

Arrow of Light Ceremony: 1/18/08

Props: White, Blue, Yellow taper candles, tom-tom, Akela costume, arrows, white, blue, and yellow face paint, fake fire, parent pins, arrow of light awards (badges with safety pins & cards), each rank emblem sign and stand (from under the stage), note cards for each rank volunteer for reading, arrow of light box, blindfolds, extension cords, treats for scouts.

At the opening of the ceremony, only the white candle is lit; Cubmaster and Committee Chairperson are in front of the stage; Webelos Den Chief is on the stage off to the left with blindfolded recipients; Webelos Den Leader is center stage, Parents on the stage to the right. The tom-tom beats slowly.

When the tom-tom beats faster, the Den Chief leads the blindfolded recipients in arm-to-shoulder "linkup" to the Webelos Den Leader, who then leads them to their parents. The parents then lead them (individually) to the ceremony table.

Committee Chairperson removes blindfolds when in front of table and the tom-tom stops.

Cubmaster:

As a Cub Scout, you have been guided through the Cub Scout Trail with the help of many Akelas. Soon, when you become a Boy Scout, you will find that, while there are still many people willing to help, you take on more and more responsibility for blazing your own trail to Eagle.

Cubmaster:

Nathan Lewis, Quinn Gadski, Jacob Parsell, and Alex Sikora, you have been called before the Pack because you have satisfied the requirements for Cub Scouting's highest rank: The Arrow of Light.

You may ask, How does a boy reach this high goal? Well, let the Cub Scouts speak for themselves. First, a Tiger, Andre Agnello.

[Andre stands.]

Tiger: I am a Tiger Cub Scout. I am learning the Cub Scout Motto, Cub Scout Sign and Cub Scout Salute.

[Andre sits.]

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Cubmaster: Next, a Wolf, Patrick Berry.

[Patrick stands.]

Wolf: I am a Wolf Cub Scout. I love when I complete Cub Scout achievements in the Wolf book. I have lots of fun in my den and pack and with my whole family as I earn my Wolf badge.

[Patrick sits.]

Cubmaster: A Bear, Jason King.

[Jason stands.]

Bear: I am a Bear Cub Scout. I have been working on the advancements in the Bear book with my parents and den to earn my Bear badge. This is the year I can get my whittling chip!

[Jason sits.]

Cubmaster: A Webelos I, Owen Troy.

[Owen stands.]

Webelos I: I am a Webelos I Cub Scout. I am beginning to earn activity badges and I'll be learning how to become a Boy Scout.

[Owen sits.]

Cubmaster: And finally, Webelos II

Nathan: I have reached the end of the Cub Scout trail and have found that it is not an end at all, but only a beginning, leading onward and upward in the great brotherhood of Boy Scouting.

Quinn: In passing the Webelos badge requirements, I have learned and am ready to work on the Boy Scout requirements, and now understand more about the ideals of Boy Scouting.

Jacob: The Arrow of Light trail has led me to the beginning of a new adventure.

Alex: In learning the Boy Scout requirements, I have found that as a Boy Scout I must continue to do my best!

Cubmaster: (Committee Chairperson lights Blue Candle)

The first band of color is to remind you of the lessons you learned as a Cub Scout. The white candle represents the ideals of Scouting, as embodied by the 12 points of the Scout Law. Blue represents the spirit of Cub Scouting -- the spirit of giving goodwill and doing your best. Do you promise to fulfill the Cub Scout Promise and the Cub Scout motto, Do Your Best, when you receive the Arrow of Light badge?

(Webelos Scouts answer, "We do"; Webelos Den Leader applies Blue Paint to each recipient's face).

Cubmaster: Webelos Scouts have faithfully promised always to keep the spirit of Cub Scouting. As their parents, do you also promise to continue to help your boy in his Scouting adventures?

(Parents answer, "We do").

Cubmaster: The second band of color, white, represents the Scout Law. Even though youth and adult leaders will cheerfully show you the skills you need, it will be up to you to live up to the 12 points of the Scout Law. Daily you will be faced with decisions and, at times, the trail will seem most difficult to follow. Make your choices by always remembering the Scout Law. In all you do, do you promise to be forever Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent?

(Webelos answer, "We do"; Webelos Den Leader applies white paint)

Cubmaster: (as the Committee Chairperson lights the yellow candle)

The third band of color, and the yellow candle, stand for the Arrow of Light. Within the tepees of many braves, the Arrow of Light has an honored place. Its shaft is straight and narrow -- just as is the path that you Scouts should follow throughout your life. Its tip points the way -- the way to success in all that you do. It is pointing to the right -- a symbol that nothing should be left undone; if it is within your power to do it, see that it is done. And lastly, this is the symbol of the seven rays of the sun, one for each day of the week; this is to remind you that every day is a new day -- a day to Do Your Best in everything:

A day to honor your God and Country,
to do your Good Turn,
a new chance to follow the Scout Law
and to remember these words: On My Honor

[Den Chief hands arrows to parents.]

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Committee Chairperson: (as the parents place the wooden AOL's over their scout's head – facing audience right!)

Just as each boy has blazed his own trail toward the Arrow of Light award, they each receive an arrow to help them remember their promise to keep the Spirit of Cub Scouting alive. Do you promise to let its light shine forth from you, to set an example for others to follow in your footsteps, to set your eye on the Eagle and never waiver?

(**Webelos reply, "We promise";** Webelos Den Leader applies yellow paint).

Cubmaster: Then I, Akela, have the distinct honor to say to you: You are now full-fledged Arrow of Light holders! Parents, please hand the arrows to your scout.

Committee Chairperson: [hands each parent an Arrow of Light badge with safety pin attached] Parents, please pin this Arrow of Light awards to your son's shirt.

[Scouts hand the wooden arrows back to their parent.]

Committee Chairperson: Next, we ask the Webelos to pin upon their mom or dad a miniature Arrow of Light, and to give them a big hug to thank them for all their help.

Webelos Den Leader: Scouts, you may wear these awards on your Scout uniforms, centered below the left shirt pocket. It is a great honor for me to greet you as recipients of the Arrow of Light award. (all leaders shake hands of recipients)

[Clapping!! The tom-tom beats fast and then stops when Cubmaster calls/shows - Signs Up.]

[Arrow of Light recipients move to behind the table on the side.]

Webelos Den Leader: All scouts are invited to line up at the table on the side to congratulate each Arrow of Light recipient and to receive a special treat that they made for you as a remembrance of their Arrow of Light ceremony. Thank you all for coming.

[Committee Chairperson should now dismiss one den (starting with Tigers and going up the ranks) at a time and let each den finish at the table before sending the next den.]