

## **ADVANCEMENT - OUR WAGON TRAIN CREW**

**ARRANGEMENTS:** An artificial or real campfire. Costuming as desired for pioneer.

**CUBMASTER:** To the early day pioneer, nothing was more challenging than the road West. His days were long, sleep was little, and his food was edible... sometimes. The pioneers traveled in groups so that they could help each other, working as a team with each person having responsibilities according to his skill. Walking along beside the wagons are the Bobcats. Their enthusiasm keeps alive our spirit of togetherness. (Have Bobcats and parents come forward - present awards. Have parents return to seats and new Bobcats sit around fire.) Our Wolves are in the green horn stage. Each task is a new challenge and is met with wide-eyed eagerness. They are in charge of the horses and oxen which pull the wagons and are the future strength of the train. (Present awards as above.) Honing skills learned as Wolves, our Bears are the drovers on our train. They have proven the ability to meet the demands of the trail and to seek out new adventures on the arrow point trail. (Present awards as above. ) Webelos are the scouts for our group. Their knowledge and experience set the goals of achievement for the pack and give continuity to our crew. With courage and determination, Webelos scouts further define and hone their skills by earning activity badges. (Present awards as above. Ask awards recipients to stand and face audience.) Ladies and gentleman, it is time to hit the trail again. The trail can be long and tiring, but as long as we work together, we will reach our destination. May I present to you, our wagon train crew... a group I am proud to ride with.

## **ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS GRADUATION "WE ARE PREPARED"**

Invite Scoutmasters or other representatives of the troops your Webelos Scouts are joining. Using poles driven into the ground and rope, make the winding trail, with the Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos, Arrow of Light, and Boy Scout emblems on top of the poles.

Have troop representatives at far end of the trail to receive the graduates, who stand with their parents at the trails beginning.

CUBMASTER: "Webelos Scouts, today you say goodbye to Cub Scouting and begin you Boy Scouting years. It's been great having you in the pack as you traveled up the trail from Bobcat to Webelos. (Have boys and parents move up the trail, stopping at the Arrow of Light, present it now to the parents and have them pin it on their son's shirt while you speak briefly about the award as Cub Scouting's highest. Then say, "One of the things you have done as Webelos Scouts is learn some of the things you will need to know as a Boy Scout. One of them is the Boy Scout Motto. Can you tell me what it is?" (Boys respond "Be prepared.")

Ask, "Are you prepared?" Boys respond "We are prepared!"

Cubmaster then says, "Great! We wish you well as you start the Boy Scout trail."

(Boys and parents then continue past the Arrow of Light emblem and are welcomed by the troop representative, who may lead them in the Scout Oath and present neckerchiefs or other gifts symbolizing their membership in a troop.

## ADVANCEMENT - WEATHER OR NOT

Call forward advancing Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts and their parents.

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouts, we have a song called "Cub Scouting We Will Go," which is sung to the tune of "Jingle Bells." It goes like this (sing or read):

Cub Scouting we will go  
To a den where we can play;  
Sunshine, rain or snow,  
Happy on our way.  
As buddies we will greet,  
Faces gleaming bright;  
What fun it is when we can meet,  
And do the things we like!

That little song tells us that Cub Scouting is for all seasons, rain, or snow. It should be fun anytime. But to enjoy Cub Scouting to the fullest, you have to advance by learning new things and doing various projects. Tonight we have some Cub Scouts who have done that, and we will recognize their work by presenting them their badges.

## ADVANCEMENT - PRESENTATION OF WEBELOS ACTIVITY BADGES

PERSONNEL: Webelos den leader, Den Chief, Webelos and their parents.

EQUIPMENT: Arrow of Light ceremonial board, with on small candle for each activity badge to be presented plus one large candle, and the activity badges.

DEN LEADER: (number) members of our Webelos den have earned activity badges this month. They are: (Name), who has earned the \_\_\_\_\_ badge; and (name) who has earned the \_\_\_\_\_ badge; (etc). Will these Webelos Scouts please come forward with their parents?

Now I will ask Den Chief (Name) to light the small candles for each activity badge.

Webelos Scout (name), you have earned the Craftsman badge. To do that, you mastered many tools and made several toys and useful items. I congratulate you on your new skills. (Hands badge to parents as Den Chief lights first candle).

Webelos Scout (name), you have earned the Geologist badge. You had to learn a great deal about the earth and what it is composed of, and you learned how rocks and minerals are useful to man. My congratulations to you. (Hands badge to parents as Den Chief lights second candle).  
Den Chief are you going to light the big candle?

DEN CHIEF: No, Sir.

DEN LEADER: Why not?

DEN CHIEF: Because the big candle stands for the Arrow of Light Award.

DEN LEADER: That's right. This big candle is for the Arrow of Light award, the highest in Cub Scouting. It must remain unlit until we have a Webelos Scout who has completed the Arrow of Light requirements. Then we will light that candle. These small candles, representing the activity badge areas, are simply steps in the development of Webelos Scouts. They are important in themselves, but they lead us to the biggest prize that a boy can win, the Arrow of Light award.

(Adjust names of activity badge and its brief description as needed.)

## **ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS ACTIVITY BADGE CEREMONIES**

**AQUANAUT** - If the pack meeting is held at a pool, have the boys swim across the pool to receive their badge.

If inside, have them demonstrate a swimming stroke and pretend to swim to you to receive his badge.

**ARTIST** - Webelos leader is dressed as an artist and is pretending to paint portrait of the Webelos as he is sitting on a stool posing. He puts down his palette and paint brush and says "Each boy is a masterpiece." He then hands the boy a premade silhouette of the boy & the activity badge he has earned.

**ATHLETE** - Do a standing long jump and catch badge that the Webelos Leader is holding at arms length.

**CITIZEN** - The Webelos Leader dressed as judge, pounds gavel on table and says, "Hear ye, Hear ye, Hear ye. I present to you on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ Our Lord, 19\_\_ (boy's name) as a new Citizen of our Pack and Community.

**COMMUNICATOR** - Webelos leader uses sign language to tell what the activity badge is. He gives the badge to the Webelos Scout who thanks him in sign language also.

**CRAFTSMAN** - Webelos leader and boys are busy building crafts and leader says, "Well boys, we've sure had a busy month making all these things, but I think we have made more than just toys. We have come a step closer in making you young men." He then gives them their badge.

**ENGINEER** - Several boxes with the name of Pack Officers (Cubmaster, Den Leader, Committee Chairman, etc.) are scattered around. The Webelos Den Leader comes on stage and picks up a box and reads out loud what it says, then places it back on the floor facing the audience. Start with the Committee members first. Build the boxes up in the shape of a pyramid. As the name of a boy is read that has earned the activity badge he comes forward and is given the badge. His leader congratulates him on the achievement and tells him how great it is that he can be part of the Cub Scout Pyramid.

**FAMILY MEMBER** - The Webelos Leader calls the Webelos Scout and all the members of his family including brothers, sisters, and aunts, uncles, etc. He lines them all up according to size from the tallest one next to him to the smallest one next to the Webelos Scout. He then says "Since this activity badge was earned with the help of all the family, I will give it to the tallest member of the family. Each of you will pass it down the line until it reaches the Webelos Scout."

**FITNESS** - Do a sit up and reach out and take the badge that is being held at the end of his feet. (Just far enough to give him a good stretch before getting it.)

Do a push-up. The boy will pick up the badge with his mouth as he lowers himself to the floor, and as the Webelos Leader is holding the badge near the floor beneath the boy.

**FORESTER** - The Webelos Leader has all the activity badges attached to a branch of a tree. he says "I am presenting you this activity badge in the hopes it plants a seed of knowledge that will grow with time."

**SPORTSMAN** - The Webelos tosses the soft ball to the Webelos Leader as the Webelos Leader tosses him his activity badge attached to another soft ball.

**OUTDOORSMAN** - A tent is set up on the center stage. The entire Webelos Den is inside. The Webelos Leader comes out and tells some of the accomplishments of the Webelos in earning the Outdoorsman Activity Badge. Afterwards, as his name is called a boy comes out of the tent to receive the activity badge he has earned.

**READYMAN** - The Webelos Leader has a large first aid kit. He opens it and says "For outstanding treatment for cuts and scratches, will \_\_\_\_\_ please come up and receive the Readyman Activity Badge". Presents the badge to the boy. "For outstanding treatment for burns scalds, will \_\_\_\_\_ please come up and receive the Readyman Activity Badge." Presents badge to boy. This continues using the requirements of hurry cases, serious bleeding, internal poisoning, etc. until all the badges have been presented.

**GEOLOGIST** - Webelos Leader is examining several large rocks that are out on the table. He comes to the largest one and picks up a hammer and chisel, and proceeds to chisel on the rock. He removes an award from the rock and calls forward the boy who is to receive it. The chiselling continues until all awards are presented.

**HANDYMAN** - The Webelos Leader rolls on old tire out. Inside the tire are the activity badges. He says "This tire is old. It has served its purpose. We have in our midst, several future mechanics." He calls up the boys who have earned the badge and takes the badges out of the tire and presents them.

**NATURALIST** - Webelos leader is inspecting insect collection and notices something different and out of place, "What is this? I don't remember seeing this before. Oh! (boys name) this must belong to you for earning your Naturalist Activity Badge."

**TRAVELER** - Webelos and their leader are packing a suitcase as the Leader explains some of the requirements of the badge. After the suitcase is packed the leader gives each of the boys their tickets for the trip which is the activity badge they earned.

**SCHOLAR** - Webelos Leader dressed in graduate cap and gown and background music of Pomp and Circumstance. Webelos are called as they march forward to receive their Scholar Activity Badge that is rolled up in a scroll tied with a ribbon.

**SCIENTIST** - Webelos Den Leader dressed as scientist in lab coat mixes a bubbly mixture. (Vinegar and soda, dry ice, etc.) Leader explains the activities of the month and announces new the scientist of the Pack as the boys come forward to receive their badge.

**SHOWMAN** - The room is darkened, Spotlights or flashlights are beamed around the room

before the big premier begins. Webelos Leader dressed as Ring Master enters and is spotlighted. He cracks his whip and says "The stars of the show tonight are (boys names)". They come out as announced and are spotlighted as they receive their award.

## ADVANCEMENT - WEBELOS ACTIVITY BADGE CEREMONY

EQUIPMENT: Arrow of Light board with activity candles, spirit of Scouting candle and holder, badges to be presented.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos den leader, den chief.

Tonight we recognize (number) members of our Webelos den that have earned activity badges since our last pack meeting. They are: \_\_\_\_\_. Will these Webelos Scouts and their parents please join us at the awards table.

Webelos Scout, \_\_\_\_\_, you have earned your \_\_\_\_\_.

(list each badge and give a short summary of what was done to earn it. Example: John Doe, you have earned your Naturalist badge. To do this you learned about our native plants, animals and insects. You also earned your Engineer badge by making a catapult, drawing pictures of bridges, and the floor plan of your home. )

Congratulations, \_\_\_\_\_, on learning how to live with nature, and we know that there is a very important bridge in Scouting that we hope to see you crossing in the near future. (After all awards are finished say to den chief:

Den Chief, \_\_\_\_\_, shall we light the white candle?

DEN CHIEF: No sir!

CUBMASTER: Why not?

DEN CHIEF: Because the white candle stands for the Arrow of Light.

CUBMASTER: That's correct, the white candle is for the Arrow of Light, the highest award in Cub Scouting. It must remain unlighted until we have a Webelos Scout who has earned all of his Arrow of Light requirements -- then we will light that candle. These small candles representing the activity badges are simply steps in the development of a Webelos Scout, but are important as they lead to the highest honor -- the Arrow of Light award.

Webelos den leader: Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, how about leading us in a cheer for these fine Webelos Scouts and their families.



## ADVANCEMENT - CROSSING THE BRIDGE TO BOY SCOUTING

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Webelos Leader, Scoutmaster. Boy Scouts, graduating Webelos and their parents.

EQUIPMENT: Bridge, spotlights for each end of bridge, gifts.

ARRANGEMENT: The Cubmaster, Webelos Den Leader, remaining Webelos, graduating Webelos and their parents stand at one end of the bridge. At the other end of the bridge are the Scoutmaster and Boy Scout(s). The bridge should be about center stage with spotlights on ends.

CUBMASTER: During the years you and your son(s) have been in Cub Scouting, we have had many opportunities to work together along the scouting trail. Now you are ready to continue along that trail by graduating from the Cub Pack into the Scout Troop of your choice. You have contributed much to your Webelos Den as well as helping the Pack to go. We shall miss you and your parents. As you participate in the Troop activities, I am sure you will continue to grow in scouting skills and friendships.

Web. Ldr: An important part of your Cub Scout uniform is your neckerchief. Now that you are leaving the Pack and Cub Scouting, will you remove your neckerchief and give it to a parent. In remembrance of the ideals and fun of the Webelos program I present you with these gifts as tokens of our appreciation. (Presents Scout Book and/or Graduation Certificate)

CUBMASTER: (Calls) Hello Scouts of Troop \_\_\_\_\_!

SCOUTMASTER: Hello Cub Scouts of Pack \_\_\_\_! What do you desire?

CUBMASTER: We have Cub Scout(s) of Akela's Council who are prepared to enter the Council ring of your Troop.

SCOUTMASTER: Bring (him or them) forward across the bridge that joins our two council rings. (Cubmaster leads boys and parents across the bridge and returns to the Cub side. As the crossing begins, the remaining Webelos give the graduating Webelos and their parents the Scout salute upon the Webelos Leader's command.)

SCOUTMASTER: As Scoutmaster of Troop \_\_\_\_, I welcome you and your parents. There are many traditions in Troop \_\_\_\_; so many that I will not attempt to relate them all to you now. (Scoutmaster may explain one or two traditions, tell where and when the Troop meets, and tell about upcoming Troop activities). Now it is my pleasure to present you with the neckerchief of our Troop. Wear it with pride as many have done before you.

## **ADVANCEMENT - WEIGHTLIFTING**

CUBMASTER: Cub Scout age boys dream of being great athletes, spacemen, tarzans, or other persons with outstanding physical power. They like to test and show off their muscles. These are part of the dreams of boyhood.

Tonight, we have several boys who have achieved part of their goal to become stronger. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward?  
(Call names of boys and parents)

Boys, while you have worked on your advancement you have learned many things which have made you stronger and bigger. To illustrate this, look at this plain stick. It represents a boy your age who has not been working in scouting. He hasn't had people like your den leader or parents helping him as you have. He has not learned all that you have learned. He stands alone weakly, and breaks easily, as evidenced by this one stick. (Break stick) See how easily it is broken.

As you work and develop your skills, you will become stronger. (Show this by adding more sticks - it becomes harder to break.)

Now, I am proud to present to you, your parents and they in turn may present to your (Wolf, Bear etc) badge.

Congratulations.

(This award can be presented pinned to a small weightlifting bar made from a cardboard roll stuck into two round styrofoam balls painted black.)

## ADVANCEMENT - WHAT DO WE PLANT

**PROPS:** Make a large tree from cardboard, or paint one on an appliance box. For each award to be given, cut out a green paper leaf. Write the Cub's name on the leaf and tape on his awards. Arrange the leaves on a table beside the tree.

**CUBMASTER:** What do we plant when we plant a tree?  
We plant a ship which will cross the sea.  
We plant the mast to carry the sail.  
We plant the planks to withstand the gale,  
The keels, the keelson, the beam, and knee.  
We plant a ship when we plant a tree.

What do we plant when we plant a tree?  
We plant the house for you and me.  
We plant the rafters, the shingles, the floors,  
We plant the studding, the lath, and doors.  
The beams and siding are all parts we need.  
We plant a house when we plant a tree.

What do we plant when we plant a tree?  
A thousand things that we daily see.  
The paper for books from which we learn,  
Tools to help us do a good turn.  
The wood for a Pinewood Derby car,  
For model planes that we fly so far.  
We plant the staff for the flag of the free,  
Yes, we plant all these when we plant a tree.

But what do we plant when we plant a lad?  
With the help of his mother and his dad.  
We plant a Cub who'll become a Scout,  
We plant ideas that will round him out,  
The skills, the games, the joy to be had.  
We plant a Scout when we plant a lad.

Cubmaster calls forward boys and parents at this time. As awards are given, each boy tapes his leaf onto the tree branches.

You have all helped make this tree more beautiful. It is a part of you. Just as Mother Nature's trees endure for many years, the things you have learned from your achievements and badges will last you a lifetime. May you always stand straight and tall like a tree, and be a worthy resource of our country.

What do we plant when we plant a lad?  
We plant a Scout when we plant a lad.  
Congratulations to all of you.

## ADVANCEMENT - WHEEL OF GOOD TURNS

PROPS: A carnival wheel of fortune with Cub Scout Ranks. . .top, bottom, left and right.  
(Important: All new Bobcat parents should be briefed on Good Turn.)

CUBMASTER: A carnival is lots of fun. It has rides, crafts and games of skill and chance. Cub Scouting is also lots of fun. In Cub Scouting we also have games that require skill but none are by chance. We do not spin a wheel of fortune, but rather do a good turn on the wheel of Scouting. To do a good turn is a very important part of Cub Scouting. As a matter of fact, the Scouting movement in the U.S.A. started by a good turn. A good turn was performed in 1909 by an unknown British Boy Scout for an American business man from Chicago, William D. Boyce, on a foggy day in London. This good turn was the one act that put the idea of Scouting in America.

The concept and action of doing a good turn, not for fame or reward, is one of the most important parts of Scouting. It is also one of four parts of the Cub Scout Promise TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE. We know that our Cub Scouts do their good turns daily. We know they cannot wait to do good turns, not one, but many daily. While we cannot reward them for being good Cub Scouts we can reward them for their other accomplishments by advancing in rank.

We turn the wheel of Scouting to the first level, the rank of Bobcat. Will the following boys and their parents come forward. (Read names) Cub Scouts you are the first level of Cub Scouting. Your parents and leaders are proud of your accomplishments. We have a tradition in our pack for the good turn. Your mother will pin on the Bobcat badge upside down and when you have done a good turn, you may then turn it right side up. Congratulations to your new Bobcats. (They return to seats.)

The wheel gets another good turn and stops at the next level, the Wolf Rank. (Calls names)  
Parents, I give you these badges to present to your sons.  
Congratulations!

(follow same procedure for Bear and Webelos)

I am sure these Scouts and many more throughout the world will continue to do a good turn on the wheel of Scouting.

## ADVANCEMENT - WHY ARE RANKS NAMED AFTER ANIMALS

Have you every wondered why most of the ranks in Cub Scouting are named after animals? Think about the animals Bobcat, Wolf, and Bear for a moment. What images come to mind?

The Bobcat is a little smaller than most of his cousins in the wild cat family. But his features, especially his ever-alert ears, make him very distinctive and his movements are sleek and swift. We have several Bobcat Cubs here tonight who swiftly tracked the seven steps of what it takes to be a Cub Scout. Would the following boys and their parents please come forward? (Call the names of the boys receiving the Bobcat and have their parents present them with their badges).

The Wolf is a very intelligent animal and is known for his loyalty to the pack. He is very quick to defend his territory much like a Cub Scout who is quick to stand up for what he believes is right. Would the following boys and their parents please come forward to accept the rank of Wolf? (Call the names of the Cubs advancing to the Wolf rank).

The Bear is one of the largest animals on our continent and for that reason is often feared. His strength is legendary and his senses are keen. But if you watch him closely you will probably see that the Bear has a sense of humor and likes to play. He also knows how to plan ahead as we see in his preparations for the winter. We have some Cubs here tonight who have proven their strength and sharpened their senses and are now ready to be awarded the rank of Bear. Would the following boys and their parents please come forward? (Call the boys names).

The Webelos rank may not be named after an animal, but it does stand for something special. Who can tell me what Webelos means? (pause for a response) Right! We'll Be Loyal Scouts. Part of being a Scout is being a friend to animals-- a protector of their homes and their right to survive. Webelos are apprentice outdoorsmen, foresters and naturalists and they are learning what it means to be a Boy Scout. Would the following boys and their parents please come forward to be awarded the rank of Webelos? (Call the names).

Boys who have attained the rank of Arrow of Light have made a commitment to live their lives by the Scout Oath and Laws. This commitment makes them the king of the forest, the ruler of the roost, and the Leader of the Pack. Would the following candidates and their parents please come forward for the presentation of the Arrow of Light, the highest award a Cub pack has to offer. (Call the boys names and have the parents present the award).

Congratulations to all the boys and their parents who have earned awards tonight.

## **ADVANCEMENT - WHY DO WE HAVE RANKS**

EQUIPMENT: Candle under Wolf on ceremony board or poster.

(Call candidates and parents forward)

Why do we have ranks? Why don't you receive your Wolf badge just because you are seven years old? The reason is because if we did it that way, we would be telling you a lie. We would be telling you that the way to a happy and full life is to sit back and do nothing. Growing up is more than just getting bigger in size. Your mind has to grow. Your understanding and appreciation of what's going on around you has to grow. Your interest in what's going on around you should grow, too, and while you're becoming more interested in the world, you should be finding out about it, how things work, how people work together, how they work alone.

The Arrow of Light points the way to a happy, full life. The Wolf rank is the second step in the right direction. You are "earning" your way up the ladder of rank toward the Arrow of Light and you should be proud of yourself because we are all proud of you. The best in life is earned, it's never a gift. Together, let us give our Cub Scout Promise. (Repeat together)

(Offer congratulations and present badges)

## ADVANCEMENT - WILD AND WOOLLY WEST

Optional setup would be to have boys who are to receive awards held in cardboard corrals or chutes until time to receive their awards. At that time, a pack committee member escorts the boy and his parents to the front.

CUBMASTER: Cowboys must practice and work to become the best in the rodeo world. Cub Scouts must work and learn to advance up the Scouting trail. Tonight we will honor boys who have worked hard to reach a higher level on that trail.

(Adapt following dialog to meet the needs of your pack meeting.)

We have some new cowboy Cub Scouts here tonight who have never ridden in the Wild and Wolly West before. They are brave and ready to try. They will prove themselves now. (Call names of Bobcat candidates and asks that they come forward with their parents who present them with their badges.) Congratulations! You may now ride with our Pack and earn your spurs by climbing the Cub Scout Trail.

The following boys have worked hard and lassoed the 12 achievements required to become Wolf Scouts. (Read names). We congratulate you Cub Cowboys for your fine work. (Present badges and cards to parents who then present them to their sons.)

These boys rode herd and rounded up 12 more achievements and corralled the Bear rank. (Read names.) We congratulate you Cub Cowboys and your parents. (Present badges and cards to parents who then present them to their sons.) I challenge you to ride even harder and earn arrow points as you prepare to become Webelos Scouts.

The Webelos Scouts who have bulldogged the requirements for activity badges are (Read names). You boys have bulldogged, roped and tied your way through the Cub Scout ranks. Now may you have easy riding towards the Arrow of Light and Scouting beyond. (Present badges and cards to parents who then present them to their sons.)

Congratulations to all of our Cub Scout and Webelos Scout Cowboys!!

## **ADVANCEMENT - WILD WEST**

**PERSONNEL:** Cubmaster, Cub Scouts, Advancing Cubs and parents.

**EQUIPMENT:** Stage Pioneer costumes (optional), awards.

**CUBMASTER:** American pioneers have been men and women with curious minds strong purpose, courage, determination, persistence, and a proud, fierce, unswerving loyalty. Through every hardship they have refused to give up.

Our theme, Wild West, is the history of some of the heroes and pioneers of our country. Our purpose is to remind ourselves how our country grew out of wilderness into what it is today. Let's quickly take a look at some of the men who helped build it.

Miles Standish came with the pilgrims seeking religious freedom and learned to live with the Indians. After the first year's harvest, they celebrated the first Thanksgiving together. Other great men followed: Patrick Henry who said "Give me liberty or give me death". Daniel Boone opened up the trail to the West through the Cumberland gap. Thomas Edison invented the electric light. Alexander Graham Bell gave us the telephone. As we entered the 20th century Henry Ford produced a successful automobile, Orville and Wilbur Wright launched our first airplane. All great pioneers of their day.

For you Cub Scouts, the United States is still a land of expanding opportunity. Tonight we have cubs who have had the determination, persistence, and loyalty to follow the Cub Scout trail and complete the achievements for their badges.

Will these Cubs and their parents please come forward? These Cubs have earned their Wolf Badge and/or Arrow Points. (present badges, handshake with Cubs and parents).

The following Cubs have completed the achievements for their Bear Badge and/or Arrow Points. Will these Cubs and their parents please come forward (present badges).

Now we have Webelos, with strong purpose and curious minds who have completed the requirements for their Activity Pins. Will these Cubs and their parents please come forward? (present badges). Now, will the Pack please stand with me and salute these fine Cub Scouts who have had the courage and loyalty of the pioneers of your past years to advance.

Cubs Scouts **HAND SALUTE**...(pause) **TO**.  
Congratulations! (Cubs and parents dismissed from stage.)



## ADVANCEMENT - WITCHES BREW

**PROPS:** Black witches cauldron or facsimile. Badges with names attached are placed in the cauldron before the meeting opens.

A lid should be used or keep the kettle out of sight until it is to be used.

**SCENE:** At awards time, announce that you will brew up something in the cauldron, but you will need the help of the new Bobcats in the Pack. Depending on the number to receive the award ( five or seven is perfect) you call one at a time forward. They tell you the ingredients that go into making a Bobcat, (motto, salute, handshake, promise, law, meaning of Webelos) and demonstrate each one by doing or saying. Pretend to "put" each thing into the cauldron, then stir and draw out a Bobcat Badge. Call that Cub's parents forward and pin the badge on up side down.

For Wolf Badge, add each ingredient to kettle telling what it is based on, the twelve Wolf achievements. i.e.; band-aid for keeping health, string for tying things. stamp for collections, small screwdriver for tools, etc. If difficult to use object, print achievement on cardboard and put in. Then stir and draw out the Wolf Badge and present to the Cub and his parents with applause.

Do the Bear Badge the same way. Since there are 24 Bear achievements, you will have to find out which twelve each Bear chose. If more than one Bear is receiving the badge, use all they chose, but don't repeat any i.e.' piece of rope for knots, baseball for sports, small flag for American heritage, coins for saving and spending well, testament for religious activities, etc.

This ceremony can also be adapted for use with the Webelos Activity Pins, using the same method with the requirements.

This ceremony should be done in semi-darkness with candles so the cauldron will not be too obviously unreal. But use enough light so that each item going in can be clearly seen. Can be done "theatrically" like a witch putting in "eye of toad, wing of bat, etc. "

## **ADVANCEMENT - THE PICTURE OF THE WOLF**

**PERSONNEL:** Cubmaster, advancing Cub Scouts and their parents

**EQUIPMENT:** Large Cutout or drawing of Wolf Cub Scout Badge, stand, or easel, single candle holder with a blue candle, Wolf Cub Scout Badge, certificate, straight pins. (Ceremony may be adapted for Bear Achievement)

**CUBMASTER:** Since our last Pack meeting one of our Cub Scouts has completed all the achievements for Wolf. Tonight we honor his parents and him at our Wolf ceremony. Will Cub (name) and his parents please come forward. According to your Wolf book you have completed all the achievements for the Wolf Rank I am glad you have attained this honor and hope you will continue to progress through the Gold and Silver Arrow Point electives until you have reached the third grade and start work on the Bear rank. Before you is a picture of the Wolf badge which you now wear with pride. Also before you is a candle which represents the spirit of Cub Scouting. By advancing from Bobcat to Wolf you have demonstrated the spirit of Cubbing in your every day life. (light candle). Mr. & Mrs.( ) we are happy that your son has completed the requirements of the Wolf. You were privileged to help him with his badge and certificate. Now, (cub) give the Cub Scout sign and repeat the Cub Scout Promise after me. (he does so) Congratulations, and may you soon appear before our pack for Gold and Silver Arrow Points.

## **ADVANCEMENT - WOLF SIMPLE**

You stand here with your mom and dad to receive the Wolf badge. Several months ago you came before us as a Bobcat candidate. At that time you promised to live according to the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. On your honor as a Cub Scout have you done this?

Very well. According to your den leader, you have completed all the requirements for the Wolf badge. It is now our honor to present to you through your parents this badge of your new rank.

Your mom and dad have the privilege of presenting it to you because they are the ones who helped you earn it.

Please accept the congratulations of your brother Cub Scouts, your leaders, and your blood brother, Akela.

## ADVANCEMENT - WOODY THE CARPENTER

PROPS: A worktable to side of awards table. Candles and rank poster on table. Large sign "WOODY THE CARPENTER AT WORK" which can be set up to hide what is on table. Adult in work coveralls carrying tool box.

CUBMASTER: Hello, who are you?

ADULT: Hello, I'm Woody the carpenter. I have skill, but no work.

CUBMASTER: Well, let's see. I think I can use your help. Here, set up your tools on this work table.

ADULT: (sets up sign to hide what he is doing) I'm ready, what do I do first?

CUBMASTER: I need a Bobcat plaque.

ADULT (Starts to hammer, saw, etc. hands a rough cut board with Bobcat rank on it.) Will this do?

CUBMASTER: Woody, this is a fine job. That is just like a Bobcat; it has been roughly cut but there is no question that it's a board not at tree. A Bobcat has also just been cut. His skills and crafts are rough and just starting to develop. But he has just taken the first step in Cub Scouting. We can see the difference in this board and a tree.

ADULT: Will the following Cub Trade School Students and their teachers please enter the lumber yard? (read Names.)

CUBMASTER: (places board by Bobcat poster and lights candle) Parents I have the honor of giving this Rank to you so you may present it to your sons. Let's see, I guess we need a Wolf plaque next.

ADULT: (Starts to saw, hammer, sand etc. hands our a clean square cut board with Wolf rank on it). Will this do?

CUBMASTER: That certainly will do Woody. A Wolf is very much like this piece of wood. It is clean and squarecut, but still pretty basic with a long way to go.

ADULT: Will the following Apprentices and their parents please come down to the shop? (read names).

CUBMASTER: (Places board by Wolf poster and lights candle). Parents I give you the Wolf badge to present to your sons.

What next (pause) I know, Woody, I need a Bear Plaque.

ADULT: (saws, hammers, etc. hands a board with routed edges with the Bear rank on it) Will this do?

CUBMASTER: Woody, you have done it again! This is just like the Bear Cub Scout, a lot of effort and accomplishment has gone into this, but, but, it's not quite completed yet. A Bear has accomplished many things on the trail of Cub Scouting, yet he is not at the end and his training is not complete.

ADULT: Will the following Cub Journeymen and their foreman join us on the job? (reads names)

CUBMASTER: (Places board by Bear Poster and lights candle) Parents please present the Bear Badge, the third rank of Cub Scouting to your sons. Woody, I know what I need now, the

Webelos plaque. ADULT: (Saws, Hammers, drills, paints, etc. ) Hands out a finished plaque with Webelos rank on it.

CUBMASTER: Woody, you certainly have done a fine job. This plaque is just like a Webelos

Scout. His skills and crafts are almost completed. His Cub Scout trail has but a few steps remaining.

ADULT: Will the following Master Craftsman Cub Scouts and their parents join us? (Read names).

CUBMASTER: (Place plaque by Webelos poster and lights candle). Parents, you have the honor of presenting the Webelos Rank to your son. Just as a skill and accomplishments were shown on these pieces of wood tonight, the skills and accomplishments were shown on these pieces of wood tonight, the skills and accomplishments of these Cub Scouts were evident as they progress along the Cub Scout trail.

## **ADVANCEMENT - CHRISTMAS GIFTS WITH SANTA**

**EQUIPMENT:** Gift-wrapped box with badges inside.

**PERSONNEL:** Cubmaster or other adult leader who may be dressed as Santa Claus.

(Do a gift exchange or a presentation of gifts to the Cub Scouts and their families.)

(after)

**SANTA:** I see we still have one package here that nobody has claimed. What could it be? (Santa unwraps package.)

Guess what? It's some badges. These aren't really gifts, though. The boys who will receive these badges have earned them, with the help of their parents.

I see we have some Wolf badges here. Will the following boys and their parents please come forward. (call all boys who are to receive the award forward.) Mr. and Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_ would you please accept this badge for your son and pin it to his uniform. He has worked very hard to earn this so will you all join me in giving these boys a big round of applause.

You may continue in the same way for arrow points, Bear badges, or any Webelos awards.

## **ADVANCEMENT - CHRISTMAS TREE WITH LIGHTS**

**EQUIPMENT:** Cardboard Christmas Tree with various colored lights. Cut holes in cardboard so that bulbs fit into the holes. Tape light cord to back of tree and plug into outlet. Unscrew bulbs slightly so they can be screwed in and lighted at the appropriate time.

**CUBMASTER:**  
(Advancement Chairman)

"As we look at our tree this evening, we see that it is dark, with only one light on. (Screw in top light). This is the light which represents the Spirit of Cubbing. Let us see if there are boys here tonight who can light the way to the top of the tree, to the highest rank in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light.

The first step along the Cub Scout trail is the Bobcat, rank (Turn light representing Bobcat - at the bottom). (At this point, if there are Bobcats to be inducted, call them forward with their parents and use as regular induction ceremony).

Once a boy has achieved this honor, he is ready to climb. There are 12 achievements required to complete the rank of Wolf. Some of these require knowledge of the U.S. flag, of keeping strong, of safety and being useful to his family. The following boys have completed all 12 of these requirements (call forward boys and their parents for Wolf badge and/or Arrow points). Thank you, boys. We are now able to turn on the light representing the Wolf rank. (Have one of new Wolfs turn on next light).

As a boy grows older and stronger, he is able to climb a little 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 for the Bear rank. (Call forward boys and parents for Bear badge and Arrow points). (Turn on next light).

These boys have helped us light our tree, but it is still not quite as bright as it might be. Since they have received help from their parents and leaders let us turn on lights for them too. (Have Bears turn on several 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 that you have shown before, keep working for the highest rank in Cub Scouting.

Congratulations to you and your parents for the fine job you have done.

(If Webelos Activity Badges are to be presented, include this in the proper place and present in the same manner, lighting another light).

## **ADVANCEMENT - CHRISTMAS TREE ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY**

All advancement awards are placed in Christmas wrapping and hung on the tree. Also, in each package is a Christmas tree bulb with the Cub Scout's first name lettered on with felt pen.

Use Pink bulbs for bobcat; red for Wolf; green for Bear; gold for gold arrow points; white for silver arrow points; orange for Webelos activity badges, and multicolored or special bulb for Arrow of Light.

Boys being given awards are called forward with their parents and take their packages from the tree. Their parents pin on their new award. The boys then screw in their bulbs which remain on the tree for the rest of the meeting. After the meeting the boys can have their bulbs to take home.



## ADVANCEMENT - THE YOUNG PIONEERS

SETTING: Cubs that are advancing sitting around the fire.

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster - dressed like a mountain man, another adult dressed like a pioneer, and the last person dressed like a fur trader.

CUBMASTER: There are several young pioneers that have worked hard to make a start herein the West. I have asked several of my fellow mountain men to go to the trading post for awards. Since it has been many months that they left on their journey I hope that they have met with good fortune and will soon be here.

FUR TRADER: (Looking wild, wooly, and hurried, approached the campfire with a saddle bag) Is this the campfire of Cub Scout Pack # \_\_\_\_?

CUBMASTER: Yes, it is. Who are you?

FUR TRADER: I'm the rider from the trading post. The men you sent asked me to come by this way as they were headed for deer in the high country now.

PIONEER: Well, I guess the trading can begin. I have 3 dressed birds fir (name) who has earned the rank of Bobcat.

FUR TRADER: Well, good enough. Where is the varmet? These birds look great for eating.

CUBMASTER: I call forward a brave young pioneer (name) who has worked hard to reach this goal. (Award badge at this time.)

PIONEER: I also, have several deer hides from \_\_\_\_\_ to trade; for the rank of Wolf. (Continue to award badges in this manner).

CUBMASTER: (Look at fur trader) Thank you again for bringing these badges. The young pioneers have earned the with their hard work and we are please to see you had a safe journey to bring them to us this evening. The settlement would like to extend a warm welcome to you and ask you to spend the next few days resting and getting your supplies in order before you leave for Oregon.

\*\* Note: The pioneer can help the mountain man give out the awards to the boys and their parents. In days of old; the mountain men would help the pioneers and then be on their way.