

ADVANCEMENT - BURNING OF SCARF, ARROW OF LIGHT CEREMONY

PERSONNEL: Narrator, drummer, Akela Cubmaster, Webelos Leader, Brave Webelos Scout, Parents.

EQUIPMENT: Magic solution actually 60% and 40% acetone, drum, candle of truth, Webelos scarf with the emblem removed, FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

ARRANGEMENTS: The emblem must be removed off the scarf that you intend to burn. You can not use a leaders' scarf. The emblem and the cording around the leaders' scarf will soak up too much of the acetone. Clothes hangers are opened and a circle bent into the end, at least two feet long. Safety pins hold the scarf to the hangers. The magic potion should be put into large peanut butter jars, with a tight fitting cover so it may be used again. The jar should be placed in a large basket or box. Have the scarf to be burned already in the basket, then when the boy's scarf is put in no one will be the wiser. The scarf you use must be squeezed out, until only damp. Immediately hold the damp scarf over the flame of the candle. Do this very quickly as the acetone will evaporate. It will go into flames for a few seconds and then go out as the acetone is burned. The flame is best seen in a dimly lit room.

DRUM BEAT

NARRATOR: Many moons ago a Webelos brave started on the trail of the Arrow of Light. Much work and many hard hours went into preparation. After many council fires--Akela came forward.

Drum beats while Akela enters.

AKELA: The great Eagle, bird of truth, has come to me with the name of a candidate for the sacred award of the Arrow of Light.

DRUM BEAT!

AKELA: Will (name), and his parents please come to the Council fire. Will his Webelos Leader also come forward.

DRUM BEAT!

AKELA: Brave (name), I now ask your Webelos Leader if you have tried to follow the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack. Have you learned from the trail of the Bobcat, Wolf and Bear, and, from the tribe of the Webelos?

WEBELOS LEADER: Yes, he has.

AKELA: I now ask you one question. Have you TRIED to do your best?

BRAVE: Yes, I have.

AKELA: This is indeed a proud moment for our tribe, when we can see you advance. It symbolizes the cooperation in your pack and in your tepee. You have shared many experiences and much knowledge. Without this sharing and caring along the trail of the Arrow of Light it would have been far more difficult. As your parents take the Webelos scarf from around your shoulders, I want you to think about the one question I asked you before. You answered Yes, that you had done your best. If this is true, after we dip your scarf into the magic potion and pass it over the flame of truth it will flame up but will not be consumed by the fire.

Akela and Webelos Leader should now take the scarf from the parents and dip it in the solution then pass it over the candle. This should be done very quickly because the acetone will evaporate very fast once the scarf is opened up. Use coat hangers with safety pins already attached to the scarf with the emblem removed.

AKELA: Welcome to the Brotherhood of the Arrow of Light. You have indeed done your best.

ADVANCEMENT - CANOE NECKERCHIEF SLIDE FOR BEAR

Cubmaster calls forward present Bear dens. (Bear leaders are already at the front of the room.)

LEADER # 1: You young men have worked very hard this year. You have achieved so much and are proud to wear your Bear badge.

LEADER #2: You have learned a great deal and found much enjoyment.

LEADER #3: Now you will become a Webelos Scout.

CUBMASTER: Your leaders are now giving you a neckerchief slide in the shape of a canoe. (Leaders shake hands with their Cubs.) Let this be a reminder to you, that before you criticize a person, stop and think what it is like to float down the waters of life in the other person's canoe. Now I would like to introduce to you your new Webelos leader(s). (Webelos leader(s) come forward, Bear leaders return to their seats. Introductions are made.) New Webelos Scouts, return to your seats.

ADVANCEMENT - CARVING THE PINEWOOD RACER

The advancement ceremony at a derby should be short effective and to the point.

The Cubmaster holds up a block of wood in one hand and a finished car in the other. "Just as we carve a rough block of wood into a sleek pinewood racer, so we turn a rough boy into a Cub Scout. WE do it with challenges in the form of advancements. This month, we honor those Cubs who have worked hard to complete the various requirements for their awards." Beginning with Wolf, then Bear and Webelos, call each boy to the front WITH his parents. Present the award to parents who present it to their son. The Cubmaster gives the Cub Scout handshake to each boy and congratulates parents.

ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS GRADUATION, THE CHANGING OF THE SHIRT

This ceremony in which Webelos Scouts are graduated from the Pack to Boy Scout Troops, involves the whole Pack, including adult leaders. First, call forward the graduating Webelos Scouts and their parents. Next, form two lines (facing each other) as follows: nearest the graduates, pack committee members; then Cub Scout dens with leaders and den chiefs; then Webelos den and leaders. At the far end are Scoutmasters of the troops they boys will join.

As a variation to this ceremony, line everyone up as stated before except have the Webelos den begin a walk from the end opposite the Scoutmasters. As the boys proceed, they begin to remove their Webelos uniform shirt -- only to uncover their Boy Scout uniform shirt. Their Webelos uniform shirt has been taken care of by a designated adult during his (Webelos Scout) walk to be returned to later. At the end of the walk, applause and congratulations!

ADVANCEMENT - COMPUTER INVENTION CONVENTION

EQUIPMENT: Box made up to look like a computer, large cards with Bobcat, Wolf, etc. on them, actual awards.

CUBMASTER: In keeping with our theme of "Invention Convention", I would like to unveil my latest invention. (Uncover, or bring in "Computer") This amazing device is able to collect all the information that comes in from our pack committee members, den leaders, Webelos den leaders, and parents. It can then determine which Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts are eligible for which awards. Allow me to demonstrate.

(Hold up Bobcat card. Insert into slot in machine. Pick up pre-positioned Bobcat awards from rear of box.)

Will (name) and his parents please come forward? (Present awards).
(Follow similar procedures for awards of Wolf, Bear, arrow points, and Webelos badge and activity badges).

(Hold up Arrow of Light card. Insert into machine. Call for Arrow of Light recipient).

These young men may or may not be real inventors, but they have shown the truth of the old saying 90 percent of success is perspiration. They have worked long and hard - some as long as three years - to achieve their goal. What they built was not a better mousetrap, but something far more valuable to the world today, better young men. In recognition of this achievement, we present them with an award that is so highly thought of that it is the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn on all other Scout uniforms. (Present awards). I want to congratulate all of you and your parents. The whole pack is proud of your accomplishments, and we're sure you will continue to "Do Your Best".

ADVANCEMENT - COMPASS BADGE PRESENTATION

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos Leader

EQUIPMENT: Compass badge and compass point.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have boys receiving Webelos recognition. (number) earning the compass and (number) earning the compass point. To earn the compass, a Webelos Scout has to earn his Webelos badge and four additional activity badges -- a total of seven activity badges. Once the compass has been earned, besides working on the Arrow of Light; the boy can work on earning compass points. He can earn one gold compass point for each four activity badges. To fill his compass a boy needs to earn nineteen of the available 20 activity badges. Would Mr./Mrs. _____, the Webelos leader please come forward and present the awards.

WEBELOS LEADER: The compass badge is not an award that is sewn onto a boy's uniform. It is attached to his right pocket button under the flap. The points are given to the boy to put in any position he chooses. Tonight (names) have earned their compass and (names) have earned their compass point. Will they please come forward. This shows that the boys are working hard toward the end of their Cub Scout trail.

Congratulations boys!!!!

ADVANCEMENT - LET THE COMPASS GUIDE YOU

PROPS: You will need a compass made of heavy cardboard; placed in front on the advancement table.

CUBMASTER: We look to the compass for our guide. To the East, we find a Cub ready for his Bobcat Badge. Will (name) and his parents come forward, (Present award) He brings his eagerness like the dawn of a new day.

To the South is the Wolf with his spirit of adventure. Will (name) and his parents come forward. (Present awards)

To the West is a Bear hunting on the trail of Scouting. (Present awards)

To the North is the Webelos about to realize his boyhood dreams, alive with Scout action. Will (name) and his parents come forward. (Present awards)

Let the compass guide all of you on your trails and may you all carry into your adult lives the ideals of Scouting.

ADVANCEMENT - CROSSING THE BRIDGE CEREMONY

Read by the Cubmaster

A BRIDGE is a structure carrying a pathway or roadway over a depression. It is a means of connection or transition from one side to another. During the years you and your son have been in Cub Scouting, we have had numerous opportunities to work together along the trail. Now, Boys' name is leaving the Pack to follow the trail of Boy Scouting. I am sure you are going to find the same satisfaction there that you have found in Cub Scouting.

As a symbol of the growth of your son and his entrance into Scouting, may I ask that he stand before me where I will divest him of his Webelos Handbook and neckerchief. (Take Webelos Handbook and Neckerchief from boy) You and he will slowly cross over the bridge into Scouting, pausing at each of the twelve steps. At the end of the twelve steps you will be welcomed by the Scouts of Troop #. (Dim the lights and have spot light shining on a bridge as the boy and parents cross the bridge.)

(As Cub takes each step, the Scouts call out loudly each of the Scout laws.)

1st - TRUSTWORTHY

2nd - LOYAL

3rd - HELPFUL

4th - FRIENDLY

5th - COURTEOUS

6th - KIND

7th - OBEDIENT

8th - CHEERFUL

9th - THRIFTY

10th - BRAVE

11th - CLEAN

12th - REVERENT

Read by Scouts -

We welcome you into Troop #, we meet each Day at Time at Place. We shall look forward to welcoming you at our next troop meeting.

Read by Scoutmaster -

(Hands Scout Handbook to new Scout) This book now replaces your Webelos book. Read and study it. Keep it handy for it is your guide through many adventures in Scouting.

Done by Assistant Scoutmaster -

(Places Troop neckerchief around new Scouts neck and shakes his hand)

ADVANCEMENT - CROSSING OVER TO SCOUTING

Setting: A bridge is in the center stage. One side of the bridge is represented as the Cub Scout side and the other side as the Boy Scout side. You can use your imagination on how to symbolize each side so it is apparent which side is which. Use of Boy Scouts with candles lighting the path is very impressive. Cubmaster and Scoutmaster standing appropriate sides.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we mark a great occasion....the graduation of _____ Webelos Scouts into a boy scout troop. We are sad to see them leave because they have been a great help to our pack...but we are happy for them because they are going on to the great adventure of Boy Scouting. These Webelos have worked hard for this night and have advanced well. As a symbol of their hard work, each Webelos scout will be given an arrow. As I call your name, will each Scout come forward with your parents.

(Call each boys name off.)

Reader: The arrow alone gives meaning to each of these scouts. The wooden shaft gives the strength like the strength the Scout Promise gives each boy. The fletching helps guide the arrow on a straight and true path like the Scout Law guides the Scout on a straight and true path. The arrowhead points the way to the target like Webelos badge and Arrow of Light requirements have pointed the Scout to the ways of Boy Scouting.

Each arrow has these parts...but each arrow is different...it is individual. Each arrow represents their own trail through Cub Scouting. (Give each boy his arrow.)

It has been a long trail...As you look at the arrow you can look back and see how far you have traveled. Your first trail led you across the Bobcat Ridge, where Akela took you into the Pack as a Bobcat. The yellow mark tells that this boy completed his Bobcat requirements. You may have then climbed the steep Wolf Mountain. The red mark means he has completed the Wolf badge. After that there may be a gold and silver marks for the arrow points that you may have earned. After finding your way through Bear Forest, you may have earned your Bear rank. The green mark shows you have gained your Bear achievements, and again you may have earned a gold and silver arrow points. Your trail next may have led you to Webelos Rank...first earning three Webelos pins shown by three black marks, then your Webelos badge which is marked in blue. The Arrow of Light trail may have been hard and rugged. You first earned another four Webelos pins. Then came the highest Cub Scout Achievement, the Arrow of Light which is signified by the white marking on the arrow. The twelve beads will remind you of the twelve points of the Scout Law. The red and white feathers not only stand for the troops colors, but also for devotion and honor.

Your trail in Scouting does not end in Cub Scouting...it is only the beginning...for all of you have prepared yourself for the crossing over to Boy Scouts.

The bridge before you is a symbol of your crossing from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting. The

bridge is a structure carrying a pathway or roadway over a depression. It is a means of connection or transition from one side to another...as this bridge represents how our Pack ___ is connected to our Troop __. As I call each boys name, please come stand before Your Cubmaster where he will remove your Webelos neckerchief.

(Cubmaster is calling over to the Scoutmaster.)

CUBMASTER: Hello, Boy Scouts of Troop ___.

SCOUTMASTER: Hello, Cub Scouts of Akela. What do you desire?

CUBMASTER: We have several Webelos who have prepared themselves for entrance into your Troop.

SCOUTMASTER: Bring them and their parents forward to the bridge that joins our Pack and Troop. I will send two of my Scouts over to escort the boys and their parents over the bridge.

(Boy Scouts cross over to Pack's side and then escorts the new scout and their parents to the other side.)

Webelos leader speaking to the Scoutmaster: These are your new Scouts, ready for the adventures ahead of them. They are going to call themselves the _____ patrol.

Webelos leader speaking to the boys: As I call each of your names, please come forward to your Scoutmaster, _____, where he will place on you the Neckerchief of Troop _____.

SCOUTMASTER: I'd like to welcome the new _____ patrol and their families to our Troop _____.
(Lights on)

SCOUTMASTER: Will Troop ___ please form your patrols.
(Have SPL lead all scouts in the Scout Promise)

ADVANCEMENT- CUBBING AWARDS

CUBMASTER: Tonight, we present the Cubbing Awards. These are for superior achievements in the Cubbing programs. Our first award this evening is for the Bobcat program shown on channel (Pack#) every (meeting time and place). The Bobcat program features young Cub Scouts learning special handshakes, mottos, salutes, and the most interesting features are the Law of the Pack and the Cub Scout Promise. The stars of this program are (read Cub's names). Will your parents please join you and present this award to you.

CUBMASTER:Our next Cubbing Award goes to the Wolf program. This very special program features Bobcats Cub Scouts who learn about citizenship, how to tie things, and feats of fitness and skill. This program asks Bobcat to "Do His Best" to become a Wolf Cub Scout. Tonight this award goes to the stars of the wolf program (read Cub's names). Will the parents of these stars please come forward with them and present their awards?

CUBMASTER: And now our next Cubbing Award goes to the Bear program. This is an action packed show which features Wolf Cub Scouts working on achievements. Some action features of this program are sports and other physical activities. This is not just a "Macho Man" show either. The stars learn to spend money wisely, to participate in religious activities as well as learning about our American heritage and respect for the flag. Will the parents of these stars(read cubs names) please come forward with them and present their awards?

CUBMASTER: The next program honored tonight is the Webelos program. This is a most unusual show and it stars will each receive awards for special achievements. As I call your name and the award you are to receive, would you and your parents please come forward (read Cub's name and Activity Pin each receives)?

CUBMASTER: What a pleasure to be a part of this great programming for our young Cubs. Congratulations to you all on a job well done.

ADVANCEMENT - A HISTORY OF CUB SCOUTING

We all know that the Boy Scout movement in America was started by William Boyce after he was directed to an address in London by a boy who refused a tip because he was a Scout. Mr. Boyce was so impressed by his talk with Lord Baden-Powell that he helped incorporate the Boy Scouts of America of February 8, 1910.

It is this date that we celebrate each year with our Blue and Gold Banquet.

Almost as soon as Scouting began, younger boys started clamoring for a chance to participate in Scouting. This resulted in the Wolf Cub program being started in England in 1916. It wasn't until August 1, 1929 that the first demonstration Cub units were started. By 1933, it was felt the time had come for promoting Cub Scouting as a part of the Boy Scout program.

As we read in the Wolf book the basis for much of the program came from THE JUNGLE BOOK by Rudyard Kipling. In this book is the story of two wolves who find a man cub who is being hunted by SHEREKAN, the tiger. They take in the boy, whom they name Mowgli, (which means frog) and raise him as part of their family.

The wolves are part of a pack which is led by Akela, the great gray Lone Wolf. Once a month, the new cubs are presented to the pack for acceptance. If they are not accepted by two members of the pack they are turned out. When Mowgli was presented to the council, none of the other wolves would speak for him. Just as Mother wolf was ready to give up. Baloo, the kindly brown bear who taught the wolf cubs the Law of the Jungle stood up and said, "I will speak for the man cub." When no one else spoke, Bagheera, the black panther rose and offered to pay one bull if the man cub would be accepted into the pack. And so it was that Mowgli came a part of the Wolf Pack, for the price of a bull and on Baloo's good word.

In looking back at old Cub Scout books, we are reminded that the Cub Scout program has survived with very little change. In a 1934 Cub Book, the rules for becoming a Bobcat are:

1. He has taken the Cub Promise.
2. Explained & repeated the Law of the Pack.
3. Explained the meaning of the ranks.
4. Shown the Cub sign and Handclasp.
5. Given the Cub Motto and Cub Salute.

Today as Bobcats, we must do the same requirements. When Akela says that we are ready, we are presented to the Pack or recognition. Will the following Cubs and their parents please come forward.

Just as the Wolf cubs learned about the world around them by taking short trips into the woods, so have our own Cubs grown in their understanding of nature and of their families. Will the following Cubs and their parents please come forward? Originally, only two arrow points could be earned for each rank. The basic rank was called the Bronze Badge. The first ten electives earned the Cub the Gold Rank, and the next ten elective the Silver Rank. Today we award the Gold Arrow Point for the first ten elective and Silver Arrow Points for each ten additional electives Will the following Cubs please come forward?

Just as Baloo the kindly Bear, taught the young Wolves the secret names of the trees, the calls of the birds and the language of the air so must each of you help others in you Den in order to meet the requirements for Bear. Will the following Cubs and their parents come forward?

Up until a few years ago, the next rank was Lion. In 1967, this was dropped and the Webelos program expanded to cover an entire year. The Webelos Colors (GOLD representing the Pack; GREEN, the Troop, and RED the Explorers) and 15 activity badges were added at this time. A new Webelos Badge was also created and the original Webelos Badge retained as the Arrow Of Light.

The Webelos rank is the transition between Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting. Originally the name was derived from the three ranks: Wolf, Bear, Lion and Scouts. To become a Webelos requires a further expanding of one's horizons. Activity Pins must be earned and involvement in Church and Civic activities are encouraged. Will the following Cubs and their parents please come forward?

The Arrow of Light is the highest award in Cub Scouting. It can also be worn on the Boy Scout uniform in recognition of your achievement. To be standing here tonight, means that you have reached the highest point along the Cub Scout trail. Do not stop here for the trail leads on to Boy Scouting and great new adventures which can only be dreamed about for now. Will the following Cubs and their parents please come forward?

ADVANCEMENT - THE STORY OF THE CUB SCOUT COLORS

PERSONNEL: Akela, two Cub Scouts dressed as Indian braves.

EQUIPMENT: A tripod with a large cooking pot suspended over a fire. A small pot fits inside the large one and contains a yellow Wolf neckerchief and a blue Bear neckerchief and awards. Dry ice may be packed around the small pot to give a smoking effect (smoke increases as water is added). Two small clear bottles, one filled with diluted yellow food coloring and the other with diluted blue coloring. An Indian headdress. Awards. **ARRANGEMENT:** The audience is seated in a semicircle, and Akela is standing behind the boiling pot.

NARRATOR: Many, many moons ago the great chief Akela called a council to see what could be done to make the Webelos tribe the best of all tribes. After many hours he called his two most trusted braves to the council fire. (He pauses as two braves come in and stand, one on each side of their chief.) He told the first brave to climb the mountain and tell the great eagle to fly high into the sky and bring back part of the beauty of the sun. (The first brave leaves.) He told the second brave to go to the forest and tell the sparrow to fly high into the sky and bring back part of the sky. (The second brave leaves, and both return immediately. One carries a bottle of blue water and the other a bottle of yellow water. They take positions, one on each side of the fire, kneel, and hold bottles up for everyone to see.)

AKELA: (Addressing the first brave.) Pour some of the beauty of the sun into our council mixing pot. (The brave pours the liquid over the dry ice, being careful not to get any in the small pot. Akela signals the second brave.) Pour some of the beauty of the sky into our council mixing pot. (The second brave responds, and the boiling action increases. Raising his right hand , Akela speaks again.) From this day forward, blue will stand for truth and loyalty. Yellow will stand for warm sunlight, happiness, and good cheer. (Akela stirs the pot, reaches in, and pulls out the yellow and blue Cub Scout neckerchiefs. He holds them open for all to see, and speaks.) And that is why Cub Scouts use the colors blue and gold. Now let us meet the parents and Cub Scouts who helped to keep the blue and gold of Cub Scouting alive and growing this month. (Akela stirs the pot again and takes the awards from the small pot. The boys and the parents are called forward and the awards are presented.)

ADVANCEMENT - CUB SCOUTING'S SEEDS

EQUIPMENT: Cloth or paper sack labeled "Johnny Cub Scout Seed" with advancement awards inside.

CUBMASTER: Most of the heroes of American Folklore were fictional people. They were born around the campfire in the 19th century when story telling was like TV is today - the main entertainment of the people.

But a few of them were real. One was Johnny Appleseed, who wandered through Ohio and Indiana for 40 years after the American Revolution planting apple orchards. For generations afterward those trees helped feed the people.

The badges we're awarding tonight are like those seeds. They are symbols of growth for our Cub Scouts, who are themselves growing straight and tall like Johnny Appleseed's trees. And like those trees our Cub Scouts will help other people.

(Take badges from sack and give them to parents to pin on son's shirts.)

ADVANCEMENT - UP THE STEPS IN CUB SCOUTING

EQUIPMENT: Steps to scouting candle board, candles, badges to be presented.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, den chief (lights candles for ranks)

When a boy becomes a Cub Scout he starts on an upward trail. I say upward because as he grows older, he advances in Cub Scouting. A boy does not join a Cub Scout pack and then wait around for four years to become a Boy Scout. With the help of his parents and leaders he will work and earn various badges which are marks of achievement. Tonight we have (number) Cub Scouts with their parents who have completed the requirements for badges of advancement in rank. Will Cub Scouts (names) please come forward with your parents and join me at our awards table.

Here we have Cub Scouts (names) who became Bobcats in our pack in (month). They, along with their parents, have been working very hard to reach their second step. Parents, as I present these Wolf badges to you, pin them on the left side of the Bobcat badge.

Next we have (names), who along with their families, have been working on the third step, which requires more skill and knowledge. Parents, as I present this Bear badge to you, pin it on the right side of the Bobcat badge. Congratulations to all of you, keep up the fine work, and wear your badges proudly so everyone can see that you are on the upward trail. With the same effort that you have shown thus far, we are sure that you will attain our highest award, the Arrow of Light.

Wolves and Bears, how about a cheer for our new brothers!

ADVANCEMENT - DANIEL BOONE

ARRANGEMENT: Assistant Cubmaster is dressed in Daniel Boone costume, complete with wooden rubber hand gun. Cubmaster is in uniform.

DANIEL: Howdy, folks! My name is Dan'l Boone. I understand this is a good place to get me a mess of Bobcats.

CUBMASTER: You must be a stranger around here. This is a Cub Scout meeting and the only Bobcats around here are the Cubs who have earned the Bobcat badge. Would the following Cub Scouts and their parents please come forward. (Cubmaster relates story of Bobcat badge, how Bobcats are so fierce and mean that the badge can't be turned upside down, so the boy must be turned upside down. Dan'l could comment about that sounding like a tall tale to him! (Cubmaster presents badges and pins to families and they return to their seats.)

DANIEL: Well, that was very interesting, but you must have that pack of Wolves I was told about.

CUBMASTER: No, Mr. Boone, our Wolves are the Cub Scouts who have climbed the trail of Scouting to the next advancement rank. (Cubmaster calls forward boys and parents to receive wolf rank and presents badges.)

DANIEL: Very impressive! But I don't see nary a single bear our there. (Shades eyes and looks into audience.)

CUBMASTER: Our Bears are a year older and wiser than our Wolves. They have learned to take care of knives and tools, learned how to tie knots, and even learned about you, Mr. Boone. (Cubmaster calls forward Bear recipients and their parents and presents badges.)

CUBMASTER: Would you like to see our Webelos get their awards?

DANIEL: What in tarnation is a Webelos?
(Prompt boys in advance to yell "We'll be loyal Scouts!")

DANIEL: Now, that I understand. I'm a loyal "Trail" Scout, too.

CUBMASTER: Webelos Scouts have learned about our government, know the rules of outdoor fire safety and have slept under the stars. (Cubmaster presents activity pins and Webelos badges.)

DANIEL: Well now, Cub Scouting sounds like a mighty fine way to raise up a young'un. Wish we had Cub Scouts when I was a lad. So long, now.

ADVANCEMENT - THE DESERTED ISLAND

PROPS: Cardboard pieces painted to represent palm trees, waves, coral reef, and a ship wreck. Cardboard fish are needed to attach awards to. The coral reef and shipwreck should be large enough for someone to hide behind.

ARRANGEMENTS: The Cubmaster should assemble all the Cubs who are to receive awards then lead them onto the stage, under the tree(s).

The Cubmaster acts the part of the Pirate Captain with the Cubs as the crew.

CUBMASTER: Well me lads, the storm has gotten the best of us! Here we are, stranded on this blasted desert island and all our supplies went down into the sea. Look around ye mates not even a pretty native gal to capture. I'm just afraid we'll have to wait till old Blue Beard's ship moseys by. Well mates, does anybody have a candy bar they'd like to share with their dear old captain? NO?? (Cubmaster shrugs) I guess you'll have to try and catch us some fish, then. You know waiting makes me hungry, but I'm getting might tired of the same old fish everyday, you boys try to catch something different for a change. Let's get cracking' lads! Here's some line I've saved, try your luck over by yon reef.

(Let each Cub "fish", tossing his line behind the reef were a fish with his award is attached to the line. The Cubmaster make appropriate comments as he presents each award, such as:)

CUBMASTER: Wow Bill, me friend, you've caught your old cappy a nice big porkfish! What's this? A bobcat in his mouth? Well, you can keep that me toddle, for a job well done.

Chester, my boy, you've reeled us in a fat snapper. That line made from WOLF's hair really works great. Fine fishing me boy, fine fishing indeed.

AH! Scott, me old mate, I see a yellow-fin grouper dangling from your line. And I see you were using your lucky arrowhead instead of a hook. Now that takes ingenuity!

Jason, me lad, I see you have caught me a nice big barracuda! That's what happens when you old BEAR bait on you hook!

Danny, what is that you have there? A swordfish? Look he's caught a WEBELOS on his snout! Now I'd call that a pretty sharp catch!

Steve, me dearest old pal, you seem to have caught us a whale. Look at the ACTIVITY PIN caught in his fin! I'd say you've been doing a whale of a job.

ADVANCEMENT - ACHIEVEMENT CHART CEREMONY

Each Cub Scout, the Den Leader, and the Den Chief hold a candle. The Cub Scout, receiving the award, has the honor of lighting these 3 candles. He then receives an award which is a gold star.

Den Leader: (Name) having fulfilled the requirements for Wolf and duly receiving this award at the pack meeting as of (day), is hereby authorized by the members of this den to place the appropriate star after his name on the achievement chart.

DEN CHIEF: (Name) it has been a pleasure to help and assist you in your Cubbing and to prepare you for Scouting. You have learned your lessons well and are now on the trail of Bear. I know you will soon be on the Scouting trail that leads to the Eagle's nest.

Den Leader: Cubs, let us all remember it took hours of work for both (Name) and his parents to achieve this award, so let us all work for the higher goals in Cubbing so that later on we may take our place for God and our country. Now Cubs, let us give a Class A hand clap for (Name).

ADVANCEMENT - A PIECE OF EMBROIDERED CLOTH

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Large cutouts of Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos badges,

ARRANGEMENT: Each cutout is to be displayed so they can be seen from the audience.

CUBMASTER: A badge of Cub Scouting is a piece of embroidered cloth. If you were to try to sell one of these badges, you'd find that it wouldn't bring much money. The real value of the badge is in what it represents...the things you learned to earn it...how to keep healthy, how to be a good citizen, good safety practices, conservation, and many new skills.

BOBCAT Now we have some Cubs who are to receive the badge of Bobcat and to advance along the Cub Scouting Trail. (Call forward the boys and their parents, who are to receive their Bobcat badges.) To earn the badge of Bobcat these boys had to learn the Cub Scout promise, the Law of the Pack, the Cub Scout sign, and the Cub Scout motto. These things are just part of the adventures on the Scouting Trail. Now as I present to each of you your Bobcat badge remember the value of this badge and the Cub Scout motto..."Do Your Best." Congratulations!

WOLF (Call forward the boys and their parents that are to receive the Wolf badges.) As each of you worked toward your Wolf badge, you had the opportunity to develop new skills, help at home and in your community and learn respect for our flag. You have now completed the 12 achievements of your badge and wear it with pride. Congratulations!

BEAR (Call forward the boys and their parents that are to receive the Bear badge.) As each of you worked toward your Bear badge you found that there were 12 achievements to perform for this new badge. We experience choices in our everyday lives. We must each decide the best choices to live by. To achieve the rank of Bear, choices had to be made as to which of the 12 achievements from the group of 24 to do. These too, are each new adventures along the Cub Scouting Trail. Remember the value of this badge as you make your choices in life. Congratulations!

WEBELOS (Call forward the boys and their parents who are to receive their Webelos badges.) As each of you joined the Webelos den, you experienced a change from the Cub dens you had known. As an older Scout, you experienced new choices and new experiences in how you were to earn the Webelos badge. No longer is it a parent that signs your book, but it is your Webelos den leader. To earn advancement in the Webelos den you have activity badges to earn. These activities are for you, the older Scout and they are activities that a more grown up person enjoys. Remember the value of the Webelos badge and the changes that took place in order to earn this award. Congratulations!

ARROW OF LIGHT (Call forward the boys and their parents who are to receive the Arrow of Light award.) The trail to the Arrow of Light is a long hard trail to climb. It was full of adventure in the achievements you learned as a Wolf. As a Bear you were faced with new choices and different directions to turn. And as a Webelos Scout you encountered change and more grown up activities that have helped you develop into the person you are today. To earn the Arrow of

Light, you worked to understand the future. Many of the achievements you accomplished have prepared you to move into Boy Scouting. These achievements have been new and varied with the purpose to have you experience even greater adventures in the future. Now take one more moment to remember the value of each badge you have earned. Each badge was a step by step adventure in your life and an adventure along the Scouting Trail. Remember the value of this badge. It is the highest award in Cub Scouting and is also honored along the Boy Scout Trail of adventure. Congratulations!

ADVANCEMENT - ESKIMO DOG SLED ADVANCEMENT

Cubmaster can have awards at rear of assembly and drive his dog sled back and forth bringing the next set of awards on each trip. He could call the back of the room the landing area where a bush pilot flies in with the next batch of awards. Have someone back there dressed like a bush pilot making plane sound effects for each landing. Then Cubmaster drives the sled to the front after each delivery and does the presentation. Add information about the importance of these rank advancements and the work of the Cubs who are receiving them. Relate it to something about Alaska: Eskimos, the oil pipeline and those who worked on it, one of the many National Parks in that state, Mt McKinley or the gold rush. Let the boys and their parents know that you care about their progress in the Cub Scout program and expect them to continue the hard work and service necessary to maintain a successful pack. A little effort for your ceremonies will encourage all to attend and participate.

ADVANCEMENT - EXPLORING ALASKA

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Awards for boys glued to gold nuggets (gold nuggets are butterscotch candies or candy covered in gold foil)

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience

CUBMASTER: This month the dens have been exploring Alaska. Alaska is the most northern part of the United States. The name Alaska comes from the Aleut native word meaning "The Great Land." The nickname for Alaska is the Last Frontier and the motto is North to the Future. In 1741, a Russian, Vitus Bering led an expedition which landed in Alaska. The Russians found villages of Eskimos, Aleuts and Indians. The Alaskan territory was good to the Russians, this exporting of furs was a profitable industry until the sea otter was almost wiped out. Just as Vitus Bering explored a new frontier, we have some boys here tonight who are also in search of their new frontiers. (Call forward the boys to receive their Bobcat Badges and their parents. Present the badges.)

Later in 1778 James Cook mapped the coast between Sitka and the Bering Strait. Also during the 18th and 19th Centuries, the other sea captains from Spain, France and Great Britain came to explore the frontier of Alaska. As these explorers kept coming to the frontier each was in search of the wonders Alaska has to offer. We have some boys who have continued to explore the Cub Scout trail. (Call forward the boys to receive their Wolf Badges and their parents. Present the badges.)

On March 30, 1867, the Alaskan territory was sold to the United States for seven million, two hundred thousand dollars. This was less than two cents an acre. Now that Alaska had become a territory of the U.S., prospectors started to explore Alaska to see what additional treasures there were to discover. In 1896, gold was discovered in Alaska. The Alaskan Gold rush was on. Tonight we have some boys who have answered the challenges to explore the new territories along the Cub Scouting Trail. (Call forward the boys to receive their Bear Badges and their parents. Present the badges.)

The exploration of Alaska hasn't stopped with the discovery of gold. In 1959, Alaska became the 49th state. And in 1963 Congress authorized the construction of a pipeline to transport oil from the rich North Slope oil field on the Arctic Ocean. The plans called for the 800 mile long pipeline to extend to the Pacific coast port of Valdez. As the exploration continues in Alaska, so does the exploration of the Cub Scout Trail. We have some boys here who have discovered a new plateau along the Scouting Trail. (Call forward the boys to receive their Webelos Badges and their parents. Present the badges.)

As we have explored Alaska together we can also as Cub families find the treasures that are there to be discovered along the Cub Scout Trail.

ADVANCEMENT - FAMILY PARTICIPATION IN THE BEAR RANK

This ceremony emphasizes family participation in Cub Scouting. Exact wording is unimportant; do not worry about memorizing. Present it in a conversational tone. If you have more than one Cub Scout receiving the award, have all the boys and their parents come forward at the same time. This ceremony is easily adapted to all ranks.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Scouts, parents and Den Chief

EQUIPMENT: Bear Badge, certificate, straight pins

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouts and parents, tonight we want to honor those Cub Scouting families who are advancing in rank. Den Chief(name), one of the Cub Scouts in your den is ready to receive his Bear Badge this evening. Is that right? (answer) Will you please escort Cub Scout (name) forward. (den Chief does so) (name), we're really glad that you have reached the Bear rank in Cub Scouting. It's one more step up the ladder. (gives handshake) Are your parents with you?

CUB SCOUT: Yes, sir, they are. **CUBMASTER:** Den Chief (name), will you please escort Mr. & Mrs. (name) forward so they may take part in our ceremony? (den chief does so) We are glad to have you here tonight. (shakes hands) We want to tell you how much we appreciate the cooperation which you have given. Without it your son might not have reached the Bear rank. Cub Scouting is a family program and that means not only your son is advancing to the Bear rank, but the whole family has taken another step upward too. 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, Mr. & Mrs, (name), and ask you to present it to your son. (Dad does so and both parents congratulate son) Now, will all of the Cub Scouts in the audience stand and give (name) a hand for the fine job of advancement he is doing. (Cub Scouts applaud). Will parents and guests stand and recognize Mr. & Mrs. (name) for their son's honor. I am sure we're all aware of the contribution made by (names), Den Leaders. Will they stand and be recognized. (all applaud)

ADVANCEMENT - FIESTA ADVANCEMENT

PROPS: Piñata open at the top or container decorated to look like a piñata. Awards are placed inside the piñata.

CUBMASTER: A piñata is lots of fun--fun to make and fun to break. Lots of hard work goes into making it and lots of hard work goes into breaking it. After all the hard work, comes the reward.

The Cub Scouts to recognized tonight have worked hard. They have had lots of fun along the way, too.

Would the following Cub Scouts and their parents please come forward to receive their reward.