

ADVANCEMENT - CROSSOVER; THE FINAL STEPS

ARRANGEMENT: Darkened room, Red light is on bridge, which is centered between American and Pack flags. Assembled on stage to the left of the bridge are the parents and Webelos Leader, on the opposite end of the bridge is the Scoutmaster.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we mark a great occasion, ... the graduation of Webelos Scout (name) from our pack. We are sad to see him leave because he has been a great help to our Pack... but we are happy for him because he is going on to the great adventure of Scouting. He has worked hard for this night and has advanced well. Please escort Webelos Scout (name) to the front.

(Boy who has been standing on opposite side of room, is escorted to front by another Webelos Scout, who carries the den flag. They stop at front, the graduating Webelos Scout returns to his place.)

CUBMASTER: (Recaps information such as date boy joined pack, ranks he earned, awards he received, date joined Webelos den, etc.)

DEN LEADER: (Recaps activities in Webelos den, highlighting activity badges he has earned). Webelos Scout (name) it is with a great sense of pride that I now ask you for your Webelos neckerchief. (after removing neckerchief, Den Leader escorts him to end of bridge where Cubmaster is waiting.)

CUBMASTER: I am pleased to see that you are wearing the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting. This is the only Cub Scout badge which you will be permitted to wear on your Scout uniform. And now you may take the final steps. (Webelos Scout crosses bridge. He stops in center, turns to salute Cubmaster with Cub Scout salute. He proceeds across bridge to where the Scoutmaster is waiting. He gives him Scout salute).

SCOUTMASTER: (Name), we are happy to welcome you to our troop. I can see by the Arrow of Light that you are prepared to join the great fellowship of Scouting. (Short statement on what is expected of Scout). Please repeat after me the Scout Oath. (Scoutmaster and Scout exchange salute and shake hands). As a token of this important occasion, I would like to present you with the troop neckerchief. (Scoutmaster and parents meet in front of bridge.) Mr. and Mrs. (name), Welcome to our troop. I congratulate you on the fine work that you have done with your son in Cub Scouting. I am sure you will find new adventures in our troop.

ADVANCEMENT - FLYING HIGH

(Cubmaster show picture of a penguin or imitates one waddling)

Cubmaster says "Boys, what do think this is? (or what kind of bird am I?) That's right, a penguin." "Who can tell me something unusual about a penguin." Right, a penguin is one of the few birds that can't fly. There's nothing wrong with that because penguins seem to get along just fine without flying. So do ostriches. But we usually think of birds as fliers. Say the word "bird" and almost everybody thinks of flight.

"We've got some high fliers in the pack today. They're pretty smart birds. I'm talking about our Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts who are flying up the advancement ladder." (Call forward advancing boys by rank, with their parents, and present awards for parents to pin on their son's uniform.

Recognitions:

For each boy who will receive an advancement award or graduate from the pack, have a candle at least 6" tall; one white candle for new Bobcats; red for Wolf badges and arrow points; green for Bear, blue for Webelos activity badges and Webelos awards; yellow for Arrow of Light; brown for boys graduating into scout troops. As guards for candle drippings use muffin cups.

Call forward advancing boys and their parents in sequence, from Bobcat to boys graduating into troops. The Cubmaster speaks briefly about the achievements necessary for each award and then asks the Cub Scout to light his candle from the campfire. After he does so, his parents pin his new badge on his shirt. The boy and parents then step back into line behind the fire as other boys and parents are called forward.

For graduating Cub Scouts, ask the scout master or other representative of the troops they will join to come forward with the boys and parents. after the graduates have lighted their brown candles and have been congratulated by the Cubmaster, the Scoutmaster welcomes them into the troop and presents a troop neckerchief (or other gift customary in his troop.)

ADVANCEMENT - AMERICAN FOLKLORE

PROPS: Four candles in holder, each candle a different length.

CUBMASTER: Our history is filled not only with the tall tales of American Folklore, but also with the true deeds of some very brave men who explored, fought and in some cases died, to extend the frontiers of our country. Men like Davey Crockett, Daniel Boone, Kit Carson, Lewis and Clark, Buffalo Bill Cody, and many more.

The Scouting trail is much like the trail these famous men followed and so, at this time, we will recognize those Cubs in our Pack who have advance along this trail. As I call your names, please come forward with your Parents. (call names)

As you Cubs can see, the candles get taller as you advance. This represents the additional skills that you must learn as you earn each higher rank. (Light Shortest Candle).

The Bobcat is the start of the trail and the simplest to earn. (light next candle.) The Wolf is a big step forward and harder as is (light the next candle) the Bear.

Finally, at last, (light the tallest candle) you became a Webelos Scout, an earn the highest rank, the Arrow of Light. And so with the spirit of the great explorers, folklore heroes and frontiersmen to guide you, may you continue to climb the Scouting Trail. (Present awards by Den and congratulates Cubs and parents).

ADVANCEMENT - FOR FORMER TIGER CUBS

PARTICIPANTS: Cubmaster, Former Tiger Cubs receiving their Bobcat Badge, their parents

EQUIPMENT: Tiger Cub Emblem, Bobcat Badge and Card.

CUBMASTER: A very important part of our Pack is the special program we have for the boys in the first grade...our Tiger Cub Group. Today, one of our Cubs who was (were) a part of the Tiger Cub program has completed another step in the Scouting Adventure. We are very happy to present the Bobcat Badge to _____.

Will Cub Scout(s) and his (their) parents please come forward.
(After participants are assembled...)

As a Tiger Cub you practiced their motto, "Search, Discover, Share." You have continued to practice it along with our Cub Motto, "Do Your Best." You have worked hard with your parents to complete the achievements necessary to earn your first badge of rank in Cub Scouting - the Bobcat Badge.

I am very happy to present this Badge and the card indicating that you are a Bobcat Cub Scout(s) your parents to pin on your uniform. I know that they will be very proud to give it to you.

Congratulations!

ADVANCEMENT - THE MAGIC FORMULA

PROPS: 3 Pint containers, 1 each of: water with blue food coloring, clear cooking oil, alcohol with red food coloring

Large, clear glass container

Test tube, 1 per boy

2 White lab coats

Ceremony table

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster

FORMAT: Bobcat says the Promise; Wolf pours the blue water; Bear pours the cooking oil; Webelos pours the red alcohol.

CUBMASTER: Tonight, I am going to give you the magic formula for building Cub Scouts. Our Bobcats have done their best by learning the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack and the Motto. Would the following boys and their parents please come forward.

ASSISTANT: (Reads the names of the boys while Cubmaster lines them up behind the table facing the audience.)

CUBMASTER: (Hold up the glass container) this glass represents the Bobcats. As with anything you build, you need a foundation, a starting point, you need to know the basics. This is what our Bobcats have learned. (Boys repeat the Promise)

ASSISTANT: (Hands out badges to parents to present to their boys, everyone shakes hands. Bobcats and parents return to their seats.)

CUBMASTER: The first part of the magic formula is blue. This color represents the family, its strength, unity and participation in building a Cub Scout.

ASSISTANT: (Reads the names of the boys -- with parents -- receiving the Wolf award while the Cubmaster lines them up behind the table and gives them each a test tube full of blue water.)

CUBMASTER: Will each Wolf pour the blue liquid into the larger glass?

ASSISTANT: (Badges are handed out to parents, etc.)

CUBMASTER: The second part of our formula is clear white. It represents the progress the Cubs have made in character and spiritual growth.

ASSISTANT: (Boys and parents of Bear rank are called while Cubmaster arranges the boys and gives them a test tube with cooking oil.)

CUBMASTER: Bears pour your clear liquid into the larger glass.

ASSISTANT: (Badges are handed out to parents, etc.)

CUBMASTER: The third part of our formula is red. This red color represents the Cub Scout being helpful and doing his best as he continues to grow in all areas of his life.

ASSISTANT: (Webelos and parents are called, etc.)

CUBMASTER: Webelos pour your red liquid into the larger glass.

ASSISTANT: (Badges and/or activity pins are handed to parents, etc.)

CUBMASTER: We have completed our magic formula. It is the same colors as in our flag. May Cub Scouting help to make this a better place to live.

ADVANCEMENT - FREEDOM SYMBOLS OF OUR COUNTRY

In our American history, we are fortunate to have many freedom symbols which have special meaning to American citizens. Tonight I would like to tell you a little about one of these symbols as we honor those boys who are advancing along the Cub Scouting trail.

The Statue of Liberty stands 305 feet high in New York Harbor, welcoming people of other lands to become citizens of our democracy. The statue was given to the United States by France as a token of friendship. Each year hundreds of tourists go to see Miss Liberty. The inscription at the base of this statue was written by Emma Lazarus, and reads in part: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free; the wretched refuse of your teeming shores; send these, the homeless, tempest tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door". There is a golden door to Scouting which is open to all boys. By walking through that door to Scouting, boy has an opportunity to grow in many ways and learn about citizenship, character and physical fitness. The boys who wish to walk through that door to Scouting tonight are (read names). Will you and your parents please come forward.

(Continue with regular Bobcat induction).

Our American flag is much more than the red, white and blue cloth of which it is made. It is the symbol of America. It stands for the past, the present and the future of our country. When we show respect for the flag, we are showing respect for all that is America..our land, our people, our way of life. When the 13 original colonies set out to become a free country nearly 200 years ago, their men and women needed a rallying point - a flag. "We will take the stars and blue union from heaven", the great George Washington is reported to have said, "red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty". Respect for the flag is one of the requirements for a boy to earn the Wolf rank. Tonight we have some boys who have completed all these requirements. (call boys and parent forward and present badges and cards).

The Declaration of Independence is one of many documents which established freedom in America. It was on July 4, 1776, that the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia and announced the separation of the 13 colonies from England. In America, we have a government of the people, by the people and for the people.. not for just some of them, but for all people...the people to whom the Declaration of Independence refers when it says "all men are created equal", not equally talented or equally rich, but equal under law, and under God. All Scouts have an equal opportunity to advance in rank and earn badges. The following boys have earned Arrow Points to wear under the Wolf badge. (call boys and parents forward to receive awards).

One of the most beloved of our freedom symbols is the Liberty Bell. The Liberty Bell was rung in 1776 calling the people of Philadelphia to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. During the British occupation of Philadelphia, the bell was hidden beneath the floor of the Zion Reformed Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Sixty years later, as the bell was tolled for the death of Chief Justice John Marshall, it cracked. Since that time it has been on display in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, for all Americans to see. The bell is old, but the crack is plain to see, along with this inscription: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land". A study of our American Heritage is one of the twelve requirements for a boy to earn the Bear badge. The following boys

will receive that badge tonight.

ADVANCEMENT - THE FUR TRADER

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster is dressed as an Indian Chief; an adult is dressed as a medicine man, and another adult is dressed as an old fur trader with saddle bags. Medicine man and Indian Chief at front of room.

MEDICINE MAN: There are several braves here tonight who have worked hard since we last met, and have earned awards for their efforts. I sent an order to the trading post last week and it should be here by now. I don't know what happened, but they have not arrived. I fear we will have to wait until next month. Heap big sorry!

FUR TRADER: (Looking wild, wooly and hurried, enters room carrying saddle bags.) Is this the meeting of Cub Scout Pack (#)?

CUBMASTER: Yes, it is. Who are you?

FUR TRADER: I'm the rider from the trading post.

MEDICINE MAN: Hmmm. I have 3 blue beads for (name) who has earned the Bobcat rank.

FUR TRADER: Good enough. Where is the varmint?

CUBMASTER: Will (name) and his parents please step forward? Congratulations on your hard work!

MEDICINE MAN: I have 3 red feathers for (name) who has earned the Wolf rank.

FUR TRADER: Good deal!

CUBMASTER: (To Fur Trader.) Thanks for getting here on time with all our awards. The boys really appreciate it.

MEDICINE MAN: Ugh!

FUR TRADER: My pleasure, son. Now I gotta be gettin' along. So long! (He exits)

ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS GEOLOGIST ACTIVITY BADGE

EQUIPMENT: Activity pins Webelos will be receiving.

PERSONNEL: Webelos Den Leader, Cubmaster, Webelos Scouts.

WEBELOS DEN LEADER: Webelos "We Be Loyal Scouts." Our goal is to be loyal scouts. We try to do our best even though the road appears difficult at times, we are striving to meet that goal.

The Geologist activity badge has been earned by the following Webelos Scouts. (List the Webelos to earn the pin.)

Will these boys please come forward.

While the Webelos leader is presenting the pins to the boys the Cubmaster notes the requirements.

CUBMASTER: To earn the Geologist pin a boy must do five of the following: Give examples how rocks and minerals are used in the products we use in our society. Collect five geologic specimens that have important uses. List some geologic materials used in building your home. Make a drawing that shows the causes of volcano, geyser or an earthquake. Explain one way mountains are formed. Make a scale of mineral hardness and show the relative hardness of three rock samples.

WEBELOS DEN LEADER: Let's stand and give these boys a round of applause.

ADVANCEMENT - GETTING INTO SHAPE

SETTING: Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster in sports or exercise clothes. Sports and exercise equipment setting around stage.

CUBMASTER: There are many ways to step into shape. They range from personal exercise to team sports to international competition. All must be started slowly, done on a regular basis, and be challenging to the abilities.

ASST. CM: The Cub Scout program includes physical fitness as an important part of its program. Each rank has requirements that challenge, but not overwhelm the boys according to their ages.

CUBMASTER: A good physical shape also requires a good mental shape. Stepping into shape is like stepping up the Scouting trail. They both make you look and feel better and they can both be fun. Tonight, we are going to honor some boys who have begun taking those steps into shape and up the Scouting trail.

ASST. CM: Will the following Cub Scouts and their coaches, parents, flex your muscles and step into the gym. (Reads names)

CUBMASTER: The Bobcat is like a person just beginning to get into shape; he is unsure of what to do and how to do it. However, he has made that most important first step. Parents, your sons have earned the first rank of Cub Scouts, the Bobcat, and I would like you to present their badges to them. (Gives parents badges to give to boys.) The next step has been taken by several boys to better their condition and advance them along the Scouting trail.

ASST. CM: The gym is ready to have the following Cub Scouts and their parents step up. (Reads Wolf names)

CUBMASTER: These boys have gone beyond the beginning of the programs. While much is still new, they are making advancements everyday. They are following the program set up by their coaches and trainers and they have earned the second rank in Cub Scouting, the Wolf Rank. Parents, I am honored to give you these badges to present to your sons. (Gives parents badges. Continue along with the Bear and Webelos Scouts.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE GIFT BOX

Gift wrap 5 boxes, preferably all the same size. Wrap the lids separately so they can be removed. Attach bows on top. Place a badge of each rank in each gift box (Bobcat, Wolf Bear, Webelos, Arrow of Light). Actual badge or cardboard displays can be used. Boys awards should also be in appropriate box.

CUBMASTER: "It's Christmas time and what a great time for giving and receiving. We have some boys that gave it all and completed their badge of rank and now the pack would like to give them their award for their accomplishment." (start with Bobcat box. Have a den leader from each rank help to open boxes and show the badge or display card.) (explain the badge briefly and call boys up to receive their badges from the box).

This ceremony works well for Blue and Gold banquet as well. The boxes can be wrapped in blue paper with gold bows.

Tiger Cubs can open boxes and display badges instead of den leaders.

ADVANCEMENT - TO GIVE HELP AND GOODWILL

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Awards of Boys (Bobcat awards on a smile, Wolf awards on a helping hand, Bear awards on a "T", and Webelos awards on a card)

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of the audience

CUBMASTER: December is the month when Christians recall the miracle birth of Christ. People of the Jewish faith celebrate the Festival of Lights. Many people celebrate this season by giving gifts, by waiting for the arrival of Santa Claus and by festive gatherings with friends. Each person has their own way of celebrating this holiday. The theme this month is Holiday Magic. As Cub Scouters how can we join in this theme of Holiday Magic? As I reflected on this month's theme I think about what magic has to do with this holiday season and what it has to do with Cub Scouting? As I repeated to myself the Cub Scout promise - the phrase "to help other people" stuck in my mind. Next I repeated the Law of the Pack and the words "a Cub Scout gives goodwill" came to mind. It dawned on me that this holiday season was a perfect time for Holiday Magic - a theme for helping other people and a time for giving goodwill. One small piece of Holiday Magic is to smile and be cheerful to others. A smile is the first step to spreading goodwill. And tonight we have some boys who are taking their first steps along the Cub Scout Trail.

(Call forward the boys who are to receive their Bobcat award and their parents. Present the badge.) After a smile, the next piece of Holiday Magic is to lend a helping hand. This helping hand might be to carry in groceries for someone or help set the table for dinner or help wash the dishes after dinner - and all done with a cheerful smile. By offering this helping hand and cheerful smile we take the next step toward giving Holiday Magic.

Tonight we have some boys who have taken the next step in Cub Scouting. (Call forward the boys who are to receive their Wolf award and their parents. Present the badge.)

What can we do to continue our Holiday Magic to help others and give goodwill? Our next step might be to do a "Good Turn." A good turn is to do a job without being asked to do it by someone. This good turn might include cleaning our rooms, taking out the trash or raking leaves without being asked. This good turn is a special step to bringing Holiday Magic to others. Tonight there are some boys who have worked harder to take the next step along the Cub Scout Trail. (Call forward the boys who are to receive their Bear award and their parents. Present the badge.)

To spread more holiday magic, we might go even further to make a gift for a friend. We could make a special card of a small present or a holiday treat for someone without expecting anything in return. With the giving of this special gift to a friend we can continue the holiday magic. And continuing to advance along the Cub Scout Trail we have some boys who are ready to be advanced. (Call forward the boys who are to receive their Webelos badge and their parents. Present the badge.)

Tonight we have seen how we as Cub Scouts and we as parents can remember to spread the Holiday Magic. It is so easy for each of us to help other people and to give goodwill. And by helping others and giving goodwill we can spread the Holiday Magic to those around us.

ADVANCEMENT - GRADUATION OF CUB SCOUT TO WEBELOS

This ceremony can be conducted in a den or at a pack meeting. All Cub Scouts in the graduate's den sit in a circle with the graduate in middle of circle.

EQUIPMENT: Ten candles, ten cards with verse.

PERSONNEL: Eight Cub Scouts, graduate, Den Leader and Assistant Den Leader and/or Den Chief.

DIM LIGHTS - Candles are lit:

1st Cub: "We've played together and worked together"

2nd Cub: "Had maybe a fight or two"

3rd Cub: " We've taken trips and had some slips"

4th Cub: " And seen many projects through"

5th Cub: "You earned your Wolf and arrow points"

6th Cub: "And earned your Bear degree"

7th Cub: "But now you're earning your Webelos"

8th Cub: "A Boy Scout soon you'll be"

Leader: "We hope you remember Den (#) with delight"

Leader: "We salute you! Good luck! Happy Scouting!"

At this time, a den cheer is given in honor of the graduate, and den leader presents boy to Cubmaster who does the honors and turns boy over to his new Webelos leader.

ADVANCEMENT - GRADUATION OF A WEBELOS SCOUT

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Senior Patrol Leader, Webelos leader, Webelos Scout and family, 2 Bobcats, 2 Wolves, 2 Bears and 2 Webelos

EQUIPMENT: Troop scarf

ARRANGEMENT: The 8 Cubs are lined up in 2 rows of 4 facing each other in order to form a bridge for the graduation. There needs to be enough room between the two lines for the Webelos Scout and his family to pass from the left side to the right. On the left side of the stage is the Cubmaster and the Webelos den leader and on the right side of the boy bridge is the Scoutmaster and the Senior Patrol Leader.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we mark a great occasion, the graduation of Webelos Scout (name) from our pack. (Call the Webelos Scout and his family forward.) We are sad to see him leave because he has been a great help to our pack... but we are happy for him because he is going on to the great adventure of Scouting. He has worked hard for this night and has advanced well. You have successfully obtained the ranks of Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos. To top off your Cub Scout career, you have earned the Arrow of Light. You and your family have participated in pinewood derbies, rain gutter regatta, den meetings, pack meetings and outdoor camping experiences. You also were able to attend Cub Day Camp and Webelos Camp. You and your family will have many memories to take with you. I am pleased to see that you are wearing the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting. This is the only Cub Scout badge which you will be permitted to wear on your Scout uniform. And now you and your family may take the final Cub Scouting steps. This bridge that connects Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting is made up of an honor guard of Cub Scouts who in time will be following in your steps along the Scouting Trail. (The Webelos Scout and his family walk to the right side of the stage to the Scoutmaster.)

ADVANCEMENT - GRANDFATHER'S TRUNK

PROPS: Old steamer truck, rocking chair, braid rug, kerosene lamp, small items inside the trunk such as a wooden spoon, rag doll, cloth ball. Cubmaster is dressed as a pioneer grandfather/mother and is sitting next to the trunk which contains the awards.

NARRATOR: We hear many things about the character of our pioneer ancestors. One important trait was perseverance to get the job done. (Shows the braided rug.) They also had the faith to see the future of our great land. (Raises the kerosene lamp.) Our Cub Scouts have inherited many of these characteristics and we will award their badges tonight from this heritage.

(Rummages around in the trunk and withdraws the small items and lays them by the rocking chair with short comments. Finds the badges and calls the Cub and their parents forward.)

ADVANCEMENT - WATER FUN

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, various adults in costume

EQUIPMENT: Various items used in the water: mask, snorkel, fins, ski tube, and/or skis. Have leaders wearing these items. Cubmaster needs a fishing hat and a vest available. Enough dowel rods with string attached to badges in plastic sealed bags. Awards for boys
ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience

CUBMASTER: Water Fun is something that is enjoyed by nearly everyone. We have some special people here tonight to show you ways to have fun in the water. (the following are fun ways to show the items)

1. Maskman - The person who does not want to get water on his face. The person who does not want to be seen.
2. Snorkeler - The next person thinks he/she is a shark. They think they are a part of the great white shark family and are a member of the JAWS fan club.
3. Finner - This person only walks on the beach and leaves big prints in the sand thinking that everyone will think Big Foot has reappeared.
4. Tuber - Someone who thinks they can swim but really can't. Someone who has always wanted to drive on water but has not yet figured out how to do it.
5. Skier - This person is ready for water and snow. Or does this person like big shoes that make a lot of noise.

These are just a few items that can be used to have fun in water. Another thing that is very popular in water is fishing. (Put on a fishing hat and jacket if available). In this fish tank I have caught some badges for Cub Scouts who have advanced in rank. (Pull out badge and call boy forward with his parents.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE CUB SCOUT HANDYMAN

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Asst. Cubmaster, Cub Scouts and Parents.

EQUIPMENT: Tool chest with large samples of the tools to be used during the ceremony. Badges of each rank that the Cub Scouts have earned and Mother's pins. Each award is attached to smaller samples of the tools - either "play" tools or tools made of cardboard and painted.

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster, dressed as a carpenter with a hat and apron, walks to center stage with tool box of awards.

CUBMASTER: We have with us tonight some Cub Scouts who have been handy and learned to use the tools of Cub Scouting to advance in rank. From my tool chest, I will take the screwdrivers which are the first tool these Cub Scouts learned to use. Will the following Cub Scouts come forward with their parents as the Assistant Cubmaster reads their names.

Asst. CM: (Reads names of Bobcat candidates) I would like for each of you to repeat the Cub Scout promise together. (Cubs respond - then they repeat the Law of the Pack, Tell what Webelos means, give the handshake and salute.)

CUBMASTER: Very well done, boys! I will now ask that your parents present your Bobcat badges to you. Congratulations and welcome to our Pack. (Parents and boys return to their dens.)

(Cubmaster and his assistant proceed in the same manner with the following tools:

Hammer for Wolf rank, because they are hard hitting.

Saw for the Bear rank, because they have begun to sharpen their skills.

Pliers for the Webelos badge, because they are getting down to the "Nuts and Bolts"

A T-square for the activity badges, because they worked squarely on their electives.

And a Plane for the Arrow of Light, because they are "Finishing" their projects and the Cub Scout program.)

Cubmaster; we are all proud of the Cub Scouts who progressed this evening. They have learned the safe and proper use of hand tools during this month's Den activities. They have learned, too, that they can be "handymen" around their home and Den meeting place with the help of their leaders and families.

Thank you Cub Scouts for being real "handymen" this month.

ADVANCEMENT - BECOMING HANDYMEN

EQUIPMENT: Hammer; nails; carpenter's apron with awards in the pockets; pins.

CUBMASTER: Take a few moments to consider the claw hammer. It is a basic tool that should be part of every household. When fastened securely, its head doesn't fly off the handle. Used properly, it can drive a nail straight and true. It is not perfect, though, so on the opposite side is a claw to draw out crooked or misplaced nails and try again.

Advancement in Cub Scouting is like this hammer. The boys earn badges after learning basic skills that will be part of their lives forever. As they work together with other Cubs in the den and the pack, they discover how to understand and listen and not get angry. By following Akela they have seen a straight path to walk. And they have made mistakes, but they try again. Tonight we are saluting those boys who are receiving their badges.

Will the following boys/s and their parent/s please come forward for their Bobcat award. (As the families come up, hand the badge to the parent/s and let them pin it on their son's shirt.)

(Repeat for Wolf badge, Wolf arrowpoints, Bear badge, Bear arrowpoints, Webelos activity badges and compass points.)

The boys have learned about becoming handymen this month. They have experienced planning a project, fitting the pieces of the project together, and pride in the finished project. These boys, their parents and pack leaders have planned, fitted and are proud of their advancement tonight.

ADVANCEMENT - HARBORS, STATIONS, & AIRPORTS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Airhorn, boat, wood airplane (to fly), model train or a picture of a train. Ship Captain's hat, train conductors hat, pilot's hat and/or pilot's glasses. Awards for the boys

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience

CUBMASTER: This month our Cub Scouts traveled around in a variety of vehicles.

(Sound ships horn and put on Captain's hat) The BOBCATS took a boat trip to a far away place. While on the boat they worked on the 7 steps to complete this rank. (Call BOBCATS and parents forward. Present the badge to the parents and a small boat to the Cub)

(Throw the airplane. Put on pilots gear and weird glasses.) I piloted the plane for the Wolf Cub Scouts to an exotic place where they completed the requirements to earn the WOLF badge. (Call Scouts and parents forward and present badge as before. Give the Scouts an airplane - small inexpensive ones that they assemble and fly.)

(Make some sort of a train noise and put on conductor's hat.) The following Cub Scouts took a ride on a train to some unexplored area. Will (names) and their parents come forward. These Scouts completed 12 achievements that demanded more time and effort. These Scouts have completed the third rank in Cub Scouting. (Present badge to parents. Give Scouts a train item such as a picture, track piece, or something like that.)

(Sound ships horn, toss airplane, make train noise while exchanging hats.) The Webelos Scouts took a boat to the airport and then took the train to a destination unknown. They completed the activity requirements to earn the WEBELOS badge and will now start working on the Arrow of Light. The following Scouts are preparing themselves for the wonderful world of Boy Scouting. (Call Scouts and parents forward. Present badges to parents. Present Scouts with a piece of rope and tell them that they are on the final stage of Cub Scouting and to continue working to attain the highest honor a Cub Scout can earn - the Arrow of Light.

ADVANCEMENT - SCOUTING HISTORY

EQUIPMENT: Awards for the Boys

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of the audience

CUBMASTER: Robert Baden-Powell was a British army officer who was stationed in India. He found his men didn't know basic first aid or elementary means of survival outdoors. He felt a need to teach his men resourcefulness, adaptability and the qualities of leadership demanded by the frontier. He wrote a small military handbook called "Aid to Scouting". Boys in England started using the book to play the game of Scouting and in 1907, Robert Baden-Powell took 20 boys and 2 men to Brownsea Island off the coast of England. This was the beginning of Scouting. Later Baden-Powell wrote a book "Scouting for Boys." The book set in motion the movement that would affect the boyhood of the entire world. Baden-Powell brought on the beginning of the Boy Scouting. The Bobcat badge starts the beginning of the Cub Scout trail. (Call the boys who are to receive their Bobcat badge and their parents forward. Present the badge.)

In 1909 a Chicago business man, William Boyce, was lost in a London fog. A boy appeared and helped Boyce to his destination. When Boyce tried to tip the boy for his kindness, the boy refused. He said he was a Scout and could not accept money for a good turn. Boyce asked the boy questions about being a Scout and asked to see Baden-Powell. After his visit to England, Boyce returned to America captured by his dream and in 1910 Boyce incorporated the BSA. William Boyce brought Boy Scouting to the United States. He took the next step in bringing Scouting to our boys. The next step on the Cub Scout Trail is the Wolf badge. (Call forward the boys who are to receive their Wolf badge and their parents. Present the badge.)

Back in England the younger boys were eager to join the older Boy Scouts. Baden-Powell designed a program based on Rudyard Kipling's Jungle Book. The Jungle Book helped to bring the Scouting program to the younger boys creating Cub Scouts. It was in 1930 that Cub Scouting was formally launched in America. This was the third step in spreading the Scouting movement around the world. The next step for the Cub Scout Trail is the rank of Bear. (Call forward the boys to receive their Bear badge and their parents. Present the badge.)

The American style of the Cub Scouting program is home and neighborhood centered. The program suggests a wide variety of interesting things for a Cub Scout, his den, and his family to do. The program of Cub Scouting is to help promote citizenship, character development and physical fitness while all the time being done in the spirit of fun. Tonight we have boys who have done all kinds of activities in the Cub Scout program and who have grown from each of their experiences. (Call forward the boys who are to receive their Webelos Badge and their parents. Present the badge.)

After the death of Baden-Powell a letter was found that he had written to all Scouts. It said: "Try and leave this world a little better than you found it." These words are a fitting epitaph setting a great example for all of us to follow.

ADVANCEMENT - IF YOUR FATHER WERE AN INDIAN CHIEF

If your father were an Indian Chief and your mother were an Indian Squaw, you would learn all the secrets of the great forest by going into it yourself. You would have to follow the tracks of the Wolf and the Bear to learn their habits.

On the trail you would see and learn many things. You would see how the beavers work together to build their mighty dam. You would watch the strong-winged geese in flight, following and obeying their leader. By a stream you would watch men of your tribe gathering birchbark, and building a big war canoe. Yes, working just like beavers, and following their leader just as the strong-winged geese do.

Each day you would venture a little farther into the forest, follow the tracks another mile or so. Each day you would jump across a wider stream or climb a taller tree. You would be getting stronger and stronger as you learn more and more about the rocks, trees, birds and animals. You would become braver, too, because your wider knowledge and greater strength would make you braver.

Your adventure would not always be in the woods. One day it might be at the side of the arrow-makers, where you would learn to make arrows. You might learn to weave a blanket or build a wigwam another day.

Each night you would tell the story of your adventure to the Chief and to your Mother. They would praise you, or give you helpful suggestions so you would be prepared for a greater adventure tomorrow.

You may be thinking "But, I'm not an Indian boy!" Well, that is true. However, you have teachers in school to help you learn many things it would take you a long time to find out for yourself. Your mother can help you learn to do many useful things about the house. Your father, though he may be a Big Chief in his job, will be glad to take you fishing.

"But, I can't follow the trail of the Wolf or the Bear like an Indian boy", you say. Oh yes, you can, and there are lots of people ready to show you the way. Your Den Leader will help you learn skills like the arrow makers; and teach you to jump like the deer, run like the fox and build like the beaver. Just follow the Wolf trail through the pages of your Wolf Book and you will get all the fun and thrills the Indian boy had when he first ventured into the weird, twisted underbrush of the Great Forest.

Each night you have done something described on any page of your Wolf Book, go to your Mother or Dad, or both, and show or tell them what you have done. One of them will sign your book, showing that they think you have done your Achievement well.

Tonight we have boys who have completed all 12 Achievements to earn the Wolf and Bear badges; and others who have completed elective requirements to earn arrow points. They have come a long way up the Cub Scout trail.

(Call boys and their parents forward to receive awards.)

ADVANCEMENT - IN THE OLYMPICS

SETTING: An Olympic style winners platform. Awards are placed on cardboard medals with ribbons to hang around the boys neck.

CUBMASTER: In the Olympics, athletes from all over the world compete for the Gold medal. They all "DO THEIR BEST". Tonight, I would like to recognize our own athletes who have been competing in events along the Scouting trail. In the Wolf event, our boys must learn about themselves, their family and their neighborhood. (Call boy and parents forward. Boy stands on box and parents stand on either side. Present award to parent who then places it around boys neck.) In the Bear event, much more is expected from our athletes. Their horizons are expanded and they must display many new skills by earning arrow points. (Present awards as above). The Webelos event is much like the Triathlon. Our athletes must compete in several different areas. Only by earning activity badges can the Webelos rank be achieved. (Present awards as above) The Arrow of Light is the Gold Medal of Cub Scouting. By earning it, a cub has shown that he is ready to graduate into Boy Scouting and has mastered some of the skills that will be required of him. While this is the highest award that he can earn at these games, a new Olympics, with new games, will start very soon. (Present awards)

ADVANCEMENT - TIGER CUB GRADUATION INTO A WOLF DEN

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Bobcat badges and safety pins

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience. He calls forward the Tiger Cubs and their parents.

CUBMASTER: It is a great pleasure for all of us to graduate you Tiger Cubs into the Wolf den of our pack. In Tiger Cubs the motto is "Search, Discover, Share" and you have been doing a lot of that this past year. You'll be doing even more during the coming year because in Cub Scouting we search, discover, and share. As you enter the Cub Scout den you have already completed the requirements for your Bobcat rank. For your graduation into the den, please repeat the Cub Scout Promise.

(Leads Promise.) Now that each of you is a member of Den (number), I am proud to present you the Bobcat badge which you have earned. (Handout badges to parents, ask them to pin them on the boy's shirt pocket.) As new Bobcats in this pack, you are at the beginning of new adventures along the Cub Scout Trail. Enjoy your experiences as you continue to search, discover and share.

ADVANCEMENT - KEY TO THE CITY

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Top hat and sash for Cubmaster to look like a Mayor. The badges and arrow points are mounted on cardboard cutouts of large keys and attached to a long ribbon to be worn around the neck.

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster dressed as Mayor in front of the audience.

CUBMASTER: This month the theme that the dens have been working on is exploring your neighborhood. In exploring our neighborhood, the boys have been learning about the different businesses and organizations that make up the community that they live in. Tonight as part of our awards ceremony each boy will be given the key to our fair city. In moving into a new community, a person is always interested in the safety organizations it has, such as the fire and police departments, and the hospitals. The boys that have just moved into Cub Scouting will receive their Bobcat badges. (Call forward the boys and their parents. Present the badges.)

After a person has learned about the safety organizations in a community, they need to know about the City's services. These services include the power and light, gas and the water companies. Each is an important part of the community we live in. There are boys here tonight that are on their way of being of service as Cub Scouts to their own communities. These are the boys who are to receive their Wolf badge. (Call forward the boys and their parents. Present the badges.)

Other important businesses in the community are the grocery stores and clothing stores. These businesses all fulfill a need in the community. The next step in Cub Scouting is to help fulfill the needs of some boys who have worked hard to reach the rank of Bear. (Call forward the boys and their parents. Present the badges.)

In our community there are organizations that also help with the moral ideals needed to help the community grow. These organizations are our schools, churches and social organizations. The Cub Scouting organization is a program to develop high moral standards to help our community grow. Tonight there are boys who have worked hard to understand the ideals of Cub Scouting. These boys are here tonight to receive their Webelos badge. (Call forward the boys and their parents. Present the badges.)

Each boy tonight that has received an award has received a key to this fair city. With the things the boys have learned in Cub Scouting from their leaders and parents, hopefully, they will be able to improve the neighborhoods that we live in. This key is their key to knowledge, expansion and moral growth that will benefit us all.

ADVANCEMENT - KNIGHTS OF THE CUB ROUNDTABLE

CUBMASTER: As the Knights of the Roundtable traveled together, certain of their members performed tasks so well that they earned special recognition of tasks well performed. There are four ranks in Cub Scouting.

(Light candle) ORDER OF THE BOBCAT - for all boys just entering Cub Scouting.

(Light candle) ORDER OF THE WOLF - for all second graders who complete the 12 Wolf achievements.

(Light candle) ORDER OF THE BEAR - for all third grade Cub Scouts who complete the 12 Bear achievements.

(Light candle) ORDER OF THE WEBELOS - for all fourth and fifth grade boys to earn before leaving Cub Scouting. The Arrow of Light which he will earn may be worn on his Boy Scout uniform.

While waiting to become of age to pass the next rank, Cub Scouts may earn additional honors called Arrow Points. Tonight, at our Roundtable we will welcome these new knights and recognize those earning special honors.

Will the following candidates for the ORDER OF THE BOBCAT please come forward?

Candidates will kneel on left knee. As knights of this group, we will expect you and your family to be ready to help us in all our activities. Our Roundtable can be no stronger than its weakest member. You will be expected to follow your leader and give good will. Repeat after me: "I, _____ promise to do my best." (Candidates are knighted with sword and "I dub thee Sir Knight.") Welcome, new knights. As you leave this great hall of the Roundtable may you carry with you the spirit of true knighthood. Rise and return to your seats.

The following knights have performed their tasks so well that they have earned recognition in the ORDER OF THE WOLF. (Read names for Wolf and arrow points. Knights kneel on left knee, knight with sword and say, "I dub thee, Sir Wolf," give badge as name is repeated.) Congratulations to each of you and may you earn many more recognitions of tasks well done as a Wolf.

ADVANCEMENT - KNIGHTS OF YORE

EQUIPMENT: A knight's sword made of cardboard or plywood for each boy advancing in rank, with his name on it. If scarf changes are in order, roll the scarf as usual and fasten round the hilt of the sword.

A Kneeling pad made from large brown paper bags stapled with plain sides out. Appropriate decorations are made with the pack number and Cub symbols.

CUBMASTER: "As in Cub Scouting, a boy that wanted to become a knight started his training about the age of seven. He learned good manners, did errands, learned to sing and play. He also learned consideration of others and how to play fair. As he grew older, again like a Cub Scout, his duties became harder. He learned to take care of his knight's armor, horses, and weapons. Finally the young squire was tested and took his vows to become a knight. These vows included doing his duty to God, serving his King bravely, and being fair, kind and truthful."

"Tonight we have in our Pack some squires who have been tested and have taken their vows to become knights. Will the following squires come forward as their names are called and kneel."

"In the name of Akela, King of the Order of the Webelos, I present with the badge of his knighthood. Arise and return to your seat."

ADVANCEMENT - LADDER ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Pack Committee Chairman, Cub Scouts, Parents.

EQUIPMENT: Ladder and Clothespins, Awards.

NOTE: This ceremony can be done using all ranks or separate ranks as the situation dictates.

CUBMASTER: Several of our Cub Scouts have advanced in rank during the last month. Our Pack Committee Chairman will take charge of the awards.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow. This is a part of the Law of the Pack. Tonight we honor those Cub Scouts who have grown in knowledge and achieved a higher rank in Cub Scouting. Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents please come forward as I call their names. (Cub Scouts and parents come forward and face the Chairman as their names are called.)

(The Chairman calls each boy by name as he talks to him.) (Cub Scout's name), Tell us one of the things that you did to become a (Rank) Cub Scout.

CUB SCOUT: (In his own words, he briefly tells about one of the Achievements he completed for his rank. Thirty seconds for each boy is long enough for this part. This will run more smoothly if Cub Scouts and parents know ahead of time that the Cub Scout will be asked to comment.)

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: (Cub Scout's Name), Will you please advance your name to the (Insert Rank) level of the advancement ladder. (The Cub Scout does this, then returns to his position in front of the chairman. After all the Cub Scouts have been called on, the Chairman continues.)

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Your parents helped you complete the achievements that led to your new badge. Therefore, I want to ask the parents to come forward and present this badge and certificate to you. (The awards are given to the parents to present to their boys.)