

ARROW OF LIGHT CEREMONY

Tonight we are presenting a symbol of Cub Scouting, a symbol which suggests the quality of the character and ideals of a boy. For you, Arrow of Light candidate, we present the cub scouting trail, the trail which began by learning how to be square and by learning what it means to be a Cub Scout.

It was a proud moment when you became a Bobcat, when you first stood before your Cubmaster, with your right hand raised in the Cub Scout sign and solemnly dedicated that "I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country, to be square, and obey the law of the Pack.

Yes, you began to show that there are three ranks in Subbing. IN no time at all the Bobcat pin on your shirt pocket was joined with the Wolf Badge. Since so much of Cub Scouting takes place in the home, it is easy to see why your parents were involved in Cub Scouting. They helped you with your advancement work and took part in the den and pack activities.

Before you knew it you were nine years old and the color of the badge on your shirt changed from red and black to red and gold, for you had completed the requirement of the Bear. You learned the Cub Scout colors were blue and gold, and the blue stands for truth and loyalty, and gold stands for warm sunlight, happiness, and good cheer. When you were ten years old, you knew that Cub Scouting was preparing you for Boy Scouting. You began to study the Boy Scout requirements.

You were a Webelos Scout now and you wore a different neckerchief than the younger boys. You learned the ways of a Tenderfoot Scout.

The Arrow of Light is the highest rank in Cub Scouting. You started to earn it as soon as you joined a Webelos Den.

As a Cub Scout you wear the badge centered on the flap of your left shirt pocket. When you became a Scout it should be centered at the bottom of the left shirt pocket.

Akela, the chief of the Webelos, has helped greatly along the trail to earn this honor. More important than Akela, the Chief of the Webelos, is your father, who holds the sign of your achievement. Will this great chief step forward and present this brave his token of achievement?

Will the brave, present to his mother a miniature of his token of honor, and seal it with a kiss?

The Arrow of Light award has a special meaning. Notice the Indian sign for the sun over the arrow? That is why it is called the Arrow of Light. Notice the seven rays of the sun: One for each day of the week. They will remind you to do your best every

day as you follow the arrow that leads to Scouting.

By earning and wearing the Arrow of Light award, you show Cubs and Scouts something important. They know that you are ready to be a Scout.

Your Webelos Den Leader and before that, you Den Mother looked forward to this day. Your work has resulted in graduation into a Scout troop.

Standing before your new Scoutmaster, saying the Scout Oath, should make you feel good. But your parent will be even prouder watching you say:

On my honor, I will do my Best,
To do my duty to God and my Country,
And to obey the Scout Law,
To help other people at all times,
To keep myself physically strong,
Mentally awake, and morally straight.

Will the Senior Patrol Leader come forth and lead the candidate in the Scout Oath, greet this new member of the troop and give him a troop neckerchief.

Boy escorts parents to their seats.