

EAGLE FEATHER CEREMONY

ALLOWAT SAKIMA: (Holds up a feather that has been prepared as if it were to be a part of a war bonnet. He holds it up and says:)

This is the reward most sought after by the Indian warrior: the feather of the Eagle. This is not a real Eagle feather. That bird is the protected symbol of our country (Allowat Sakima hands the feather to Meteu).

METEU: But this imitation Eagle feather still can be used as a symbol of your real achievements (hands it to Nutiket).

NUTIKET: When you look upon it, remember who you are: An Eagle. One who is strong and powerful. One who flies unafraid before the face of the sun. One who soars higher than all others, and who builds his nest on the pinnacle. (hands the feather to Kichkinet).

KICHKINET: Remember that you did not come to this point alone. Many helped you up the trail. It is now your privilege and duty to help others up the same trail. Do not swerve from your duties as an Eagle (hands feather to the new Eagle)

This is how my Chapters script goes:

Chief 1: Long ago, when Bobcat, Wolf, and Bear roamed the forest, the Mighty Spirit looked with love upon his children. The Mighty Spirit gave us the moonlight on the water, the sunshine on the meadow, the shadow of the forest, the wind among the branches, the rushing of great rivers, the thunder in the mountains.

Chief 2: As the Spirit gave us the sun to lighten our day so did the Mighty Spirit give us the fire to brighten the darkness of the night and to warm our bodies and souls when sitting around campfires.

Chief 1: Tonight there is/are ____ young warrior(s) who have completed what is required to receive the highest honor in the cub scout program.

Chief 2: Would the following boy(s) please come to the front with his parents: _____

Chief 1: With a loud voice say with me the Scout Oath, (say it). You will now show me the Scout Handclasp, (Do it(It is the shaking of the left hand) and say to each one)... You have given me the proper handclasp.

Chief 2: Young warriors, at day and at night under the lights of heaven, your heart and spirit has been led by the light of Akela. This light has grown to what is called the Scouting Spirit.

Chief 1: (say to each boy as you place the headdress on each scout) The scouting spirit has been found in your heart. Keep this light burning day and night, at rain or sunshine, alone or with friends together. Use it as your guide.

Chief 2: The scouting spirit has been found in the hearts of this/these young warrior(s) (to adult) He/They are found ready to continue.

Adult: In the East the sun comes up in the morning and moves in a half circle to the west 7 days a week, through spring, summer, fall, and winter, year by year. The Arrow of Light badge symbolizes with it's 7 rays that you as a scout and always will strive to do a good turn 7 days a week.

Chief 2: As members of the Order of the Arrow it is an honor to award you with this arrow. (sight down the arrow and say to each boy) The arrow is straight and true, just as the path of scouting.

Adult: Behind you stand those that will help you pull back the bow and help you on the path toward Eagle rank. May you always be grateful for their help. At this time I would like to award you with your Arrow of Light Badge. Remember that the Arrow of Light is the highest award in Cub Scouting. Wear it proudly.

Chief 1: As the mighty chief of all warriors, in the valleys, on the mountains, around the lakes, in the forests, at the rivers, and in the deserts. I challenge you to always remember this moment, and keep the spirit of scouting burning brightly wherever you may be. You may be seated.