

OUTLINE - CUB POWWOW

How to do Effective Arrow of Light Ceremonies

OBJECTIVE:

1. To teach the participants that they can do effective Arrow of Light Ceremonies with a little preparation.
2. To show that ordinary materials often make great ceremony symbols.
3. To encourage the group to take the time to be effective in teaching principles through the use of ceremonies.

OUTLINE:

A. Ceremony - defined.

A ceremony is a teaching device through the use of actors and symbols that convey a message or idea.

B. Types of Ceremonies.

1. Marriages
2. Graduation
3. Induction into the military
4. Swearing in a witness in court
5. Ask the group to list others that they might know of.

C. Examine these ceremonies and see what they have in common.

1. What are the physical symbols that they use?
 - a. Licenses, Bibles, Flags, etc.
2. What do the actors do?
 - a. Administer oaths,
 - b. Keep order and direct the participants
 - c. List other things.
3. What do the symbols mean?
 - a. Flag - Patriotism

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- b. License - legality
 - c. Robes of judge - solemnness etc.
- D. What are the purposes we want to achieve with an Arrow of Light Ceremony.
- 1. Success and a feeling of accomplishment.
 - 2. Graduation in Boy Scouting.
 - 3. Public Recognition.
- E. What are Scouting Symbols
- 1. The badge
 - 2. The congratulation of the unit leader who is in uniform.
 - 3. The public invited to be present.
 - 4. An American Flag
 - 5. How about others.
- F. What are symbols that have great meaning in the life of a young boy or that focus his attention.
- 1. Darkness with one or more candles or candle type lights.
 - 2. A campfire
 - 3. Traditions represented by indian or costumed figures.
 - 4. A public promise such as the Scout Law or Oath.
 - 5. Taped music or inspirational thoughts.
- G. Putting it all together.
- 1. Each of you will be given a chance to view parts of several ceremonies. The OA often does them for groups.

2. Note how the symbols are used and how the actors draw attention to the principle that they are using.
3. An effective ceremony may be very simple.
4. It should be written and all who participate should memorize their lines and rehearse them.

H. Demonstrations.

To be determined by the instructor.

I. Resources:

1. The handout that we have for you includes a simple Arrow of Light Ceremony, an induction for new scouts and 2 Eagle Ceremonies. They will give you ideas on how to adapt them to your efforts in cubbing.
2. The district Order of the Arrow chapter adviser has additional information and resources that might help also.