

## **CEREMONIES**

### The Mark of the Tiger

Materials: Washable face paints (be sure to do a patch test first)

CUBMASTER: Tonight, we honor our Tiger Cubs. Will the following boys and their adult partners come forward. On behalf of the pack, we would like to recognize your achievement.

During the past months, you and your families have explored new and exciting things and places. You have taken each part of the Tiger Cub Motto – Search, Discover, Share – and you have used it in your home and neighborhood. You have completed the five steps to earning the Tiger Badge. You will now be marked with the Tiger Paw to symbolize your achievements.

Step 1 – Making My Family Special. This activity gave you and your partner the opportunity to explore things that strengthen your family and reinforce family values. You learned that you are a very important part of your family (draw the center pad of the tiger paw on the boy's cheek).

Step 2 – Where I Live. This activity gave you and your partner the opportunity to explore and learn about your community and to become better citizens (draw the 1<sup>st</sup> toe).

Step 3 – Keeping Myself Healthy and Safe. This activity gave you and your partner the opportunity to learn about habits of a healthy lifestyle, what to do in case of an emergency and how to react when someone makes you feel uncomfortable (paint the 2<sup>nd</sup> toe).

Step 4 – How I Tell It. This activity allowed you and your partner to learn about good communication skills (draw the 3<sup>rd</sup> toe).

Step 5 – Let's Go Outdoors. This activity allowed you and your partner to explore the wonders of nature and to develop respect for the environment (paint the 4<sup>th</sup> toe).

This completes the Tiger Paw and the 5 steps necessary to earn the Tiger Badge. I present this badge to your adult partner, who will attach it to your belt totem.

On behalf of our pack, I want to congratulate you and remind you that these 5 steps are just the beginning of your journey to Eagle. Pack, let us congratulate these Tigers by giving them a cheer. Tiger Cubs are G-R-R-R-R-REAT!!

### Immediate Recognition

As a Cub Scout completes achievements for Wolf and/or bear, the Den Leader should make sure that a simple recognition ceremony is held in Den Meeting. Use the Cub Scout Immediate Recognition Kit which contains enough materials for a den of Cub Scouts for two years. This is a motivational device used to encourage each boy to complete the rank for his age. Use a brief ceremony related to the monthly theme, or the one below:

Den Leader: We would like to tell you the story behind these wonderful beads. The custom of awarding beads started in the ancient tribes of the Webelos. They were given to braves who did their best to help the tribe and others.

Den Chief: Many moons ago, when the animal world was ruled by wolves and bears, the braves of the Webelos tribe feared these strong beasts.

Den Leader: Some braves' names (names of boys being recognized) still untried, decided that the best way to live without fear was to learn to understand the creatures of the forest.

Den Chief: So they went, disguised as animals, to live with the wolves and bears. The animals accepted them and all their brothers called them "cubs" just as if the braves were their own. This was according to the Law of the Pack.

Den Leader: For their bravery and friendliness to the beasts, they were given a leather thong with colored beads on it. It signified that he knew the ways of the tribe and did his best at everything without worrying is someone else did better. This is the Law which the tribe, borrowed from the animals and had the "cubs" learn. (Ask den to form a living circle and repeat the Law of the Pack).

Den Chief: For doing your best in completing three achievements toward your (Wolf/Bear) badge, I award you (boys' names) this thong and this bead. May you always obey the Law of the Pack.

### Arch Advancement

Boys form two lines facing each other, remove their neckerchiefs, and hold it in their right hands. On Signal, they hand the loose end of the neckerchief to the boy facing them. All neckerchiefs are raised to form the neckerchief arch. Inductee passes under arch. Arch may be formed to use in a ceremony to --

induct new boys into pack or den, welcome Webelos into Troop (Boy Scouts form the arch), honor boys receiving awards, to award achievement beads in the den.

### Advancement Ceremony

Props: A Cubby set on a table with the awards hidden Inside the Cubby's head. Make two posters. A blue poster with truth, spirituality, loyalty and sky written on It. The other a gold poster with sunlight, cheer and happiness written on It.

As you discuss the blue and gold colors, have a helper hold up the posters and point to the meaning of the colors.

Cubmaster: Blue and gold are the Cub Scout colors. They have a very special meaning. I would like to explain the meaning of these colors to you. Understanding the meaning of these colors will help you, and your parents. see that besides being fun. Cub Scouting helps prepare you for the future and teaches you that hard work Is necessary to reach your goals. The Cub Scout uniform Is blue. The color blue stands for truth. spirituality. steadfast loyalty and the blue sky above. As you put on your Cub Scout uniform or look up into the deep blue sky, think to yourself: I must tell the truth, be loyal to my friends, family and leaders and do my duty to God. The Cub Scout uniform is trimmed in yellow. The yellow color stands for warm sunshine, good cheer and happiness. As you walk in the sunshine, or put on your blue and gold neckerchief, be cheerful and happy. Think about how you can bring happiness to others by helping them. Tonight, we have some boys who proudly wear the Cub Scout blue and gold colors. They have worked hard and reached the goals that they have set. We honor them tonight. Will Cub Scout please come forward with his parents.

\_\_\_\_\_ has earned his Bear award. (Cubmaster takes the Bear award from the Cubby's head.) We would like to have your parents present you with this award. (Cubmaster hands the award to the parents who present the boy the award.) Will you please pin the mother's pin on your mother. Thank you. Always remember the meaning of the Cub Scout blue and gold.

### Recognition Ceremony

Attach awards to blue and gold helium filled balloons or place awards on card stock that is made to look like a Cub Scout Neckerchief.

Graduation To The Webelos Den

Cubmaster: When a Cub Scout becomes 10 years old he begins another new adventure in the Boy Scout Movement... He moves on to the Webelos Den. As a Webelos Scout he will begin to learn skills that will help him as a Boy Scout. The Webelos Den is different than the Wolf and Bears Den. To earn those awards they worked with their parents, who signed their Books when they completed the Achievements. In the Webelos Den the Webelos Scout works with his Webelos Leader to complete Activity Badges that will enable him to earn the Webelos Badge and then the highest award that a Cub Scout can earn.. The Arrow of Light. Bear Cub Scouts(s) is (are) ready to move on to the Webelos Den, will his (their) parents please join him (them) and our Webelos Leader Mr. for the graduation ceremony.

Cubmaster: (After all participants are in front of the Pack.) Cub Scout (s) you have completed the fourth grade (or 10th birthday) and are now ready to become a part of the Webelos Den. I would like to introduce your Webelos Leader, who will help you to prepare to become a Scout.

Webelos Leader: As a member of the Webelos Den you will be working to earn Activity , these Activities will help you to develop skills needed as a Boy Scout. The first step as you prepare to become a member of a Scout Troop is to earn your Webelos Badge and complete the Cub Scout Diamond of Advancement. Next you will move on to complete the requirements to earn your Arrow of Light. While you are working to earn the Award, you will be going on a campout with a parent and learning about outdoor cooking, leadership and teamwork. Webelos Scout (s), I have given (each of) your parents your Webelos Colors to pin on your right shoulder. When you earn your Activity Badges, they will pin them on your colors for you, as a symbol of their support for your work. Now will you raise your arm in the Cub Scout Sign and repeat after me: As a Webelos Scout, I promise, to follow the commitments that I made as a Cub Scout, and to learn and to practice the Oath and Laws of a Scout. On behalf of the Webelos Den of Pack, I am happy to present the Webelos Neckerchief to you at this time. Welcome to our Webelos Den. (As you put each neckerchief in place, call each Webelos Scout by name and shake his hand using the Cub Scout handshake).

Arrow of Light Ceremony

Would (name of Webelos Scout) come forward with his parents. You have worked hard to attain the Arrow of Light. I would like to explain the rays of the badge to you.

- The first ray is Sunday, a day of worship and development of the boy's spiritual life.
- The second ray is Monday, a day for improving understanding within the family.
- The third ray is Tuesday, a day for developing habits and attitudes of good citizenship.
- The fourth ray is Wednesday, a day for strengthening the ability to get along with others and to respect other people.
- The fifth ray is Thursday, a day for personal achievement by developing new interests and skills.
- The sixth ray is Friday, a day to work on good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body.
- The Seventh ray is Saturday, a day for fun and finding new things to do.

This gives us the seven rays of the sun to brighten our week. The arrow is to remind us to continue to go straight up the pathway in Scouting and in life. Putting all of these things together, we have the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting. It is the only award received in Cubbing that you can wear later on your Boy Scout Uniform and later in the form of a ribbon on your Adult Scouter's Uniform. Now I will present your Arrow of Light Pin to your Mother/Father to be pinned on your uniform(do so). I would like to now, present the Mother's/Father's pin to you, for you to pin on

your Mother/Father (do so). You have done well during your time in the Scouting Program and I will expect you to keep up the good work and to continue to set the example for the younger Cubs to follow. Congratulations. (This can be done in conjunction with a graduation into Scouting, if desired.)

### Cub Scout Colors

Personnel: Narrator, Akela (can be a Native American, a African tribe leader, a wolf pack leader, a old mountain man, whatever fits for you), 2 assistants to Akela (Den chiefs, cubs, other adults)

Equipment: A tripod with a large cooking pot suspended over a fire. A small pot fits inside the larger one. Put dry ice in the smaller one. Put a blue scarf with an Arrow of Light symbol in yellow (gold) attached. (You could even attach the awards to back of the scarf.) Have something with which to stir and retrieve the scarf (spoon, tongs, or stick.) Two clear containers (Bottles, jars, vases, etc.) filled with water. The water in one colored with yellow food dye, blue food dye in the other. These will be off stage until appropriate time.

Setting: Akela behind the tripod.

Narrator: Many, many years ago, a great Akela of (name the type of Akela) called a council to see what could be done to make the Webelos members the best of all the tribe. After much discussion, he called forward two of his most trusted assistants.

(The two assistants come forward)

Akela: (To the first assistant) Go climb the mountain and tell the great eagle to fly high in the sky and bring you part of the beauty of the sun. (Assistant leaves to get the yellow colored water)

(To second assistant) Go to the forest and tell the sparrow to fly high into the sky and bring back part of the sky. (Assistant leaves to get the blue colored water)

(Both assistant return)

Akela: (To assistant with blue water) Pour some of the beauty of the sky into the mixing pot. This blue will stand for truth and loyalty. (Pour water over dry ice will smoke for great effect)

(To assistant with yellow water) Pour some of the beauty of the sun in the mixing pot. This warm sunlight gold will stand for happiness and good cheer. (pour water over dry ice will continue smoke)

(Stirs pot with utensil) These will be well mixed in our Webelos members and those who show these to the highest level will receive our highest honor (Pulling out the scarf and have assistants hold ends) the Arrow of Light.

Narrator: We have such boys here tonight. As your name is announced please come forward (with your parents) and receive from Akela your recognition.

(Narrator calls each boy by name. Boy goes to Akela.) ,

Akela: (Name of boy) you have done well, receive your Arrow of light.

(Narrator leads applause)

After all called forward, Akela continues: Our council is richer for the work of all these boys and their parents. All of you younger ones look to them and follow in their footsteps if you dare. This council is closed.

### The Archer With Forged Arrows

Personnel: Cubmaster, Archer

Equipment: Archery target (Arrow will be shot into it). Bow and quiver for archer

Arrow (preferably yellow shaft) decorated with accomplishment of each boy earning Arrow of Light (one arrow for each boy)

Decorating arrow: This can be done with paint or electrical tape (comes in white, yellow, blue, green, and red) and gray duct tape.

Strip of white for Bobcat

Strip of red for Wolf badge

Strip of yellow for gold arrow

Strip of gray for each silver arrow Strip of green for Bear badge Strip of yellow for gold arrow

Strip of gray for each silver arrow ." Strip of blue for Webelos badge

Strip of white with number on it for number of activity badges

Strip of blue with smaller strip of yellow overlaid for Arrow of Ught

(Can also add strip of blue with smaller strip of red overlaid for Religious Award)

Decorate each arrow appropriately for each recipient.

Setting: Target set up for shooting at. Archer off- stage.

Cubmaster: Tonight we have invited a special guest. One of the best archers in the community. He has some special words for us. Let us welcome him now. (Archer comes on stage)

Archer: Thank you for inviting me. I have come tonight for a very special reason. My arrows are very precious to me and I make sure they are forged in a special way to shoot straight and true.

Tonight I have arrow in my quiver which are not forged by me but by the action of some very special cubs. The first arrow has been forged by (calls first boy's name).

(Boy (and parents) come forward.)

Archer continues: This arrow has been forged by your actions let us see if it 5]loots straight and true. (Archer shoots arrow into target or helps boy shoot his own arrow)

After arrow is shot archer continues: The arrow flew true.

Cubmaster retrieve the arrow and tell how it was forged.

Cubmaster (pulling arrow from target): (Boy's name), you have forged this arrow by earning (calls out name of each award point to the marks on the arrow). Receive your Arrow of Ught. (presents arrow and awards to boy). (Applause). Your parents also have helped you forge this, receive the parent pin to present to them.

(Boy goes back and archer calls next boy and does same ceremony)

When all boys presented. Archer says: Mr. Cubmaster, thank you for inviting me. It is great to use arrows forged so well. Call me again should you have other cubs who will forge their arrows as these we have honored. Good night.

### Webelos Graduation Ceremony

Staging: Darkened room. Red light is on bridge, which is centered between American flag and the Pack flag. Assembled on stage, to the left of the bridge are the parents and Webelos den leader; on the opposite end of bridge is the Scoutmaster.

Cubmaster: Tonight we mark a great occasion... he graduation of Webelos Scout (name) from our pack. We are pleased to see him leave because he has been a great help to our pack. . . and we are happy for him because he is going on to the greatest adventure of Scouting. He has worked hard for this night and has advanced well. Please escort Webelos Scout (name to the front. ) (Boy, who has been standing on opposite side of room, is escorted to front by another Webelos Scout, who carries the Wcbelos den flag. They stop at front; the graduating Scout salutes and joins his den leader on stage. The other Webelos Scout returns to his place).

Cubmaster: (Recaps information such as date boy joined pack, ranks he earned, awards he received, date joined Webelos den, etc.)

DEN Leader: (Recaps activities in Webelos den, highlighting activity badges he has earned). Webelos Scout (name) it\_is with a great sense of pride that I now ask you for your Webelos neckerchief. (After removing neckerchief, den leader escorts him to end of bridge where Cubmaster is waiting).

Cubmaster: I am pleased to see that you are wearing the Arrow of Light, it is the highest award in Cub Scouting. This is the only Cub Scout badge which I you will be permitted to wear on your Scout uniform. And now you may , take the final steps. (Webelos Scout crosses bridge. He stops in center,

turns to salute Cubmaster with Cub Scout salute. He proceeds across bridge to where the Scoutmaster is waiting. He gives him Scout salute).

Scoutmaster: (name), welcome to our troop. . I congratulate you on having earned the Arrow of Light. It shows that you are prepared to join the great fellowship of Scouting. (short statement on what is expected of Scouts). Please repeat after me the Scout Oath. (Scoutmaster and Scout exchange salutes and shake hands). As a token of this important occasion, I would like to present you with the troop neckerchief. (Scoutmaster and parents meet in front of bridge). Mr. and Mrs. (name), welcome to our troop. I congratulate you on the fine work that you have done with your son in Cub Scouting. I am sure you will find new adventures in our troop. (Red light is turned off. House lights on. Participants leave stage).

### Webelos Graduation Ceremony

Props: Rustic bridge

Cubmaster, Webelos Leader, Scoutmaster and Patrol Leader

Cub Scouting is the younger brother part of the great Scout movement, where the boys are grouped together in dens. During the last part of Cub Scouting, a boy learns " the requirements for the Arrow of Light award. Then when he reaches 11 years of age he graduates into Boy Scouting. Tonight's meeting has special meaning for some of our boys, for this is their graduation night. The night they cross the bridge from Cub Scouting into Boy Scouting. (Calls forward graduating boys and their Parents.)

Four ears ago you became Cub Scouts. On that night a world of opportunity opened to you through Cub Scouting. You have been loyal to your dens and to your leaders. You have learned to share, to assume responsibility and discipline yourselves. Being a Cub Scout has helped you to understand the importance of being a member of a team. You have now reached another bridge in life...the end of Cub Scouting...the beginning of Boy Scouting. I congratulate you in deciding to become a Boy Scout. Someday one of you may return to us as a Den Chief, to help other Cub Scouts learn to become Boy Scouts. We will miss you in our den and pack meetings, but we know you'll be having lots of fun and adventure in your Boy Scout troop. You have earned the Arrow of Light award, which is the only Cub Scout badge which may be worn on the Scout uniform. I'd like to congratulate you on a job well done. This is the last time you will give the Cub Scout salute (they exchange salutes). Npw I'm happy to introduce you to Mr. , your Scoutmaster, who will meet you with the Boy Scout salute. (The Webelos Leader and boy cross the bridge to meet the Scoutmaster.) (They exchange salutes.) Congratulations and welcome to Troop . (Exchanges neckerchief and hat.)

### Little Extra Recognition

Cubmaster reads to the appropriate standing group:  
Let's take a few minutes now  
To recognize the workers in our Pack.  
The leaders and the boys,  
Who have not been caught slack.  
Let's stand on our feet,  
All the Tigers and Cubs who made advancement tonight,  
And also their parents,  
Who helped them do it right.  
Now all those Cubs,  
Who arrow points earned  
And their proud parents also  
With whose help they have learned.  
Next all the Webelos

Who've earned some badges too,  
And their leaders,  
Of these hard working boys.  
As we give them a round of applause,  
With lots of cheering noise.

#### Badge, Book and Candle

Set-up: Place a Cub Scout badge, a Wolf handbook, and a candle on a table.

Scouts, these three things have been significant in Cub Scouting since it began in 1930. This badge is a symbol of Cub Scouting all over America. There are many books that are important to Cub Scouts. The Wolf and Bear Webelos handbook help us to learn new skills. To many, the Bible is another important book. It guides their daily lives. The candle is a symbol of the light Scouting brings to every- one. It penetrates the darkness of hate, prejudice and distrust. It is a light which must be kept burning in the heart of every scout, now and as he grows into manhood light which must be kept burning in the heart of every scout, now and as he grows into manhood.

#### To Help Other People At All Times

"To help other people at all times" - that's part of our Cub Scout Promise. Helping other people is part of what it means to be a good neighbor. We have to help and look out for each other. Tonight, I would like to recognize several scouts who with the help of their mothers, fathers, den leaders, and others have met the requirements for advancement to the next rank.

Will Cub Scouts \_\_\_ and \_\_\_ please come forward with their parents. Will one of the parents please light this single candle which represents the second part of the Cub Scout promise which is "To obey the Law of the Pack". Part of the Law of the Pack states, the "Cub Scout gives goodwill". A good neighbor also gives good will. As a Cub Scout you should do your best to do things for others. Now, you may promote your son to the rank of \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Explaining The Ranks

Need: 11X14 cards picturing the rank badges. Tape these little explanations of rank on the back of the appropriate card. 5 Cubs represent each rank. Have the 5 Cubs come forward, hold up the cards for the audience to see as they read the explanation on the back.

TIGER CUB: I had to search, discover and share  
To become a Tiger Cub Scout  
I had my adult partner  
To help me out.

BOBCAT: I had to make some promises,  
To become a Bobcat Scout.  
To follow, help, and give goodwill,  
That's what Cub Scouting's all about.

WOLF: The back and front rolls were easy,  
Making games was fun.  
But when it came to giving directions,  
I almost didn't get done.

I had to earn the Wolf badge,  
It meant a lot to me.

Finally I learned my directions,  
And a Wolf Cub Scout I would be.

BEAR: I never wrote a letter before,  
Let alone a 100-word essay.  
Or ever learned to throw a rope,  
To hit a marker 20 feet away.

And now that I've earned the Bear badge,  
All that and a whole lot more.  
Makes me feel that much smarter,  
Than I ever felt before.

WEBELOS: Now that I'm a 9-year-old,  
I belong to a Webelos den.  
Activity badges I'll try to earn,  
Like Athlete, Forester, and Outdoorsman.

ARROW OF LIGHT: The Oath and Law are memorized,  
Graduation day is in sight.  
I am prepared for what's ahead,  
I've earned the Arrow of Light!

It's hard to say good-bye to friends.  
Cub Scouting's meant a lot to me,  
But it's time I start the upward trail,  
For it's an Eagle Scout I want to be.

CUBMASTER:

Now that we have had the ranks explained, we would like to recognize those boys in our Pack who have earned those ranks. (At this time you will have the advancing boys come forward with their parents and award the badges.)

#### The Meaning Of The Colors Blue And Gold

CUBMASTER: Blue and Gold, the Cub Scout colors stand for some of the good things Cub Scouts gain through the process of advancement as they make progress through the ranks. Gold stands for Good Cheer. The boys here tonight who have learned the basics of Cub Scouting and have earned their Bobcat badge are full of the good cheer of Cub Scouting. Will these boys and their parents please come forward? (Call the names of the boys receiving Bobcats - give the award to the parents to pin on the boy.)

Gold stands for happiness, and no one seems to be more full of happiness than these bright young men, who have completed the twelve achievements necessary for the rank of Wolf. Will these boys please come forward with their parents? (Call names of boys receiving Wolf Badges and Wolf Arrows. Give awards to the parents and have them present them to the boys.)

Blue, the other color of Cub Scouting stands for truth. Truth begins to shine through strong on the faces of these Cub Scouts, as they have completed the achievements for the rank of Bear and have learned that Cub Scout Honor really is important and truth is always the best. Will these boys please come forward with their parents. (Call the names of the boys receiving Bear badges and Bear Arrows. Give the badges to the parents to present to the boys.)

The other meaning for the color Blue is loyalty. This is one of the most important traits a boy can learn in the process of becoming a man. Loyalty to family, God, country, friends, and the most important, loyalty to his beliefs and convictions. There are many adults who do not display this trait, but the boys who have progressed to the rank of Webelos have developed or are developing this trait of loyalty. The boys who have earned honors as Webelos are: (Call off names and at this time graduate boys into Webelos, award activity pins, and also the Arrow of Light and graduate boys into Boys Scouts. Just say a few words about the accomplishments of each boy. Honor the Arrow of Light recipients and graduates into Scouting with more ado than the activity badge recipients.)

These boys honored tonight have been true to the Gold and the Blue by showing the traits represented by our Cub Scout colors....Good cheer, Happiness, Truth and Loyalty. Let's show them and their parents how much we admire their efforts with a Pack cheer. "Who's the best in Blue and Gold? Pack \_\_\_\_ so we've been told!"

### **ADULT LEADER RECOGNITION**

For Being "Tops with Us in Scouting" (Toy Top)  
 "Turned" on to Scouting (Faucet Handle)  
 "Bright Ideas" (Light Bulbs) " "Sticking" with Scouting (Glue, Tape, or Gum)  
 For Being Just "Great" in Scouting (Kelloggs Sugar Frosted Flakes)  
 "Nuts" about Scouting (Nuts or Nuts/bolts)  
 "Golden Spoon" Award (Wooden Spoon Painted Gold, Banquet Committee) You're a "Cut" above (pair of Scissors)  
 You Lend "Sparkle" to Our Pack (Glitter, Stars)  
 You're the "Bubble" in Our Pack (Bottle of Bubble Liquid)  
 You're Our "Top Banana" (Top and a Banana)  
 "Hat's Off Award" - for the person we take our hats off to.  
 "Off on the Right Foot Award" - for the person who starts off right.  
 "Scout Spirit Award" - for those who show spirit. "  
 "Right Arm" - cardboard arm bent at elbow. Hand is in the Cub Scout sign.  
 "Kept Us In Stitches" - needle and thread.  
 "Really Tacky" - mounted thumbtacks.  
 "Hang In There" - hangman's noose.  
 "Plunged Right In" - mini plunger found at craft stores.  
 "Rose to the Occasion" - artificial or ribbon rose.  
 "It's Bean Wonderful" - bean bag.  
 "Record-Breaking Performance" - pieces of broken record in bag.  
 "Welcome Aboard" - small piece of wood.  
 "Knock Yourself Out Award" - small hammer.  
 "A Stake in a Boy's Future" - tent stake.  
 "Scissors Award" - present scissors to the biggest cut-up.  
 "Udderly Ridiculous" - blown up plastic glove. "  
 "Well Done" - burnt slice of bread.  
 "Enlightening" - flashlight, candle, matches, light bulb.  
 "Expanded our Knowledge" - elastic, large rubberband.  
 "Best Foot Forward" - 12" ruler, sock with a hole.  
 "Heartfelt Thanks" - heart cut from felt.  
 "Most Noteworthy" - note pad.  
 "You Stuck To It" - tape dispenser, bottle of glue, glue stick.  
 "Thanks a Million" - \$1 million in play money. .

### **CLOSING CEREMONIES**

Thank You Parents

Personnel: 8 Cub Scouts

Equipment: Large poster divided into 8, when put together has a heart on it with the words THANK YOU in it.

Setting: Each boy has a piece of the heart. After all lines have been read, the first four stand in a line and hold their cards while the second four kneel in front and hold up their cards so that the heart is formed.

Cub 1: Our leaders are grand, the best in the land

Cub 2: They deserve a thank you, and a big hand, too.

Cub 3: This celebration's the time and the place, to tell them we think so, right to their face.

Cub 4: So thanks to the Den Leaders, Committee and Cubmaster, at making Scouting fun, they're truly the masters.

Cub 5: But there's someone special we don't want to leave out, after all, they're a big part of what Scouting's about.

Cub 6: We want to say thank you, Mom and Dad, and tell you that we are really glad.

Cub 7: To have you as parents, yes it's true, because of your help and all that you do.

Cub 8: To help us through Scouting's achievements and ranks you truly deserve our heartfelt thanks.

One Small Boy

From the sky we take some blue,  
Sprinkle with sunlight's golden hue,  
Gently stir with loving care,  
Add one boy with tousled hair.  
Dress him in our blue and gold,  
A better citizen we will mold.  
With a law and a promise and a bobcat pin,  
His adventure in Scouting will begin.  
The trail is long but filled with fun,  
To be enjoyed by everyone.  
Let his motto guide us well;  
"Do your Best," for who can tell?  
This boy we've dressed in blue and gold,  
May lead our nation when we are old.  
So, guide him wisely so he'll believe,  
It's right to build, to serve, to achieve.

Anniversary Closing

EQUIPMENT: Candelabra with three candles; one larger candle.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster and all present and former Cub Scouts.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have had a lot of fun at the \_\_\_\_th birthday of Cub Scouting and the \_\_\_\_\_ birthday of our own pack. As Cub Scouts and leaders, we are following a trail blazed by millions of other boys, men, and women.

All of them have had the Cub Scout spirit, which we symbolize with the flame of this one candle. (Light larger candle. Extinguish room lights.) What is the Cub Scout spirit? That's easy. It's the three things we promise to do in the Cub Scout Promise. We say, "I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country." That's the first part. (Light one candle on candelabra.)

The second part is, "To help other people." (Light second candle.) And the third is, "To obey the Law of the Pack." (Light third candle.) Now, while these candles burn as a reminder to us, will all Cub Scouts, and former Cub Scouts who are with us tonight, please stand, and repeat the Promise with me. (Lead Promise.)

#### Closing - A Creed

Personnel: Cubmaster, Cub Scout poem reader, person to turn off lights.

Equipment: Candles, one on each den's table.

Arrangement: On each den's table a single lighted candle burns. All houselights are out.

Cubmaster: Cub Scouting is a part of family life in 60 countries around the world. In all of these free countries, on an evening such as this, Cub Scouts are joining in a Grand howl and repeating the Cub Scout Motto. What is the Cub Scout Motto?

Cub Scouts: Do Your Best.

Cubmaster: As we face each other around our Blue and Gold tables, let us look at the candle's flame and silently thank God for the Cub Scout friendships we are privileged to enjoy. Now, join me in rededicating ourselves to our Cub Scout Promise. (All repeat Cub Scout Promise.)

Cubmaster: Thanks to everyone for your assistance tonight. We'll say good night after Cub Scout (name) reads Edgar A. Guest's "A Creed".

Lord, let me not in service lag,  
Let me be worthy of our flag;  
Let me remember, when I'm tired,  
The sons heroic who have died  
In freedom's name, and in my way  
Teach me to be as brave as they.  
In all I am, in all I do,  
Unto our flag I would be true;  
For God and country let me stand.  
Unstained of soul and clean of hand,  
Teach me to serve and guard and love  
The starry flag which flies above.

#### I'm Proud to Be A Cub Scout

(Tune: God Bless the USA. Words by Janet Gibbons)

By repeating the Cub Scout Promise  
We agree to do our best  
Do our duty to God and country  
We are put to the big test  
To help other people  
To obey the Law of the Pack  
We are always trying to do what's right  
There is no turning back.

I'm proud to be a Cub Scout  
In a land of liberty  
Where I'm taught about my country's needs  
And how to remain free  
I'm taught about strength  
Of God, my home, and family

I'm taught that I am really great  
Cub Scouting is here to stay

Blue & Gold Boypower

Have a small birthday candle at each Cub Scout table setting and have larger candles on all tables. At the proper time, the Cubmaster announces that each Webelos Scout should come forward and receive a lighted candle to take to his table. After he reaches his table all other lights are turned off.

Cubmaster: America's Manpower begins with Boypower. As we light all our candles, you can see the room is growing brighter (Cubs light their candles). That is the way it is in Cub Scouting in our community as we increase our Boypower. One Cub Scout may not be very big, but as our members grow we can light up all our homes and make everyone aware of our Cub Scout spirit. Let's make Cub Scouting really shine with Boypower (lights come on and candles are blown out.) Do your best.

Cub Scouts respond: We'll do our best!

Spirit Of Scouting Opening

5 cub scouts, carrying flashlights or candles. As each one speaks, he turns on his light or lights his candle

CUB #1: I represent Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting. I am the spirit of Scouting, past, present and future. I developed a plan for bringing out the best in each boy.

CUB #2: I represent the Cubmaster, I reward each boy for doing his best

CUB#3: I represent the Den Leader, I help each boy to find the best that is deep within

CUB #4: I represent the Den Chief, I too will help the boys to find what they can do

CUB #5: I represent the Parents, I support and encourage my son in all of his scouting activities

ALL CUBS: We are the Cub Scouts

CUB #1: We have learned that we can do many things

CUB #2: We have learned to let our light shine

CUB #3: You may think that your light doesn't make a difference, but it does

CUB #4: Take away even one light and the Scouting program becomes weaker (each person says who their light represents (Lord Baden-Powell, Cubmaster, Den Leader, Den Chief and Parents) and turns their light off or extinguishes their candle, leaving the room dark)

CUB #5: We need everyone's light (all turn lights on) glowing brightly to make the Scouting program work. Thank you and Goodnight.

**CLOSING THOUGHTS**

A Lord Baden-Powell Closing: Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of scouting, said this to Scouts everywhere; I often think when the sun goes down, the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of the Heaven, but the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done goods deeds in this world. 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. Try and make your hole in the blanket by good work while you're on earth. It is something to be good, but it is far better to do good". Think of Baden-Powell's words when you promise, "to help other people" Good night.

Baden-Powell Star Closing

Setting: Make several foil covered stars in assorted sizes. Attach stars to the wall or suspend them from the ceiling with fishing line. As the room lights are dimmed, have someone shine a flashlight on the stars.

Narrator: I would like to share with you what Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, said about the stars: "I often think that when the sun goes down, the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of the heaven, but the stars are the little holes pierced in that blanket by those who have done good deeds in the world.

The stars are not all the same size; some are big, some are little, and some men have small deeds but they have made their hole in the blanket by doing some good before they go to heaven.

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."

Baden-Powell's words should remind us all to "help other people" each day.

The Value of a Badge: A badge in Cub Scouting is a piece of embroidered cloth. If you were to try to sell one of these badges, you'd find that it wouldn't bring much money. The real value of the badge is what it represents. .. the things you've learned to earn it... how to keep healthy, how to be a good citizen, good safety practices, conservation, and many new skills. Does your badge truly represent all these things? Were you prepared to meet each test at the time you passed it, or did you try to get by? Maybe you were pre- pared when you passed the test, but through laziness and neglect, you have forgotten the skill now... one that represents what you can really do and know.