUTS GIVE

PERSONNEL: Leader and 8 Cubs

EQUIPMENT: Gift-wrapped box or pieces of gift-decorated construction paper with Cubs' lines written on its. Individual candles or flashlights.

SETTING: The Den of Cubs line up across the front of the room with their leader on their right. As each boy speaks his part he places his gift under the Christmas tree or presents it to the Cubmaster.

LEADER: These are gifts the Cub Scouts give:

CUB 1: Happiness

CUB 2: Cheerfulness

CUB 3: Honesty

CUB 4: Sincerity

CUB 5: Courtesy

CUB 6: Reverence

CUB 7: Thoughtfulness

CUB 8: Friendliness

ALL: (Turn down room lights and light candles or flashlights) Please join us in singing Silent Night (After song is finished) Happy Holidays to All!

CLOSING - C-O-L-L-E-C-T-I-O-N-S

PERSONNEL: 11 Cubs and Den Leader or Den Chief.

EQUIPMENT: Cards with letters spelling out **C O L L E C T I O N S**

NARRATOR: We would like to tell you what we collect from Scouting.

C: is for **COURTESY**. A Scout learns to do good deeds and respect others.

O: is for **OUTING**. Outing is one of the most fun parts of Scouting. Camping and hiking, we always look forward to our time outdoors.

L: is for **LEARNING**. A Scout learns many things, first aid, knots, physical skills, citizenship and sportsmanship.

L: is for **LEADERS**. One of the most important parts of the Scouting organization.

E: is for **EXPLORING**. A Scout learns the skills he needs to explore the outdoors.

C: is for **CHALLENGES**. A Scout is presented with many challenges and is helped to meet them and to succeed.

T: is for **TRY**. A Scout learns to always try to do his best.

I: is for **IDENTIFY**. A Scout learns to identify different kinds of leaves, trees and tracks.

O: is for **OBSERVE**. A Scout observes the Outdoor Code when ever he goes camping or hiking.

N: is for **NATIONALISM**. Every Scout around the world is a patriot to his country.

S: is for **SCOUTING**. We are very glad Baden-Powell had the vision to bring this program into being.

CLOSING - WILDLIFE PLEDGE

(Provide copies of the Wildlife Pledge below to each person in audience, and ask them to repeat it together.)

I pledge to use my eyes to see the beauty of all outdoors.

I pledge to train my mind to learn the importance of nature.

I pledge to use my hands to help protect our soil, water, woods, and wildlife.

And by my good example, show others how to respect, properly use, and enjoy our natural resources.

CLOSING - SOMETHING WORTHWHILE

CUBMASTER: Every Cub Scout should accomplish something worthwhile every day.

Each day's accomplishments should be a little better than the last. Stand by a window with your room dark and look out into the night. Ask yourself the simple question: "Have I done my best today?" Then each day, vow to do better than the day before. If all of us did that, then kept our promises, we'd have the best Cub Scout Pack in the city. Now as we close tonight, I want to ask you this question. Answer it silently to yourself. Have you done your best today?

CLOSINGS - UNUSUAL GIFTS

PERSONNEL: 8 Cubs (May be divided into more or less parts depending upon number of Cubs in the Den.)

EQUIPMENT: 3 large, brightly colored envelopes **SETTING:** Cubs come on stage with coats and hats on, chattering. Each steps forward to say his line; emphasis on the **BOLD** word.

CUB 1: We've met to take our Christmas gifts to special people on our **BLOCK**.

CUB 2: Now when we tell you who they are, it may come as a **SHOCK**.

CUB 3: And when we tell you what we're giving, you'll really be **SURPRISED**.

CUB 4: For our gifts aren't of the kind that are usually **PUBLICIZED**.

CUB 5: (Holds up envelope) Our gifts are promises of help when hard jobs must be **DONE**. This one tells our handicapped friend of errands we will **RUN**.

CUB 6: (Holds up envelope) This one tells a lady that we will mow her **YARD**. Mowing is too much for her, but we don't find it **HARD**.

CUB 7: (Holds up envelope) This one tells an elderly man that we will mend his **FENCE**.

CUB 8: Now don't you think this sort of gift makes a lot of **SENSE**?
(They wave good-bye, Merry Christmas, etc.; and leave)

CLOSING - OR CUBMASTER MINUTE - ROOTS

The giant sequoias in California have a lesson to teach us. The sequoia tree's roots just barely grow below the surface of the ground. You may think that's impossible. If a tree's roots don't grow deep into the earth, won't it fall over in the wind? Not so, for the sequoias. They grow only in groves, and their roots inter-twine underground, so when strong winds blow, they hold each other up.

People are like the giant sequoias. Family, friends, neighbors, religious organizations, and other groups -- like Cub Scout packs -- should be havens, like a grove of trees, so that when the strong winds of life blow, we can strive together to hold each other up. May soft winds blow until we meet again. Good night.

CLOSING - YOUR FAMILY

EQUIPMENT: 15 to 20 child's building blocks.

CUBMASTER: (*Begins to build a pyramid with the blocks*) No, Cub Scouts, I'm not really losing my mind. I'm building something that has a lesson for all of us.

There! Let's say this pyramid stands for our country. If this is the whole country, where is your family? That's right, you and your family are one of the bottom blocks. Why? Because families are the foundation of our whole country. Without families, our society would collapse. And that's why families are so important to the country.

Of course, your own family is very important to you, too. Your family gives you food, shelter, clothing, the chance for an education--and most important, your family gives you love.

In return, you give your family some things. You give your parents respect and obedience--at least I hope you do. You help around the house. And you return their love for you.

Now, on the count of three, I want to hear every Cub Scout here who loves his family and respects his parents to shout "I'll do my best." Ready, one, two, three, "I'LL DO MY BEST!"

CLOSING - GIFTS WHICH ARE NOT ADVERTISED ON TELEVISION

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster or Den Leader

CUBMASTER: Why not pick something from this list of Christmas gifts which are not advertised on television?

Give your parents the words "I love You".

Give your children a full day of your time.

Give an ear to someone who needs a listener.

Give a hand to someone less strong.

Give an old friend a surprise visit or letter.

Give a former neighbor a phone call.

Give *yourself* time to reflect on this holy season.

CLOSING - A FAMILY IS

A FAMILY IS people giving and receiving love.
A FAMILY IS people getting angry, but still loving each other.
A FAMILY IS people loving the differences about each other.
A FAMILY IS people talking and listening to each other.
A FAMILY IS people caring about what happens to each other, and letting it show.
A FAMILY IS people laughing and crying without feeling ashamed of it.
A FAMILY IS people sharing with each other.
A FAMILY IS people reaching out and leaning on each other.
A FAMILY IS people having fun together.
A FAMILY IS people giving strength to each other and feeling loyal to each other.
A FAMILY IS people LOVING one another, through good times and bad.

CLOSING - GOLD MINING WAS HARD WORK

Gold mining was a very hard work. Miners just didn't go to the hill and dig up gold. Very often they spent days or weeks with little result. They worked from dawn to dusk, six or even seven days a week. For hours at a time they waded in cold, snow-fed streams, or attacked the hard ground with digging tool's. In heat and cold they prospected in steep, rocky canyons and along the rugged ridges of the Sierra foothills. Sunday was the day of rest for many miners. Then they washed clothes in the river, baked bread, bought their supplies and relaxed.

To find something good, you have to work hard and keep trying. Don't give up.

CLOSING - GOLD RUSH PARTY GOOD NIGHT

CUB #1: Thank you for coming to our Gold Rush party
CUB #2: Aren't you glad that you weren't tardy?
CUB #3: We've played some games and had great fun.
CUB #4: Gold was found by everyone.
CUB #5: We've advanced in rank and received our awards
CUB #6: From Bobcat to Webelos--our golden reward.
CUB #7: Now as you go on your way tonight,
CUB #8: Remember, Pack _____is out of sight!
ALL: Good night, everyone, see you next month!

CLOSING – CUB GRUB

Equipment: Signs with letters spelling CUB GRUB and dialogue for each letter taped to back of sign

Personnel: Seven Cub Scouts to hold and read signs

C is for *character*- one of the main ingredients of the Cub Scout recipe.

U is for *understanding* our world and others - the leavening agent that helps boys grow.

B is for *Best*- Doing your best to rise to the challenge.

G is for *games*, fun and fellowship – the frosting on our cake.

R is for *recognition* and praise - the final touch of each achievement.

U is for *uniform* - which identifies us as members of the Cub Scout program.

B is for *boys*- who grow into men prepared for tomorrow.

CLOSING - GOOD DEEDS

Personnel: 6 Cub Scouts

Equipment: Stars of different sizes for boys to hold

Setting: Boys in front of audience

#1 Lord Baden Powell, the founder of Scouting, said this to Scouts everywhere:

#2 "I often think when the sun goes down the world is hidden by a big blanket from the lights of heaven,

#3 But the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in this world.

#4 The stars are not all the same size, some are big, some are little.

#5 And some men have made their hole in the blanket by doing good before they went to heaven.

#6 Try and make your hole in the blanket."

CLOSING - MY CUB SCOUTING LIGHT

EQUIPMENT: 3 candles

PERSONNEL: Narrator (an older Cub Scout) and two assistant Cub Scouts.

This is my Scouting Light ...it is all I know and it is all I can do. If I pass this knowledge on to another (lights 1st assistant's candle with his) what you will have is a greater light and two of us who know and can do more.

And if he were to pass his knowledge and his Scouting light to another (1st assistant lights the 2nd assistant's candle with his), there is even more light and knowledge.

You will notice too I have given my Scouting light to others but my own light burns just as brightly. Let us all share our Scouting Light.

CLOSING - TOUGHEN UP

PERSONNEL: 5 Cubs and a narrator

EQUIPMENT: Have the boys on stage wearing cardboard feet which have scratches, cuts, band-aids, etc. on them. Each of the feet has a letter on the bottom spelling out G O O D N I G H T.

NARRATOR: Our Toughen Up meeting has come to an end.

CUB 1: We now have a message to leave with you, dear friend.

CUB 2: Our many achievements in life make feet tired and weary.

CUB 3: But if there was nothing to do, our life would be dreary.

CUB 4: So forget the knocks and scratches, blisters and aches.

CUB 5: Do your best at all times, That's what success takes!

(As the poem is finished, boys lay down on stage with the bottoms of their cardboard feet facing the audience.)

CLOSING - YOUR PERSONAL BLESSINGS

This Thanksgiving as you bow your head to express your gratitude for your personal blessings, remember to give thanks for the one you share with over 160 million people – the blessing of living in America. No where else in the world are your personal rights so well guarded and your work so well rewarded.

Let us pause... to express our thanks for the gift of American citizenship and the inalienable right this gift bestows – to determine to protect this way of life for us and our children... against any odds!

CLOSING - JOHNNY APPLESEED AND THE STAR

The ceremony may be read by several boys or adults. Cubmaster says the last paragraph.

Johnny Appleseed was a pioneer, one of the very best. He didn't look much like one. He was small and not very strong. He wore a tin pot for a hat and a coffee sack for a coat. Under his arm he carried a Bible and over his shoulder, a bag of appleseeds.

He had no knife. He had no gun. But he walked through sunshine and walked through rain--over the mountains, over the plains, and through forest trails knee-deep in mire looking for places to plant appleseeds.

While he was working, he thanked the Lord for giving him "the sun, the rain, and the appleseed." As legend goes, God was so pleased with Johnny Appleseeds' selfless service that he put in the middle of every apple a star.

CUBMASTER: At the close of our pack meeting, I would like to give each person an apple and ask that when you get home you slice the apple in half (demonstrate this) just as I did. You will see the star given to Johnny and to you for being part of our pack.

CLOSING - ESSENCE OF LIFE-LONG MEMORIES

Our campfire grows dim. Our songs and our laughter have joined the smoke of our fire to forever drift with the winds.

HEAR the gentle breeze in the trees, echoing the Sounds of campfires past.

FEEL the fresh evening breeze and the cool moist grand of our woodland.

SMELL the lingering smoke of our dying embers.

TASTE the hint of pine mixed with the oak and the arid smoke of the fire.

SEE your life in the glowing embers: your home, your family, your circle of friends, your past and your future.

SENSE the presence of your fellow Scouters as we experience these sensations.

This is the true spirit of Scouting.

Take this with you.

Strive to share this experience with your young Scouts -- it is the essence of life-long memories.

CLOSING - I ASKED MYSELF A QUESTION

I asked myself a question today: What does it mean to be an American? There were several answers ... and they all were good. Being an American, means I have a multitude of freedoms:
Freedom to think and say what I think;
Freedom to worship;
Freedom to move about;
Freedom to try, and freedom to fail;
Freedom to stand up straight and look the world in the eye.
These freedoms were none of my doing. They were here long before I was born. My forefathers, and yours, fought to win them. I have four guarantees they will remain: The Declaration of Independence, The Constitution, My Fellow Americans and myself. No man could ask for more.

CLOSING - C-O-M-P-U-T-E-R #1

Supplies:8 Cub Scouts with signs with the letter on the front and the saying on the back.

C is for Cub Scouts Where we all learn
O is for Outdoors That we take care of and don't bum
M is for Men Which we are training to be.
P is for Parents Who help us to see
U is for Understanding Each persons right.
T is for Thoughtfulness Which gives us clear sight.
E is for Enthusiasm We have for each task.
R is for Respect For which we need not ask.

CLOSING - GOLD IN YOURSELF

Gold prospectors dug for gold in the hills. They may or may not have found gold in "them thar hills" no matter how hard they worked. But there's another kind of gold that you will always find with hard work. That's gold in yourself--kindness, love, understanding and consideration. Just like the gold in the hills, this gold shines inside you. Search for gold nuggets in yourself.

CLOSING - BREAKING BREAD TOGETHER

Sharing a meal together is one of our greatest traditions. In most religions, the meal plays an important part in celebrating the faith. As Americans, we celebrate our bounty and our graces with the Thanksgiving meal. And yet, as important as breaking bread together is to us, there are still those around us who live from day to day not knowing where or how they will get their next meal.

As we close tonight, let's commit ourselves to reach out a little bit more to those around us in need. Dig a little deeper when someone asks for help. Remember that we are blessed and our blessings are not our own doing but come from God.

So the next time you see a homeless person or an unkempt child in the streets, remember that they need us and we can help them. Lend a helping hand.

CLOSING - A HEAP OF CARE AND PATIENCE

It takes a heap of working with a boy to make a man.
A heap of care and patience, and you've got to understand

That he won't be any better than you were as a lad,
Unless a spark is kindled to show him what is bad.

He looks to you for guidance, and he looks to you with pride.
It's up to you to demonstrate, you can't just let it slide.

For with that eager mind of his, he watches you each day
Judges you by what you do, not just by what you say.

CLOSING - MAKE IT A GOOD GIFT

SCENE: Den Leader and 6 Cubs in a line in front of the room.

DEN LEADER: Everyone will be gifted with the ability to be a computer whiz, but remember these words and you will make a good gift. What you are is God's gift to you. What you make of yourself is your gift to God. Make it a good gift.

CUB #1: Work while you work.

CUB #2: Play while you play.

CUB #3: One thing at a time, which is the way.

CUB #4: All that you do,

CUB #5: Do with all your might.

CUB #6: Things done halfway are not done right.

CLOSING - PERCEPTION OF TIME

CUBMASTER: We have talked this evening about what life will be like in the future. Let's take a few minutes for the present time. A person's perception of time keeps shifting. As the very old can tell you, time goes more swiftly the longer you live. An old man may look at a forest and remember when, in his childhood, that land was a plowed field. Time becomes telescoped, not by failing faculties, but by overlapped images. Each age offers a different vision which you can capture, borrow, and savor. The point is this:

somewhere along the way, each individual needs to recognize that there is such a thing as personal time. Immediate events ranging from toothaches to far-reaching political crises cannot be set aside. But we really have a great deal of leeway in choosing what we do with our time. If you have been thinking about getting outdoors more often, have you set aside the time?

CLOSING - GARBAGE IN, GARBAGE OUT

Cub Master minute: With all the information we receive today, it is possible to get a lot of "garbage in". We need to be careful that we are not taking in so much garbage that we give "garbage out". We need to watch that we don't stop up our systems with all of this "garbage in".

We need to take in the good things available so that when we interact with others it will be the "good" we are giving out.

CLOSING - CAN YOU IMAGINE

Use a mirror (the kind with a handle) Put a neckerchief around handle and a Cub Scout hat on the top. Try not to obscure the view too much. Call all of the Cub Scouts forward to look at themselves in the mirror. After they have all had a look, have them stay up front and ask the question, "Can you imagine these boys as Boy Scouts or even Eagle Scouts? That is our goal for them is it yours?"

CLOSING - GUIDE US IN EVERY WAY

Our Leader, guide us in every way.
Keep us happy through the day.
God, who fills our night with light,
Guard us all throughout the night.

CLOSING - AIM FOR THE STARS

CUBMASTER: The words "Aim for the Stars" have an important meaning to Cub Scouts. Think of Thomas Edison who tried and failed hundreds of times before he perfected the electric light bulb. He never quit trying. A Cub Scout who tries to do his best and keeps trying is preparing himself for greater responsibilities when he becomes a man. What you do and how well you do it, becomes your launching pad to "Aim for the Stars".

CLOSING - GOLD IS ONE OF THE CUB SCOUT COLORS

Gold is one of the Cub Scout colors, color of warm sunlight, good cheer and happiness Gold is Golden opportunity the program provides for the boys and families Gold is Golden Rule we practice--Treat others as you would have them treat you Gold is Golden Age of childhood we spend in Cub Scouting Gold is Gold mine of Fun and Fellowship in Cub Scouting Gold is the Heart of Gold we see in our leaders