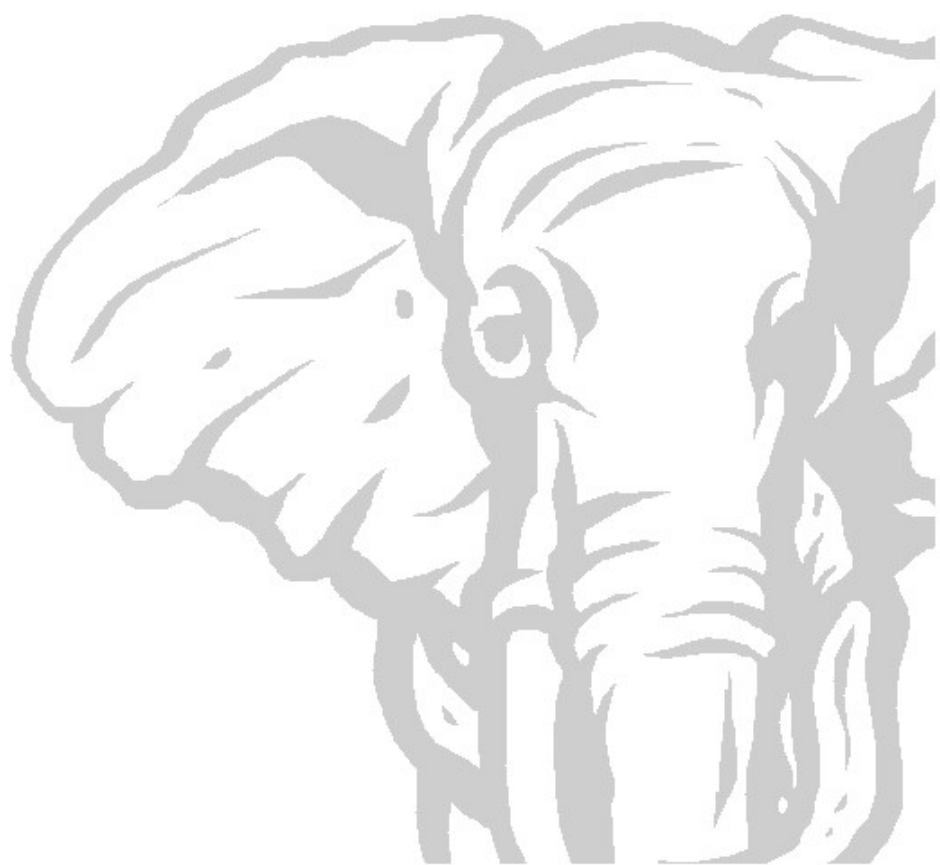


CEREMONIES



INTRODUCTION

There are a number of things to keep in mind with respect to ceremonies:

- It's a good idea for Cubmasters and Den/Webelos Leaders to have a couple of ceremonies "in their back pocket" that don't require any props or scripts. This is part of what enables the leader to deliver a great program, by being able to cover for an absent leader or acknowledge an achievement on a moment's notice.
- When it comes to graduation ceremonies, younger boys often look forward to having the very same experience as older boys they see advance in rank. Therefore, it's a good idea to find a ceremony you like and to repeat it from one year to the next.
- While monthly themes are a useful tool for adding creativity and variety to your meetings, it's also important to take into consideration what's happening in the world—from current events to long-standing traditions (such as holidays).
- No ceremony is cast in stone. Make changes to make it comfortable for you to use or to achieve your purpose—whether it is to officially open a meeting, to acknowledge someone's effort or to call the meeting to a close.
- It should be well planned and staged to avoid delays and mix-ups. Careful consideration must be given to the place where the ceremony will take place. Ceremonies can be changed, but often your location cannot.
- If specific speaking parts are required, have them read from a script and make sure they can be heard. Ceremonies are lifeless if the speaker can't be understood. Each person involved should have a copy of the script. Have extra copies in case you need someone to pinch-hit at the last minute.
- A good ceremony can be measured by the Scout yardstick...FUN! Ceremonies mean more to Scouts who help make the "props." Every sound, action, and prop has meaning. This is symbolism. When you put it all together, you have a ceremony.

Ingredients For Ceremonies:

- **ACTION:** Use as many people as possible. Force them to move about by having them use ceremonial props.
- **ADVENTURE:** Relate the ceremony to the theme of the month, if possible. Have the participants identified with the theme through action, narration, and costume.

- **COORDINATION:** Plan ahead, anticipating each step in the ceremony. Anticipate the props which will be needed and start work on them as soon as possible. Take nothing for granted. Explain the WHO, WHAT, and WHEN of the ceremony.
- **DELEGATION:** Don't try to do everything yourself. Rely on others to help.
- **AUTHORITY:** Delegate but be sure to have a handle on the entire planning.
- **DIGNITY:** Do not permit any horseplay or other action that might detract from the dignity of the occasion if you want to hold the attention of your audience.
- **IMAGINATION:** Use some showmanship, show some creativity.
- **INSPIRATION:** Help the participants and audience understand the spirit of the ceremony.
- **IDEALS:** Tie together the theme and Scouting?
- **MOOD:** Set the stage; make an announcement. Use lighting, music and props. Don't spring it on the audience cold.
- **PARTICIPATION:** Get as many people as appropriate to participate in the ceremony. It is through participation that boys develop poise, self-reliance and confidence.
- **SIMPLICITY:** KISMIF: Keep it simple, make it fun.
- **SYMBOLISM:** Well used props can serve as symbols with deeper meanings. A lighted candle can represent the ideal, an individual. A paper chain can represent unity, strength.
- **PROPER STAGING:** Always face the audience. Elevate so everyone can see.

LINKS

Scouting Links website, with lots of resources including ceremonies
<http://www.scoutinglinks.com/>

Cub Scout Ceremony Ideas from the Virtual Cub Leaders Handbook
<http://www.geocities.com/~pack215/ceremonies.html>

Cub Scout Ceremonies from the Scouting Bear's Cave
<http://www.scoutingbear.com/Ceremony/cerecub.htm>

The Ceremony Table, a great source for Cub Scout ceremonies

<http://my.dmci.net/~dmanchester/default.htm>

The Netwoods Virtual Campsite Ceremonies Page

<http://www.netwoods.com/d-ceremony.html>

The GuideZone Ceremonies Page

http://www.guidezone.sk1.com/i_ceremoni.htm

A nice site for ceremony props for Cub Scout ceremonies, from The Ceremony Table

<http://my.dmci.net/~dmanchester/Props/Props01.htm>

Artificial Campfire

Many of the ceremonies involve a campfire, which makes the ceremony more impressive and memorable. Since building a real campfire indoors is impractical, building an artificial one is the next best thing. Here are some tips for an artificial campfire:

- You can build a hollow log cabin frame on a square of plywood or a hollow teepee style on a disk of plywood.
- Either a single small bulb, 15W max. at the center, or several medium size Xmas tree lights (cool burning) spread around the base are a good start.
- To give your fire a flickering effect, several things can be done; medium size flashing red, yellow and clear Xmas lights with mirror reflectors behind them work well if they aren't all flashing together.
- Hanging ½" wide strips of silver highly reflective Mylar foil inside the cellophane lined framework, and installing a small quiet fan to keep these strips constantly moving is another good approach, especially together with the flashing lights.
- Silver or prismatic reflective Mylar, glued to the plywood base before the lights, fans, etc. are installed will also add diffused lighting.
- Materials for the artificial council fire should be as lightweight, yet as sturdy as possible. The plywood base shouldn't be thicker than 3/8", and no more than 30" in diameter. The logs for either a log cabin or teepee style should be no more than 2", split, and could even be hollowed out. White birch is a favorite for this because it looks so good when the room lights are on, but actually doesn't look as good as darker wood when lit in a dark room. Dry Aspen, Poplar, or Basswood work better.
- Don't forget to use duct tape to tape the power cord to the floor full length in the ceremonial area to avoid tripping and accidental movement of the fire.
- An alternative to the artificial council fire is a candle ring with 12 candles in holders in a 3-foot diameter circle around a 3 ft. high decorated tripod with a candle mounted at the top of each pole. This method is cheaper, and is easier to build, maintain and store than the artificial fire, and can be just as impressive.

The All-Purpose, All-Occasion, Do-Anything, Generic Ceremonies Creator

Directions for use:

Choose one or more phrases from each list.

Add your own personal words for each occasion.

Assemble whatever props you choose.

Conduct the successful ceremony.

1. "Would the following _____ please come forward?"

Cub Scout	Leader	Special Event Chairman
Webelos Scout	Parent	Den
Special Guest		

2. (After the above have assembled) – "Before you is:"

a candle	a drum	a bucket	a branch
a tripod	a flashlight	a scout book	Akela
a neckerchief	a picture	a car key	a box
your leader	a bridge	a trail	etc.

3. "This represents:"

the spirit of scouting	fun and adventure	the family
good deeds	our pack	your den
your future	goodwill	your advancements
your accomplishments	our dedication	the world
our community	our church	

4. "You have earned this award by:"

completing achievement	helping others	doing your best
helping our pack	having a birthday	being the best _____
helping boys grow	helping with _____	being a denner
serving for ____ years	selling the most _____	

5. "Please accept this award and continue to:"

help the pack go	grow strong	give goodwill
do your best	come to meetings	work hard
follow Akela	be the best you	help your son

6. "Would the rest of the Pack join me in congratulations for this award."
Use an appropriate applause.

ASSORTED CEREMONIES

Ceremonial Friendship Fires

Build a light-bulb campfire that can be used at Pack Meetings. A single light bulb socket on a long electric cord is mounted to a wood base. Use cellophane or Christmas garland to enhance the light's glow. Use sticks that are about the size of your thumb. Build the fire scantily to start with; then, as boys advance out of Cub Scouts, they each add a stick with their name onto the fire. They could cut the bark off a little to better show their names, but this may not be necessary. Shoe Goo Glue, when dried, will hold up with the heat of the bulb. Hold the stick in place with elastic or string and allow it to dry overnight.

This will become a Pack treasure!

Award Ceremony Helps

Camera – “You are a picture perfect Scout. Congratulations on earning your....”

Goldfish – “No need to fish for compliments, because at the scales, you are worth your weight in gold. Congratulations on earning your....”

Stamp of Approval (rubber stamp hand of recipient or use inexpensive stamps; even canceled ones) – “You have our stamp of Approval. Congratulations on earning your....”

Carnival/Circus Award

Equipment: Cover a piece of cardboard with paper. Use a blown up balloon to cover each award on the board. Dress up as a clown and do stunts or tricks (a water gun is fun).

Call boys forward. Have them pop their balloon with a dart. Present award.

Magician Awards Ceremony Idea

The Cubmaster, as a magician, pulls the awards out of a top hat. Awards may be attached to paper rabbits or pigeons, or they could be pinned to a string of scarves/neckerchiefs.

Windproof Ceremonial Candles

Using a standard household utility candle, wrap the candle with one layer of burlap and secure it with some light thread. Dip the entire candle into melted paraffin two or three times. (Note: use colored burlap to create different shades of candles.)

Light the burlap in addition to the regular wick of the candle. A four-inch candle will burn for about 30 minutes. Even though there is very little dripping, it works best if the candle is placed in a shallow container such as a tuna can. Make a holder by nailing the tuna can to the top of a broomstick piece and driving the stick into the ground.

The candles will burn through strong wind and even light rain.

Release Ceremony

After the boys have finished collecting bugs and crawly creatures during a nature walk, they should release the creatures back to their natural environment. Read the following poem while the children release their creatures:

Fly away, crawl away, run away, hop
You're free to go – I'm not going to stop
You from living your life
You deserve to be free
Thanks for sharing this time with me.

Scouting is Blue and Gold

- 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 by 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.

Den Leader Induction

Cubmaster: 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, safe and effective manner.

Pack _____ has begun organization for next year, and many people have both volunteered and been accepted by the Pack Committee as Den Leaders for next year. Would these people please come forward: _____. The Tiger Group Coach, Den Leader and Webelos Den Leader occupy a unique and essential place in Cub Scouting. They fill a particular need for boys of Cub Scout age. They are indispensable leaders in the operation of our Pack. If you will lead a Den next year, will you please respond with "I will." Will you promise to:

- Show interest and concern for all boys in your Den?
- Be responsible for the organization and operation of your Den?
- Attend Pack leader meetings and Pack meetings?
- Work with the parents of your Den so they will have the opportunity to share in the fun of Cub Scouting?
- Observe the policies of the Boy Scouts of America?

Wearing the leader uniform 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 in your Den. I would like to welcome each of you as new leaders in our Pack and present you with the badge of office and a copy of the Cub Scout Leader Book. Congratulations and good Scouting!

Flag Ceremonies

Every Pack should develop some sort of competence in flag ceremonies, which can take place in meeting rooms, outdoors, in large auditoriums, on stage, or at someone's house. All flag ceremonies have one point in common – respect for the flag.

Types of Flag Ceremonies:

- Opening or closing meetings
- Opening or closing special events
- Beginning or closing the day
- Honoring a special occasion or special person
- Retiring a worn flag

Flag and Flag Ceremony Resources:

The United States Flag page

www.usflag.org

Pictures and history of all the American flags

www.ushistory.org/betsy/flagpics.html

History of the U.S. Flag, with pictures of the old flags and lyrics to patriotic songs

www.hightowertrail.com/FlagDay.htm

Flag folding traditions

www.HightowerTrail.com/Flagfolding.htm

Displaying and Caring for the flag

www.scouting.org/media/flag

American flag ceremonies

www.geocities.com/flag_of_usa/american_flag_ceremonies.htm

American flag page, with history, etiquette, songs and ceremonies from Woodbage C-37-02 Beaver Patrol

www.bsa-grc.org/flag/index.html



Standard Opening Flag Ceremony

Color guard, Attention!
Will the audience please rise?
Color guard, advance!
Scout salute!
(wait for color guard to reach the front)
Please repeat the Pledge of Allegiance with me.
(repeat pledge)
Two!
Color guard, post the colors!
Color guard, dismissed.
The audience may be seated.

Flashlight Flag Ceremony

Equipment/People Needed:

- Narrator (one, or more if your troop is large)
- Four Flashlight Bearers (candles may be substituted)
- Flag Bearer and Color Guard(s)

Color Guard advances with Flag and posts Colors. Lights are turned out so that the room is in total darkness. Flashlight bearers turn on flashlights (or light candles) and direct light toward flag.

NARRATOR: What you see here tonight represents the past, present, and future. The stripes of Old Glory stand for the original thirteen colonies. The stars represent the present 50 states. The light and warmth of the four lights you see shining remind us of the four great freedoms - Freedom of the Press, Freedom of Assembly, Freedom of Speech and Freedom of Religion. Eliminate any one of these freedoms and our world would become darker and colder.

Narrator calls out the four freedoms slowly. As each is called a flashlight is turned off until the room is again in total darkness.

Freedom of the Press, Freedom of Assembly,
Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Religion

NARRATOR: In this world of potential cold and darkness, of rule by a few, stands the United States of America. Here the Four Freedoms do exist and are an example of warmth and light for all. Will you please join us in the salute to our flag? (Turn flashlights back on and direct light toward flag)

Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Story of Old Glory

- Scout 1: The famous name, “Old Glory” was coined by Captain William Driver in 1831. As he was leaving on one of his many voyages aboard the ship Charles Doggett, some friends presented him with a beautiful flag of 24 stars.
- Scout 2: As the flag opened to the ocean breeze for the first time, Captain Driver exclaimed “Old Glory!” He retired to Nashville in 1837, taking his treasured flag from his sea days with him.
- Scout 3: By the time the Civil War erupted, almost everyone in Nashville recognized Captain Driver’s “Old Glory.” When Tennessee seceded from the Union, the Rebels were determined to destroy his flag, but they were not successful in finding it.
- Scout 4: When the Union Army captured Nashville in 1862, they raised the American flag over the capitol. It was rather small and folks began asking Captain Driver if “Old Glory” still existed. Captain Driver went home and began ripping at the seams of his bedcover. As the stitches holding the quilt unraveled, the original 24-starred “Old Glory” was revealed.
- Scout 5: Captain Driver gently gathered up the flag and returned to the capitol. Although he was sixty years old, the Captain climbed up to the tower to replace the smaller banner with his beloved flag. The Sixth Ohio Regiment cheered and saluted – and later adopted the nickname “Old Glory” as their own. Please join us now in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closing Thoughts – Our Flag

- Leader: More than 60 years ago, President Wilson said:
- Scout 1: “This flag, which we honor and under which we serve, is the emblem of our unity, our power and our thought and purposes as a nation. It has no other character than that which we give it from generation to generation.
- Scout 2: The choices are ours. It floats in majestic silence above the hosts that executes those choices, whether in peace or war. And yet, though silent, it speaks to us, speaks to us of the past, of men and women who went before us and of the records they wrote upon it.
- Scout 3: We celebrate the day of its birth; and from its birth until now it has witnessed a great history, has floated on high, the symbol of great events, of a great plan of life worked out by great people.”
- Leader: This is the heritage it gives to us; let us serve it well. Goodnight.

Flag Retirement

A flag is never said to be burned - it is retired. That means it is NOT a Flag Burning Ceremony. Disposing a flag that is worn, faded, or tattered by retiring (burning it) is the only method approved by Congress. The burning should take place at a ceremony which shows respect and honor to the flag(s) being retired. The BSA is one of the few civilian organizations allowed to retire the U.S. flag.

If you are attending a Flag Retirement with younger scouts, you may want to take the time to explain about the ceremony. Some young scouts may not see the difference between the flags being burned on TV by some demonstrator and the one being retired. A few minutes of explanation before the ceremony may save tears and worries during it.

What do I need?

What you need often depends on the ceremony you choose. You will need a flag that needs to be retired, a fire, and an outdoor area to perform the ceremony.

Where do I get a flag if I do not have one?

Check with your local council office. Often flags are dropped off by people. Your local schools may be a source. Your sponsoring organization may be able to help. Check with your VFW Posts and other Veteran's posts. An ad in a local paper may get you more flags than you want but it can be another source. Almost anywhere a flag is flown on a regular schedule like a bank, post office, car dealerships etc.

Where can I burn the flag for retirement?

Many scouting events lend well to ceremonies. Campfires are often the main place flags are retired. You can also use large 55-gallon drums (be careful for these act as chimneys and will push the flag in the air if not careful.) Some units have built special burning bins to retire large flags and large quantity of flags.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Lower the colors or unfold the flag.

Tear off stripes one at a time (we had to cut them), 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 for the United States of America.

SEVENTH STRIPE: We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that 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 on 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 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.

Please join us in saying the Pledge of Allegiance and singing The Star Spangled Banner and then Taps.



OPENING CEREMONIES

The Pledge of Allegiance

(Adapted from a commentary by Red Skelton)

As Scout 1 reads each part of the pledge, Scout 2 reads the meaning for that part.

Leader: We have all recited the Pledge of Allegiance, but do we know the meaning behind the words? Listen now to the meaning of the Pledge of Allegiance.

<i>Scout 1:</i>	<i>Scout 2:</i>
I	Me; An individual; a committee of one.
Pledge	Dedicate all of my worldly goods to give without self-pity.
Allegiance	My love and my devotion
To the Flag	Our standard; Old Glory; a symbol of Freedom; wherever she waves, there is respect because your loyalty has given her a dignity that shouts freedom is everybody's job.
Of the United States	That means that we have all come together. Individual communities that have united into forty-eight great states. Forty-eight individual communities with pride and dignity and purpose. All divided with imaginary boundaries, yet united to a common purpose, and that is love for country.
And to the Republic	A state in which sovereign power is invested in representatives chosen by the people to govern. And government is the people; and it's from the people to the leaders, not from the leaders to the people.
For which it stands, One Nation Under God	One Nation – meaning, so blessed by God.
Indivisible	Incapable of being divided.
With Liberty	Which is Freedom – the right of power to live one's own life without threats, fear, or some sort of retaliation
And Justice	The principle or qualities of dealing fairly with others.
For All	Which means, Scouts, it is as much your country as it is mine.

Leader: Please rise and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Greetings

Make a banner with the word GREETINGS and artwork that fits the theme. Have as many Cub Scouts as needed hold and recite the lines. Have the audience act out the action that is read.

G Glad to see you here tonight
R Reach out your hand to a friend
E Everyone smile and shake your hands
E Everybody grin and nod at another friend
T Together now, stand up on your feet
I I'd like 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. Spreading goodwill – that's what we've done.

Train Opening

Cub Scouts come on stage, each holding a large cardboard picture of appropriate train car or sign with name of car written on it. (The engine could have a small American flag posted in a proper place, and the caboose could bear the Scout emblem.)

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.

BOXCAR: This is the boxcar that carries the food from our farmers, which helps produce the energy to supply the ideas in the open minds of the people who run our Government.

CABOOSE: Last, but not least, this is the caboose that represents Scouting, which trains the boys who eat the food from our farmers and grow to be men who produce the energy to supply the ideas in the open minds of the people who 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.

Please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Six Ships Of Scouting

Indian Nations Council Pow Wow 1973

Arrangement: Six scouts hold large cardboard cutouts of ships with flags on which have been printed the following words: SCHOLARSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, SPORTSMANSHIP, WORKMANSHIP, STATESMANSHIP, and FELLOWSHIP.

Cubmaster: Tonight Pack ____ would like to tell you about the six ships of Scouting. These are ships were launched in America – strong and mighty – ships that will last forever.

Scout 1: SCHOLARSHIP – This ship is very important on the sea of Education. On her deck stand such officers as Ambition, Determination, Intelligence and Application. Her flag bears symbols of the letter “A” and the plus sign.

Scout 2: FELLOWSHIP – This ship stands for good spirit, fine cooperation and never-failing unity. It’s flag floats high – the flag of Scouting.

Scout 3: FRIENDSHIP – This is the most handsome ship of all. It is true blue and it’s flag golden – since friendship is golden.

Scout 4: WORKMANSHIP – This ship’s every line, every part, and every mast represents the best that a person can give. Its flag bears a laurel wreath.

Scout 5: STATESMANSHIP – This ship represents wise guidance, constant unselfish interest and sincere endeavor. Its flag is white with purity.

Scout 6: SPORTSMANSHIP – This is the ship that’s fair and square. It never veers far from its course. Its flag is never at half-mast.

Cubmaster: And there you have the six strong and sturdy ships to brave the sea. Three cheers for the SCOUTING SHIPS!

Cub Scout Ladder

Prepare cards with the script for each Cub Scout, and an upright stand such as a ladder for each sign to be attached at the appropriate time.

- Leader: We think of Cub Scouting as a ladder of good citizenship. We will show you what we mean.
- Scout 1: FRIENDSHIP: We make lots of friends in our school, church, neighborhood, Den and Pack.
- Scout 2: TEAMWORK: We learn how important it is to work with others as a member of a team.
- Scout 3: DEPENDABLE: We learn to be places when we promise and to do our part.
- Scout 4: LEADERSHIP: We learn to lead games and help with other Den and Pack activities.
- Scout 5: HONESTY: We learn to tell the truth, to handle money, and to understand what honesty means.
- Scout 6: LOYALTY: We learn to be true to our friends, our parents, and our Den and Pack, and to honor our country and the flag.
- Scout 7: GOODWILL: We like to help our school, church, neighbors and those less fortunate than we. Good will projects make us feel good.
- Leader: GOOD CITIZENSHIP: Through Cub Scouting experiences, boys learn things that help make them better citizens as they grow into manhood.

Recipe To America

Prepare 7 large cards – on each card paste a flag of a different country. On the other side of the card, write in large print each letter in the word: AMERICA. The boys hold up cards with flags of the different countries. As each card is turned around, the word America is spelled out.

Cubmaster: Here is a recipe that we should all live by:

- Cub 1: 1 cup if friendly words
Cub 2: 2 cups of understanding
Cub 3: 1 pint of human kindness
Cub 4: 2 tablespoons of time and patience
Cub 5: 1 dash of gentle humor
Cub 6: 1 drop of warm personality
Cub 7: 1 pinch of spice of life

(As the Cubmaster reads the scout's underlined word, have the boy turn his card around)

Cubmaster: Measure these friendly words carefully. Add cups of understanding, to a pint of human kindness. Sift together time and patience. Cook very slowly and keep temperature low so it never boils over. Season with gentle humor, warm personality and spice of life. Serve in individual molds.

We are free in America to worship our own God, and vote for whomever we want. In some countries these freedoms are not possible. In some countries being a member of Scouting is forbidden. Here in America we are free. And, I'm proud to be a member of the Boy Scouts of America. And I hope we can all live with this recipe.

Candle Opening

"Cub Scouts, this candlelight represents the spirit of Cub Scouting, lighting our way through life.

This flame also represents danger. You have learned about the danger of fire and how to prevent it. Let's remember what we have learned so we will always use fire wisely and safely, not only as boys, but also 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."

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONIES

Competition

Cubmaster awards badges of rank and arrow points to boys and their parents. He may preface he awards by saying something like, "In competitions like our _____, there are winners and losers. But, in Cub Scouting, there are no losers so long as a boy does his best. Tonight, we have some boys who have shown how to be winners in Cub Scouting by taking another step on the advancement trail. It's a pleasure for me to recognize these winners and their parents."

Growing Trees Advancement

(Set a small tree to the side as a prop.)

This little tree is a symbol of the natural beauty of our land. This tree also represents Scouting. It takes a long time for a beautiful tree to grow and develop. 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.

Tonight 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 the advancement work by our Cub Scouts and their parents. Our Den Leaders also played a very important part in the advancement program, for without their support and help we could not have the opportunity to be in Cub Scouting.

Will the following boys and their parents, please come forward when called. (*Assemble all of them at the front of the Pack also call up the Scouts' Den Leaders.*)

Each of you has helped nurture this tree. Just as trees endure for many, many years, so the values you have gained from working on achievements, electives and activity badges will last you a lifetime. May you always stand strong and tall like a tree - and be a beautiful resource for our land.

Cub Scout Colors Advancement

Props: Campfire, Dutch oven or large pot, smaller pot to fit inside dry ice, Blue Bear neckerchief and Yellow Wolf Neckerchief, 4 identical bottles, blue and yellow food coloring, 2 Indian headbands, Akela costume.

Prepare: Place the large pot on the fire (Variation: Hang pot over fire from a tripod). Put small pot inside large one. Place dry ice inside small pot. Put the two neckerchiefs down inside between the two pots. Fill two of the bottles with water and color one blue and one yellow. Place these two bottles near the fire.

Ask two Webelos scouts to be braves and wear headbands. Akela stands behind the boiling pot.

Akela: 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.

(The braves come and stand on each side of their chief.) He gave each a container.

(Akela hands each brave an empty bottle) 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 blue sky and bring back part of the sky.

(The second brave leaves, and the 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 held bottles up for everyone to see.)

(Addressing the first brave) Pour some of the beauty of the sun into our Council mixing pot. *(The brave pours the yellow liquid over the dry ice, being careful not to get any between the pots on the neckerchiefs)*

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)*

(Akela raises right hand) From this day forward blue will stand for trust 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.) This is why Cub Scouts use the colors blue and gold. The parents and Cub Scouts who helped keep the blue and gold of Cub Scouting alive and growing this month, will receive their hard earned awards tonight.

Howling Bobcat Induction

Props: Ceremonial Campfire, Akela costume

Prepare: Campfire is turned on, other lights dimmed or off. New bobcats are out of the room with the Assistant Cubmaster. They howl like Bobcats (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 that 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.

Shere-Khan Wolf Advancement

- Cast: Father Wolf, Mother Wolf, 'Shere Khan' man cubs, parents, Akela, Cubmaster
- Supplies: 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 Khan, the tiger, lurks outside. Suddenly the moonlight is blocked by the great head and shoulders of Shere Khan.

Father Wolf: What does Shere Khan want?

Shere Khan: 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 Khan: 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 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 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.)

Bear Ceremony, Why the Chipmunk has Black Stripes (By Rick Clements)

People Required: Akela (Cubmaster) and Baloo (Asst. Cubmaster)

Props: Forest Scene and 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 that 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 treetops. 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 its 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 themselves, 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? 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?

The Twin Archers – Arrow of Light Ceremony

Participants: Akela, Medicine Man (MM); 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.

Setup: 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.

MM: 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 is one and the same. The spirit of the 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 _____. (*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.

White Eagle Crossover Ceremony

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.



RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS CEREMONY

Presentations of religious emblems or awards should be made by the church, temple, synagogue, mosque, or other religious body at a religious service or observance. It is especially appropriate to have presentations made during Scouting Week; e.g. Scout Sunday, Scout Sabbath, a day of particular religious significance, or on a day of religious observance when a senior church official officiates. Imagine the thrill a young boy would experience at being presented his emblem by a bishop or similar religious figure of regional, state or even national prominence!

Scouts who have received a religious emblem may also be recognized by their unit at a Pack meeting, a Blue and Gold Banquet, a Court of Honor, or recognition banquet. Many units present Scouts with the universal religious emblem square knot (No. 5014 - silver knot on a purple background), if the scout has not already received the knot with the religious emblem. The units should not present the religious emblem or medal. The proper setting for the religious emblem presentation is in the religious community that supported the Scout throughout the program.

When presenting the square knot, it is important to avoid any hint to any Scout that would cause him to question his own faith or make him feel that he has to be in another faith to get recognition. Often this result is not intended at all. In the excitement of the situation, there is a temptation to create props for the ceremony such as a giant sized replica of the religious emblem to highlight the award or to use language that focuses on the specific emblem presented. Such a situation might discourage a boy from participating in Scouting altogether, if he feels that he has to choose between his beliefs and being in the unit. It is always much better to use a neutral presentation that encourages all of the Scouts in the unit to participate in a religious growth program, regardless of their faith(s).

Sample Religious Award Presentation Ceremony for Packs

Ladies, Gentlemen, Scout Leaders and Scouts, we have just concluded our Pack's awards ceremony where we have honored those Scouts who have demonstrated achievement by earning Scouting awards. Tonight, we also want to recognize a Scout who has demonstrated his commitment to the Cub Scout Promise and have a very special presentation to make.

(Dim lights and light a candle in front of a large replica of the religious emblem square knot, which can be made with purple felt and rope painted silver.)

Cub Scout _____, please escort your parents to the front of the room and then turn to face the pack. We are very proud of _____. For the past ___ months he has worked with both his family and his religious advisor to learn more about his religious faith and his duty to God. After much hard work and personal growth, he has received

the right to wear the religious emblem of his faith on his Scout uniform and was presented with a medal by his religious advisor ___ weeks ago. _____, like all Scouts who have received a religious award, may now wear Scouting's universal religious award square knot on his Scout uniform and may continue to wear it as a Boy Scout, Explorer or Adult later in his life.

We now take great pleasure in presenting the religious emblem square knot to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. _____ in recognition of the role they have and will continue to play in his religious growth. Mr. and Mrs. _____, will you present your son with the religious emblem square knot?

_____, We know you will wear this square knot centered over your left pocket with pride. Congratulations on your accomplishment. You have lived the Cub Scout promise well. Please escort your parents back to their seats.

Almost every religious body in the United States has a religious emblems program open to Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, 4-H and Campfire Incorporated. We encourage all Scouts to consider participating in this program. If any other Scouts in this Pack are interested in working toward the religious award of their own faith, please see _____ (Awards Chairman) at the end of this meeting. He/she has information on the emblems and will make it available to you.

SCOUTERS:

You will notice that this ceremony did not mention what the Cub Scout's religion was or the name of the church, temple, synagogue, mosque or other religious organization where the medal was presented and only referred to the universal religious emblem square knot. There are three very good reasons for using a non-denominational ceremony:

This method avoids creating a situation where another Scout may believe he has to belong to a particular religion (and may even think he should join another faith) just to participate in Scouting;

This method encourages other Scouts to consider earning the religious emblem of their own faith, so they can get the same award (the knot) as Jimmy; and

This method allows a Scout leader to give the same level of praise to each Scout earning an emblem using the same ceremonial props. The leader doesn't have to know a lot about each religion, doesn't have to create new props, and doesn't have to worry that any Scout might think a certain religion is favored.



CLOSING CERMONIES

Conservation

Eight Cub Scouts hold cutouts of cards made from poster board and painted in different bright colors. As each boy speaks his line, the card is turned over to show the large letter printed on the back of each one to spell out the word CONSERVE. The boys can have fun painting their own cards (let them be creative).

- C Cars and buses and such were invented by men.
O Oil fields were discovered also by them.
N No one really worried about the fuel driving would take.
S So, on transportation, nobody set the brake.
E Eventually gasoline needs grew to a gigantic amount.
R Raising in everyone's mind a great big doubt.
V Very soon the world's traffic was put to the test.
E To conserve fuel, all drivers must now do their best.

Light of Cub Scout Spirit

Arrangement: One candle or a single light on a table. Cub Scouts form a circle around the table. Turn out all other lights.

Leader: With all the lights out, it is difficult to see one another. It also can make us feel sort of gloomy and uncomfortable. I am going to light the candle (or light). With this bit of light, we can see our friends again and it makes us feel more cheerful. This light represents the Cub Scout Spirit. It can light up our lives and make our homes and neighborhoods happier places to live. Let's carry the image of this candle with us always and use it to light up our world.

Candle Closing

Throughout our meeting this evening, this candle that represents the Spirit of Cub Scouting has burned.

Look steadily at it for a moment. Now close your eyes. The image remains with you. Open your eyes. Now we blow out the light. As the image of the light remains in our memory, so will the Spirit of Cub Scouting stay with us.

This evening of fun and Cub Scouting will not soon be forgotten.

Baden-Powell: When the Sun Goes Down

Leader: Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, said this to Scouts everywhere:

Scout 1: “I often think when the sun goes down, the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of Heaven, but the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in the world.

Scout 2: The stars are not all the same size; some are big, some are little, and some men have done small deeds but they have made their hole in the blanket by doing good before they went to Heaven.

Scout 3: Try and make your hole in the blanket by good work while you are on earth. It is something to be good, but it is far better to do good.”

Leader: Think of Baden-Powell’s words when you promise, “to help other people.”
Good Night.

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.



