

# Ceremonies



## TIGER CUB GRADUATION CEREMONY

Props: 4 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 families 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 the first candle)

You and your adult partner have searched in your home and community and participated in 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 a part of a great family, community, and country.

(Light third candle)

The things that 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 is the time to move along the Scouting Trail to the next part of the program. I would like to present you this (Tiger Cub Graduation Patch, Pin or Certificate) to recognize that you have completed the Tiger Cub 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 partner's name) on behalf of Pack \_\_\_\_\_, I'd like to welcome you to our new Wolf Den. Would your adult partner now remove the Tiger neckerchiefs, and the Den Leader present the Cub Scout neckerchief. (Once all the boys are wearing the new neckerchiefs) Welcome to Cub Scouting.

## CHALLENGE OF THE FIRE PIT

Personnel: Cubmaster, Den Leader , Shere Kahn

Props: Florescent painted rocks - orange and red, Black light.

Setting: Place rocks together in rows to represent bed of hot coals. When the Cubmaster has lights turned off they will glow.

***Cubmaster***: I call upon the great Shere Kahn to bring forth the Tigers of our Pack that are ready to advance along the Scouting trail.

***Shere Kahn***: Would these Den Leaders, Scouts, and their parents come forward? (Calls out names, den leaders line up the scouts as they arrive on stage) Each of you wear the symbol of the Tiger on your uniform, (the Tiger Pin) this means that you understand what is expected of you as Tiger Scouts. Have these Scouts and their adult partners completed the four Go and See Its to earn their Tiger Rank?

***Den Leader***: Yes they have, O Great Shere Kahn.

***Shere Kahn***: Would all those present before me join in and repeat the Tiger Promise , " I promise to love God, my family, and my country and to learn about the world ".

(Lights are turned off and black light shines on painted rocks)

***Shere Kahn***: Very well, this bed of hot rocks represents the greatness of the challenges that are 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 hot rocks of the Tiger Trail? (Tigers answer) Then cross and receive your honors as Tigers of Pack \_\_\_\_\_.

***Cubmaster***: (greet and welcomes each Tiger / adult as they cross the rocks.) As you have crossed the bed of hot rocks unharmed you have proved yourself worthy to wear the rank of Tiger, It is an honor to present you with this badge. I congratulate each and every one of you. (give these scouts a cheer)

## AKELA'S ARROW

Props: An arrow with crests (colored bands painted along the shaft. *Order*: Feathers - blue and yellow, then bands of orange, yellow, red, green, blue, and the point painted gold.)

Personnel: Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster

Assist. Cubmaster: (calls names of new scouts who wish to join the Pack. They form a line on the stage, or arrange them in a semi-circle around the Cubmaster.)

Cubmaster: Those of you who come here tonight wish to join Cub Scouts. For most of you, what you know of Cub Scouts is very little. So let me tell you a little of what is ahead of you. We look to Akela to guide us along the Scouting Trail. I hold in my hand Akela's Arrow (***hold up the arrow***). This arrow symbolizes the Scouting trail. First you see the notch at the end of the arrow, this represents our Chartered Organization which supports and helps this Pack. Next are the feathers of the arrow, they are colored blue and gold, the colors of Cub Scouting, also there are three sets of feathers which represent the leaders, parents and Akela which will help guide you along your Scouting Trails. As you move down the arrow you come to colored bands; these represent each of the ranks in Scouts. Orange is for Tiger, Yellow is for Bobcat, Red is for Wolf, Green is for Bear, Blue is for Webelos. Along each of these ranks you will have the opportunity to try new and exciting activities. All of them are intended to challenge you, and each of them will provide you an opportunity to learn skills useful throughout your life. And finally, we come to the tip of the arrow which is painted Gold for the Arrow of Light. This is the highest rank that a Cub Scout may achieve. Not all Scouts achieve this rank; to do so is a high honor. Tonight, I hold Akela's Arrow before you as a Challenge to you, as a goal for you to attain. Set yourself to accomplish this task, and you will make memories that will last forever. (Present Bobcat ranks to scouts.)

## **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 guard, 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.)

**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 the 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.)

## **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.

## **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 your whole life through.

## **PACK CEREMONY FOR ARROW POINTS**

**Cubmaster:** Tonight we have some wolves and bears who have been hard at work on their electives and \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Assist. 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.)

## **COMPASS BADGE PRESENTATION**

**Cubmaster:** Tonight we have boys receiving Webelos recognition.(number) earning the compass emblem and (number) earning the compass point. To earn the compass emblem, a Webelos Scout has to earn the Webelos badge and four additional activity pins ----- a total of seven activity pins. Once the compass emblem 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 pins. To fill his compass emblem a boy needs to earn nineteen of the available 20 activity pins. Would Mr./Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ the Webelos leader please come forward and present the awards.

**Webelos Leader:** The compass emblem is not an award that is sewn onto a boy's uniform. It is attached to his right pocket under the flap. The points are given to the boy to put in any position he chooses. Tonight (names) have earned their compass emblem 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 !!!!!**

## PACK DEDICATION CLOSING

(Nice ceremony for beginning or end of the year.)

**STAGING:** House lights are dimmed. Four posters with the four Cub Scouts ranks, eight candles (two by each poster).

**CUBMASTER:** This 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 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, as representatives of our future Bobcats, to do your best, to be true, to help other people, and 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 please stand? Webelos, do you 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 all be loyal Cub Scouts. 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 (#).