

ADVANCEMENT - TWELVE NEW THINGS

ARRANGEMENTS: Have the large cardboard badges with stands for each. Start with all laying flat and set each one up in turn.

BOBCAT: I have learned five new things. I can give the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. I know what Webelos means. I promise to do my best. I am a Bobcat. (call boys and parents forward and present badges.)

WOLF: I have learned twelve new thing. I grew physically and spiritually. I developed habits and attitudes of good citizenship. As I grew in mind and body, I also grew within my family. I learned to get along with others and gained a sense of personal achievement. It is fun being helpful and doing your best. I am a Wolf. (call boys and parents forward.)

BEAR: I too have learned 12 new things. They required more skill and effort, but were fun and interesting. Many of the things I learned were preparing me to be a Boy Scout. The electives started giving me ideas about hobbies I might want to pursue in life. I am a Bear. (call boys and parents forward).

WEBELOS: I am learning and understanding the requirements to become a Boy Scout. The Scout Oath and the Scout Law, and the parts of the Scout badge. I am learning about the outdoors through activities and the outdoor code. I have earned three activity pins. I am a Webelos. (call boys and parents forward).

ARROW OF LIGHT: I to am learning about the requirements to become a Boy Scout. I can repeat from memory the Scout Oath and Scout Law. I have earned four more activity pins. I have visited a troop meeting and talked with the Scoutmaster. I have been on an overnight campout. I have attained the highest award in Cub Scouting. I am The Arrow of Light. (call boys and parents forward)

ADVANCEMENT - THE SECOND GREAT STEP ALONG THE CUBBING TRAIL

Characters: Cubmaster, Den Chiefs, Advancing Cubs and parents, Den Leaders

CUBMASTER: Will the den chief who has Cubs ready to receive their Bear please come forward. (This is all arranged in advance). Now, will you please give the names of the advancing Cubs from your Den and bring them forward.

(Den Chief announce names and take boy to Cubmaster at front).

CUBMASTER: Cubs, we are happy to see that you have made the second great step along the Cubbing trail. You have completed the Bear Achievements, and you have proved yourselves worthy of membership in our Pack. The advancing Cubs will face their fellow Cubs and parents step forward two paces. Cubs, I'm going to ask Den Chief to lead your in a cheer for these new members of our Bear rank.

(Den Chief leads cheer and advancing Cubs return to their places in line but remain facing audience.)

CUBMASTER: Now, Den Chief, I understand the parents of these Cubs are present tonight, and I'm going to ask you please to bring them forward. (Den Chief brings parents to Cubmaster and places them so that each Cub is standing between his mother and father.)

CUBMASTER: These Cubs have done a splendid job in our Pack. They have climbed the Cubbing ladder well. But this could not have been possible had not interested parents helped. These Cubs have passed their achievements to their parents. Now I'm going to ask just the parents in the audience to stand and give these fine boys a hand.

(Cubs in audience remain seated, but all parents stand and applaud).

CUBMASTER: There are other people in addition to this fine Den Chief who have contributed to the advancement of these Cubs. I'm going to ask each advancing Cub to call out the name of this Den Leader: and as their names are called, I'd like them to stand while we all sing "They're Jolly Good Fellows".

CUBMASTER: And now we are ready to award the Bear badges to these Cubs. As Cubmaster, I do not claim the privilege of presenting the badge. I'm going to present the badge to each parent and allow them to present it to their son. (Present badges to their sons and congratulate them.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE FOURTH BEAD DEN CEREMONY

Cub Scouts who have completed 12 achievements and earned the Wolf or Bear rank, receive their badges at a pack ceremony. But it's a good idea to recognize them in the Den too, with a simple ceremony as soon as they finish the 12th achievement.

PERSONNEL: Den Leader, advancing Cub Scout.

EQUIPMENT: Bead from Immediate Recognition Kit.

DEN LEADER: Today (Name of Cub) gets his fourth bead for passing three more achievements for Wolf(or bear) rank. Do you know that means? It means that he has finished all 12 achievements for Wold(or Bear). At our next Pack meeting, he'll get his new badge I think that's great! He'll wear his new Wolf (or Bear) badge on his left shirt pocket.

(attach bead to thong of Progress Toward Ranks patch).

Keep working on advancement, (Name the Cub). That's the way you'll have the most fun in our Den and Pack. Let's see you other Cubs keep advancing,too. Congratulations!

ADVANCEMENT - EXPLAINING THE RANKS

Need: 11X14 cards picturing the rank badges. Tape these little explanations of rank on the back of the appropriate card. 5 Cubs represent each rank.

Have the 5 Cubs come forward, hold up the cards for the audience to see as they read the explanation on the back.

BOBCAT:

I had to make some promises,
To become a bobcat Scout.
To Follow, help, and give goodwill,
That's what Cub Scouting's all about.

WOLF:

The back and front rolls were easy,
Making games was fun.
But when it came to giving directions,
I almost didn't get done.

I had to earn the Wolf badge,
It meant a lot to me.
Finally I learned my directions,
And a Wolf Cub Scout I would be.

BEAR:

I never wrote a letter before,
Let alone a 100 word essay.
Or ever learned to throw a rope,
To hit a marker 20 feet away.

And now that I've earned the Bear badge,
All that and a whole lot more.
Makes me feel that much smarter,
Than I ever felt before.

WEBELOS:

Now that I'm a 9 year old,
I belong to a Webelos den.
Activity badges I'll try to earn,
Like Athlete, Forester, and Outdoorsman.

ARROW OF LIGHT:

The Oath and Law are memorized,
Graduation day is in sight.
I am prepared for what's ahead,
I've earned the Arrow of Light!

It's hard to say goodbye to friends.
Cub Scouting's meant a lot to me,
But it's time I start the upward trail,
For it's an Eagle Scout I want to be.

CUBMASTER:

Now that we have had the ranks explained,
we would like to recognize those boys in our
Pack who have earned those ranks.

(At this time you will have the advancing
boys come forward with their parents and
award the badges.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE SIX "TATERS"

PERSONNEL: Awards Chairman, six other adults.

PROPS: Signs to identify the Awards Chairman and six "taters". Hold during ceremony.

CHAIRMAN: Scouters, this is our problem. Every year hundreds of red blooded American boys drop out of Scouting in our Council. We are meeting here tonight to do something about this deplorable situation. Have you any suggestions?

DIC-TATER: Yes, I certainly do have a suggestion! Just don't let them drop out; after all, the young whippersnappers don't know what is best. As long as we are bigger and stronger than they are, we can simply forbid them to drop out. A firm hand will solve this drop out problem.

IMI-TATER: Well, Mr. Chairman, that sounds a little rash. Why don't we look around and see what some other groups are doing about this same sort of problem. Seems to me, we could just adopt their plans. Those other organizations are doing quite well, so it might behoove us to copy their tactics.

SPEC-TATER: Mr. Chairman, perhaps we are trying to participate too much. Scouting is after all a boy's organization. Let's just leave it up to the boys and let them work out whatever solution they seem to think is best. We can sit back and watch and let them know that we are behind them 100%.

AGI-TATER: NO! By Gussies, we've got to get in there and fight! We've got to be on our toes with our shoulders to the wheel, pushing at all times. We'll get the Chamber of Commerce and the PTA and the local chapter of Sigma Phi working on this. We'll have a membership rally and a big bonfire and really get things stirred up.

HESI-TATER: Oh now, I don't know. Maybe we ought to wait till after the summer slump and the fall rush. Sometimes it's wise to use a little caution.

DEMONS-TATER: Mr. Chairman, the best way to keep boys in Scouting is to show them what Scouting is and what Scouting does. As proof of what I say, we have here tonight several boys who have not paid much attention to our other "taters" and their thoughts. We can show them what it's really like and the boys will want to go on in Scouting and not drop out. The problem will cease to be.

ALL: And how! (Chairman goes into standard ceremony.)

ADVANCEMENT - A LINK IN THE CHAIN

EQUIPMENT: Paper strips to make a chain and tape.

As each Cub Scout and his parents come up to receive his advancement, ask each one to add his link to form a chain. Then invite all others to add a link to the chain. When the chain is made the Leader explains that once again a chain is only as strong as it's weakest link even a paper chain. The real joy of Cub Scouting comes when complete unity exists between parents and Cub Scouts and Pack Leaders. Every parent and boy here tonight can help Scouting keep America strong by learning more about and understanding our great heritage. Remember to **DO YOUR BEST.**

ADVANCEMENT - ACCORDING TO YOUR WOLF BOOK

EQUIPMENT: Large drawing of wolf badge, 1 blue candle.

CUBMASTER: Since our last pack meeting one of our cub Scouts has completed all the achievements for Wolf Cub Scout. Tonight, we honor him and his parents at our wolf Cub ceremony. Will Cub Scouts (names) and his parents come forward?

According to your Wolf Cub Scout Book, you have completed all achievements for the rank of Wolf Cub Scout. I am glad you have attained this honor and hope you will continue to progress through the Gold and Silver Arrow Point electives until you reach the time to start work on the Bear rank. Before you is a picture of the Wolf Cub Scout Badge. You may now wear this badge with pride. Also before you is a candle representing the spirit of Cub Scouting. By advancing from Bobcat to Wolf Cub Scout you have demonstrated the spirit of Cub Scouting.

(To the boy's parents) We want to tell you how much we appreciate the cooperation you have given. Without your help, your son would not be able to reach his goals successfully, and that means not only that your son is advancing to the Wolf rank, but that the whole family has. As the Cubmaster, I haven't earned the privilege of presenting the badge to your son so I am going to give it to you, and ask you to present it to your son. (Parent does so and congratulates son) Now, will all the Cub Scouts in the audience stand and give a hand for a fine job of advancement he is doing (Cub Scout Applaud).

ADVANCEMENT - THE MEANING OF THE COLORS BLUE AND GOLD

CUBMASTER: Blue and Gold, the Cub Scout colors stand for some of the good things Cub Scouts gain through the process of advancement as they make progress through the ranks.

Gold stands for Good Cheer. The boys here tonight who have learned the basics of Cub Scouting and have earned their Bobcat badge are full of the good cheer of Cub Scouting. Will these boys and their parents please come forward? (Call the names of the boys receiving Bobcats - give the award to the parents to pin on the boy.)

Gold stands for happiness, and no one seems to be more full of happiness than these bright young men, who have completed the twelve achievements necessary for the rank of Wolf. Will these boys please come forward with their parents? (Call names of boys receiving Wolf Badges and Wolf Arrows. Give awards to the parents and have them present them to the boys.)

Blue, the other color of Cub Scouting stands for truth. Truth begins to shine through strong on the faces of these Cub Scouts, as they have completed the achievements for the rank of Bear and have learned that Cub Scout Honor really is important and truth is always the best. Will these boys please come forward with their parents. (Call the names of the boys receiving Bear badges and Bear Arrows. Give the badges to the parents to present to the boys.)

The other meaning for the color Blue is loyalty. This is one of the most important traits a boy can learn in the process of becoming a man. Loyalty to family, God, country, friends, and the most important, loyalty to his beliefs and convictions. There are many adults who do not display this trait, but the boys who have progressed to the rank of Webelos have developed or are developing this trait of loyalty. The boys who have earned honors as Webelos are: (Call off names and at this time graduate boys into Webelos, award activity pins, and also the Arrow of Light and graduate boys into Boys Scouts. Just say a few words about the accomplishments of each boy. Honor the Arrow of Light recipients and graduates into Scouting with more ado than the activity badge recipients.)

These boys honored tonight have been true to the Gold and the Blue by showing the traits represented by our Cub Scout colors....Good cheer, Happiness, Truth and Loyalty. Let's show them and their parents how much we admire their efforts with a Pack cheer.

"Who's the best in Blue and Gold? Pack ____ so we've been told!"

ADVANCEMENT - AKELA'S SCALE

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Den Chief, Den Leader, Bobcat candidates and parents.

EQUIPMENT: Ceremonial Board consisting of arrow with three candles on a balance, Bobcat pins and advancement certificates.

CUBMASTER: Will the candidates and their parents please come forward and face the pack. (They do so.) You boys and your parents have come to be inducted into our Cub Scout family as members of Pack _____. You are ready to start your adventure along Akela's trail, together with your friends and their parents."

Here is the arrow (points to ceremonial board) that points the way along the trail. The awards you can earn along the trail are: the Wolf, the Bear, the Webelos and the Arrow of Light awards. The parts of the Cub Scout program that cannot be seen are the value of things you will learn and the good times you will have.

This is the scale of Akela. Both the parents and the Cub Scouts are important to keep the scale in balance.

(To Den Chief): (Name), will you light the candle representing the Cub Scouts. (Candle on feather)

(To Den Leader): (Name), will you light the candle for the parents. (Points to the candle on the arrow point.)

If the boy does not do his part, the scale is out of balance and the program goes downhill. (Removes candle representing boys, then replaces it.) On the other hand, if the parents part is taken away, the scale is out of balance in the other direction and the Cub Scout loses his way along Akela's trail. (Removes candle representing parents, then replaces it.)

So, you see, to keep the Cub Scout program in perfect balance, both Cub Scouts and parents must take part in the activities by coming to all meetings, following the leaders, and advancing from point to point along Akela's trail.

Now, boys, give the Cub Scout sign, and repeat the Promise with me. (They repeat Cub Scout Promise.)

And, parents, will you please repeat the following: We, as parents, will do our best...to aid and assist our son... in his Cub Scout activities. We will encourage him with enthusiasm... criticize him with fairness... and judge him with lenience. And, realizing that the Cub Scout program... is one of equal participation for boys and parents... we will assist as we are able... in serving as leaders, advisors or workers.

ADVANCEMENT - AKELA'S BEARS

EQUIPMENT: Orange candle and advancement board

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Den Chief, Bear candidates, their parents

(Den Chief escorts candidates and their parents; may light candle)

CUBMASTER: Will Den Chief(s) _____ bring forward the following Cub Scouts and their parents: (Name boys)

From the kindly bear, Akela learned the secret name of the trees, the call of the birds, and the language of the air. Just as Akela learned things that required a little more skill, so have these Cub Scouts, as they have achieved the Bear rank.

Just as Akela's parents helped him to accept a little more responsibility as he grew older, so have your parents helped you to achieve your new rank as a Bear Cub Scout.

You too, have proved yourself worthy of being called braves in Akela's tribe. I hope you will continue to be worthy Scouts and to advance to our Webelos den some day.

(Hands badges to parents as Den Chief lights orange candle.)

Parents, we appreciate the help you have given your sons toward earning this badge. Among other things, Scouting teaches teamwork. Continue to work with them and it will pay big dividends. We now ask that you present these badges to your son(s).

ADVANCEMENT - ARE THEY READY?

EQUIPMENT: Badges and certificates, safety pins.

ARRANGEMENT: The Cubmaster asks the dens with Cub Scouts ready for advancement to stand. The Den Chief gives the name of the Cub Scout and the rank he seeks. The members of each den then bring forward the advancing Cub Scouts and present them to the Cubmaster. Den members then return to their places, leaving the advancing Cub Scouts with the Cubmaster. The Cub Scouts salute the Cubmaster. When all the advancing Cub Scouts are in front of the Cubmaster, the pack forms a three-sided square, open side to the audience. The pack stands at attention and salutes the advancing Cub Scouts, who return the salute.

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouts of Pack(#), these Cub Scouts have completed the requirements for the ranks they seek. Shall we honor them?

PACK: Are they ready?

DEN CHIEFS: (step forward) They are ready.

CUBMASTER: You have heard the Den Chiefs say that these Cub Scouts are ready.

PACK: What about the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack?

CUBMASTER: You have heard the pack's question. Are you ready to re-pledge yourselves to the Promise and the Law?

CUB SCOUTS: We are ready.

CUBMASTER: Then let us repeat together the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. (The Cub Scouts and leaders repeat them.) We would like to have the parents of these boys come forward. We have saved for you the privilege of presenting the badge and certificate to your son. We appreciate the fine interest you have shown in your son's accomplishments. (The parents present badges and certificates. Each den gives its den yell for its members who have received a badge.)

ADVANCEMENT - ARROW POINT LADDER CEREMONY

Preparation: Ceremony board resembles a ladder; the top rung representing the Boy Scout with lower rungs representing the Cub ranks. Between each Cub rank a vacant rung representing the elective achievements. Each rung representing the Cub rank supports a candle. At the beginning of the ceremony the Cubmaster lights candles. As boys are awarded Gold and Silver arrow points the candle representing his rank is moved to the vacant rung representing his progress.

CUBMASTER: Den Chief (name) will you please escort Wolf (name) and Bear (name) to the ceremonial circle? (Den Chief escorts Cub to front) Cub Scouts, each of you have taken another step forward and upward in your climb to the rank of Boy Scout. With the help of your parents and Den Leaders, the climb has been much easier.

Will the parents of these boys come forward please? (Den Chief escorts parents to stand in position behind their boy.) Wolf (name), for the extra work on your Wolf electives, I present to your parents in your behalf the gold arrow point of Cub Scouting. (Cubmaster moves candle to appropriate rung and congratulates parents and boy).

Bear, (name), having received the gold arrow point some time ago, indicates to me your desire to advance still farther up the ladder. In your behalf, I present to your parents the silver arrow point of Cub Scouting. Wear it proudly. (Cubmaster again moves candle to appropriate rung on ladder and congratulates parents and boy).

To each of you that have received awards today, again, Congratulations! And to you boys and parents still striving for coveted awards, work hard that you may attain your goal, the top rung of Cub Scouting.

ADVANCEMENT - PACK CEREMONY FOR ARROW POINTS

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have some wolves and bears who have been hard at work on their electives and some ___ of them have done enough to earn their gold arrow under Wolf or Bear and ___ of them will receive silver arrows tonight. I would like the following boys and their parents to come up onto the stage(or front). (Read list of boys and whether gold or silver, and under which badge.)

CUBMASTER: It gives me great pleasure to award these arrow points to you fellows tonight. As I read your names the Assistant Cubmaster, _____, will hand you the awards with our congratulations for a job well done.

(After this is done, the Cubmaster then says:) "These boys have learned how to make and do many useful and fun things while working on these electives. For each 10 projects he completes, he receives an arrow point, so you can see that these boys have been busy fellows indeed. For all their fine efforts, we're going to give them a special applause stunt." (Have other boys stand and give as applause stunt.)

ADVANCEMENT - AVAST THERE YE SWABS

CAPTAIN: Avast there, ye swabs - your attention or I'll have ye all up before the mast. Tonight we have reached the time for the division of our hard gained loot during our last assault on Fort Achievement and the harbor town of Cub Electives. E'en tho' stoutly defeated, these forts have been subdued by as fine a crew of hearties as had been aboard this deck in many a fine moon. Now, will the First mate call forth my brave lads and their partners that they may be richly rewarded for their valor.

FIRST MATE: (First Mate calls forth Cubs who are advancing and their parents.) The crew stand ready, Captain!

CAPTAIN: Aye, and a fine group of fellows we have here. (Present awards to parents to give to their sons as First Mate calls out names) Now then, me hearties -- Let's give a fine swash-buckling cheer for our pals who have ventured forth and returned with bountiful treasure. (cheer) And the rest of ye - mark my words - I'll have no slackards in my crew - on our next raid ye ALL better be coming forward for reward or the FISH will have bait in the harbor that night! (to those still up front) Get ye back to yer quarters now and prepare for another assault and more rich rewards from Cub Scouting!

ADVANCEMENT - BLUE AND GOLD TRADITIONS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Awards for boys, Blue candle, white candle, red candle, and yellow candle

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience.

CUBMASTER: The Blue and Gold Banquet is the time to celebrate the birthday of Scouting. Tonight, as part of our celebration, some of our Cub Scouts will be recognized for their accomplishments.

(Light the blue candle). The blue candle represents the spirit of Cub Scouting. (Call Cub Scout candidates and parents forward). You have promised to do your best and to do your duty. That is what you have done by completing the requirements to advance in rank. You have earned the badge. (Present badges to parents to pin on scouts shirt.)

(Use the blue candle to light the yellow candle). The yellow candle glows representing the warm sunlight. These Scouts have lived up to the Cub Scout Promise and completed the requirements to earn the badge.

The red candle stands for good cheer. These Scouts do not do anything half-heartily. They will be awarded the badge tonight.

The light of the white candle is the guiding light on the Cub Scout Trail. The light radiates happiness. The following Cub Scouts have been guided by the light and are on their way to the top of the Cub Scout Trail.

ADVANCEMENT - BEAR TO WEBELOS WITH NECKERCHIEFS

EQUIPMENT: Spirit of Scouting candle and holder, badges, colors and neckerchiefs.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos den and den leader, den chief.

Webelos den leader, Mr. _____, will you and the den please come forward and join me on stage. Tonight we have (number) Bear Cub Scouts who have entered the fourth grade and are joining our Webelos den. Den Chief, _____, escort Bear Cub Scouts, _____, and their parents to our awards table please. (Cubs' names) you have shown yourselves worthy of joining our Webelos den by working hard through the ranks of Wolf and Bear. We would now like to present to you the new parts of your Cub Scout uniform. (Webelos den leader presents parts as they are explained.) Mr. _____, please remove their neckerchiefs and replace them with the Webelos neckerchief. Next, place the Webelos badge of colors on their right shoulder. These colors will tell everyone that you are an older boy preparing for the adventures of Boy Scouting. The badge of colors will hold the activity badges that you earn as you explore some of the 20 Webelos activities with your den. Mr. & Mrs. _____, you have helped your sons along the Cub Scout trail this far. It is important that you continue to go along with your sons and learn about the Boy Scout trail in his Webelos den. We know that we will soon have the pleasure of seeing you present your son with activity badges, the Webelos badge, and finally, the Arrow of Light award, the highest in Cub Scouting, Congratulations _____, & _____, and remember to keep the spirit alive in all that you do.

We have a very active Webelos den. Since our last meeting, every one of our Webelos has earned a new activity badge. As I call your names, would each boy and his parents please come forward. (Call all Webelos)

Each boy, in order to earn his Webelos badge, must earn three activity badges, be an active member of the Webelos den for three months, know and understand the requirements to be a Boy Scout, know the parts of and meaning of the Webelos uniform, and lead a flag ceremony in his den. We have (number) Webelos Scouts that have earned their badges this month. Would and their parents please come forward. (List activity each boy has earned to qualify for badge, and present to parents to pin on his chest.) Congratulations to all of you, and keep up the good work.

Pack, how about a cheer for the Webelos, their parents, and especially for Mr. _____, their leader.

ADVANCEMENT - BACK IN MY DAY....

OLD MAN: Back in my day, the trail to the Wolf had many challenges. The way took effort and work. You leaned about the flag, home, the community, conservation and safety. It challenged you will skills, knots, and collections. It taught you about good health and books. And you had fun at the same time. For the Cub Scout that wanted more, there were the many challenges of the arrow points.

CUBMASTER: Cub Scout, line up over here while I tell Mr. Blue N. Gold something. Mr. Gold..

OLD MAN: Mr. Cubmaster, it's about time you called me Blue. My father was Mr. Gold.

CUBMASTER: Ok, Mr. Blue. Today's Cub Scout program has all you mentioned and we certainly challenge the Scouts with the requirements. These Scouts have gone further up the Scouting trail by earning the Wolf rank, the second rank in Cub Scouting. Mr. Blue, will you help me honor them?

OLD MAN: I didn't know that. I'd be honored to help. (Gives awards and sits back in rocker.) Well, I guess you can learn something, even at my age. Let me continue, the next rank was the Bear. And I suppose the requirements today are as challenging as those were then?

CUBMASTER: Will the following Scouts please join us. (reads names of boys to receive Bear rank. Have them sit around Blue.)

OLD MAN: To earn the Bear rank during the early days, the Scouts had to overcome bigger challenges requiring more skills and effort than for the Wolf. It should be that way because the older Cubs needed more of a challenge. They had to learn about ropes, woodworking, conservation, American heritage, and the folklore, along with whittling and games.

CUBMASTER: Cubs, come here for a moment. Mr. Blue, I'm proud to tell you these Cub Scouts have done all that and more. They have come even further up the Scouting trail beyond the Wolf to earn the Bear rank, the third rank of Cub Scouts. Mr. Blue, you have the honor of presenting these awards.

OLD MAN: We'll, I am impressed and proud to give these awards. (Presents awards and sits back in rocker.) I think I've got you now. The Lion Rank really required a lot. I'm sure your Cub Scouts haven't worked nearly as hard for their Lion badges.

CUBMASTER: Mr. Blue, I know that in the past there was a Lion Badge program that was quite a challenge.

OLD MAN: You can say that again, Sonny.

CUBMASTER: However, we have a program called Webelos - a separate program for the older

Cub Scouts that prepares them for Boy Scouts. It has crafts, sports, outdoor activities, camping and hiking.

OLD MAN: Sonny, it sounds great!! If these boys work hard they will be Webelos Scouts before you know it.

Well, I'll be going now. I'll see you. So long, folks, and keep up the good work, Cub Scouts!!
(Old man exits, waving to the audience as he moves off stage.)

ADVANCEMENT - BACKYARD FUN

STAGING: Cardboard trees and bushes in background. Several boys and adults dressed in casual clothes (Ex: play clothes, swim suits with towels, barbecue apron and tools, etc.) mill around stand then walk off.

CUBMASTER: Did you see all those people in my backyard?

ASST CM: Yes, I wonder what they were doing?

CUBMASTER: I don't know who they were, but I know they were swimming, playing, cooking, resting, and, above all having fun.

ASST CM: Wow I didn't know you could do all that in your backyard.

CUBMASTER: Backyard Fun - two words that generally mean enjoying your surroundings; however, they become different things to different people.

ASST CM: A young Bobcat starting his Cub Scouting adventure may be like a young seed just starting to grow. His backyard may be just the property surrounding his house.

CUBMASTER: His fun may be a swing set, a family barbecue or playing catch with Dad. We have several Cub Scouts that have earned the Bobcat rank.

ASST CM: Will the following boys and their parents please join us in the backyard. (Reads names)

CUBMASTER: These Cubs, like a plant seed, have just started. Parents, I give you the Bobcat Badge to present to your sons.

A young Wolf has gone beyond the bobcat, like the seedling becoming a tree. His backyard extends into the neighborhood.

ASST CM: His fun could be bicycle riding, soccer games, or visiting friends. We have several Cub Scouts tonight that have earned the Wolf Badge, the second rank in Cub Scouting. Will the following boys and their parents come into the backyard. (Read Wolf names)

CUBMASTER: A Wolf Cub has accomplished more than the Bobcat. His experiences, skills, and knowledge have begun to extend beyond his home. Parents, please present these Wolf Badges to your sons.

ASST CM: The Bear Scout, the third rank of Cub Scouting, has continued up the Scouting trail beyond the Wolf. He has become strong and straight as a young tree, not fully grown yet, but on his way. His backyard extends beyond his neighborhood into the town and country.

CUBMASTER: His fun could be fishing in a creek, a walk through town, or visit to local park or zoo. We have several Cub Scouts that have met the challenges of the Bear and will receive their awards tonight.

ASST CM: Will the following Cub Scouts and parents join us. (Read names)

CUBMASTER: The Bear Scout has matured and endured the challenges of the Cub Scout trail. His experiences and knowledge are nearly complete. His backyard is beyond his neighborhood.

Parents please present these badges to your sons.

ASST CM: The Webelos Scout is coming to the end of the Cub Scout Trail. He is a fully grown tree in the Cub Scout forest. He stands straight and tall.

CUBMASTER: His backyard extends up and down the highways. His fun may include boating on a lake, hiking in the woods, and camping overnight. We have several Cub Scouts here tonight that have met the Webelos challenges.

ASST CM: Will the following boys and their parents join us in our backyard.

CUBMASTER: The Webelos Scouts have almost completed the Cub Scout trail. They are knowledgeable, skillful, and confident. His backyard is almost limitless. Parents please present these badges to your sons.

ADVANCEMENT - THIS BADGE OF RED

EQUIPMENT: RED cloth, and American Flag and Wolf Badges

CUBMASTER: There are symbols of citizenship everywhere we look in church, school, hospitals and in courts. But, there is a more significant symbol that we all see -- Old Glory (hold up the flag). But the flag itself is not just a symbol -- the colors also tell us of American history.

The color red (hold up the red cloth) in the stripes represents the blood of the wounded in America's efforts to stay free. It also represent the first of freedom kindled in the hearts of those patriots that forged America in 1776.

Tonight, you Wolves, also share in the pride of the red of our flag. The Wolf Badge you earned over the last few months is also red. When you look at your uniform after tonight, be proud that you share in the tradition surrounding the color 'red'.

Mom/Dad, please present this Badge of Red to your son.

ADVANCEMENT - CUB SCOUT BASEBALL

EQUIPMENT: A small baseball diamond on the floor in front, badges to be awarded.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, boys to receive awards and their parents.

CUBMASTER: Will (names), our new Bobcats and their parents please come forward to the "on-deck circle." As you are standing on the "on-deck circle" you are at the beginning of the "game", just as you are at the beginning of the Cub Scout trail. Parents accept your sons badges. They are to be sewn on when your son does a good turn.

CUBMASTER: Will (names), our Wolf candidates and their parents please come forward. Stand on first base. This represents the first stop on your Cub Scout trail. You worked hard on earning your Wolf, so keep up the good work. Parents here are their badges.

CUBMASTER: Will (names), our Bear candidates and their parents please come forward. Your place on our diamond is at second base. This is the second major stop along the Cub Scout trail. Parents accept your son's badge.

CUBMASTER: Will (names), the Webelos and their parents please come forward. Your spot is third. You are almost "home", keep up the good work and you will have no problem in finishing your trail. You now wear a badge diamond on your shirt to complete that game you need to receive your Arrow of Light. Work hard and you should have no problem. If you have boys earning the Arrow of Light their spot is home plate.

ADVANCEMENT - BEAR TO WEBELOS CAMPFIRE

CUBMASTER: The Cub Scout trail is a long one filled with many adventures. Will the Bears, their parents and their leaders please come forward?

Leaders, are your Bear Scouts ready to join the Webelos Tribe?

Bears, you have in the past worked on the Wolf trail and your most recent adventures have been on the Bear trail. You have proven yourself to be good Scouts. You have now earned the honor of joining our Webelos Council Fire. Please cross the bridge and join the Webelos Camp Fire.

As you follow the Webelos trail the Senior Webelos will be there to guide you on your way. Senior Webelos will you take the neckerchieves for the new Webelos and give them to their parents?

May your last trail in Cub Scouting be a happy one.

ADVANCEMENT - BEAR AWARD SPEAR

EQUIPMENT: Council fire-Award blanket-Ceremonial spear-Appropriate emblem-indian costumes.

PERSONNEL: Akela (Cubmaster), Medicine Man (Adult Leader)

AKELA: "I hold the lance of the Bear, read the names of those qualified for this high honor."

MEDICINE MAN: (reads names)

AKELA: "Will these Cub Scouts and their parents come to the council fire?" (Guide them to their positions)

MEDICINE MAN: (Reads qualification for this award - Bear)

AKELA: "I ask the den leaders, have these boys met these tests?"

DEN LEADERS: (Remain seated) "Yes"

AKELA: "It is then my pleasure to award to you the following awards. "

MEDICINE MAN: (Gives each boy his Bear badge individually and arrow points he is receiving at this time.)

AKELA: (Announces the names of the boys who may be receiving any arrow points.)

ADVANCEMENT - BIRTHDAY AWARDS

PROPS: All awards have been individually wrapped in blue and gold paper and ribbon as birthday gifts.

SETTING: Narrator presents ceremony from front of room with three stacks of "Birthday Gift Awards" on a table in front.

NARRATOR: Tonight being Scouting's ____ Birthday Party, it's time to give presents so we won't be tardy.

Our first presents go to Cubs that are new.

So we would like to award Bobcat badges to these few.

(Read names and give each a "Birthday Gift".)

To celebrate their efforts and time

We'd like to award Wolf badges to these Cubs combined.

(Read names and give each his "gift")

Our last group of Cubs to be recognized tonight, Richly deserve this gift by right. The Bear badge they've earned take time and attention, and work on their part too numerous to mention.

(Read names and give each Cub a gift)

(After names have been read and gifts given, present Webelos badges in much the same fashion, and then give the closing thought below:)

Enjoy these small gifts from Scouting that you have worked to achieve. But, remember, a gift is much richer by far when you give instead of receive. So please give what you have learned of Scouting to others, tonight when you leave.

ADVANCEMENT - BUCKSKIN PIONEERS AND THE OUTDOOR CODE

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Items that Scouts may use in the out-of-doors; pots, pans, Dutch oven, tripod pot holder, wooden homemade utensils, etc.. A tent could be set up with a simulated campfire.

Awards for the boys, copies of Outdoor Code for boys.

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience.

CUBMASTER: Our theme this month has been Buckskin Pioneers. What does this mean to you? What does this mean to Cub Scouts? One way to look at the meaning of this theme is how pioneers lived as well as survived in nature. They cook outdoors using various utensils (show some items used). They lived in tents. They collected their own food using various means. There were no grocery stores or department stores to go to. These people survived by will and determination. People like Daniel Boone and Davy Crocket.

Part of the Cub Scout process helps a boy learn about outdoor survival ways that will benefit him while in the outdoors. Cub Scouts learn about where to put a tent. They learn about the various tools that can be used to cook outdoors. They are taught various knots that will help them. All these are done while working in the various Cub Scout books. These benefits are only a small part of the Cub Scout program.

Tonight we have some Cub Scouts who have completed the requirements to advance in rank. Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents come forward. (Give the badges to the parents to give to their Cub Scout. A copy of the OUTDOOR CODE could be presented to the advancing Cub Scouts).

ADVANCEMENT - THE STORY OF BADEN-POWELL AND WILLIAM BOYCE

CUBMASTER: Scouting began in England in 1907, with a small group of boys. Lord Baden-Powell, our founder, took these boys to Brownsea Island, off the coast of England for 12 days of adventure in camping and pioneering. He was testing an idea for an organization for boys. That was how Scouting began.

Tonight we have some boys who are beginning their adventure in Cub Scouting. (Call names of Bobcat candidates and ask them to come forward with their parents.) Baden-Powell based his idea for Scouting on some principles which he had been taught as a boy...things like trust and loyalty, helpfulness and courtesy, cheerfulness. In Cub Scouting, we have these same principles encompassed in the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. Will you repeat with me the Cub Scout Promise? (They do.) Now I'll ask all the Cub Scouts here tonight to stand, give the Cub sign and repeat with me the Law of the Pack. (They do.) Cubmaster presents Bobcat badge to parents and congratulates boys and parents.) You boys have now started your Scouting adventure, just like the boys on Brownsea Island.

Scouting had been in America for only a few years when younger boys and their parents asked for a program of their own. That's when Cub Scouting started. The first year there were 5,000 Cub Scouts and now there are millions. Scouting was really growing.

There are some boys in our pack who are really growing, too. They have completed the requirements for Bear badges and arrow points. (Call boys and parents forward to receive awards.) You are moving along the Scouting trail.

Baden-Powell left a message for Scouts before he died. In that message he said: "Try to leave this world a little better than you found it." We have some Webelos Scouts in our pack who are doing just that. They have been working hard in the different activity badge areas, exploring fields of knowledge, which will be helpful to them all their lives. (Call boys and parents forward to receive awards.) Congratulations. Continue to do your best along the Scouting trail.

A Chicago publisher, William Boyce was lost in a London fog. A boy appeared and offered to take him to his destination. Mr. Boyce offered a tip, but the boy said "Scouts do not accept money for doing a good turn." Mr. Boyce was interested in Scouting and was responsible for starting it in America.

We have some boys here tonight who have been doing their daily good turns, and have been working hard on achievements and electives, so that now they have earned Wolf badges and arrow points. (Call boys and parents forward to receive awards.) Your Wolf achievements and electives are helping you along the Scouting trail.

Scouting has spread to just about all the countries of the world. Tonight we're celebrating the birthday of Scouting in America, and that of Cub Scouting. From that small group of 20 boys on Brownsea Island, Scouting has grown to more than 12 million boys and adults around the world. You can be proud to be a member of such a world-wide organization.

ADVANCEMENT - BRANDING OF THE TIGER CUBS

EQUIPMENT: Fake council fire, 1/4" dowel rod cut in two (one per boy plus one), 1 Bobcat stamp, Blue cloth or paper for fake water, Certificate, pin, patch, Tiger make-up or mask, 1 Arrow head per boy, 3 feathers per boy - red, yellow, and blue, fake stepping stones for steps in water.

ARRANGEMENTS: Lights off. Council fire on, Semicircle sitting with Tiger Cubs on the floor and parents seated behind them. Council fire in center. At the open end, place fake water on floor and steps on top. Be sure to place steps so some difficulty is encountered while crossing water so it's a real challenge. Put stamp and rod taped together and in fire. Arrow heads, remaining rods, and feathers at waters edge. Certificate, pin, and Tiger patch at Shere Kahn position.

CHARACTERS: Cubmaster or Tribal Chief, Tiger or Shere Kahn, Den Chief or Ceremonial Brave.

TRIBAL CHIEF: (Chief is sitting at fire, when all is quiet he stands.) "Tonight, we have gathered to honor our young braves. Let us call forth...."

SHERE KAHN: (Interrupts loudly.) I Shere Kahn wish to test these braves before honor is given them! I call forth the man cubs called Tigers!

(Tiger Cubs and adults go to Shere Kahn and stand before him.)

What is the motto of the Tiger Cubs. Have you obeyed the Promise of the Tiger Cub? Tigers, this is the emblem of your first rank in Scouting, wear it proudly. (Patch) Adult Tiger, this is the symbol of your deeds in preparing these Tigers for their next adventure in Cubing. (Pin) So all may know that you have done well, here is the writing to prove your efforts. (certificate) Go now, I wish no more to see you. You must walk the water of evil. Be wary if its quickness and smooth appearance, for it can fool you.

CEREMONIAL BRAVE: (Brave is at the end of the water. he greets them. He takes them to a spot where he has the makings of the arrows and says,) The arrowhead breaks the wind. The stick, if straight, will guide the arrows path. The feathers gives balance and distance. Take these and make your arrow of life. Learn of its true nature and be a good Scout.

(He then takes the Tigers to the council fire, the adults are asked to take their seats and the boys are asked to sit on either side of the Tribal Chief.)

TRIBAL CHIEF: Tonight, we honor these Cub Scouts, for they have completed the challenge of the Tigers. So all may know that they are not of the tribe we will place our mark upon their foreheads. This symbol is the Bobcat, your first rank in this tribe. (Chief stamps each Tiger, as each boy is "branded" the Cub pack hisses, the Chief calls them Bobcats of Den(#), and introduces them to their Den Leader.

ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS BROKEN ARROW ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

Call Webelos candidates and their parents to the front.

As Cubs, you have passed many tests and feats of skill. You have mastered the Bobcat, the Wolf and the Bear. Now you seek entry into a Den of Webelos. To be a Webelos you must be brave and strong, for you will be required to meet tests far more difficult than any which you have performed up to now. To gain entry into Webelos, you must now pass a test to show that you are ready for this difficult trail.

(Get Arrow.)

I hold in my hands an arrow. I will strike you with the arrow. If the arrow breaks, you will be received into the Webelos Den. But if the arrow does not break, you must return to your old den.

(Break arrow.)

The arrow has broken, you may enter the Webelos Den. But first, to the parents I present the point of the arrow. This is a symbol that, as parents, you must lead and point the way as your son travels the Scouting trail, and the trail of life.

To the boys, I present the feathered end of the arrow. This shows that as a son you must follow your parents and leaders to be successful and for your family to be a complete unit.

For no arrow can fly true and arrive at its mark without both the point and the feathers doing their part.

NOTE: The arrow should be partially cut through so that it will break easily.