

# The Philmont Cub Scout Roundtable Supplements

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February Pack Meeting  
(A Scout is Reverent)

◆ **Gathering**

Have a stroll around the midway. Give all Scouters an opportunity to get information and sign up for events and training.

**Midway Award of the Month  
Religious Emblems (Knot)**



The purple background with a silver knot is for youth.



The silver background with a purple knot is for adults.



Knot with devices.

Scouts who earn the religious emblem in various levels of Scouting may use multiple, appropriate devices. This example shows the Scout earned the emblem as a Cub Scout and a Webelos.

Scouts do their Duty to God. Religious-faith groups have programs for religious education for individual Scouts. The Religious Emblem is designed to recognize youth and adults who demonstrate faith, observe the principles of the faith, and give service. These are not Scouting awards, but are given by the religious groups to the youth and adults who earn them.

The Religious Emblems programs are administered by various (42+) religious institutions. The awards are often a medal and an embroidered square knot. There are non-denominational Protestant Award programs from PRAY Publishing.

The silver square knot on a purple background, No. 05007, is worn on the uniform above the left pocket to show the Scout received it as a youth. The Scout may add additional devices. Adult leaders can be recognized with the Adult Religious Emblem, a purple knot on a silver background, No. 0514. The knot is worn above the left pocket. Medals are only worn on special occasions, pinned above the top of the left pocket flap on the uniform. (meritbadge.org)

See Scouting.org for a list of the religious groups that offer awards. Duty to God, BSA printing No. 512879.

### ◆ Opening Ceremony

The flag ceremony is led by preassigned Scouters. They will present the colors and lead the pack in the Pledge of Allegiance. Preassigned Scouters perform the opening skit.

### Opening Ceremony Happy Birthday, BSA!

(Great Salt Lake Council Pow Wow Book, 1978)

Staging: Flag in a stand on the table or near a table. The table has a cloth over it or Blue and Gold decorations. The “voice” of the flag is concealed underneath the table. Cub Scout in uniform walks by the flag and stops when the flag speaks.

**Flag:** Hey! Cub Scout!

**Cub Scout:** Who’s that?

**Flag:** Me. Your flag.

**Cub Scout:** What’s the matter?

**Flag:** Well, I’ve been taken to a lot of places. Why am I here?

**Cub Scout:** We take you everywhere with us. We carry you proudly even in our hearts. The Scouting program has taught me to respect the flag and to love my country.

**Flag:** But why all the festivity? Why would you bring me here?

**Cub Scout:** This is our Blue and 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?

**Cub Scout:** Don’t you know why? Why YOU are the guest of honor! Without you and what you represent, we couldn’t have Scouting at all.

**Flag:** Thank you, Scout!

**Cub Scout:** (Salutes) Anytime. Will the audience please stand and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ◆ Opening Prayer

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we lift our hearts to thee at the beginning of this new day. We come to this time and place of worship with thy beauty all about us; in the sky, in the trees, on the earth, and in all thy creation. We praise thee and come to worship thee. Blessed art thou, O Lord our God, who gives us each new day. Amen. (Scouting.org- Interfaith service)

◆ **Welcome and Introductions**

The Roundtable Commissioner or Assistant Roundtable Commissioner - New Member Coordinator welcomes new Scouters, visitors, and special guests by introducing them to the district. If you aren't sure what a New Member Coordinator is, check out:

<http://scoutingwire.org/marketing-and-membership-hub/new-unit-development/commissioners/>

and see the New Member Coordinator section in the November 2018 Cub Scout Roundtable Supplement.

◆ **Big Rock Topic**

See the Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner Planning Guide for a list of Big Rock Topics that both the Cub Scout and Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioners choose to do jointly to help serve the units in your district.

◆ **Applauses and Cheers!**

**Blue and Gold Cheer**

Divide the group into thirds. Group one shouts, "Blue." Group two shouts, "And." Group three shouts, "Gold." Then all together clap at once. Use a four-beat rhythm. Blue-And-Gold-Clap!



**Abe Lincoln**

"That was great--honestly!"

**Eggbeater Cheer**

(Great Salt Lake Council)

Bend knees, and bring knees together and apart like beaters. Put a hand on the head to make a handle. Use the other hand to turn the crank.

**Southern Watermelon Cheer**

Pretend you're holding a watermelon, run it past your mouth while slurping and turning your head from right to left, then turn your head back spitting out seeds. Say, "Y'all" after spitting out the seeds.

**A Stirring Round of Applause**

Move hands in a flat circle in front of you as if stirring a pot while clapping.

**World Brotherhood Cheer**

Divide the room in half. One side will shout "World" and the other shouts "Brotherhood." All together "That's Scouting!"

(retiredscouter.com)

## Run-On's

### ***Do a Good Turn***

Cub 1: Comes on stage turning around.

Cub 2: Comes on stage doing frontward rolls.

Cub 3: Comes on stage rolling over and over.

Cub 4: Comes on stage doing cartwheels.

Cub 5: "What are you doing?"

All Cubs: "Don't you know a good turn when you see one?"

### ***Abraham Lincoln***

Cub 1: Why did Abraham Lincoln grow a beard?

Cub 2: He wanted to look like the guy on the \$5 bill.

### **Father snowman said to his son**

Cub 1: What did the father snowman say to his son when they got into the car?

Cub 2: Don't turn on the heater.

### **Glad My Mother Named Me**

Cub 1: I'm glad my mother named me \_\_\_\_\_.

Cub 2: Why?

Cub 3: Because that's what everyone calls me!

**SONG** (notated by LRC, 2018)

## Be Prepared



Be, Be, Be Pre-pared the mot - to of the Boy Scouts,



Be, Be, Be Pre-pared, the mot - to of the Scouts;



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### Cub Scout verse:

Do, Do, Do Your Best, the motto of the Cub Scouts

Do, Do, Do Your Best, the motto of the Scouts.

Your Best, Your Best, the motto of the Cub Scouts,

Your Best, Your Best, the motto of the Scouts.

### ◆ Cub Scout Interest Topic

- **A Scout is Reverent** \*\*\* The author of this topic realizes that some religions feel uncomfortable with throwing away a document that has G-d fully written out as it is a sacred name. This is the reason why G-d is spelled the way it is. A Scout is Courteous as well as Reverent. \*\*\*
  - The 12th point of the Scout Law is A Scout is Reverent...but what does that mean? According to the October 3rd, 2014 article in *Bryan on Scouting*, Bryan interviewed R. Chip Turner, chairman of the BSA's Religious Relationships Task Force, to get the expert opinion of the "belief in G-d" requirement in Scouting.
    - Make sure you have handouts of the Oct. 3, 2014 article for everyone
    - Discuss some of the points Mr. Turner brings up in the article:  
<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2014/10/03/belief-in-god-scouting/>
  - The 12th point in the Scout Law is also a rank requirement for the following ranks:
    - Tiger Rank - My Family's Duty to G-d
    - Wolf Rank - Duty to G-d Footsteps
    - Bear Rank - Fellowship and Duty to G-d
    - Webelos Rank - Duty to G-d and to You
    - AOL Rank - Duty to G-d in Action
  - Religious Awards
    - Most religions have a working relationship with the BSA's Religious Relationships Task Force and the youth we serve have the opportunity to earn an award that is specific to their personal religion. If you have the opportunity please contact your District or Council Religious Emblems Coordinator to talk about or have a booth at your midway to encourage units to have their youth work on the awards.
    - BSA Religious Emblem Programs page:  
<https://www.scouting.org/awards/religious-awards/>
    - Duty to G-d printable program information:  
[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-879\\_WB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-879_WB.pdf)
- Bin Number 512-879



### Scout Sunday

February 8th is the anniversary of the founding of Scouting. To help celebrate the partnership with religious institutions (A Scout is Reverent), we have Scout Sunday (Scout Sabbath, Scout Jumah, Scout Shabbat, etc.) Scout Sunday is (usually) the Sunday before the 8th or the date your religious institution selects. The chartered organization can help select options for this special day. The Scouts may contribute and participate in Scout Sunday in ways

approved by their church leaders. A patch is available each year at the Scout Shop.



Suggestions for Cub Scouts: Welcoming people at the door of the church, holding the doors open, being ushers, saying prayers, reading a scripture, giving a talk, moving chairs, singing a hymn, emptying wastebaskets, cleaning up afterward.

### **World Friendship Fund A Scout is Helpful...**



The first two weeks of February every year the Scout Shops join the World Friendship Fund effort. Donations may also be accepted online. The World Friendship Fund coincides with BSA's birthday on February 8th. This fund takes voluntary contributions from Scouts and leaders and uses that money toward projects to help Scouting associations in less-fortunate countries. Scouting is global, and the Boy Scouts of America is one of 169 different National Scout Organizations. There are more than 40 million Scouts and adults' volunteers worldwide, according to the World Organization of the Scout Movement. The BSA established the World Friendship Fund after World War II to help Scouts in many war-torn countries that needed help. Some countries today need help with summer camp equipment, sanitation, computers, Scouting literature, uniforms, and other Scouting supplies. Do your Good Turn and donate to the World Friendship Fund. World Friendship Fund brochures, posters and labels are available at your local council. *Bryan on Scouting* January 31, 2018)

### ◆ Audience Participation

#### **The Banquet**

Heart of America Council

Have assigned scouters, leaders, and parents respond when they are mentioned in the story.

**Banquet** (everyone responds): Let's eat! (rub tummies)

**Cubmaster:** Sign up! (Cub Scout sign)

**Cub Scouts:** Yipee! (jump up and down)

**Den Leaders:** Oh dear! (Hand on top of head)

**Den Chief:** Not again! (both hands to side of head)

**Parents:** Us too! (Points to self)

**Committee Chairman:** Thank heaven! (Hands to ceiling)

**Everyone:** Hooray! (All at once)

*Narrator:*

Blue and gold time has come again. **Cub Scouts** and **Den Leaders** had come up with ideas for the **banquet** to please the **Cubmaster**. They also had to stay within their budget to the **Committee Chairman's** delight. They made invitations for their **parents** and centerpieces for the table with the help of the **Den Chief**.

When they arrived at the **banquet**, the **parents** were very happy with the decorations the **Cub Scouts** had made. When the awards were presented, the **Den Chiefs** and the **Den Leaders**

received thanks for jobs well done. The **Cubmaster** and the **Committee Chairman** were also rewarded. **Everyone** decided it was the nicest **banquet** they had ever had.



#### ◆ **STEM Minute Magic Balloons and Static Electricity**

Have you ever seen a balloon magically stick to something?

##### **Materials:**

two balloons (use blue and yellow balloons for the Blue and Gold banquet) \*\*\*Please make sure that no one in your Pack (Scout, Scouter, or Family) has a latex allergy. \*\*\*  
an object made of wool (scarf, socks, sweater)  
a wall  
a buddy (optional)

##### **Procedure:**

1. Inflate both balloons.
2. Charge one of the balloons by rubbing the wool cloth against it.
3. Place the charged side of the balloon against a wall. What happens?
4. Press the charged balloon against the second balloon. What happens? You may need to recharge the first balloon.
5. Charge both balloons. Predict what will happen.
6. Rub the balloon in your hair. What happens?

##### **STEM**

Wool is a conductive material, which means it readily gives away its electrons. When you rub a balloon on wool, this causes the electrons to move from the wool to the balloon's surface. The rubbed part of the balloon now has a negative charge, known as static electricity. Enough static electricity will force the balloon to stick to neutrally charged surfaces, such as walls, by attracting the positive charge to the surface. The balloon is light, so this charge is enough to cause it to stick to the wall. Although the wall should normally have a neutral charge, the charges within it can rearrange so that a positively charged area attracts the negatively charged balloon. Because the wall is also an electrical insulator, the charge is not immediately discharged. If you leave the balloon on the wall, it will eventually fall to the ground. The static charge dissipates over time, causing the balloon to lose its negative charge and fall.

Objects made of rubber, such as the balloon, are electrical insulators, meaning that they resist electric charges flowing through them. This is why only part of the balloon may have a negative charge (where the wool rubbed it) and the rest may remain neutral.

The two balloons will stick together if one is charged in the same way the balloon sticks to the wall. However, two negatively charged balloons will repel each other.

When you rub a balloon on your head it causes opposite static charges to build up both on your hair and the balloon. When you pull the balloon slowly away from your head, you can



see these two opposite static charges attracting one another and making your hair stand up.  
[www.education.com/activity/article/balloon-science-charge-balloon-stick](http://www.education.com/activity/article/balloon-science-charge-balloon-stick)  
[www.scientificamerican.com/article/bring-science-home-static-electricity-attraction](http://www.scientificamerican.com/article/bring-science-home-static-electricity-attraction)

### If You Use the 60-minute Roundtable Please Skip to the Commissioner's Minute and Closing Ceremonies

#### ◆ Cub Scout Leader Breakouts

##### ◆ New Leader Breakout

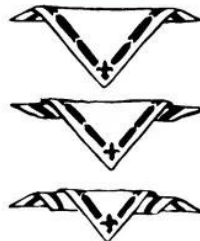
- See the September Philmont Supplement for all of the details. This is the same breakout session for all new leaders attending Roundtable for the first time. If they have attended this breakout they need to attend the breakout session that fits their position in the pack.

##### ◆ Lion Breakout

- Lion Requirement
  - Gizmos and Gadgets - Elective Adventure
    - Discuss Activities for Den Meeting #1
      - Create a Genius Kit with the leaders in your breakout group.
        - Practice making a gadget with the items in their kit. (give them 3 minutes to try)
      - Make a neckerchief slide
        - Slides are an awesome way to individualize the Den to other Den's in the Pack.



#### How to Wear the Neckerchief



a. Fold long edge over several flat folds to about 6 inches from tip of neckerchief. A tight fold prevents gathering around the neck and is more efficient than rolling or twirling.



b. The unit has a choice of wearing the neckerchief over the collar (with the collar tucked in) or under the collar.



c. Draw neckerchief slide over ends and adjust to fit snugly.

- Discuss Outing Plan - Ideas for a museum outing or a hardware store.

## ◆ Tiger Breakout

- Tiger Requirement
  - Tiger Circles: Duty to G-d - **Required Adventure**
    - Look at the different requirements for the youth in the Leader's Dens for the youth to complete the religious award. This is **Requirement 3**.
      - Duty to G-d printable program information:  
[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-879\\_WB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-879_WB.pdf)
    - **Requirement 4-** Brainstorm ideas for local service projects during this time of year. How is helping others is part of our duty to G-d.
    - **Requirement 5-** What are some ideas that would be an act of kindness that the youth could complete...come up with ideas so that the youth can talk about the ideas to do.

## ◆ Wolf Breakout

- Wolf Requirement
  - Duty to G-d Footsteps - **Required Adventure**

A Scout is reverent. A Scout is reverent toward G-d. A Scout is faithful in religious duties and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion. To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed the following religious emblems programs. The Boy Scouts of America has approved of these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform. The various religious groups administer the programs. Check with your local council service center or contact the religious organization directly to obtain the curriculum booklets.



Information on the Duty to G-d Program, the religious knot and frequently asked questions can be found at the following site:

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-879\\_WB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-879_WB.pdf)

- Discuss the requirements for Duty to G-d Footsteps.
- Learn and sing a song that could be sung in reverence before or after meals or one that gives encouragement, reminds you how to show reverence, or demonstrates your duty to G-d.
  - Practice singing **Cub Scout Vespers**  
(Tune: O Tannenbaum)  
from the Cub Scout Songbook.

As the night comes to this land,  
On my promise I will stand,  
I will help the pack to go,  
As our pack helps me to grow.

Yes, I'll always give goodwill,  
I'll follow my Akela still.  
And before I stop to rest,  
I will do my very best.

- Discuss local religious monuments or sites where people in your area might show reverence. Then discuss ideas for Scouts to create a visual display of their visit.

◆ **Bear Breakout**

- Remind den leaders to work with each new Cub Scout on the Bobcat rank
- Bear Requirement
  - Fellowship and Duty to G-d - **Required Adventure**



- Discuss Requirement 1 which is where the Cub explains to Akela what the Cub feels is meant by doing one's duty to G-d and how the duty to G-d is done in the Cub's daily life. Remember that the focus is on the Cub's understanding of the duty to G-d, not the leader's concept of what it should be.
- Discuss Requirement 2 which is where the Cub selects one of two following options:
  - Identify a person whose faith you admire, and discuss this person with your family. (Possibly give some examples of people throughout history who are examples of the first option, including but not limited to those in the handbook. Help the boys learn that all religions have people of great faith. Importance should be placed upon teaching respect for everyone's religion.)
  - With a family member, provide service to a place of worship or a spiritual community, school, or community organization that puts into practice your ideals of duty to God and strengthens your fellowship with others. (Possibly give examples of service that can be done and groups for whom the service may be considered.)
- Discuss Requirement 3 which is where the Cub selects one of two following options:
  - Earn the religious emblem of your faith that is appropriate for your age, if you have not already done so. (Help each religious group find the requirements for their emblem. Go to [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-879\\_WB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-879_WB.pdf), contact your local council service center, or contact the appropriate religious organization for more information.)
  - Make a list of things you can do to practice your duty to God as you are taught in your home or place of worship or spiritual community. Select two of the items and practice them for two weeks. (Consider examples, but be careful to let the Cubs think for themselves and make their decisions.)
- Consider discussing with the leaders the possibility of earning the adult religious knot. Review the requirements for the faith groups in your district or help them learn where to find those requirements.

◆ **Webelos Breakout**

Remind Den Leaders to work with new Cub Scouts on their Bobcat Rank

• **Webelos Requirement**

○ **Duty to G-d and You - Required Adventure**

- Complete requirement 1 and at least two others.
- 1. Discuss what it means to do your duty to G-d. Tell how you do your duty to G-d in your daily life. Discuss with the Webelos Scouts different ways they do their duty to G-d.
- 2. Show the Scouts the religious emblems of their and/or other faiths and how they can earn it. Religious emblems are featured every month in Boy's Life Magazine. All the religious emblems are available at:  
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- 3. Have the Scouts tell how planning and participating in a service of worship or reflection helps them live their duty to G-d. Have the Scouts share their ideas in their den.
- 4. List one thing that will bring you closer to doing your duty to God, and practice it for one month. Have the Scouts share their ideas and suggestions in their den.
- Ask your Den Chief, partner troop or community troop if they have planned an Interfaith Service or Interfaith Hike that the Webelos can attend.



**Art Explosion Adventure - Elective** See the *Webelos Leader Handbook* for suggestions for this adventure. Look for art exhibits at the local schools or community colleges. If possible, take a photograph of the Webelos Scout next to their favorite artists. For the self-portraits, use mirrors, especially if your meeting place has large mirrors.

◆ **Arrow of Light Breakout**

• **Duty to God in Action - Required Adventure**

- **Complete requirements 1 and 2 and at least 2 others.**
- 1. What does it mean to do your duty to G-d in your daily life?
- 2. Do an act of service for someone in your family, neighborhood, or community. How does doing service related to doing your duty to G-d?
- 3. Show the Scout the religious emblems of their and/or other faiths and how they can earn it. Earn the religious emblem of your faith. Religious emblems are featured every month in Boy's Life Magazine. All the religious emblems are available at:  
[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-879\\_WB.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-879_WB.pdf)
- 4. Make a plan to do two things you think will help you better do your duty to G-d. Do these things for a month. Have the Scouts share their suggestions with each other.
- 5. Discuss with your family how the Scout Oath and Scout Law relate to your beliefs about duty to G-d. Ask the families to help their Scouts complete this requirement.
- 6. For at least a month, pray or reverently meditate each day as taught by your family or faith community.



- Ask your Den Chief, partner troop or community troop if they have planned an Interfaith Service or Interfaith Hike that the Webelos can attend.

#### ◆ Cubmasters Breakout

- Ceremonies

- Shortly after the adoption of Cub Scouting here in America, the National organization looked for a way to integrate the existing British program with the culture and folklore American families were more familiar with. So, instead of reusing the Jungle Book stories that Cub Scouts were based on, BSA created a background that used American Indian culture. Akela and Baloo, the animal friends that helped cubs along the trail, became leaders of the tribe to be obeyed during den and pack meetings. In hindsight, that was an unwise choice. No intention to besmirch Native American culture, but it became clear that asking people to 'play Indian' was not conducive to Scouting's larger values. Many of the ceremonies still may have references to the tribe of Akela or to Native American culture; it is our recommendation that if leaders that use the material, conduct the ceremony with dignity and enthusiasm, and without Indian costumes or props.

- **Bobcat Badge Ceremony** (from Boy Scout Trail)

This Ceremony is meant for Cub Scouts.

**Required:**

campfire prop - optional

badges and pins or tape for affixing to uniform

**Script:**

**Akela:** The spirit of Cub Scouting burns here as it does in the hearts of Cub Scouts everywhere. The Cub Scout spirit is like a campfire. We must add wood to the fire or it will go out. In the same manner, we must add new youth to our pack, or the Cub Scout spirit will go out.

**Baloo:** We have (number) youth who have earned the right to 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 Scout Promise, the Scout Law, 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. These are the youth ready to join our Pack. When I call your name, come forward with your parents ... (Baloo calls 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, present the Bobcat badge to your youth. The parent pin reminds you that Scouting is a family program.

**Akela:** Will the new Bobcats join Baloo and me in saying the Scout Promise?

**All:** 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.

- **Tiger Cub Induction Ceremony** (from Boy Scout Trail)

This Ceremony is meant for Tiger scouts.

**Required:**

Arrow of Light diagram on cardboard.

A candle and matches.

**Script:**

**Den Leader:** Oh, Great Akela, hear me!

**Akela:** I hear you, leader of Tigers. What is it you want?

**Den Leader:** We have young youth who seek the fun of Cub Scouting.

**Akela:** Have these boys been properly prepared?

**Den Leader:** Yes, Akela, they have. Each youth has prepared himself to move into Cub Scouting by his thoughts, deeds, and participation in the Pack.

**Akela:** Very well. I am Akela, the Great Chief of the Webelos tribe and the head of this council of braves. My totem is the Arrow of Light, which is the highest honor any Cub Scout may earn.

This board shows the Arrow of Light and points the way of the trail. The arch represents progress along the Cub Scout trail, preparing cubs for greater adventures in Scouts BSA. The candle which I now light represents the Spirit of Akela and the light of Cub Scouts.

We learn the ways of our tribe from the wisest of the forest animals.

From the Bobcat, we learn to be alert and watchful.

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.

The Tiger Cub is curious and adventurous but remains within the lair with its parents for some time before venturing out to hunt its own game. Their parents 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 Den Leader) Which boys have joined your Tiger Cub Den?

**Den Leader:** Great Akela, we have \_\_\_\_\_ new Tiger Cubs, and \_\_\_\_\_ are with us here tonight. Please step forward, along with your parents, when your name is read. (Call out names)

**Akela:** You youth are embarking on a great new journey with your parents. Our motto tells us how to live our lives. Do you remember the Cub Scout motto?  
Repeat it with me: 'Do Your Best'.

By doing your best, you will grow together, become better friends, and prepare yourselves for Cub Scouts.

Now that you have learned the Cub Scout motto, you are prepared to wear the Tiger Cub Neckerchief. (Den Leader hands the items to parents, who put them on their boys as Akela is talking). Each time you participate in a Tiger Cub adventure, you will receive a loop to wear on your belt.

Over time, your belt will become full and you will finally earn the Tiger badge.

**Akela:** Members of Pack [number], please stand. Join me in welcoming these Tigers and their partners to our Pack family!

- **Wolf Rank Ceremony** (from Boy Scout Trail)
- This Ceremony is meant for Wolf scouts.
- **Script:**
- **Akela:** The Indians believed in animal spirits that helped the Indians and gave them special powers. Each Indian also had a guardian spirit with which he had a special bond.
- **Baloo:** One advantage to spending time alone in the wilderness is that you might meet your spirit animal which would 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 scouts well. The wolf is also loyal to the pack. Because of this, the pack is much stronger than the wolf by itself.
- **Baloo:** Today we have (number) scouts that have earned the Wolf rank. 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. They have fun with their families and their den mates. They obey our country's laws and worship God.
- **Akela:** Call them and their parents forward so I may reward their efforts.
- **Baloo:** As I call your name, come forward with your parents. (call each name)
- (Hand badge to parents when they are in front)
- **Akela:** Parents, please present your youth with his Wolf badge. Attach the badge to their uniform upside down. Once they perform a good deed, it may be permanently attached right side up. Wear your parent pin with pride in your youth's accomplishments.
- **Baloo:** Join me in a Wolf howl congratulating these new Wolf Scouts.

- **Bear Rank - Cherokee Legend Ceremony** (from Boy Scout Trail)
- This Ceremony is meant for Bear scouts.
- **Script:**

The Cherokee tell a legend of a boy who lived in one of their villages. The boy used to leave home and spend his days wandering in the mountains. At first, it would be for only a few hours at a time, but as the boy grew older he would be gone longer and longer. Eventually, he was leaving before dawn and would not return until after dark.

His parents were concerned with this behavior. He would not even eat at home. They noticed that long, brown hair was beginning to grow all over his body. They finally asked him why he preferred to be in the woods.

"I find plenty to eat there, and it is better than what we have to eat in the village," he replied. "One day soon, I will leave and not return. If you like, you are welcome to come with me."

His parents decided to discover what he was doing in the forest. The next day, they went with him as he trekked up the mountain. He took them the places where he found shelter. He taught them the ways he had learned to hunt. He showed them his water holes. The parents were impressed with all their son had learned and how self-sufficient he had become. As they stayed with him, they began to notice that the same long hair began to cover them as well.

You, too, have become a Bear. Over the year you have learned many skills, and you have begun to become more independent. You have begun to change. You rely more on yourself or your den mates. But your parents are still welcome to share your adventure, and as you change, they change and grow as well.

You have mastered many skills and achievements to reach this level, and tonight we commend you on your accomplishments.

[Present Bear rank patch to a parent to pin on his/her youth's uniform.]

Congratulations! Let's all give a great bear growl!

- **Spirit of Akela Ceremony** (from Baloo's Bugle, Ceremonies)

The den(s) gather at stage right. Across the front of the room are standard issue poster pictures of Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos badges (large enough to be seen). Each was attached to a pole in a flag stand about five feet from the ground. Below the poster an arm made from plastic plumbing extended out with an elbow up to hold a candle (all painted in blue and gold of course). At stage left was a large rectangular shape shrouded by a gold colored cloth. A floodlight was situated below on the floor pointing up. Cubmaster has a single lighted candle with a paper wax catcher.

Lights dim. Cubmaster standing by Bobcat asks Cubs to advance and circle around. Cubmaster announces that he as Akela was proud when each joined the Pack and became a Bobcat - light Bobcat candle. Cubmaster passes candle to their old Wolf Den Leader, who asks them to follow and form a circle in front of



the Wolf Poster. Tells them how proud they have made their parents when they became Wolves and lights candle.

Wolf Den Leader passes candle to Bear Den Leader, who asks them to follow and form a circle in front of the Bear Poster. Tells them how much they grew and how they should be proud of their accomplishments in becoming Bears and lights the candle.

Bear Den Leader passes candle to Webelos Leader, who asks them to follow and form a circle in front of the Webelos Poster. He explains to all what they have done and asks parents to come forward and stand behind sons. Patch is presented to parents to pin on uniform upside down until a good turn is accomplished.

Wait until all presentations have been finished. Parents may be seated, Scouts remain. All lights are extinguished except candles.

A deep voice from behind the shrouded emblem. "Scouts, I am the spirit of Akela and I congratulate you on having earned your Webelos Badges. Please turn and face this direction." All turn - hopefully :).

"You have accepted many challenges and proven yourselves, now will you accept another challenge - the challenge of earning the Arrow of Light?"

At this point, the shroud is withdrawn and the floodlight switched on illuminating a large golden arrow of light against a blue background (they used gold glitter to improve on light reflection).

"If you will accept this challenge, please give the Cub Scout Sign and repeat after me: I will do my best ----- to learn ---- to accept responsibility ---- and to fulfill ----- the requirements ----- for the Arrow of Light."

Applause!!!!

Lights on - Scouts Seated.

- **Akela Arrow of Light Ceremony** (from Boy Scout Trail)  
This Ceremony is meant for Webelos scouts.

**Required:**

3 arrows: green, red, yellow  
large Arrow of Light symbol on a stand  
(optional): campfire, drums

**Preparation:**

Lay the 3 arrows on the ground by the campfire.

**Script:**

**Cubmaster:** Tonight, we have the special privilege of witnessing the presentation of the highest award in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light.  
(Lights are turned out and spots are shown on stage. Can have a slow drumbeat and campfire centerstage)

**Cubmaster:** I, Akela, have heard the drums speak. I now call to the council fire, the following scouts and their parents - [call names]  
(scouts and parents come forward)

**Cubmaster:** Gather around this campfire so that the others 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 Arrow of Light symbol)

**Cubmaster:** Before you lie symbols placed here by your leaders. I, Akela, say to you Webelos Scout [one name], pick up the green arrow. Bring it back to your fellow Webelos scouts. All of you scouts as a single tribe, hold the green arrow with your left hand and give the Scout Sign.  
This green arrow represents perseverance and dedication to personal growth. Do you promise to continue to follow the trail of the Eagle, wherever it may lead you? If you do, say, "I Promise".

**Cubmaster:** Webelos Scout [one name], retrieve the red arrow and have your fellow scouts hold it along with the green arrow.  
This red arrow represents the courage it takes to live the Scout Oath in your life. Give the Scout Sign. Do you promise to live the Scout Oath?

**Cubmaster:** Now, Webelos Scout [one name], retrieve the yellow arrow.  
This yellow arrow represents the light and brightness that a true Scout brings to the world by obeying the Scout Law.  
Give the Scout Sign. Do you promise to be forever trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent?

**Cubmaster:** This bundle of three arrows resembles the Scout sign. Like your three outstretched fingers, it stands for the three parts of the Scout Oath. Your hands holding the arrows together 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.  
(Cubmaster retrieves the bundle of arrows from scouts and sets it aside)

**Cubmaster:** Before you stands the Arrow of Light. Within the tepee 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.

**Cubmaster:** 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.

**Cubmaster:** Now, Webelos Den Leader [name] will hand to the parents the Arrow of Light so they can pin it on their scout. Now the boys will pin upon their mom or dad the miniature Arrow of Light, and give them a big hug for all their help.

**Cubmaster:** 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 and never waiver. Do you promise?

**Webelos:** We promise.

**Cubmaster:** I, Akela, declare that you are now full-fledged Arrow of Light holders. Pack, stand and join me in a roaring congratulations!

◆ **Committee Chair Breakout**

- Discuss Cub Scout Retention.
  - Discuss ways to retain a significant percentage of youth members. Make a list of ways for increasing Cub Scout retention in the pack.
    - Trained Leaders
    - Quality Leaders
    - FUN Activities
    - Parent Involvement
    - Regular Advancement
    - Day and Overnight Camping
    - Fun Pack Meetings
    - Service Opportunities
    - Uniforming
  - Discuss reasons a Scout may choose to leave the program and what leaders and Scouts can do to help keep Scouts in the program. Refer to the article “Six Reasons Scouts Drop out and how you can Prevent it” <https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2011/06/01/retention-six-reasons-scouts-drop-out-and-how-you-can-prevent-it/>
- Review the Journey to Excellence Scorecard. Check that your Pack is on track for rechartering and meeting all its goals. Discuss ways to meet those goals.

◆ **Commissioner’s Minute:**

- The Spirit of Scouting (from Retired Scouter.com)
  - The Spirit of Scouting is within each boy. The promise, the law is all part of it, but, also pride. Pride in oneself, the den/pack, family/nation; pride in his accomplishments. The awards are hollow and meaningless unless he met his trials with determination and did his best to overcome them. The pack and its leadership exist only for the boys, to challenge them to bigger challenges and honor them for their accomplishments.

◆ **Closing**

The preassigned Scouters perform the closing ceremony.

◆ **Retire the Flags**