

ADVANCEMENT - MARTIAN LAND DEED

You need a Martian Land Deed for every boy receiving an advancement award. The Cubmaster also has the following on a large scroll:

PROCLAMATION

"We, of Mars, in the interest of establishing a permanent and desirable civilization, will provide a Martian Land Deed to any Earthling who can qualify for space travel and exploration by earning one or more Cub Scout badges listed on the deed. Said deed entitles the holder to one (1) acre of Martian land for every badge earned."

Cubmaster calls forward boys who have earned awards and their parents announces the badges they have earned, and makes presentation of the deed. Badges are attached to deeds.

MARTIAN LAND DEED

In recognition of advanced training and preparation for space travel, we of the Planet Mars grant _____ acre(s) of land to _____ for earning the badge, or badges checked below:

Bobcat Badge _____

Wolf Badge _____

Bear Badge _____

Gold Arrow _____

Silver Arrow _____

Webelos Badge _____

Arrow of Light _____

Aquanaut _____

Artist _____

Athlete _____

Citizen _____

Communicator _____

Craftsman _____

Engineer _____

Family Member _____

Fitness _____

Forester _____

Geologist _____

Handyman _____

Naturalist _____

Outdoorsman _____

Readyman _____

Scholar _____

Scientist _____

Showman _____

Sportsman _____

Traveler _____

Wherefore, we have set our hand this _____ day of _____, 19__.

Cubmaster _____

Pack Committee Chair _____

ADVANCEMENT - THE DEN LEADER'S LIGHT

Den leaders with lit candles, and a leader to hand out candles to boys.

We are here tonight, Cub Scouts and Parents, to honor these Cubs and Webelos Scouts, who have advanced along the Cub Scout trail since we last met as a Pack. As the Cub travels along this trail, a very important person guides his steps - his Den Leader. These dedicated leaders meet every week with the boys, giving of their free time to help Our boys grow toward the goal of manhood.

To symbolize the important experience the Cub Scout and his Den Leader share, let each boy light his candle and receive his award tonight from his Den Leader. As he lights his candle, will each leader say his name and award. Boys, then take your award to your parent or guardian to pin on you.

ADVANCEMENT - LEARNING PATRIOTISM

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Red, white, and blue candle. If having an outdoor ceremony, get an old flag and conduct a flag burning ceremony, small flag for each boy, awards for boys
ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience

CUBMASTER: (Discuss what the red, white, and blue means This can be obtained from a variety of Scout books. If a flag is to be burned, get a flag burning ceremony and enough people to help make this an impressive ceremony for all. Discuss what Americans have done to make us a free, democratic country. The bloodshed, elections, voting rights, and so on.)

We have some Cub Scouts here tonight who have advanced in rank. These Scouts have learned about being patriotic, about respecting our flag, how to display the flag, and what the flag stands for. This country of ours - free and democratic - is something each and everyone of us are very proud of. The following Cub Scouts have worked hard to complete the requirements to advance in rank. Will the parents of these Cub Scouts come forward. We are proud of the hard work these boys have done and of what you, the parents have done with your support and encouragement. (Present the badges to the parents and present to the boys.)

ADVANCEMENT - LEARNING TO SWIM

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Safe swim card with awards attached

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of the audience

CUBMASTER: This month our theme has been water fun. This is an important topic for us to cover so that we can impress upon our boys and their families the importance of water safety while being able to enjoy the water too. As beginning swimmers, we must pick a safe area to begin our lessons. One of the first things we must learn to do is to put our faces in the water and blow bubbles. Next we learn to hold our breath with our faces in the water. All of these things help us to get used to the water so we will feel comfortable in it. Tonight we have some beginning Cub Scouts who are just getting used to the Cub Scout program. (Call forward the boys who are to receive their Bobcat badges. Present the badges.)

The next thing we learn in swimming is to relax and learn to float. This is helpful not only in learning to swim but also in learning to protect ourselves from drowning. As we learn to float we always have proper supervision so that we are taught the right way to accomplish our tasks. Several Cub Scouts have advanced to the point of being able to float on their own in the Cub Scout Program. (Call forward boys and present Wolf badges)

You can not get very far in the water if the only things you know how to do are to float and to blow bubbles in the water. It is important that we learn the proper way to kick so we can be propelled through the water. We learn to kick by holding on to the side of the pool. It is also important to have a life guard on duty to help give a safe place to practice our kicks. Tonight we have several boys who have mastered the kick that will propel them through the Cub Scout program. (Call forward the boys who are to receive their Bear badge. Present the badge.)

With knowing how to kick there still remains the arm strokes to learn. By standing in the water we can bend at the waist and practice our breathing with our arm strokes. With the added upper body strength provided by our arms we will be able to speed through the water. It is not an easy feat to accomplish the arm strokes in coordination with proper breathing, but it can be done. The effort it takes to coordinate different accomplishments is evident tonight since we are able to award the rank of Webelos to some boys who have worked hard to achieve it. (Call forward the boys and their parents. Present the badges.)

Now that we have learned to be relaxed in the water, to float, to kick and to use our arm strokes we have to put all of these skills together. The result after some practice is that we are able to swim. We have worked long and hard to learn each thing it takes to be a good swimmer. We have reached the top. Tonight we have some Webelos Scouts who have reached the top, they are to receive their Arrow of Light Award. They have shown that they can learn new skills and combine them to accomplish even greater heights. (Call forward the boys who are to receive the Arrow of Light award and their parents. Present the badges.)

The learning has not stopped with just learning to swim, but it has opened up a whole new world

to these boys. The Boy Scouting program will be able to improve on these skills and teach them many new ones.

ADVANCEMENT - LIFE IS A SERIES OF TRIPS

CUBMASTER: Life is a series of trips. In the beginning, they are short such as the first steps that a baby takes. No one can say that these steps are unimportant however, for the rest of life's adventures are based upon them. So it is tonight that several young men have taken their first steps in Scouting. They have earned their Bobcat and are ready to go in to greater adventures. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward. (Call names.)

The automobile gives mobility to society and greatly expands your horizons. No longer are you bound by the familiar surroundings of the neighborhood, you are able to go to new and different places. Tonight we have several who have earned their driver's licenses and are prepared to explore beyond their neighborhoods. As Wolves, they have had to learn about themselves, their families and their neighbors. They have been successful in their efforts and are to be congratulated. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward. (Call names)

The airplane enables us to travel great distances in short periods of time. Bears have but a year to complete their tasks and they too must cover great distances. As the journeys become longer, the preparation must become greater. To become a Bear, the requirements are more difficult and challenging. The Cub learns that he must respect the rights of other as well as protecting his own. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward. (Call names)

The ship seems at first to be an old fashion way to travel in this fast paced world of ours. On second thought, however, it can be seen for what it is, a stately way to travel for those who are not in a hurry and want to enjoy the good things in life. Webelos are almost at the end of their journey and now have the time to work on many other things. Activity badges, much like the activities on an ocean liner keep the Scout busy as well as teaching him new and different things about himself and the world around him. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward. (Call names)

Space travel is truly out of this world. The Arrow of Light is much like a rocket ship. It goes up and up -- and doesn't come down again. the Arrow of Light is the shining star at the end of the Cub Scout Trail, but it is much more than that. It also marks the beginning of another trail -- the Boy Scout Trail, and this trail will lead to greater adventures than ever before. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward. (Call names)

ADVANCEMENT - THE LODGE OF THE WEBELOS

EQUIPMENT: Ceremony board with four candles Webelos insigne, Indian headdress.

CUBMASTER: Many moons ago you came to us seeking to be a member of the Bobcats. Is this true?

SCOUTS: Yes, it is true. (Cubmaster lights the first candle)

CUBMASTER: Next, you followed the trail of the Wolf until you had gained his wisdom. Is this true?

SCOUTS: Yes, this is true. (Cubmaster lights next candle)

CUBMASTER: Next, you followed another trail until you were wise in the ways of the Bear. Is this true?

SCOUTS: Yes, this is true. (Cubmaster lights third candle)

CUBMASTER: Tonight, is it your desire to be a member of the lodge of the Webelos?

SCOUTS: Yes, it is my desire.

CUBMASTER: Then you must pass the test. Have you been with the Webelos braves for three moons? Have you learned the ways of the Webelos and earned three badges? Say the Scout Oath. (When the Webelos Scouts have answered all questions the Cubmaster lights the fourth candle.) I now present you with the Webelos badge, which you will wear with pride, and also ask that all the braves make you welcome as a full brother of the Webelos.

ADVANCEMENT - LOOK AT OUR TREE

PROPS: Cut out a cardboard Christmas tree. Punch holes in the tree to hold a string of lights. Unscrew the bulbs except the top light so that they can be lighted at the proper time by screwing in the bulb. The awards are hung from the tree like ornaments.

CUBMASTER: As we look at our tree this evening, we see that it is dark except for the one light symbolizing the spirit of scouting. Let us see if there are some boys tonight who can help light our tree. The first step along the Cub Scout trail is the Bobcat rank. (Call boys forward with their parents and present badges. Ask boys to light the light that their badge was hanging from.) Once a boy achieves Bobcat, he is ready to climb. He has 12 achievements to complete. Some require knowledge of the U.S. flag, of keeping strong, of safety, and being helpful to his family. (Call boys and parents forward and present badges as above.) As the boy grows older and stronger, he is able to climb higher. But just as it is a little more difficult to climb the upper branches of a tree, so the achievements are a little more difficult in the Bear rank. (Call boys and parents forward and present badges as above. Follow the same procedure for Webelos and activity pins.) These boys have helped light our tree, but it is still not quite as bright as it might be. Our leaders and parents have done their part in helping these boys to grow and advance so let us light a light for them too. (light the rest of the lights.) Now our tree is complete. As you have seen, it has taken the boys plus their parents and leaders to complete it. With the same effort you have shown in the past, keep on working along the Scouting trail. Congratulations to you and your parents for your fine work.

ADVANCEMENT - MAGIC LIGHTS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Cut out a cardboard Christmas tree and punch holes in the tree to hold various colored lights. The large outdoor lights will work best. Unscrew all the lights except the top light. You could use yellow lights for the bottom row (BOBCAT), red lights for the next row (WOLF), green lights on the third row (BEAR), and blue lights for the top row as well as the top of the tree (WEBELOS).

ARRANGEMENT: Dim room lights, Cubmaster in front of audience.

CUBMASTER: As we look at our Christmas tree we see that it is adorned with only one light. We have some boys here tonight who can help light the way to the top of the tree.

The first step along the Cub Scout Trail is the rank of BOBCAT. (Screw in yellow light(s) depending on the number of BOBCAT advancements. Call the BOBCAT candidates and their parents forward. Present the badges to the parents to pin on their sons shirt.)

The next step in the Cub Scout Trail has 12 achievements to complete. These Cub Scouts have learned about the US flag, how to keep strong, and being helpful to his family. (Screw the red light(s) in and call the WOLF candidates and their parents forward. Present the badges to the parents to pin on their sons shirt.)

As Cub Scouts grow older and stronger, they are able to climb higher and complete achievements that are more difficult just like it would be more difficult to climb the upper branches of a tree. This is the third rank in Cub Scouting - the rank of BEAR - on the trail to the top. (Screw in the green light(s) and call the Bear candidates and their parents forward. Present the badges as done before.)

The last badge a Cub Scout can earn while on the trail to the Arrow of Light is the WEBELOS badge. This is done by completing various activities such as (discuss some of the activities). (Screw in blue light(s) for the number of WEBELOS candidates. Call forward these Scouts and their parents and present badges as previously done.)

As you can see, it has taken the boys plus their parents and leaders to complete the Lighting of our tree. Keep on working on the trail to the Arrow of Light. Congratulations to our Scouts who have advanced in rank and to their parents and leaders.

ADVANCEMENT - MAGIC TOP HAT

EQUIPMENT: A Black top hat made of cardboard with a coffee can inside holding a pound or two of dry ice; two small bottles of water, one colored blue, one gold with vegetable coloring; badges to be awarded.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster dressed as a magician; advancing Cub Scouts and parents. Badges are placed beside the can with dry ice in the top hat.

CUBMASTER: (Calls forward boys and parents and says,) Today we will have a little magic for our award ceremony. I'm going to pour the blue and gold liquids I hold in my hands into my magic hat, and those colors of Cub Scouting will produce the badges these Cub Scouts have earned. But let's remember that there's nothing really magical about advancement. It is earned by the boy when he teams up with his parents and learns new thing while he is having fun. (Cubmaster pours the blue and gold water over the dry ice, producing a magical cloud of smoke. He then takes badges from the hat and presents them to parents, who pin them on their son's shirts.)

ADVANCEMENT - BOBCAT CEREMONY THE MAGIC TRIANGLE

EQUIPMENT: Three tree branches or dowel rods, a piece of rope, Spirit of Scouting candle and holder, badges.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, assistant Cubmaster.

We are honored tonight to welcome (number) new families into our pack. Will the following Bobcat candidates and their families please come up to our awards table (call boys and parents forward). Before these candidates receive their badges, I would like all Cub Scouts to stand, give the Cub Scout sign and repeat the Cub Scout promise and the Law of the Pack.

(Dens can be seated.) Mr. & Mrs. _____ & _____, with your help your sons have taken their first step in the Cub Scout ranks. It will be your privilege to share in their Cub Scouting fun as you progress through the Wolf, Bear, and Webelos ranks, as you have done in the Bobcat. I ask that at this time you repeat after me the parents' pledge.

"We as parents will do our best. to aid and assist our son...in his Cub Scout activities... we will encourage him with leniency...and we will assist as we are able...in serving as leaders, advisers, or workers." Mr. & Mrs. _____ & _____, you have earned the honor of pinning on this Bobcat badge. I ask that you pin them on your son's left shirt pocket upside down (present badges). Bobcats, you can turn your badges right side up after you do a good deed, which you can tell to your den leader at your next den meeting. Mr. _____, will you assist me in inducting these families into our pack. The cord that Mr. _____ holds represents all the Cub Scouts in the pack. This first branch stands for your sons, the second for his leaders. Now even tied with the pack, they will not stand by themselves (drop sticks), but when you add the third branch, which stands for the parents, it lends the support that is needed to make it stand. Should one of the branches fall out, the others will fall down. This is exactly what happens to the Cub Scout program if one of us falls down. So; let us all stand together and help the pack go, and the pack will help the Cub Scout grow and give goodwill. Congratulations to all of you, and welcome to Pack No. _____.

All right, pack, who has a cheer for our new Bobcats and their families!

ADVANCEMENT - THE MARK OF THE WOLF

Akela: Our scene starts in the cave of mother wolf and father wolf. Mother wolf, father wolf, and the man cub have just settled down for the evening. Shere Khan the tiger, lurks outside. Suddenly the moonlight is blocked by the great head and shoulders of Shere Khan.

FATHER WOLF: What does Shere Kahn want?

SHERE KHAN: The man Cub, give him to me.

FATHER WOLF: The wolves take orders only from Akela. The head of the wolf pack. The man cub is ours.

SHERE KHAN: The man Cub is mine, give him to me.

MOTHER WOLF: The man Cub is ours. He shall not be harmed. He shall live happily, to run and hunt with the Pack.

SHERE KHAN: We will see what the Pack will say about this.

FATHER WOLF: Shere Khan is right. What will the Pack say?

AKELA: Our scene now shifts to the Pack meeting.

SHERE KHAN: Akela, the man Cub is mine. Give him to me.

AKELA: This man Cub has shown himself worthy of the Wolf rank in our Pack. He has learned how to handle tools and how to display the flag, he knows how to be healthy and safe. He has learned to serve in the community and to conserve energy. He is physically active and likes to read and care for books. He has fun with his family and has collected useful and beautiful things. He obeys our country's laws and worships God. The members of the pack want him to have the mark of the Wolf. (Hand out patches)

ADVANCEMENT - THE MEANING OF BLUE AND GOLD OF CUB SCOUTING

Designed to help Cub Scouts, leaders, and parents understand the meaning of the blue and gold of Cub Scouting, this ceremony may be used for any type award presentation.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, six Cub Scouts (or use Webelos den), advancing Cub Scouts, and their parents.

EQUIPMENT: A triangular candle board, four blue candles, three gold candles, a pack flag, and a United States flag.

ARRANGEMENT: Place candle board on stand or table in center of stage or at front of room. Arrange flags according to your meeting room facilities. Cubmaster lights the top candle - the Spirit of Cub Scouting.

CUBMASTER: As I light this blue Spirit of Cub Scouting candle, symbolic of the sky above, I am proud to say that every Cub Scout in Pack ____ has completed the Bobcat requirements. You have all promised to do your best, to do your duty to God and country, and to obey the Law of the Pack. This we expect of you.

Tonight, as we recognize these Cub Scouts who have completed a rank in Cub Scouting, we want to re-emphasize this Cub Scout Promise and help them, as well as each Cub Scout and parent here, to understand what our Cub Scout colors, blue and gold, represent.

1st CUB: (Takes the blue Spirit of Cub Scouting candle from Cubmaster and lights the gold candle, representing the Cub Scout Promise.) As this candle is lighted, we challenge you to do your best to live up to the Cub Scout Promise and we remind you that Cub Scout gold stands for warm sunlight.

2nd CUB: (Takes blue candle from first Cub Scout and lights second gold candle, representing the Cub Scout motto.) As I light the second gold candle, remember that a Cub Scout always does his best. He does it with another meaning of gold - good cheer. He doesn't do anything half-heartedly.

3rd CUB: (Accepts blue candle from second Cub Scout and lights gold candle representing Law of the Pack). This gold candle represents the Law of the Pack, which should be a guide in your life. You should also radiate Happiness, the final meaning of Cub Scout gold.

4th CUB: (Accepts blue Spirit of Cub Scouting candle and lights first blue candle representing a Cub Scout follows Akela.) The first of four blue candles represents one part of the Law of the Pack, a Cub Scout, follows Akela, and the first meaning for the blue of Cub Scouting, truth.

5th CUB: (Light - second blue candle, representing the spiritual). As I light this blue candle representing the spiritual, I remind you that a Cub Scout helps the pack go as the pack helps the Cub Scout grow.

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6th CUB: (Takes Spirit of Cub Scouting candle and lights final blue candle of loyalty.) "The Cub Scout gives good will." The blue also stands for loyalty. (Returns candle to Cubmaster.)

CUBMASTER: (Replaces the blue Spirit of Cub Scouting candle in the top holder.) I congratulate each of you Cub Scouts on having taken another step up the Cub Scouting trail. I am happy to give to your parents your new emblems of rank and your next Cub Scout book. Let them make the awards since they worked patiently with you Cub Scouts as you earned them.

NOTE: If the use of candles is prohibited in your meeting room, electric Christmas tree lights can be used in ceremonial boards. In ceremonies requiring participants to carry a lighted candle, you can substitute a small pen-type flashlight.

ADVANCEMENT - MOCCASIN NECKERCHIEF SLIDE FOR WOLF

CUBMASTER: I would like to present leaders of our Wolf dens. (Wolf dens come forward.)

LEADER #1: You young men have worked hard this year. You have received your Bobcat badge and gone on to earn your Wolf badge.

LEADER #2: You have learned so much and had fun while you learned.

LEADER #3: Now, because you have achieved your goals, you will graduate to the level of Bear.

CUBMASTER: Your leaders are now giving you a neckerchief slide (and shake hands) in the shape of a moccasin. Let this always be a reminder to you that before you criticize a person, think first what it is like to walk in his moccasin. Now I would like to introduce you to your new Bear leaders. (Wolf leaders are seated, Bear leaders come forward. Introductions are made.) New Bear Cubs, please be seated.

ADVANCEMENT - A MOST POPULAR CUSTOM

ARRANGEMENTS: Cubmaster and Committee chairman stand behind head table which contains awards and a box of Christmas tree decorations. Nearby is an undecorated Christmas tree. As each Cub receives his award, he and his parents are given a decoration to put on the tree which has already been strung with strings of light to be turned on at the end of the ceremony.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we're celebrating one of the most popular customs in America, decorating the Christmas tree. As each Cub Scout receives his award tonight, we're going to give him and his parents an opportunity to help decorate our tree.

Since Cub Scouting is a family program, we want our Pack families to help make our Cub Scouting Christmas tree bright and festive. (Call names of Cubs receiving the Wolf and Arrow Points. Cubs and parents come forward, receive awards, and each person is given an ornament to put on the tree. Afterward they return to their seats. Follow the same procedure for Cubs receiving Bear Badges and Arrow points.)

CUBMASTER: We have some Webelos Scouts who have earned Activity Pins. We're going to give them special decorations for our Tree. (Call names of Webelos Scouts and indicate which badge they have earned. Decorations could be foil covered cutouts of activity pins. Each Cub receives as many decorations as he receives badges. His parents help put them on the tree.)

The Arrow of Light is the highest award a Cub Scout can earn. Tonight we have a Cub who has earned this award. (Call name of Cub and parents to come forward.) We're going to let (name) put the highest decoration on the tree...the star. (A step ladder may be needed or the Cub can be assisted by his parents.)

(If there are not many awards to be given and thus only a few decorations put on the tree, call attention to the fact that the leaders help is essential to the Pack and to the decoration of the tree. Call forward all the leaders to add a decoration.)

And there you have our beautiful Christmas tree. There are other Cub Scouts and parents in our Pack who didn't have an opportunity to add a decoration tonight, but we're going to turn on the lights to represent all the members of our Pack family. You can see how each decoration and light makes a difference in the appearance of our tree. In the same way, each member of our Pack, Cubs and adults, make a difference in the success of our Pack's operations and program.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU.

ADVANCEMENT - NEIGHBORHOOD EXPLORATION

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Funny tourist clothing; plaid or print shorts, plaid shirt, colored socks, tennis shoes, a wild hat of some kind, camera, binoculars, and a map. Awards for boys

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience

CUBMASTER: Tonight we are going to tell you about a special neighborhood that some of our Cub Scouts have explored. We traveled to Cub Scout Village (show a place on the map) and I want to tell you how some of our Scouts advanced in rank.

Our first stop was on BOBCAT Row. (Show on map). (Use binoculars) There were 7 different areas at BOBCAT Row including the Law of the Pack (palace), the Motto (motel), the Promise (park), Handshake (hill). We have some Cub Scouts here tonight who completed the journey through BOBCAT Row. Would the following Cub Scouts and their parents come forward. (Present badges on a copy of a map to the parents to present to their Cub Scout.)

Our next stop was at WOLF Terrace. (Show on map). There were 12 different things to do here that included physical fitness, working with wood, proper eating just to name a few. It took some time to get through this place. It was a challenge and we do have some Cub Scouts who completed all 12 areas and have earned the rank of WOLF Cub Scout. (Call Scouts and parents forward - present badge on a map or a drawing of binoculars to parents).

After a short rest we ventured to BEAR Blvd. This area looked like WOLF Terrace but a little more detailed and more challenging. We made it though. We explored citizenship, cooking, nature, and physical fitness. It took some time to complete but some of our Cub Scouts worked real hard and completed Bear Blvd. and have advanced in rank. (Call Scouts and parents forward - present badges as before).

The last stop on our expedition was at WEBELOS Way. There weren't any things here like the areas we previously explored. There were activities to do. Citizen, Artist, Aquanaut, Showman, Handyman, Readyman, Outdoorsman, and Traveler to name a few. After completing WEBELOS Way, we have some Scouts who have been preparing for Boy Scouting. The following Scouts have earned the WEBELOS Badge (Call Scouts and their parents forward. Present badges as before.)

This completes our neighborhood exploration. Lets congratulate the Scouts who have advanced and their parents for their support.

ADVANCEMENT - KING NEPTUNE'S COURT

PROPS: Cubmaster is King Neptune. Wig and beard made of yarn or mop head. Crown, sheet draped over one shoulder and tied at waist with rope, trident, sandals or barefoot. Attach awards to large maps labeled "Cub Scout Adventure".

CUBMASTER: (Calls boy and parents forward. Boy kneels with parents on both sides. Neptune touches boy on shoulder with trident and says): You have crossed the Cub Scout Equator of Advancement and landed on the island of (Wolf, Bear, etc.). You will now set your compass for the next island on the Cub Scout map. I, King Neptune, magistrate of the undersea empire hereby dub you Sea (Rank). (Present map to parent, have boy rise and parent present badge to boy.)

ADVANCEMENT - NEVER BE OUT OF SCOUTING

This ceremony can be used for a boy leaving Wolfs and becoming a Bear, graduating into Webelos, or graduating into Boy Scouts.

The leader's part can be a Den Leader, Webelos Leader, Cubmaster, and/or Scoutmaster. The Assistant can be the Den Chief and/or Patrol Leader, with the help of a Denner or Assistant Patrol Leader.

EQUIPMENT: Proper Neckerchief (book optional).

DENNER/ASSISTANT PATROL LEADER: (stands, holding the new neckerchief and/or book)
Would Cub/Webelos Scout (name) please come forward.

I present you with your new manual for (Bears, Webelos, Boy Scouts) so you may start off in a new adventure.

LEADER: So you will never be out of Scouting, I'll place your new neckerchief over your old one. (take new neckerchief and place it over the top of existing one; pulls off the old slide and place it on the new neckerchief... use proper slide if Bear, Webelos or boy Scout).

Would (Denner) please remove the old neckerchief and give me the slide).

DENNER: (Pulls off old neckerchief and gives it to Leader).

LEADER: Congratulations. We know you will continue to work hard and do your best.

ADVANCEMENT - NORTH STAR CEREMONY

The lights are dimmed and the Cubmaster beams a flashlight through a pinhole planetarium at the ceiling or wall showing the Big Dipper and North Star.

CUBMASTER SAYS: For thousands of years, men have known that the North Star is fixed. Shepherds knew it before the time of Christ, and seamen have used the North Star and other heavenly bodies to guide their ships to port since they dared leave the sight of land. Even today, the stars are important in navigation for ships, jet planes and space ships. Cub Scouts don't need the stars to find their way. But even so, we do have our guiding stars to help us through life. There is Church for instance, and school, and Cub Scouting. In Cub Scouting, our navigational aids are the Promise and the Law Of The Pack. They tell us how we should act and what we should do for ourselves and for others. The Promise and the Law Of The Pack are just like the stars by which the seamen steers his ship. Tonight we honor Cub Scouts who navigated straight and true on the Cub Scout trail. With their parent(s) help, they have advanced a rank and have shown that they live by the Promise and the Law Of The Pack. (Call advancing boys and parent(s) forward; present awards.)

ADVANCEMENT - AN OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS

ARRANGEMENTS: Cubmaster and Committee Chairman stand behind head table, which holds all the awards and a box of Christmas tree decorations. Nearby is an undecorated tree. As each Cub receives his award, he and his parents are given a decoration to put on the tree. The tree can already have a string of lights, which are turned on at the end of the ceremony.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we're celebrating an old fashioned Christmas. One of the most popular customs in America is decorating the Christmas tree. As each Cub Scout receives his award tonight, we're going to give him and his parents an opportunity to help decorate our tree. Since Cub Scouting is a family program, we want our pack families to help make our Cub Scouting Christmas tree bright and festive.

(Calls names of boys receiving their Bobcat. Have both boy and parent come forward, receive awards and each person is given an ornament to put on the tree. They return to their seats.)

(Follow the same procedure for boys receiving their Wolf Badge and Arrow Points and Bear Badge and Arrow Points.)

We have some Webelos Scouts who have earned some Activity Badges. We're going to give them special decorations for our tree.

WEBELOS LEADER: (Calls names of boys forward, indicates what each boy has earned, describes some of the things done to earn it, and presents awards to his boys.) (Each boys receives the same number of decorations as he did badges and his parent helps him put the decorations on the tree. Use foil covered cutouts of the activity badges as tree ornaments.)

CUBMASTER: The Arrow of Light is the highest award a Cub Scout can earn. Tonight we have a boy(s) who has earned their award. (Call his name and ask him and his parent(s) to come forward.) We're going to let (name) put the highest decoration on our tree... the star.

(If there are few decorations on the tree, you may wish to call attention to the fact that the leaders help is essential to the pack and to the decoration of the tree.... call all leaders forward to add a decoration to the tree.)

And there you have our beautiful Christmas tree. There are other Cub Scouts and parents in our pack who didn't have an opportunity to add a decoration tonight. Now we're going to turn on the lights representing all members of our pack families.

You can see how each decoration and light make the difference in the appearance of our tree. In the same way, each member of our pack, boys and adults, makes a difference in the success of our pack's operation and success.

Thanks to you all.

ADVANCEMENT - ORDER OF THE ARROW FOUR WINDS CROSS-OVER

ARRANGEMENT: Allowat, Kitchkinet and the Four winds stand ready at the back. If outdoors, torchbearers should lead the way to the clearing. Indoors, a storyteller can set the appropriate mood before the ceremonialists enter. Kitchkinet enters the clearing and taps the Cubmaster/MC on the shoulder three times. The Cubmaster/MC responds with one tap, followed by two taps.)

KITCHKINET: Cubmaster (name), my tribesmen have arrived to perform the Arrow of Light and Cross-over Ceremonies. May we enter your Council circle?

CUBMASTER: You and your brothers are welcome in our circle, Kitchkinet.

(Kitchkinet leaves the circle and returns with the other ceremonialists.)

ALLOWAT: I am Allowat Sakima, the mighty chief. I have led my tribesmen in a long journey from our camp to this place, to call out and recognize those among you who have earned the Arrow of Light, and are ready to cross-over into Boy Scouting. Brother Kitchkinet, you will find those who have earned the right to wear the Arrow of Light and bring them before me. (Kitchkinet escorts the Webelos to the front and arranges them in a line, and then waits after all of the Webelos have been brought forward while the Cubmaster reads the names of the Webelos.)

KITCHKINET: I am Kitchkinet, the friend and guide of our Lodge. In the past, you have advanced up the trail of Cub Scouting. With the help of your parents and leaders, you have earned the highest honor and rank of the Webelos Scouts, the Arrow of Light. The arrow is a fitting symbol of the lessons you have learned and the skills you have mastered. The arrow flies swiftly through the air straight to the center of the target. So, also, will you travel to success in life if you follow the lessons taught you by your leaders.

ALLOWAT: The arrow is not merely a symbol of your past success, but also a guide, pointing your way to future adventures further up the Scouting trail. Because your parents have always stood beside you and helped you, it is appropriate that they should be with you as you receive this award. Would the parents of the Webelos Scouts please come forward and stand behind you sons.

(Parents come forward. Webelos are given mother's pin and parents are given Arrow of Light award.)

ALLOWAT: Webelos, your parents have stood with you. They have worked for you in health, nursed you in sickness, guided your thoughts and actions, and helped you in untold ways. They have been a strength to lean on, someone to turn to in times of trouble and for help. Your home's influence will last throughout your life. You will now pin the mother's pin on your mother.

(Webelos present mother's pin.)

ALLOWAT: Parents, your sons have worked diligently. They stand here tonight because they have learned the lessons that you and their Webelos Leaders had to teach them. I ask you to present your son with the Arrow of Light award now, in token of your determination to continue to teach and guide your son in the years ahead.

(Parents present Arrow of Light to Webelos)

ALLOWAT: Parents and Webelos, you may be seated.

(Waits for people to be seated) Webelos learn many lessons. They learn how to work and play together. They learn something of the world they live in, and some of the skills which will be useful to them later in life. Now the time for some Webelos to move on to new challenges has arrived.

KITCHKINET: Will the following Webelos Scouts please come forward. (Cubmaster reads names and gives each Webelos a green candle)

KITCHKINET: You are about to cross over the bridge into Boy Scouting. In Boy Scouting, you will follow the ideals of the Scout Law. Before you take this step and begin to climb up a new trail, listen first to the wisdom of the winds.

(Each of the four winds comes forward in turn to speak with the Webelos.)

EAST: I am the spirit of the east wind. I represent the common law, your duty to God and to country, trustworthy, loyal, and helpful are the qualities which a man must possess who lives by the laws and rules of this land. See that we do not lose this blessing of the lawful land.

WEST: As the spirit of the west wind, I represent the law of humanity, your duty to country and others. Friendly, courteous, and kind are the laws that breathe of conscience. They create the atmosphere that comes from within your heart. The desire for you always to be a friend to those of all ages, young and old alike. Courteous to those who pass along your trail. Cast away the harmful spirit of unfriendliness and selfishness.

SOUTH: I am the spirit of the south wind. I represent the civil law, your duty to others and to self. Obedient, cheerful, and thrifty. A life of cheerful obedience is necessary for the development of a true citizen. Obedience is something everyone has to learn - to take orders and carry them out cheerfully. Real thrift means spending your time, money, and energy wisely, and sharing with those less fortunate.

NORTH: I am the spirit of the north wind, the most powerful of all. I represent the divine law. Brave, clean, and reverent. To be brave is to put the needs of others ahead of your own, even when the risk and cost to yourself is great. To be clean in body and soul with reverence in your heart is to ensure that you follow the true path and will not be led astray. Cast from your mind and body any evil spirit that tries to weaken or destroy the divine law. Live a life of reverence. Be brave and clean.

ALLOWAT: Webelos, you have heard the wisdom of the winds. Do you promise to do your best to live up to these ideals?

(Waits for Webelos to nod)

The time has come for you to cross-over into Boy Scouting. Light the new flame of Scouting from the Cub Scout candle your Cubmaster is holding.

(Waits while candles are lit.)

As you begin to climb a new trail, remember the fun you have shared with each other in Cub Scouting, and remember the wisdom of the winds.

(The four winds approach one at a time.)

EAST: Remember the common law: Trustworthy, loyal, helpful.

WEST: Remember the law of equity: Friendly, courteous, kind.

SOUTH: Remember the civil law: Obedient, cheerful, thrifty.

NORTH: Remember the divine law, the most powerful of all: Brave, clean, reverent.

ALLOWAT: The time has come. Cross the bridge, and enter the new world of Boy Scouting.

(Webelos cross bridge and are welcomed by Scoutmaster)

KITCHKINET: Scoutmaster (name) will lead you in the Scout Oath and welcome you into Boy Scouting.

(Waits for Scout Oath)

ALLOWAT: The time has come for us to continue upon our journey. We trust that you will remember the things which you have learned, and continue to build your knowledge in the future as you climb the Scouting trail. It is our hope that one day we may welcome you at the summit of the trail when you attain the rank of Eagle.

ALLOWAT: Brother Kitchkinet, will you now close this gathering.

KITCHKINET: We must leave you now to continue upon our journey. May you climb high mountains and never grow weary; may you find the true path so that others may follow; may the snow of winter never chill the fire of cheerfulness within you, and may the stream's quiet laughter fill your hear with peace. Klahowya.

(Ceremonialist leave, Kitchkinet first, next the four winds and any extras (torchbearers, drummers, etc.) and finally Allowat.)

ADVANCEMENT - OUR TOWN IS

Our town is just one of thousands of towns in our great country. There are many other towns similar to ours in size and population, but each one is unique. Just as towns are similar, yet different, each one of our Cub Scouts is similar, but different. Although each is different, every Scout has one thing in common, each does his best by following the Cub Scout Motto.

Tonight, we would like to recognize some of our Scouts who have earned awards and rank advancements by doing their best.

When we think of things that we do in our town, one of the first things that comes to mind is going to school. Just as we study and learn new things in school, the following boys have learned the requirements to become a Bobcat in our Pack. Will (names) and their parents please come forward.

One way we all have fun in our town is to go to the amusement park. Our boys who have been working on the achievements for the Wolf rank have found that working can be fun, too. (Names) have continued to conquer more difficult challenges. They have completed the achievements for the Bear Rank. We would like them to come forward with their parents to be recognized.

Our town is always growing older, but it also grows stronger, better and larger. Boys also age and grow, (names) have reached the age of nine. I would like our Webelos leader to come forward and welcome these boys and their parents into his den.

Any time we ride around our town, we see new building under construction. It seems like there is just no end to it. Well, there probably isn't an end and our town is going to continue to grow. Our Webelos Scouts are continuing to grow too. Earning Activity Badges is one way we grow in knowledge and ability. Their bodies and minds are always under construction. Will the following Webelos Scouts please come forward to receive their activity badges. (names).

One thing our town is lucky to have is professional sports. We have baseball, football, soccer, hockey and others. Not everyone can be a professional player... only those who do their best with constant practice and a lot of ambition. In our pack, we have a similar thing. Only those boys with the ambition to do their best can obtain the highest rank in Cub Scouting... The Arrow of Light. Just like our town's professionals, (names) have worked very hard and have achieved this high goal. Please come forward with your parents to be recognized for this accomplishment.

Our town is a very beautiful and successful place to live. With continued good planning and hard work, it will be better each day. Our Cub Scouts can also become better young men with successful and happy lives as long as they do their best while growing up. We are very proud of the boys we have recognized tonight and look forward to all Scouts coming forward in the months ahead.

ADVANCEMENT - PANNING FOR CUB SCOUTS

Paint small rocks with gold spray paint, for gold nuggets. You will need a nugget for each boy receiving awards. With a permanent marker put each boy's name on one side of the nugget. Place the nuggets in a shallow pan, like a gold pan. The Awards Chairman or Cubmaster could be in costume as a prospector or an old sourdough.

CUBMASTER: The early explorers of Alaska were a very rugged and hearty group of people. They were outdoorsmen and lived off the land where they hunted for food and clothes. They cleared the land to make room for their log cabins to live in.

Many of the early settlers of Alaska spent much of their time looking for gold. And indeed some of the people of Alaska still pan for gold today. Life in Alaska was rugged and challenging, much as our Cub Scouts are challenged as they work toward their goals, as they earn the ranks of Scouting. Let's shake up this old gold pan and see if we can find a nugget that is worth something. (Shake gold pan and pull out one nugget at a time. Read off boy's name and have him and his parents come forward and receive his badge. Present them with his award and also present him with the "Gold Nugget" with his name on it. Continue until all the awards have been presented.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE ACHIEVEMENT PARADE

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Pictures of each rank in a parade style vehicle (small youth car, HOT WHEEL, tricycle, tractor and an object to pull (cage, flat bed, etc.) If pictures are not available substitute stuffed animals with a Webelos emblem for the Webelos badge. Parade music or marching music. Cubmaster dresses like a drum major or like an announcer. Have someone pull the vehicle to the front like a parade. You could put various things between each rank (vehicle) to make more fun, Awards for the boys.

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience.

CUBMASTER: Everyone loves a parade (play music low enough for the audience to hear the music and you). Tonight we have a special parade for you. We have some Cub Scouts who have advanced in rank and will be featured in our parade. (Put TIGER picture or animal on first vehicle). First, we have our TIGER float. Will the following TIGER Cubs and their parents come forward. These TIGERS and their partner have worked on the Big Ideas and have successfully completed the TIGER CUB Program and are now ready to start on the Cub Scout Trail. (Present appropriate award to parents to give to their Scout - a small tiger would be good for this advancement)

(Put BOBCAT picture or animal in the second vehicle) Look here! I see a BOBCAT float. Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents come forward. These Cub Scouts have completed the 7 steps in the BOBCAT Trail and will receive the first rank in Cub Scouting. (Present badges - attached to an animal if available or attached. to some kind of award.)

Here comes the WOLF group. Twelve different achievements have been completed by the following Scouts (name). Would the parents of these Scouts come forward. These Scouts have discussed citizenship and they have grown physically and mentally. This completes the second rank in Cub Scouting and puts them another step closer as they climb the Cub Scout ladder.

The BEAR bunch is coming. This group also had 12 achievements to complete that were a little harder and more challenging. These Scouts are preparing to be WEBELOS and have completed the third rank in Cub Scouting. Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents come forward. (Present badges attached to a small bear to the parents.)

It looks like our parade is about to end. I can hear the WEBELOS coming. There weren't achievements on their route. They had activities to complete that will prepare them for Boy Scouting and will put them closer to earning the Arrow of Light. Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents come forward. (Present the badge to the parents to present to their Scout. The scarf could also be presented as a part of this ceremony.)

(Items to give out could be a box of ANIMAL CRACKERS or GUMMY BEARS)

ADVANCEMENT - PHYSICAL FITNESS

Cubmaster can dress for a favorite sport to give out the awards. Props can be used for the various ranks to illustrate training.

Just as adults must train to be good athletes, our Cub Scouts must also grow in strength and ability to obtain their ranks.

For a boy to earn his Wolf rank he must increase in ability by practice and working with his muscle's, just like a weight lifter must train to get in condition. Tonight we have (names) who have gotten in shape to obtain their Wolf rank.

Those who have continued their training and increased their Ability have built up real muscles. Just as the runner receives his blue ribbon for excellence, the Bear advances on the track toward the championship. (Call names.)

After several years of practice tasks are easier because of self-discipline. The rewards are greater, too. Let's welcome the new champions of our pack, the Webelos. (Call names.)

During our advancement ceremony tonight we have seen that Cub Scouts increase in ability just as muscle builders and other athletes do. Let's give them all a round of applause for their hard word. Keep it up!

ADVANCEMENT - PHYSICALLY FIT

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Sports articles, pictures, etc.. Posters displaying health, physical fitness, and proper eating, awards for boys.

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of audience

CUBMASTER: Look at these (pictures, posters, articles, etc.). These people have made it by being physically fit. They work out. They get the proper amount of rest. They eat the proper balanced meals. It is nothing they have done overnight. It takes a long time to get in the shape that these people are in.

Cub Scouting is a program for boys in the first grade through the fifth grade. It takes time to advance in rank. The time includes the completion of achievements in the respective book. As Cub Scouts advance in rank, they learn about physical fitness, health habits, and proper healthy eating.

Tonight we will recognize some Cub Scouts who have advanced in rank. Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents come forward. (The badges can be attached to a circular piece of paper of some sort of medallion. Present the badges as Olympic winners are presented their medals. Olympic music could be used for added effect.)

ADVANCEMENT - THE PICNIC

EQUIPMENT: Paper plates, napkins, paper cups, plastic silverware.

CUBMASTER: We have several Cub Scouts to honor tonight for the hard work they have done since our last meeting. With the paper plates, we have the Bobcats. (call Cubs and parents forward. Pull Bobcat badge attached to a paper plate from a picnic basket. Present awards and give congratulations.)

(Present other badges in same manner: Wolf-napkins; Bears paper cups; Webelos Badge and Activity Pins - plasticware)

We have seen all of the things that make a picnic meal family fun except the food. These young men and their parents represent the thing that makes the Pack grow and thrive. They are as important to the Pack as food is to a picnic. Let's wish them well as they continue on their Boy Scouting trail.

ADVANCEMENT - PILOT WINGS

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster

EQUIPMENT: Awards - each award to be accompanied with silver pilot wings (large exaggerated cutouts covered with aluminum foil and a safety pin on the back), Cubmaster wearing an extra large silver pilot wings so all can see.

ARRANGEMENT: Cubmaster in front of the Pack.

CUBMASTER: This is your captain speaking. Cub Flight (number) has just taken off for San Francisco, Chicago, New York, Nashville and returning to (your city name). We will be cruising at 35,000 feet. The weather is clear and calm and we are expecting a most pleasurable flight. Our first stop tonight is at San Francisco's International airport. In San Francisco there are a lot of sights to see such as the Pacific Ocean, the Golden Gate Bridge and Fishermen's Wharf, but the most famous people we have come to see are the boys to receive their Bobcat badge. (Call forward the boys and their parents and present the badge.) From San Francisco we take off and proceed to Chicago's O'Hara airport. Chicago also has a lot of sights to tour. Unfortunately, we won't be able to see the Chicago Cubs or the Chicago Bears play, but we can see the Wolves. Tonight we would like to honor our newest Wolf Cubs. (Call forward the boys and their parents and present the badge.)

From Chicago we head further east to New York's LaGuardia airport. In New York we can see the Statue of Liberty, the United Nations Building or even Time Square. For our stop in New York we have only time to see the world famous Bears. (Call forward the boys and their parents and present the badge.)

Our last stop before returning back to (your city name) is a stop in Nashville, TN. Nashville boasts the home of the Grand Ole Opry and it has musical talent everywhere you turn in the city. Tonight we have stopped to appreciate the talent and drive of our own new Webelos Scouts. (Call forward the boys and their parents and present the badge.)

Now we are on our return leg of our flight and we will be touching down at (your city name) International airport shortly. It may have seemed that we have been all over these United States to honor some very special people for their accomplishments, but in fact we don't have to leave our homes to find boys that work hard and desire our praise. So fasten your seat belts and return your trays to their upright position and we will prepare for our landing.