

ARROW OF LIGHT - THE STORY OF THE SIX ARROWS

Setting: Center stage, Cubmaster, Webelos, and Council Fire.

Many years ago there lived a tribe of Indians who had a peculiar method of choosing their chief. When the chief of a tribe became too old and knew he had only a short time to live, he would call before him all the braves of the tribe and give to each a bow and six arrows.

When these arrows hit an object they were so constructed they would break and could not be use again. Each brave took a bow and arrows and promised that he would eat no meat except that killed with the six arrows. He was to remain away from camp as long as he could and the one remaining away the longest would be made chief.

Now it so happened that there was a young Indian by the name of Arrow of Light who wished very much to be chief and for many moons had spent much time practicing with the bow and arrows and learning the ways of the wild animals. When his chief sent out word that he was about to choose a new chief, Arrow of Light secured the bow and arrows.

It was late in the afternoon when he started out and he went at once to a place where he had often seen deer come down to drink. He was obliged to wait all night but he had a great deal of PATIENCE. Just as it was getting light he saw a fine deer on the water's edge near him. He shot the deer. Then he took stone, skinned the deer, prepared the skin for clothing, and hung the meat where the wild animals could not reach it. He lived here for many days but finally the meat was almost gone so he resolved to start out again.

He had not traveled far when he came face to face with a huge bear. The bear growled and started toward him, but Arrow of Light was very BRAVE. He waited until the bear was near him. With his second arrow he shot and killed him. He used the skin to make a fine robe to sleep under in cold weather and the meat supplied him for a long time. But at last the food was gone and he was obliged to start out again.

He was walking along the path thinking how well he had done to kill such big animals with his arrows when suddenly he saw an Indian lying on the path before him. He bent over him and saw that it was one of his friends who had started out at the same time he had, but who had used up all his arrows and was starving. He knew that his friend must have food at once or he would die. He looked around but all he could see was a squirrel.

He had been saving his arrows for bigger game but he showed his FRIENDSHIP for his Indian friend by shooting this squirrel and cooking it for him. The next day the Indian was able to walk slowly so they went on together. Soon they saw a huge panther ready to spring upon them. Arrow of Light knew that he could escape but his friend was so weak that he would easily be killed so he used up another arrow to kill the panther, thus showing his UNSELFISHNESS.

As they went on together looking for a deer, they heard a wolf in hot pursuit of one. Before long

they came upon a freshly killed deer. Arrow of Light's friend said to him, "Here is some meat all ready for you," but Arrow of Light had promised that he would eat only the meat that he had killed for himself. He showed his HONESTY by refusing to eat it.

Arrow of Light now had only one arrow left and wanted to kill a deer with it. Soon he saw a deer but just as he was about to shoot, the deer gave a jump and the arrow missed him. Now Arrow of Light was very much discouraged so he walked by himself into the woods. He still had FAITH IN THE GREAT SPIRIT and he looked up and prayed, "Oh, Great Spirit, I have tried to do my best. I have been helpful and honest but here I am many days journey from home and I know I shall starve before I reach there unless you help me." As he prayed he suddenly felt something press against his foot and looking he saw the arrow that had missed the last deer. It had not hit any object and was whole. He felt the Great Spirit had helped him. He took this arrow and killed a deer and he and his friend arrived home safely.

When the old chief heard his story he spoke thus, "Oh, Arrow of Light, you have showed, Patience in waiting for the deer, Courage in facing the bear, Friendship in helping your friend, Unselfishness in killing the panther, Honesty in refusing to eat the meat you did not kill, and Faith in the Great Spirit in asking his help. These are the qualities we need in our chiefs and it therefore gives me great pleasure to declare you to be chief of our tribe." Arrow of Light proved his worthiness to be made chief.

A great arrow, the symbol of the tribes leadership, was presented to him. Because of his great leadership it was named after him. This is where we got the Arrow of Light award.

Tonight we have a boy who has earned this great award. Will _____ and his parents please come forward.

ARROW OF LIGHT - THESE SEVEN YELLOW BANDS

EQUIPMENT: Cubmaster dressed as Akela Indian Chief. A blue arrow shaft with 7 yellow bands or strips around it.

AKELA: I have summoned before the pack tonight to pay honor to one of our Webelos Scouts. Will Webelos Scout (name) please bring his parents before Akela. We honor tonight with the highest award in Cub Scouting; The Arrow Of Light.

This arrow represents the Arrow Of Light. It's shaft is straight and true; to remind us a Scout is to be straight and true in keeping his promises. The feathers on this arrow help guide it on it's course; just as the ideals of Cub Scouting guide a boy in his course of life. The color of the arrow symbolizes loyalty. A Cub Scouts uniform is blue to remind him to be loyal to his country. These seven yellow bands around the shaft represent the seven virtues of life. The seven virtues of life are WISDOM, COURAGE, JUSTICE, SELF CONTROL, FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE. If a boy learns these virtues and applies them in his life, then in his life he will grow to be a happy man. As we award with this Arrow of Light tonight, we will also give him this arrow as a reminder of Cub Scouting. To remember the ideals he has learned as a Cub Scout, and remain straight and true as he grows to manhood.

ARROW OF LIGHT - THESE SEVEN VIRTUES

PERSONNEL: Arrow of Light candidates and parents, Cubmaster, Den Leaders, Committee personnel, Den Chiefs (as required).

EQUIPMENT: Arrow of Light prop, seven candles in holders plus seven on the prop (or use electrical Christmas candles and turn bulb just enough to not light), Arrow of Light badges and pins.

ARRANGEMENT: Arrow of Light prop is on table at center stage, Cubmaster is standing beside table, other leaders are off stage, room lights are dim and single candle is lit and on table near prop.

CUBMASTER: Will the following Webelos Scouts and their parents please come forward. (Webelos and parents advance and stand at opposite side of table from Cubmaster.) Before you is the Arrow of Light emblem. The seven torches you see represent the rays of the Arrow of Light and remind us of the seven virtues of life. We should practice these each day.

ASST. CM.:(Lights first candle) Wisdom. Having wisdom doesn't just mean that a person is smart. It means that he uses what he knows to live better.

WEB. DL. : (Lights second candle) Courage. This means more than not being afraid of danger. You must meet danger in spite of your fears.

WEB. DC.: (Lights third candle) Temperance. This means knowing when you've had enough of anything. When to stop eating, playing and even working too much.

D. LEADER: (Lights fourth candle) Justice. Justice means to be fair and a good sport with others we play and work with regardless of their race, color or religion.

C. CHMN.: (Lights fifth candle) Faith. Faith is belief in god, heaven, and things we cannot see but know are there.

ADV. CHMN.: (Lights sixth candle) Hope. Hope means to look forward to things you believe will happen. You hope for better things tomorrow but strive to make them happen today.

A LEADER: (Lights seventh candle) Love. Love of family, home, fellowman, God and country. These loves are important for a full and happy life.

CUBMASTER: You will find if you live by these seven virtues, you will be happier. It is my pleasure to present your parents with the Arrow of Light badge to present to your son. This is the only badge you can wear on your uniform as long as you are in Scouting.

ARROW OF LIGHT - AKELA'S LIFE STORY

EQUIPMENT: Ceremony board or log with three small candles and one large candle; tom-tom; artificial camp fire.

SETTING: Akela enters and walks behind the fire. Akela gives the Cub Scout sign and tom-tom beating stops.

NARRATOR: Akela was the big chief of the Webelos tribe; tall, stalwart, straight as an arrow, swift as an antelope, brave as a lion - he was fierce to an enemy but kind to a brother. Many trophies hung in his teepee. His father was the son of the great yellow sun in the sky. He was called the "Arrow Of Light" His mother, from whom he learned those wondrous things that mothers know was called "Kind Eyes". He began to understand the signs and calls of the Webelos tribe. Then he was taken on little trips to the forest among the great trees and streams. Here, from the Wolf he learned the language of the ground; the tracks and the ways to food. (At this point, Akela lights the small Wolf candle using the large candle)

AKELA: With this candle, representing the "Spirit of Akela" we light the trail of the Wolf. From the signs along the Wolf trail, I see the following braves are ready for advancement in the Wolf Clan of Akela's tribe. (Akela calls the names of the boys receiving Wolf badges and arrow points. They come forward and stand before the campfire. Akela presents awards.)

NARRATOR: Then from the big, kindly bears, he learned the secret names of the trees, the calls of the birds, the language of the air.

AKELA: (lighting the Bear candle) With the "Spirit of Akela" we light the Bear trail. From the signs along the Bear trail I see the following braves are ready for advancement into the Bear Clan of Akela's tribe. (He calls forward the boys who are receiving Bear badges and arrow points)

NARRATOR: But before he could become a Scouting "brave" on his own, he had to prove himself by trying out new skills, performing certain tasks and passing tests of accomplishment.

AKELA: (Lighting the Webelos candle) With the "Spirit of Akela" we light the trail of the Webelos. From the signs along the Webelos trail, I see that the following braves have shown their skills in... (He calls the names of the boys receiving activity badges and indicates which badges they earned.)

NARRATOR: There Akela was required to pass the highest test of all. He must prove himself qualified to wear his father's name "Arrow of Light".

AKELA: From the signs further on down the Webelos trail, I see that the following braves have proven themselves worthy to wear the "Arrow of Light", the highest award in Akela's tribe. (He calls forward the boys who have earned the Arrow of Light Award.) (Drum stops) From the four winds, Akela hears that you braves are doing well along the trails that will lead you into Boy Scouting and the highest trail of all, that of Eagle. Now will all Cub Scouts stand and repeat with me the Cub Scout Promise.

ARROW OF LIGHT- THE LIFE STORY OF AKELA

Tonight we are recognizing Webelos Scouts from our pack who have earned the Arrow of Light Award--the highest honor in Cub Scouting.

We all know that the Cub Scout advancement plan follows the life story of Akela, an Indian brave of the mythical Webelos tribe. As we follow the Cub Scout trail, we follow in the footsteps of Akela and, like Akela, learn many things, so that someday we, too, may become brave Scouts. The first thing that Akela had to learn was the law of his tribe. It is the same in Cub Scouting. In order to become a Bobcat, our boys must learn the law of the pack.

Bobcat _____, will you light the candle representing the rank of Bobcat. (He does so).

When Akela was of Bobcat age, he was taken on short trips into the forest by his father. Here, among the great trees and streams, he became acquainted with the animals. From the wolf he learned the language of the group, the tracks and the ways of food. Much the same as Akela, our Cub Scouts worked and learned and received the rank of Wolf.

Wolf Cub Scout, will you light the candle representing the rank of Wolf. (He does so.)

Later Akela learned from the big, kindly bear the secret names of trees and from other friends the calls of birds and the language of the air. Just as Akela learned new things that required a little more skill, so, too, do our Cub Scouts earn the Bear badge.

Bear Cub Scout, will you light the candle representing the rank of Bear. (He does so.)

From his father, Arrow of Light, Akela learned the speech and calls of the Webelos Tribe. After Akela had learned the ways of the wolf and bear, and had passed the tests of the tribe, he was admitted into the lower ranks of the young braves. Thus, he became a Webelos Scout.

Webelos Scout will you light the candle representing the rank of Webelos. (He does so.)

Here we should stop and think of the inner meaning of the word Webelos. It means "We'll be Loyal Scouts"--to our country, our home and to God. Now, as we look back down our Cub Scout trail, we see how bright the pathway is--bright because you Cub Scout have helped make it so. You light the pathway through Cub Scouting by doing your best, being square and giving goodwill.

Will our Assistant Cubmaster please select those boys worthy of receiving the Arrow of Light; and bring them and their parents forward. (He brings them forward.)

Webelos Scouts, the emblem you see before you represents the Arrow of Light Award. You have completed the four ranks of Cub Scouting--Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos. There are seven rays in the Arrow of Light. As they are lighted, you will hear how they stand for the seven great virtues of life.

1. Wisdom - Wisdom does not necessarily mean superior knowledge. It means putting to the right use the knowledge that one possesses.
2. Courage - Courage is not the quality that enables men to meet danger without fear; it is being able to meet danger in spite of one's fear.
3. Self-Control - Self-Control isn't limited to the control of one's temper but control of one's self in all things.
4. Justice - Justice is the practice of dealing fairly with others without prejudice or regard to race, color or creed.
5. Faith - Faith is the conviction that something unproved by physical evidence is true.
6. Hope - Hope means to expect with confidence. Always hope for better things to come.
7. Love - There are many kinds of love: love of family; love of home; love of fellow man; love of God; and love of country. All these loves are necessary for a full life.

You Webelos Scouts have fulfilled all requirements for the Arrow of Light Award. Placed before you are the burning candles which represent the ranks of Cub Scouting. May it always be said of you, as a brave of the Webelos Tribe, that you have reached the top of any ladder of achievement set before you. You are soon to go into Scouting--there to be tested again. May you every be successful.

It is an honor for me to recognize you Webelos Scouts and to present you with these arrows. You may hang your arrow in your room to remind you of the good times we have had together in Pack.

ARROW OF LIGHT- AS AKELA GREW

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Scoutmaster, Webelos Award candidate(s) and parents.

EQUIPMENT: Graduation Ceremonial Board

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have a special recognition. We have a Webelos Cub Scout who is receiving his Arrow of Light. Would (boy's name) and his parents come forward. (They stand on the right side of Cubmaster) (Cubmaster hands square to Webelos Scout and he puts it in place on ceremonial board.)

As Akela grew in his tribe, he learned the responsibilities he had in the tribe. He learned to be honest in his dealing with the tribe. Like Akela, you learned as Bobcat and Wolf the responsibilities you must have to be in this pack. You learned to be honest with your fellow Cub Scouts, leaders, and parents.

Akela learned to skillfully hunt squirrel, deer, and bear. He learned to find water and food where there seemed to be none. He grew to be tall and strong so that he could walk proud among his people.

(Cubmaster gives light to Webelos scout and he puts it in place.)

Like Akela, you were given light, or knowledge, from your leaders. Akela learned many things from his Mother. You have learned many things from your Den Leaders (give den leader's name.)

As Akela grew in age and stature, he was turned over to warrior scouts to be trained and disciplined to become one of them, a warrior scout. So too, you were presented to the Webelos leaders and became a Webelos Scout. In Webelos, you learned more about Scouting skills and how to control, your emotions. You learned the true meaning of the word "Webelos-We'll Be Loyal Scouts".

(Give "W" to Webelos Scout and have him put it in place.)

Akela was sent out in the wild country to prove to the tribe that he was worthy to be a warrior scout. He was sent out for three moons by himself with nothing but clothes, knife, bow and arrows. He was able to conquer the hardships he faced in the wilds. When he came back, he was made a warrior, standing next to his father, "Arrow of Light."

You are now receiving your Arrow of Light Award, and your testing just begins. For now you are leaving Cub Scouting and are going into Boy Scouting. You'll find it fun and exciting, but you'll also find it rough and tough. Good luck from us in the pack and may you become a successful Eagle Scout.

(Cub Scouts form circle around graduate and give him the grand howl.)

(Cubmaster presents gift to Scout and the award to parents. He then takes the scout to the bridge and presents him to the Scoutmaster.) Include the Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader from the troop the Webelos will be going into to accept him as he "walks across the bridge of

accomplishment and graduation!!

ARROW OF LIGHT - WEBELOS ARROW OF LIGHT CANDLE LIGHTING

PERSONNEL: Akela, Arrow of Light Award Candidate and parents, two Webelos Scouts.

EQUIPMENT: Arrow of Light Ceremonial Board, four red candles, three White candles, Arrow of Light Award Certificate, straight pins.

ARRANGEMENT: Akela and two Webelos Scouts stand at left of candles, Candidate and parents at right.

1ST. WEBELOS: (lights four red candles) The four red candles represent Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Scout. The Arrow of Light means progress along the trail from Bobcat cub Scout to Scout -- the trail to good citizenship. That is why the Arrow of light was chosen as the award for the highest rank in Cub Scouting.

2ND WEBELOS (Lights white candles): Webelos means, "We'll be loyal Scouts." Loyalty is one of the important things a Cub Scout stands for. He is loyal to his God, his country, and his home.

AKELA : (To Arrow of Light Candidate) (Name), will you give me the Cub Scout sign and repeat the Cub Scout Promise. (He does so.) To you I give the Arrow of Light Award and Certificate to present to your son. The badge is worn on his Cub Scout uniform -- centered on the left shirt pocket. He may also wear it on his Scout uniform when he joins a troop.

(Parent pins badge on uniform.)

I salute you, (Name), as a qualified Webelos Scout. May you soon know the adventures of a Scout. (Give handshake to Webelos, shakes hands with parents.)

ARROW OF LIGHT - THE LARGE WHITE CANDLE

EQUIPMENT: Cubmaster or Webelos Leader, narrator, Arrow of Light cut-out, one each of white, black, red, blue, and green dinner candles. Seven birthday size white candles.

TURN OUT THE LIGHTS AND LIGHT THE LARGE WHITE CANDLE.

CM or WL: (Standing behind the table) Will Webelos (name) and his parents please come forward.

NARRATOR: (Standing in back or out of sight) Tonight (name) you are about to receive the highest award in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light. Before this is bestowed upon you, let us, with the white candle representing the Spirit of Scouting to light our way, retrace the steps you have taken to earn this award. You joined our Pack in (date). In (date of Bobcat) as a member of Den # ____ you, after demonstrating the necessary requirements, were awarded the Bobcat badge. (CM or WL light the black candle with the white one).

In (date of Wolf) after successfully completing your achievements, you took your second step and you were awarded your Wolf Badge. (CM or WL lights the red candle) While a Wolf, you were later awarded a gold and ____ silver arrows, showing your ability to go beyond the required. In (date of Bear) after hard work and determined efforts you took the step to the rank of Bear. (CM or WL lights the blue candle).

In (date of entry into Webelos den) you moved up the ladder into a Webelos den. All through your Cub Scouting, you were guided by the Arrow of Light with its seven rays representing the seven virtues of life: WISDOM, (CM or WL lights small white candle on the far left and then alternating from left to right, he lights one candle as each virtue is read), COURAGE, SELF CONTROL, JUSTICE, FAITH, HOPE, and LOVE.

Upon completing the rigid requirements for the Arrow of Light (CM or WL lights the green candle) we are extremely proud of you and your accomplishments. Throughout your Cub Scout career you were helped and advised by your parents. We will at this time present the Arrow of Light to them and we ask that they in turn award it to their son. (Present badge to parents) (As the parents present the badge to the boy) (name) as you proudly wear this symbol on your uniform as a Boy Scout, we, of Pack # ____, are confident that you will continue to live and be guided by the Arrow of Light. **CONGRATULATIONS!!**

ARROW OF LIGHT - TONIGHT WE HONOR

- 1) Use den chiefs to escort boys and parents to stage.
- 2) Light main candle on table.
- 3) Hand out candles to each boy when they reach center stage.
- 4) Light boys candle when given award.

NARRATOR: Tonight we honor the Webelos Scouts that have completed the requirements for Cub Scoutings highest goal - the Arrow of Light award. The Arrow of Light is the highest award that any Cub Scout can obtain. This is the only award that a Cub Scout may wear after he becomes a Boy Scout.

As I call your name the den chiefs will escort you and your parents to the center of the room. It is my honor tonight to present the Arrow of Light to the following boys.

Den chiefs bring forth the following Arrow of Light candidates.

Call names.

This candle represents the spirit of Scouting. As I light your candle you will be joining the ranks of those boys that have earned this award before you. Do you promise to fulfill the Cub Scout promise and the Cub Scout motto, do your best, when you receive the Scout badge? If so say we will.

Let the spirit of Scouting burn forever in your hearts long after these candles have gone out.

ARROW OF LIGHT - FLAG , SCOUT OATH , AND ARROW OF LIGHT

EQUIPMENT: 3 Candles in a holder with the Arrow of Light symbol, 1 red, 1 white, & 1 blue

WEBELOS LEADER: Have you noticed the strong bond between our flag and the Scout Oath? Let me show you.

(Light White candle in center)

One of the colors on our flag is white. It's the symbol of purity and perfection. It is the first point of our Scout Oath, our duty to God.

(Light Red candle)

The color red in our flag denotes sacrifice and courage, the qualities of the founders of our country. Red is the symbol of the 2nd part of our Scout Oath. Our Duty to other people requires courage to help anyone in trouble and the self-sacrifice of putting others first.

(Light Blue candle)

Blue is the color of Faith. It represents the faith of our founding fathers and reminds us of the 3rd part of the Scout Oath. Our duty to ourselves requires us to be true-blue strong in character and principle, and to live a life with the importance of being good. The candles have now lit the Arrow of Light. The indian sign of the sun over the Arrow dictates that it's the Arrow of Light. The 7 rays of the Sun stand for the 7 days of the week and remind us to Do Our Best Every Day, the arrow... means to follow the straight path.

(Call boys and parents forward and present awards.)

ARROW OF LIGHT - I SALUTE YOU

CUBMASTER: Tonight I have the honor of presenting the Arrow of Light to one of our Webelos Scouts. Would (name) and his parents please come forward to receive this award, a Webelos Scout must have passed the following requirements: Been active in the Webelos den for 6 months, have earned the Webelos badge, know the Scout Promise and the Scout Law, give and know the meaning of the Scout Motto, slogan, sign, salute and handshake, know the hurry cases in first aid, have earned a total of seven activity badges, have visited a troop meeting with his den attended an outdoor activity, participated in a father-son overnight or day hike and attended another troop meeting but this time with his parents. Will you now light the awards board in the order of which you have progressed along the Cub Scout trail. From Bobcat to Webelos. Now welcome to the highest award, the Arrow of Light, which you, with the help of your parents, have obtained. So it gives me great pleasure in giving this award to your parents to present to you. Because your parents have helped you along the Cub Scout trail, here are the miniature Arrow of Light pins for you to present to them. I salute you, (name), as a Webelos Scout. You will soon know the adventure of a Boy Scout.

ARROW OF LIGHT - INDIAN ARROW OF LIGHT CEREMONY

PERSONNEL: Medicine-man, Akela, Aid

EQUIPMENT: Bells, Council fire

ARRANGEMENT: Lights out, Council fire lit.

MEDICINE-MAN: (Walks up to the fire, raises arms and calls out to Akela to come forth.)

Ha a a a a ah h h h; Ha a a a ah h h h; Ha a a a ah h h

AID: Shakes bells.

MEDICINE-MAN: Ha a a a a ah h h h; Ha a a a ah h h h; Ha a a a ah h h (Repeat as many times as you feel comfortable)

AKELA: Who summons Akela?

MEDICINE-MAN: I Lone Wolf, medicine-man of the Webelos tribe summon you here tonight.

AID: (shakes bells)

MEDICINE-MAN: We have (#) braves who have proven themselves strong of mind, brave of heart and true of spirit.

AKELA: That is good! But how do you know this to be?

MEDICINE-MAN: These braves have followed the Cub Scouting trail for many moons. They have worked long hours and many days to be here tonight. I... Lone Wolf have seen this.

AKELA: Then so be it, braves of the Webelos tribe.

AID: (Shakes bells)

AKELA: (Walks over to Council fire): Who are these braves that are.... strong of mind.... brave of heart and ... true of spirit..... Let their names be sung in the songs of our tribe.

MEDICINE-MAN: Webelos brave (name) come forward with your parents.

AKELA: I am pleased to present this Arrow of Light award to you with the help of your parents. (Akela gives award to Scout, Medicine-man gives pin to parent to pin on the Scouts left pocket, Akela gives boy small pin so he can pin it on his mother.)

AKELA: Wear this Arrow of Light with pride, you have worked hard for it. Good luck as you enter Scouting. Remember that a good Scout makes a good citizen.

(Repeat the above for each Scout receiving the award.)

ARROW OF LIGHT - CUB SCOUTING IS A CHALLENGE

Tonight we pay special tribute to (#) Webelos Scouts who have earned their Arrow of Light award.

I light the first candle to represent the Cub Scout and his parents, all three working together. The parents guiding the Scout along the trail.

The second candle symbolizes the leadership provided by others to help the Cub along his trail... his Den Chief, Den Leader, Webelos leader, Cubmaster, and committee members. Akela leads the way!

The third candle represents the Chartered Sponsor of the Cub Pack. We salute (name of chartered sponsor) for making it possible for these Scouts to have their program.

The fourth candle represents the spirit of Cub Scouting and Scouting. They are one and the same. The spirit of the entire Scouting movement is one of service, high ideals and fellowship.

The fifth candle represents fun and fellowship... the fun that Scouts, parents, and leaders have together. Fellowship with boys you might never have met except through Cub Scouting.

The sixth candle represents citizenship and the Scouting challenge. Young men learning to respect God and country and of his moral obligation to himself and his fellow man.

Cub Scouting is a challenge to all who become involved. A challenge to live up to high ideals, bring forth creative ideas and learn to express yourself. It is also learning to accept the ideas of others who may not agree with you and learning to compromise and work out differences.

The seventh candle represents achieving. The trail has been long, but parents and leaders helped the Cub Scout along the trail. They have reached the end of the trail. The arrow is, at last, aglow.

The Arrow of Light is the highest award in Cub Scouting and the only award that can be carried into Boy Scouting and its symbol worn on the uniform.

Congratulations! an award well-earned.

ARROW OF LIGHT - THE ARROW OF LIGHT COMES OUT OF THE SUN

AKELA: Medicine man, I understand there are those amongst us tonight who have earned the highest honor in our Webelos tribe. Tell me by what name is this honor called.

MEDICINE MAN: Akela, it is known by the name "Arrow of Light".

AKELA: Present the candidates to this council for proper recognition.

MEDICINE MAN: Will the following Webelos Scouts and their parents please come forward. (Read names from list).

CHIEF: Webelos Scouts, you have fulfilled all the requirements for the Arrow of Light award. This is your last step in Cub Scouting before crossing the bridge into Boy Scouts. Be proud in your accomplishments. Before you, are the burning candles representing the ranks for Cub Scouting. You will notice that there is still one candle unlit, that of the Arrow of Light. I now ask a mighty brave to light this last candle. (As a brave lights the candle, continue reading)

The arrow of Light comes out of the sun,
It shows the Cub Scout race you have run,
Good Cub Scouts and Webelos you have been,
Always Akela's true friend,
Now you'll find Scouting real fun,
As you cross the bridge into the sun.

CHIEF: May it always be said of you as a brave of our tribe of Webelos that you reach the top of any ladder of achievement set before you. You are soon to go into Boy Scouts. There to be tested again. May you ever be successful. Having been bestowed the highest honor of your Webelos tribe, will you forever "Do Your Best"?

MEDICINE MAN: I now call upon our mighty brave to shoot from his long bow the "Arrow of Light", signifying the highest honor that this tribe can bestow on one of its worthy braves. As the Arrow of Light speeds to its target, may you remember that the spirit of Cub Scouting and Boy Scouting are one and the same. The spirit of the entire scouting movement is one of service, high ideals and fellowship.

(Medicine man - Call out names one at a time as arrow goes to the target. A brave will retrieve the arrow from the target and hand it to the candidate.)

CHIEF: It is an honor for me to recognize you for having earned the Arrow of Light award and to present you with these arrows and your badge. May they remind you of the good times you have had together in our Webelos tribe.

ARROW OF LIGHT - HIS PATH IS FULLY LIT

PERSONNEL: Webelos Leader or Cubmaster, Scouts, parents.

EQUIPMENT: Arrow of Light Ceremonial board.

ARRANGEMENTS: Room is in darkness. Leader introduces Webelos Scout(s) who are receiving Arrow Of Light, and explains they have met the requirements to receive the highest award in Cub Scouting.

LEADER: The purpose of Cub Scouting is to light the way to Scouting. The first rank in Cub Scouting is Bobcat. (Turn on first light). Before becoming a Bobcat he learns the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack, knows the Cub Scout Sign, handshake, motto and salute. The rank for second grade Cub Scouts is wolf. (turn on second light) Twelve achievements are required to earn the Wolf badge. Then he works on Arrow Points until he is in the third grade. He can earn as many Arrow points as time and ambition will allow. Twelve achievements are also required for the Bear badge. (Turn on Light #3) You can see that as a boy progresses in Cub Scouting, his way becomes lighter. After receiving his Bear badge, he works on Arrow Points until he is in the fourth grade.

Now he becomes a Webelos Scout. (Turn on light #4) Webelos Scouts do not earn cloth badges. They wear the Webelos tri-colors on their sleeve and work on Activity Badges which are metal pins. Webelos is the secret name for "We'll Be Loyal Scouts" and it is the name of the Indian tribe of which Akela is Chief. The Webelos Scout is older... he can do more for himself. His parents no longer sign for his advancement... his Webelos Leader does this. He works on the Arrow of Light Award. (Turn on light #5) To receive this award, he must earn the Citizen Activity Badge and at least two more of four specific badges. (Turn on light #6)

He learns the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout Motto, Slogan, Sign, Salute and Handclasp. He learns the parts of the Scout Badge. He understands and supports the Outdoor Code. He plans and leads a flag ceremony at a pack meeting. Now he has earned the Arrow of Light Award, the highest award a Cub Scout can earn. (Turn on light #7)

Now his path has been fully lit on his way to Scouting. Now we review his path to Scouting. (All lights out) This is what his path looked like before he entered Cub Scouting. (Turn on all lights) This is what his path is like now that he has progressed through the ranks of Cub Scouting to the Arrow of Light. Goodbye Cub Scout... Hello Scout.

ARROW OF LIGHT - THE SPIRIT OF SCOUTING

PERSONNEL: Arrow of Light Award Candidates and their Parent, Webelos Den Leader, Committee Member, and Den Chiefs.

EQUIPMENT: Ceremonial board, about 18 inches square, with four candles: blue-spirit of Cub Scouting, white-spirit of scouting, yellow-Arrow of Light rank, green-Scout; Arrow of Light awards, straight pins.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: Tonight we honor the Webelos that have completed the requirements for Arrow of light Award. The arrow of light Award is the highest award that any Cub Scout can obtain. This is the only award that a Cub Scout may wear after he becomes a Boy Scout.

(Den Chiefs come forward and get their candles. Then they line up down the middle making a two rows for the families to come through.)

COMMITTEE MEMBER: This candle(white) represents the spirit of Scouting. As I light this candle may the tiny flame remind us all of our good times in the past and good times yet to come in Scouting.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: Now I will light the way for you Webelos who have fulfilled all the requirements for the Arrow of Light award.(Light the Den chiefs candles)

LEADER: Now will the following Webelos and their parents come forward to receive the Arrow of Light award.(call each name).

COMMITTEE MEMBER: Before you is a blue candle that represents the spirit of Cub Scouting-that spirit of giving goodwill and doing your best.(Lights the blue candle) Do you promise to fulfill the Cub Scout Promise and the Cub Scout motto, Do Your Best, when you receive the Scout badge? If so say, "We will".

WEBELOS: We will.

COMMITTEE MEMBER: These Webelos have faithfully promised always to keep alive the spirit of Cub Scouting. As their parents, do you also promise to continue to help your boy in his Scouting adventures? If so, say, "We will."

PARENTS: We will.

LEADER: Now, Webelos and parents, form a circle, holding hands. The yellow candle represents the Arrow of Light. I am using the flame from the spirit of Scouting to light the yellow candle. (Light the yellow candle) Remember that the spirit of Cub Scouting and Scouting are one of the same. The spirit of the entire Scouting movement is one of service, high ideals, and fellowship. Webelos, will you please repeat after me the Webelos promise: "I (name), promise to do my best....to show that a Webelo Scout.....is faithful to his Cub Scout Promise....to be a true

Webelo Scout...by joining a Boy Scout troop....and to uphold the Scout Oath and Law.....as I have upheld the Cub Scout Promise....and the Law of the Pack."

LEADER: Thank you, Webelo Scouts. And now, as parents of these Webelo Scouts, do you promise to help your son carry out the pledge he has just taken? If so, repeat after me, "We will."

PARENTS: We will.

LEADER: To you parents, I present these Arrow of Light awards your Webelo Scout sons may now wear. It is a great honor for me to greet you as winners of the Arrow of light award. (Gives each Webelos handshake). Notice that we are leaving the green candle unlighted. It represents a Boy Scout. This is to remind you Webelo Scouts of something yet to be enjoyed- a grand adventure that will open to each of you when you join the Boy Scout troop. Good luck and success to you and your family in your future Scouting career.

ARROW OF LIGHT - TRUENESS OF THE PATH

EQUIPMENT: Arrow of Light symbol, 7 - 1" candles and matches, 2 candles with protectors for boys, Arrow of Light Badges and/or pins.

Place symbol on table and light candles. Lower lights in room.

WEBELOS LEADER: Tonight we honor (name) with the presentation of his/their Arrow of Light Award(s). We ask (names) and his/their parents to come forward.

(Hand candles to each boy and have them light candles from the flame of one of the candles burning on the symbol. Boys continue to hold their candle.)

The arrow you see on the symbol represents the trueness of the path you will follow in Scouting. You have started on your journey in Scouting, and you have flown straight and true to your target. Now you must aim for a new target, remember that the 7 rays of the sun are reminders to do your best 7 days of the week. In recognition of your achievements, we now present to you the Arrow Of Light Award!

(Take candles from boys and extinguish. At same time hand them the award. Parents pin award on boy if metal pin is used.)

Congratulations boys, we hope that with the rest of the time left in our Den, you will finish the rest of your activity badges and become a good example for the rest of the Webelos in your Den to follow.

ARROW OF LIGHT - SEVEN GREAT VIRTUES OF LIFE

EQUIPMENT: Some kind of "Arrow of Light" model or symbol. Eight candle holders (7 of them could be incorporated with the "Arrow of Light" symbol.) Bow, Arrow, target. Advancement ladder or board, crossover bridge.

WEBELOS LEADER: Den Chief will you light the candle representing the rank of Webelos.

Here we should stop and think of the inner meaning of the word Webelos. It means "We'll be loyal Scouts" -- to our country, our home, and to God. Now, as we look back down our Cub Scout trail, we see how bright the pathway is. Bright because you Webelos have helped make it so. You light the pathway through Cub Scouting by doing your best and giving goodwill.

Den Chief will you please bring forward the following boys and their parents. (Name boys and parents)

WEBELOS LEADER: Webelos Scouts, the emblem you see before you represents the Arrow of Light Award. There are seven rays in the Arrow of Light. As we light the candles representing the rays, you will hear how they stand for the seven great virtues of life.

1. **WISDOM** - Wisdom does not necessarily mean superior knowledge. It means putting to the right use, the knowledge that one possesses.
2. **COURAGE** - Courage is not the quality that enables men to meet danger without fear. It is being able to meet danger in spite of one's fear.
3. **SELF-CONTROL** - Self-control isn't limited to the control of one's temper but control of one's self in all things.
4. **JUSTICE** - Justice is the practice of dealing fairly with others without prejudice or regard to race, color or creed.
5. **FAITH** - Faith is the conviction that something unproven by physical evidence is true.
6. **HOPE** - Hope means to expect with confidence. Always hope for better things to come.
7. **LOVE** - There are many kinds of love; Love of family, Love of home, Love of fellowman, Love of god, and Love of country. All these Loves are necessary for a full life.

WEBELOS LEADER: Members of Pack ____, These Cubs have been many places, seen many things. They have earned their Bobcat, Wolf, Bear and Webelos Badges. They have earned many Arrow Points, Activity pins and Sports pins. They know their Boy Scout Oath and Law. They have shown "Duty to God". They have been camping. They went together to the Boy Scout meeting and have learned about the fun and adventure that awaits them. Akela would you now please present the "Arrow of Light" Award to these Webelos.

CUBMASTER: You Webelos Scouts have fulfilled all requirements for the Arrow of Light Award. May it always be said of you, that you have reached the top of any ladder of achievement set before you. Many of you are on your way to Boy Scouting, the be tested again, may you all be successful.

CUBMASTER: (Present awards)

CUBMASTER: (Thank the parents for helping their boys earn the award.)

WEBELOS LEADER: The Webelos will now shoot the ceremonial arrow into the target representing their going forward in life, always aiming to do their best. (Shoot arrows) (Use a copy don't use their career arrow).

WEBELOS LEADER: It is an honor to me to recognize you Webelos Scouts and to present you with your career arrow. Hang it proudly to remind you of good times we had together in Pack _____.

CUBMASTER: At this time I would like to introduce Mr. _____ the Scoutmaster of Troop _____.

SCOUTMASTER: I would like to introduce the people helping me tonight. (Introduce Boy Scout Leaders and their Scouting position)

We are here tonight to welcome these Webelos Scouts into our troop. I will send two Scouts over the bridge to bring the boys and their parents into the Troop. When they reach the Boy Scout side of the bridge we will welcome them and present each Webelos his troop neckerchief.

(Send escorts over the bridge)

CUBMASTER: As I call out the names, will the Webelos leader please remove their Webelos scarf symbolizing that the boy has reached the end of the Cub Scout trail.

(Read name of the next boy as the escorts approach the Cub side of the bridge)

SCOUTMASTER: (After all boys and parents have crossed over have SPL lead the Troop in the Scout Oath and Law.

ARROW OF LIGHT - WHEN AKELA WAS A CUB SCOUT

CUBMASTER: Tonight we are recognizing _____ Webelos Scouts from our pack who have earned the Arrow of Light award, the highest in Cub Scouting. They bring honor not only to themselves but to our pack as well. Let's go back and review the Cub Scout trail over which these boys have traveled. Will the Arrow of Light candidates please come forward?

When these Webelos first joined our pack, they learned the meaning of the Cub Scout colors. Blue stands for truth and spirituality, steadfast loyalty, and the sky above. (Light blue candle). Gold stands for warm sunlight, good cheer, and happiness. (Light gold candle) When the two are joined together only then do we have the Spirit of Scouting. (Light white candle from both blue and gold) We all know that the Cub Scout advancement follows the life story of Akela, an Indian brave of the mythical Webelos tribe. As we follow the Cub Scout trail, we follow in the footsteps of Akela and, like Akela, Learn many things so that someday we, too, may become brave Scouts. The first thing that Akela had to learn was the Law of the Pack. (Light first red candle to audience left with white candle.)

When Akela was of Bobcat age, he was taken on short trips into the forest by his father. Here among the great trees and streams he became acquainted with the animals. From the Wolf he learned the Language of the ground, the tracks, and the ways to food. Much the same as Akela, our Cub Scouts worked and Learned and received the rank of Wolf. (Light 2nd red candle).

Later, Akela learned from the big kindly bear the secret names of trees and from other friends, the calls of birds and the language of the air. Just as Akela learned new things that required a little more skill, so too, do our Cub Scouts earn their Bear badges. (Light 3rd red candle). From his father, Arrow of Light, Akela learned the speech and calls of the Webelos tribe. After Akela had learned the ways of the Wolf and the Bear, he was admitted into the lower ranks of the young braves. Thus, he became a Webelos Scout. He had to work very hard to keep up with the young braves because they were very skillful and there were many new areas of learning. So, too did our Webelos learn new skills. But, most important, they began to learn more about the ways of the Scout. Only after passing the required achievements did they earn their Webelos Badge.... Here we should stop and think of the inner meaning of the word Webelos. It means "We'll be loyal Scouts". Loyal to our country, our home, and to God. (Light 3 white candles - 1 for each preceding loyalty). Now, as we look back down our Cub Scout trail, we see how bright the pathway is, Bright because you Cub Scouts have helped make it so. You light the pathway through Cub Scouting by doing your best, and giving good will.

The ultimate dream of Akela, to become a brave Scout, was very close now but there were many tests to be passed and he worked even harder than before to achieve that dream. Our Webelos, too, worked very hard. They began to learn the laws of the Scouts, some of their skills, and participated in many of their activities. They have reached the end of the Cub Scout trail and have found that it is not an end at all, but only a beginning leading onward and upward to the great brotherhood of Scouting, a new adventure. (Light 4th red candle).

The Arrow of Light has a special meaning. It is a sun over an arrow with seven rays - one for each day of the week. They remind you to do your best every day as you follow the arrow that

leads to Scouting. By earning and wearing the Arrow of Light award, you show Cubs and Scouts that you are ready to be a Scout. Because your parents have helped you along the path, they deserve your thanks for their help. As I call your name, will you please step forward, with your parents, so we can present you with your award.....

ARROW OF LIGHT - WHEN YOU FIRST BECAME A CUB SCOUT

Cubmaster asks Cub Scouts who have completed their Webelos requirements to come forward with their parents. The boys stand facing the audience, their parents stand directly behind them. Now the lights are dimmed and a large Webelos emblem is illuminated. (This one might consist of a light bulb mounted in a wooden box with a cut-out of the Arrow of Light emblem on the front of it. White tissue paper covers the cut out portion on the inside.)

CUBMASTER: You have reached the highest rank on cubbing and will soon be 11 years of age. You have visited the Boy Scout troop of your choice and talked with the Scoutmaster. When you first became a Cub Scout, you learned that the inner meaning of Webelos was "We'll be Loyal... loyal to home, loyal to country, loyal to God. We'll be Loyal Scouts.

It is through these three ranks, Bobcat, Wolf, and Bear that you have progressed as a Cub Scout, and it is into Scouting that you are now about to enter.

You were guided in your progress through these ranks by the Arrow Of Light... (Cubmaster points to it). Let this Arrow of Light continue to light your way as you move onward and upward along the Scouting trail.

It is now my pleasure to present to you the Arrow of Light, which you may wear on your Cub Scout uniform now and your Boy Scout uniform later. Because your fathers and mothers came through the ranks of Cub Scouting with you, I shall present the badge to them and ask them, in turn, to present the badge to you. (pause while this is carried out).

First, may I congratulate all of you for the fine work you have done in Cub Scouting, and extend the best wishes of the entire Pack to you and your parents for good luck along the Scouting trail.