

ARROW OF LIGHT CEREMONY

In the days of the Redman, when the Indian boy prepared for manhood, he was required to go through a stern ordeal testing his worthiness and fitness for a place among the braves of the tribe. If he passed through the ordeal successfully, he appeared before the chief at the council fire to receive the eagle feather of the brave. As the chief placed in his hands the weapons of his rank, he pledged the new brave to an oath--he bound him in honor never to use his weapons in any way that would bring discredit to his tribe or to himself.

The days of the Redman are gone, but their spirit lives on in the hearts of all true scouts. Just as the Indian youth went through his ordeal to prove himself, so you have gone through your ARROW OF LIGHT requirements to prove yourself a worthy Arrow of Light scout. This is one who could care for himself. Just as the Indian youth pledged himself to his tribe, so should you pledge yourself to scouting and maintain the Cubscout promise. In your growth toward becoming an ARROW OF LIGHT do you feel that the Cubscout promise has more meaning for you?

Cub repeats yes or I do

This rank of ARROW OF LIGHT represents to you the opportunities for service to others, as the weapons did to the Indian youth. We place no weapons in your hands, but the honor of all scouting rests surely on your shoulders. (The boy is now presented the ARROW OF LIGHT badge).

Once before you stood before this pack and became a member when you received your Bobcat. Time has passed since then. You have used that time in pursuing scout activities and learning new things, you are now qualified to wear the ARROW OF LIGHT badge. Wear this badge as a shield with honor and distinction. To prove that you know the rules and trials you endured,

that this award may be carried honorably, you will repeat the Cub Scout promise.

Cub repeats the CubScout promise (turns and faces the audience).

I now present this new ARROW OF LIGHT to you that you may know he is a seasoned warrior and new leader.

Note: Each paragraph can be divided into parts for two people