

Advancement Ceremony

Blue and Gold Balloons

Materials: Blue and gold (yellow) balloons, either filled with Helium or attached to sticks, one for each boy receiving an award.

Preparation: Attach the awards and verses to the balloons. If the Balloons are on sticks, arrange them in a large container. Helium filled Balloons may be attached to a cardboard cutout of a Cub Scout or Cub Scout symbol.

Presentation: The Cub master selects a balloon, calls the boy and his parents forward, reads the verse, and presents the boy with his award and the balloon. If multiple boys are receiving the same award, call all forward, read the verse, then present awards and balloons.

<p>BOBCAT BADGE A bright blue balloon for _____ He's finished his Bobcat quest. May you stay loyal to Cub Scouts And always Do Your Best.</p>	<p>TIGER CUB BADGE This gold balloon is for _____ The Tiger Cub badge is his award. As you work with your partner May you always be moving forward.</p>
<p>WOLF BADGE Another blue balloon, it's for _____ The rank of Wolf he'll obtain. May happiness shine for you always As more Scouting knowledge you gain.</p>	<p>BEAR BADGE A gold balloon this time for _____ The rank of Bear is his tonight. May Akela watch over you each day, As you share your Cub Scouting light.</p>
<p>WEBELOS BADGE The blue balloon is for _____ Webelos badge is proudly awarded to him. May good cheer follow you throughout As you climb to Cub Scouting's highest limb</p>	<p>ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD Finally, a gold balloon for To him top honors, the Arrow of Light. May your example be like an arrow, Straight and true and right.</p>

Arrow of Light

Seven Great Virtues

Prop:

"Cub-a-labra" with 7 candles, preferably using the 7 rays of the AOL as candle holders.

Tonight we gather to honor (# of Scouts receiving award) Webelos Scouts that have earned the highest award in Cub Scouting: The Arrow of Light. These Scouts have worked very hard over the last two years to earn this prestigious award, and demonstrate that they understand the purpose of Scouting. The seven candles before you represent the rays in the Arrow of Light. These seven rays stand for the seven great virtues of life ... virtues that a Webelos Scout must have if they are to succeed and advance in Scouting and in life. For younger Scouts, living by and using these 7 great virtues will help you achieve much on your trail upward to the Arrow of Light.

A Scout has WISDOM (light candle #1) having wisdom doesn't mean that a Scout is smarter than others. It means that he uses what he knows to live a better life -- to be a good example for other people, young and old, Scouts and others, family and friends.

A Scout has COURAGE (#2) having courage doesn't mean that you're never afraid -- very courageous people are often afraid. However, facing danger despite your fear is the act of a brave, courageous Scout.

A Scout has SELF-CONTROL (#3) Scouts have to know when to stop. When you can stop yourself when you have had enough or done enough of something -- enough eating, enough playing, or even enough working -- then you have self-control. Know what behavior is correct in each situation, and do it. When you have self-control, you are growing up as a Scout.

A Scout gives JUSTICE (#4) Justice is part of the Pledge of Allegiance: "with liberty and justice for all." Justice is being fair with others that we go to school with, work and play with. Justice means it doesn't matter who the person is, or what color they are, or what they do ... Scouts are fair to everyone.

A Scout has FAITH (#5) Scouts believe in God. Faith means that we believe in God and other things we cannot see. When you know God exists in your heart, you have faith.

A Scout has HOPE (#6) Hope means you look forward to good things that you believe will happen. You hope for better things tomorrow, but you work hard today to make those good things happen.

A Scout has LOVE (#7) Scouts have many kinds of love. Love of family, home, your fellow Scouts, God and country are all a part of Scouting. Every kind of love is important for a full and happy life.

You will find that if you live by these seven virtues, you will be happy and will make the people around you happy as well. The Webelos Scouts before us this evening have proven that they understand their responsibilities as good sons and good Scouts. With the help of their willing parents, they will advance far along the Boy Scout trail. Congratulations, Scouts.

Webelos

Webelos Colors

CM (Cub Master), three other leaders

Props:

Parent's Pin, Webelos badge, a Green Candle, a Red Candle, and a Yellow Candle

CM:

Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents please come forward? (**Read names**) Tonight you are to receive the Webelos rank. This rank is the next to last step in Cub Scouting. It requires that a boy begin to learn skills of the adult world. You have begun to learn about Boy Scouting and have agreed to live by its Promise and Law. Your parents have continued to support you in this effort. As token of their help, please pin this Parent's pin on them. (Boy does)

The rank of Webelos entitles you to wear the Webelos Colors. These three ribbons are green, red and yellow. To symbolize your achievement in earning this rank, we have three candles here tonight. (**Chose three parents to stand behind the candles and light them as each color is explained.**)

#1:

Green indicates knowledge of the Scout oath and Law and signifies the learning of manhood skills.

#2:

Red signifies the achievement of three activity badges.

#3:

Yellow indicates you have been an active Cub Scout for at least three months in your Webelos Den, and have performed many good turns, helping your Den, Pack and family.

CM:

Now parents, you may pin the Webelos badge on your son's uniform. Congratulations new Webelos Scouts. Thank you parents for your help to your son.. Continue to help him as he completes the last step of his Cub Scout trail. Pack welcomes these new Webelos with a Grand Howl.

Bear

Would the follow Painted Bear Paw Ceremony



Would the following boys and their parents please come forward.

(Read names and wait.) You are climbing even higher on the trail to the Arrow of Light. Do you seek the rank of Bear?

(Response) Then recite 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.

I see that you have worked hard with your parents and Den Leaders to achieve your rank. You are ready to become Bear-cubs.

(Draw the first toe on the back of the Cubs hands) The first toe symbolizes your increased understanding of God.

(Draw 2nd toe) The second toe of the Bear paw symbolizes your new knowledge of your country, its folklore and heritage.

(Draw 3rd toe) The third toe shows your increased appreciation of your family.

(Draw 4th toe) The fourth toe stands for your increased understanding of your own self worth.

(Draw footpad) The palm of the Bear paw represents your growth as a Cub, and the increased responsibility you are now capable of carrying. The climb up the Scouting trail is getting shorter, but steeper. Not everyone will finish. Follow the Promise and the Law so that no harm will come to you along the trail. *(Present badges to the parents and have them pin them to their sons. Shake hands with the boys.)*

Wolf

Painted Wolf's Paw Ceremony



CM:

When a boy joins our Cub Scout Pack, he earns the Bobcat badge and starts on an upward trail. This trail will lead him through the ranks of Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos and on his way to the highest award of Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light. Tonight we are honoring boys who have made a significant advancement along this journey. Would the following boys and their parents please come forward. I understand that you seek the rank of Wolf, is that so? (Yes) Please recite the Cub Scout Promise

I, _____, promise to do my best to my duty to God and my country,
to help other people,
and to obey the Law of the Pack"

CM:

I can see by your knowledge of the Cub Scout Promise and the achievements that you have completed that you have worked hard along with your parents. These achievements are very important as they have helped you gain a deeper appreciation of many things. You are now ready to become a Wolf-cub.

The first toe of the wolf paw is for your growth through feats of skill and having fun with your family.
(Draw 1st Toe)

The second toe of the wolf paw represents that you have learned about your home, community, country as well as your religious beliefs. (Draw 2nd Toe)

The third toe of the wolf paw stands for the skills you have gained in handling tools, trying things, using books, and making collections. (Draw 3rd Toe)

The fourth toe of the wolf paw represents your new appreciation for conservation as well as safety in home and traffic. (Draw 4th Toe)

The pad of the wolf paw represents your growth as a Cub, and the increased responsibility you are now capable of handling. (Draw Pad of the Paw)