

ARROW OF LIGHT CEREMONY

The Arrow of Light represents a significant step in Scouting. It represents the "complete Scout." Special attention should be given to the scout earning the award.

In the days of chivalry, after a squire had earned the right to carry sword and shield, it was customary to retire to the privacy of the chapel on the evening before he was to be made a knight. There surrounded by his weapons, he prayed that he might live worthily of the honor that was his, and that he might never bring disgrace upon his knighthood, either in thought or in deed. Just as highly as the knights of old, we we who are the scouts of today value the distinction that is ours. As an Arrow of Light, you have earned the right to demonstrate and abide by the code to which a true Arrow of Light recipient is forever bound by his promise as a Cubscout. Do you accept this greater responsibility of Arrow of Light in the spirit of service of the knights of old? Cubscout repeats yes/I do.

In qualifying as an Arrow of Light you have advanced from a new Cub to a more skillfull Scout. In these experiences you have been taught to be a leader, you have learned new skills, and are able to help other scouts better, and to give better service, as did the knights of old. As we present you with your Arrow of Light charge you to continue your developement as a Scout. We also challenge you to continue along the Scouting trail until you can climb into the nest of Eagles who are waiting to receive you. Do you accept this challenge?

The Cubscout repeats yes/I do.

The leader now presents the boy with his badge and other awards/certificates as you desire.

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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