

# CEREMONIES

## **BECAUSE OF MY SON**

Because of my son , I have a job to do.  
I became a Scouter, tried and true.  
I understand boys better, because of my son.  
It happened through Scouting....Gee, what fun.  
"Tis endless, the pleasures gained from Scouting.  
Because of my son, I attended each meeting and outing.  
Because of my son, I've gained friends beyond measure.  
"Tis indeed blessed to hold such a treasure!  
Hours that were idle, now are filled to the brim;  
Because of my son, I enjoy life with him!  
Because of my son, I've a new way of life.  
I recommend Scouting for each husband and wife.  
Don't spend your time doing nothing at all,  
Because of your son, heed the Scouting call.

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### TIPS FOR IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES

1. Present them in a dignified atmosphere.
2. Make sure that they are well rehearsed.
3. Do the ceremony like you mean it! Don't just read it.
4. Use props and costumes when necessary and keep them simple.
5. Make people to be recognized the center of attention. Have them face the audience.
6. Make sure everyone can see and hear, since the ceremony has a message for them, too.
7. Use symbolism; it appeals to the imagination.
8. Include plenty of action.

### RESOURCES

Here is a list of just some of the resources the Scouter can use to plan ceremonies and special events:

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|------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1. Staging Pack and Den Ceremonies | BSA         |
| 2. Cub Scout Songbook              | BSA         |
| 3. Group Meeting Sparklers         | BSA         |
| 4. Creative Campfires              | BSA         |
| 5. Program Helps                   | BSA         |
| 6. Cub Scout Activities            | BSA         |
| 7. Cub Scout Leader How-To Book    | BSA         |
| 8. Den Chief's Handbook            | BSA         |
| 9. Pow Wow Books                   | BSA Council |

Check with your past and present Cubmasters, Den Leaders and Committee Persons to see what type of resource books your Pack has compiled. You may also want to check with other Packs in your city for reference books. You will be surprised to learn what other leaders have collected over the years!

### TEN POINTS TO A CEREMONY

1. **IMAGINATION**  
Indians, spacemen, cowboys, etc.
2. **IMPROVISATION FROM ODD MATERIALS (FLAMEPROOF)**
  - A. **EASILY PORTABLE**
    - a. Hinged
    - b. Collapsible
    - c. Folding
  - B. **GOOD VISUAL QUALITIES**
    - a. Size
    - b. Color
    - c. Good mechanical order
  - C. **EASILY MADE PROPS**
    - a. Easy storage

- b. Disposable
    - c. Easily changed or re-designed
    - d. Readily available materials
    - e. Inexpensive
  - D. **LIGHTING**
    - a. Reflectors - tin containers
    - b. Spots
    - c. Fires
- 3. **PARTICIPATION (Action: Boy-Parent-Audience)**
  - A. "Lines" should be short and simple
  - B. In Child's language
  - C. Reading
    - a. Use small flashlight
    - b. Post on back of ceremony board
    - c. Use fan, sign, or other "prop" to hide script card
    - d. Use 3x5 or 5x7 cards
- 4. **COORDINATION BETWEEN PARENTS AND LEADERS**
  - A. Explain participation by audience
  - B. Master of Ceremonies
  - C. Written instructions when necessary
- 5. **SYMBOLISM**
  - A. Slogan
  - B. Oath
  - C. Akela (Indian)
  - D. Handclasp
  - E. Salute
  - F. Ranks (Bobcat, Wolf, Bear or Webelos)
- 6. **DIGNITY**
  - A. Simplicity of language and production
  - B. Sense of belonging
  - C. Avoid comic situations
  - D. Make it flow
  - E. Keep it interesting
- 7. **DELEGATE RESPONSIBILITY**
  - A. Rehearsals
  - B. Costumes
  - C. Props and lighting
  - D. Schedules (Timing of program)
  - E. Scripts
  - F. Cues



**8. IDEALS**

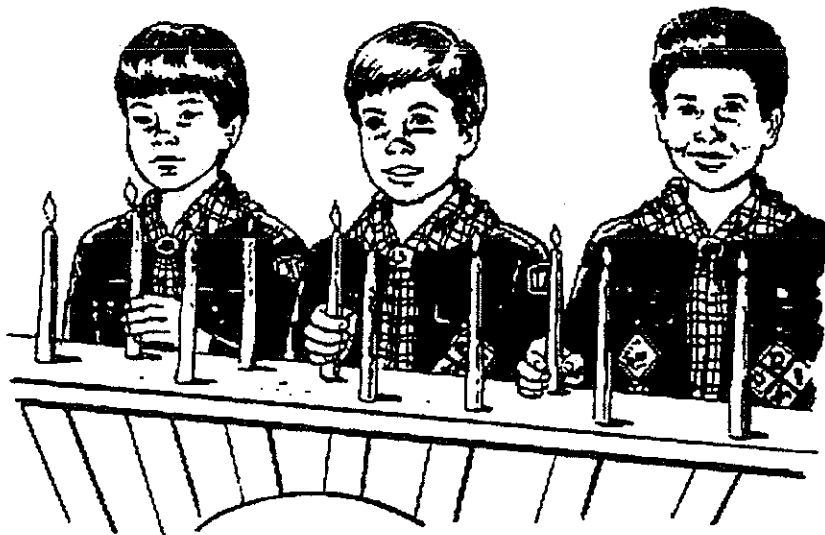
- A. Promise
- B. Law
- C. Oath
- D. Citizenship
- E. Character
- F. Physical Fitness

**9. MOODS**

- A. Be serious
- B. Command silence
- C. Command respect

**10. INSPIRATION**

- A. Leave a good impression
- B. Stress Achievements
- C. Motivate others by doing and acknowledging achievement



**CEREMONY WORKSHEET**

PLACE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

INVITATIONS TO PARENTS: YES NO

TITLE/THEME OF CEREMONY: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

RECOGNITIONS/BADGES TO BE GIVEN OUT: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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EQUIPMENT/PROPS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

ATMOSPHERE/STAGING: \_\_\_\_\_

(candlelight/campfires/music, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

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MASTER OF CEREMONIES: \_\_\_\_\_

OTHER SPEAKERS: \_\_\_\_\_

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MISCELLANEOUS: \_\_\_\_\_

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## MISCELLANEOUS CEREMONIES

### 1. ADULT RECOGNITION

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster or Committee Chairman

EQUIPMENT: "Thank you" certificates or small token gifts.

SPEAKER: Tonight we would like to recognize some adults who have given their time and effort so that our boys' program could be stronger.

(Introduce those to be recognized and give their contribution.)

I would like to read a poem which tells of service to Scouting:

#### **THE SCOUTER**

He hasn't much in worldly goods,  
Yet he's richer than you know,  
For he's chosen to be a Scouter  
And his spirits are all aglow.

He's just a Scouter, nothing more,  
But he molds the lives of boys.  
He teaches them how to do their best,  
And he shares their many joys.

They work on badges, go on hikes,  
Share campfires in the night.  
They practice skills and follow laws,  
And learn to do things right.

He watches them grow from boys to men,  
And it makes it all worth while,  
When they turn to him and say, "GEE THANKS"  
And their face wears a golden smile.

### 2. DEN LEADER INDUCTION

SETTING: Committee Chairman and Cubmaster stand behind table in front of room. On table is a lighted candle and a copy of the Den Leader's Book for each person.

CHAIRMAN: The den leader occupies a unique and essential place in Cub Scouting. Den leaders fill a particular need for boys of Cub Scout age and perform a fundamental service which no one else can give. They therefore, become indispensable leaders in our scheme of pack operation.

The following den leaders have been selected by our pack committee: (Read names of leaders and den numbers) Would you please come forward? Now I will read the Den Leader's Promise to you. Will you please answer "I will" after each promise:

Will you promise to:

- Show interest and concern for all boys in your den.
- Take advantage of all training opportunities.
- Be responsible for the organization and operation of your den.
- Lead the den chief, helping him learn to lead the activities of your den.
- Attend monthly pack leader's meeting (or den leader coach/den leader meetings); monthly pack meetings and monthly distinct roundtable.
- Work with the parents of your Cub Scouts (and/or Webelos Scouts) so they will have an opportunity to share in the fun of Cub Scouting.
- Observe the policies of your chartered organization, of the (name) Council, and of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Keep your den in operation 12 months a year.

CUBMASTER: Wearing the den leader's uniform not only identifies you as a very important member of the Boy Scouts of America, the largest boys' organization of its kind in the world, but it also sets a good example for the boys in your den.

We would like to welcome you as new leaders in our pack, and present you with copies of the Den leader's handbook. Congratulations and good Cub Scouting!

### **3. EXPLAINING THE RANKS**

Need: 11X14 cards picturing the rank badges. Tape these little explanations of rank on the back of the appropriate card. 5 Cubs represent each rank.

Have the 5 Cubs come forward, hold up the cards for the audience to see as they read the explanation on the back.

#### **BOBCAT:**

I had to make some promises,  
To become a bobcat Scout.  
To Follow, help, and give goodwill,  
That's what Cub Scouting's all about.

#### **WOLF:**

The back and front rolls were easy,  
Making games was fun.  
But when it came to giving directions,  
I almost didn't get done.

I had to earn the Wolf badge,  
It meant a lot to me.  
Finally I learned my directions,  
And a Wolf Cub Scout I would be.

#### **BEAR:**

I never wrote a letter before,  
Let alone a 100 word essay.  
Or ever learned to throw a rope,  
To hit a marker 20 feet away.



And now that I've earned the Bear badge,  
All that and a whole lot more.  
Makes me feel that much smarter,  
Than I ever felt before.

**WEBELOS:**

Now that I'm a 9 year old,  
I belong to a Webelos den.  
Activity badges I'll try to earn,  
Like Athlete, Forester, and Outdoorsman.

**ARROW OF LIGHT:**

The Oath and Law are memorized,  
Graduation day is in sight.  
I am prepared for what's ahead,  
I've earned the Arrow of Light!

It's hard to say goodbye to friends.  
Cub Scouting's meant a lot to me,  
But it's time I start the upward trail,  
For it's an Eagle Scout I want to be.

**CUBMASTER:**

Now that we have had the ranks explained, we would like to recognize those boys in our Pack who have earned those ranks.

(At this time you will have the advancing boys come forward with their parents and award the badges.)

**4. INDUCTION INTO CUB SCOUTING - BOBCAT BADGE - AKELA'S SCALE**

**PERSONNEL:** Cubmaster, Den Chief, Den Leader, Bobcat candidates and parents.

**EQUIPMENT:** Ceremonial Board consisting of arrow with three candles on a balance, Bobcat pins and advancement certificates.

**CUBMASTER:** Will the candidates and their parents please come forward and face the pack. (They do so.) You boys and your parents have come to be inducted into our Cub Scout family as members of Pack \_\_\_\_\_. You are ready to start your adventure along Akela's trail, together with your friends and their parents."

Here is the arrow (points to ceremonial board) that points the way along the trail. The awards you can earn along the trail are: the Wolf, the Bear, the Webelos and the Arrow of Light awards. The parts of the Cub Scout program that cannot be seen are the value of things you will learn and the good times you will have.

This is the scale of Akela. Both the parents and the Cub Scouts are important to keep the scale in balance.

(To Den Chief): (Name), will you light the candle representing the Cub Scouts. (Candle on feather)

(To Den Leader): (Name), will you light the candle for the parents. (Points to the candle on the arrow point.)

If the boy does not do his part, the scale is out of balance and the program goes downhill. (Removes candle representing boys, then replaces it.) On the other hand, if the parents part is taken away, the scale is out of balance in the other direction and the Cub Scout loses his way along Akela's trail. (Removes candle representing parents, then replaces it.)

So, you see, to keep the Cub Scout program in perfect balance, both Cub Scouts and parents must take part in the activities by coming to all meetings, following the leaders, and advancing from point to point along Akela's trail.

Now, boys, give the Cub Scout sign, and repeat the Cub Scout Promise with me. (They repeat Cub Scout Promise.)

And, parents, will you please repeat the Cub Scout Parent Promise: We, as parents, will do our best...to aid and assist our son... in his Cub Scout activities. We will encourage him with enthusiasm... criticize him with fairness... and judge him with lenience. And, realizing that the Cub Scout program... is one of equal participation for boys and parents... we will assist as we are able... in serving as leaders, advisors or workers.

#### **5. TIGER CUB MANY MOONS AGO CEREMONY**

Many moons ago in a jungle far across the ocean, a small Man-Cub, lost and alone, crawled into the cave of a Wolf family. The wolves wanted to keep this small Man-Cub and rear him as one of their own, but they knew they must first have approval of the entire pack.

When the pack held their meeting at the council rock and the father Wolf asked permission to keep the Man-Cub, it was the Tiger, Shere Khan, who roared his disapproval. He didn't want to share with a Man-Cub. But the Bear, the panther, and all the wolves of the pack spoke in favor of this small Man-Cub, Mowgli; and he was allowed to enter the pack and learn the Law of the Pack.

Tonight, many moons later, the descendants of Shere Khan have learned the fun of sharing. Tonight we have a group of Tiger Cubs who have been working hard since last winter, earning the right to move up in the pack. They have been busy searching, discovering, and sharing new skills and experiences.

Who are these Tigers? Who will speak for these Tigers? Who will pronounce them worthy?

(One by one - parents introduce their sons and pronounce them worthy).

Cubmaster asks the pack: How says the pack? (Pack should roar approval.)

Cubmaster administer Cub Scout Promise to the boys, and Parents Promise to adults.

This lends itself to an outdoors ceremony, with a campfire; but it can be equally effective indoors in a darkened room with an artificial council fire, flashlights, etc. Leaders should be wearing Indian regalia.

Parents Promise:

We, the parents of a Cub Scout

Promise to help our boy

To become a better citizen

By helping him to live up to the Scouting ideals

And by helping him with his Cubbing achievements.

## **6. HOW TO GROW A CUB SCOUT GARDEN**

As a leader reads the narration, five Cub Scouts enter in turn, carrying posters showing peas, lettuce, squash, turnips, and garden tools.

NARRATOR: Here is how to plant one of those thriving, productive Cub Scout gardens that every parent wants his son to grow up in.

First, plant five rows of Peas:

1. Preparedness
2. Promptness
3. Perseverance
4. Politeness
5. Praise

Then plant five rows of Lettuce:

1. Let us be faithful
2. Let us be unselfish
3. Let us be loyal
4. Let us be truthful
5. Let us help one another

Next to them, plant three rows of Squash:

1. Squash impatience
2. Squash criticism
3. Squash indifference

No garden is complete without Turnips:

1. Turn up for pack meetings
2. Turn up with new ideas
3. Turn up with determination

But without many hours of work and care, no garden can grow, so...

1. Don't wait to be asked, volunteer!
2. Don't say, "I can't do it!" Do it!
3. Don't wait for someone else - Be first!

Without the help of every boy and parent in our pack, our Cub Scout garden will turn to weeds. So help us build the background, work the soil, pull the weeds, and spread the sunshine so that in the garden of our pack, we can say, "We have done our best".

**7. TIGER CUB GRADUATION INTO A WOLF DEN**

**PERSONNEL:** Cubmaster

**EQUIPMENT:** Bobcat badges and safety pins

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

**CUBMASTER:** It is a great pleasure for all of us to graduate you Tiger Cubs into the Wolf den of our pack. In Tiger Cubs the motto is "Search, Discover, Share" and you have been doing a lot of that this past year. You'll be doing even more during the coming year because in Cub Scouting we search, discover, and share. As you enter the Cub Scout den you have already completed the requirements for your Bobcat rank. For your graduation into the den, please repeat the Cub Scout Promise. (Leads Promise.) Now that each of you is a member of Den (number), I am proud to present you the Bobcat badge which you have earned. (Handout badges to parents, ask them to pin them on the boy's shirt pocket.) As new Bobcats in this pack, you are at the beginning of new adventures along the Cub Scout Trail. Enjoy your experiences as you continue to search, discover and share.

**8. BRANDING OF THE TIGER CUBS**

**EQUIPMENT:** Fake council fire, 1/4" dowel rod cut in two (one per boy plus one), 1 Bobcat stamp, Blue cloth or paper for fake water, Certificate, pin, patch, Tiger make-up or mask, 1 Arrow head per boy, 3 feathers per boy - red, yellow, and blue, fake stepping stones for steps in water.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Lights off. Council fire on, Semicircle sitting with Tiger Cubs on the floor and parents seated behind them. Council fire in center. At the open end, place fake water on floor and steps on top. Be sure to place steps so some difficulty is encountered while crossing water so it's a real challenge. Put stamp and rod taped together and in fire. Arrow heads, remaining rods, and feathers at waters edge. Certificate, pin, and Tiger patch at Shere Kahn position.

**CHARACTERS:** Cubmaster or Tribal Chief, Tiger or Shere Kahn, Den Chief or Ceremonial Brave.

**TRIBAL CHIEF:** (Chief is setting at fire, when all is quiet he stands.) "Tonight, we have gathered to honor our young braves. Let us call forth....

**SHERE KAHN:** (Interrupts loudly.) I Shere Kahn wish to test these braves before honor is given them! I call forth the man cubs called Tigers!

(Tiger Cubs and adults go to Shere Kahn and stand before him.)

What is the motto of the Tiger Cubs. Have you obeyed the Promise of the Tiger Cub? Tigers, this is the emblem of your first rank in Scouting, wear it proudly. (Patch) Adult Tiger, this is the symbol of your deeds in preparing these Tigers for their next adventure in Cubing. (Pin) So all may know that you have done well, here is the writing to prove your efforts. (certificate) Go now, I wish no more to see you. You must walk the water of evil. Be weary if its quickness and smooth appearance, for it can fool you.

**CEREMONIAL BRAVE:** (Brave is at the end of the water. he greets them. He takes them to a spot where he has the makings of the arrows and says,) The arrowhead breaks the wind. The stick, if straight, will guide the arrows path. The feathers gives balance and distance. Take these and make your arrow of life. Learn of its true nature and be a good Scout.

(He then takes the Tigers to the council fire, the adults are asked to take their seats and the boys are asked to sit on either side of the Tribal Chief.)

TRIBAL CHIEF: Tonight, we honor these Cub Scouts, for they have completed the challenge of the Tigers. So all may know that they are not of the tribe we will place our mark upon their foreheads. This symbol is the Bobcat, your first rank in this tribe. (Chief stamps each Tiger, as each boy is "branded" the Cub pack hisses, the Chief calls them Bobcats of Den(#), and introduces them to their Den Leader.

#### **9. IF YOUR FATHER WERE AN INDIAN CHIEF**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**10. WOLVES TO BEARS - THE SECOND GREAT STEP ALONG THE CUBBING TRAIL**

Characters: Cubmaster, Den Chiefs, Advancing Cubs and parents, Den Leaders

CUBMASTER: Will the den chief who has Cubs ready to receive their Bear please come forward. (This is all arranged in advance). Now, will you please give the names of the advancing Cubs from your Den and bring them forward.

(Den Chief announce names and take boy to Cubmaster at front).

CUBMASTER: Cubs, we are happy to see that you have made the second great step along the Cubbing trail. You have completed the Bear Achievements, and you have proved yourselves worthy of membership in our Pack. The advancing Cubs will face their fellow Cubs and parents step forward two paces. Cubs, I'm going to ask Den Chief to lead your in a cheer for these new members of our Bear rank.

(Den Chief leads cheer and advancing Cubs return to their places in line but remain facing audience.)

CUBMASTER: Now, Den Chief, I understand the parents of these Cubs are present tonight, and I'm going to ask you please to bring them forward. (Den Chief brings parents to Cubmaster and places them so that each Cub is standing between his mother and father.)

CUBMASTER: These Cubs have done a splendid job in our Pack. They have climbed the Cubbing ladder well. But this could not have been possible had not interested parents helped. These Cubs have passed their achievements to their parents. Now I'm going to ask just the parents in the audience to stand and give these fine boys a hand. (Cubs in audience remain seated, but all parents stand and applaud).

CUBMASTER: There are other people in addition to this fine Den Chief who have contributed to the advancement of these Cubs. I'm going to ask each advancing Cub to call out the name of this Den Leader: and as their names are called, I'd like them to stand while we all sing "They're Jolly Good Fellows".

CUBMASTER: And now we are ready to award the Bear badges to these Cubs. As Cubmaster, I do not claim the privilege of presenting the badge. I'm going to present the badge to each parent and allow them to present it to their son. (Present badges to their sons and congratulate them.)

**11. AKELA'S BEARS**

EQUIPMENT: Orange candle and advancement board

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Den Chief, Bear candidates, their parents

(Den Chief escorts candidates and their parents; may light candle)

CUBMASTER: Will Den Chief(s) \_\_\_\_\_ bring forward the following Cub Scouts and their parents: (Name boys)

From the kindly bear, Akela learned the secret name of the trees, the call of the birds, and the language of the air. Just as Akela learned things that required a little more skill, so have these Cub Scouts, as they have achieved the Bear rank.

Just as Akela's parents helped him to accept a little more responsibility as he grew older, so have your parents helped you to achieve your new rank as a Bear Cub Scout.

You too, have proved yourself worthy of being called braves in Akela's tribe. I hope you will continue to be worthy Scouts and to advance to our Webelos den some day.

(Hands badges to parents as Den Chief lights orange candle.)

Parents, we appreciate the help you have given your sons toward earning this badge. Among other things, Scouting teaches teamwork. Continue to work with them and it will pay big dividends. We now ask that you present these badges to your son(s).

## **12. BEAR TO WEBELOS WITH NECKERCHIEFS**

**EQUIPMENT:** Spirit of Scouting candle and holder, badges, colors and neckerchiefs.

**PERSONNEL:** Cubmaster, Webelos den and den leader, den chief.

Webelos den leader, Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, will you and the den please come forward and join me on stage. Tonight we have (number) Bear Cub Scouts who have entered the fourth grade and are joining our Webelos den. Den Chief, \_\_\_\_\_, escort Bear Cub Scouts, \_\_\_\_\_, and their parents to our awards table please. (Cubs' names) you have shown yourselves worthy of joining our Webelos den by working hard through the ranks of Wolf and Bear. We would now like to present to you the new parts of your Cub Scout uniform. (Webelos den leader presents parts as they are explained.) Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, please remove their neckerchiefs and replace them with the Webelos neckerchief. Next, place the Webelos badge of colors on their right shoulder. These colors will tell everyone that you are an older boy preparing for the adventures of Boy Scouting. The badge of colors will hold the activity badges that you earn as you explore some of the 20 Webelos activities with your den. Mr. & Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, you have helped your sons along the Cub Scout trail this far. It is important that you continue to go along with your sons and learn about the Boy Scout trail in his Webelos den. We know that we will soon have the pleasure of seeing you present your son with activity badges, the Webelos badge, and finally, the Arrow of Light award, the highest in Cub Scouting. Congratulations \_\_\_\_\_, & \_\_\_\_\_, and remember to keep the spirit alive in all that you do.

We have a very active Webelos den. Since our last meeting, every one of our Webelos has earned a new activity badge. As I call your names, would each boy and his parents please come forward. (Call all Webelos)

Each boy, in order to earn his Webelos badge, must earn three activity badges, be an active member of the Webelos den for three months, know and understand the requirements to be a Boy Scout, know the parts of and meaning of the Webelos uniform, and lead a flag ceremony in his den. We have (number) Webelos Scouts that have earned their badges this month. Would and their parents please come forward. (List activity each boy has earned to qualify for badge, and present to parents to pin on his chest.) Congratulations to all of you, and keep up the good work.

Pack, how about a cheer for the Webelos, their parents, and especially for Mr. \_\_\_\_\_, their leader.

**13. FAMILY PARTICIPATION IN THE BEAR RANK**

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

PERSONNEL: Cubmaster, Scouts, parents and Den Chief

EQUIPMENT: Bear Badge, certificate, straight pins

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

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

**14. WEBELOS BROKEN ARROW ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY**

Call Webelos candidates and their parents to the front.

As Cubs, you have passed many tests and feats of skill. You have mastered the Bobcat, the Wolf and the Bear. Now you seek entry into a Den of Webelos. To be a Webelos you must be brave and strong, for you will be required to meet tests far more difficult than any which you have performed up to now. To gain entry into Webelos, you must now pass a test to show that you are ready for this difficult trail.

(Get Arrow.)

I hold in my hands an arrow. I will strike you with the arrow. If the arrow breaks, you will be received into the Webelos Den. But if the arrow does not break, you must return to your old den.

(Break arrow.)

The arrow has broken, you may enter the Webelos Den. But first, to the parents I present the point of the arrow. This is a symbol that, as parents, you must lead and point the way as your son travels the Scouting trail, and the trail of life.

To the boys, I present the feathered end of the arrow. This shows that as a son you must follow your parents and leaders to be successful and for your family to be a complete unit.

For no arrow can fly true and arrive at its mark without both the point and the feathers doing their part.

NOTE: The arrow should be partially cut through so that it will break easily.



### 15. CROSSING OVER TO SCOUTING

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

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

(Call each boys name off.)

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

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

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

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

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

(Cubmaster is calling over to the Scoutmaster.)

CUBMASTER: Hello, Boy Scouts of Troop \_\_\_\_.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **16. WEBELOS INDUCTION WITH THE FOUR WINDS**

PERSONNEL: Webelos candidates, their parents, 4 adults (1 in each corner of the room), Cubmaster, Webelos leader, someone to operate the lights.

EQUIPMENT: 5 candles, Webelos neckerchiefs, slides, & colors.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have Cub Scouts that are ready to join a Webelos Den.  
Will the following boys please come forward: \_\_\_\_\_.

(Light candle on table in front of Webelos and turn out lights)

The winds can be both friend and foe to man. The winds can bring storm and destruction as well as the rain clouds that provide moisture and then blows them away so the sun may warm our land and home. Tonight the winds bring us messages of good will. Let's listen to their message.

NORTH WIND: I am the North Wind. People say I am cold, but to you I will always bring the warmest of winds because you have been a true blue Cub Scout while in Pack and have lived up to the Law of the Pack.

SOUTH WIND: I am the South Wind. I wish you good Scouting. Over hill and dale. I have carried stories of you and your Cub Scouting experiences. As a Cub Scout you have been happy, game, and fair... a credit to your Den and Pack.

EAST WIND: I am the East Wind. I wish you well, I have spread the story of our fun and happiness as Bobcats, Wolves, and Bears in Cub Scouting in Pack \_\_\_\_ and how you lived up to the Cub Scout Promise and helped other people.

WEST WIND: I am the West Wind. I would like everyone to know that these Cub Scouts going into Webelos did not walk the trail of Cub Scouting alone. Each had the wonderful help of his parents or guardian. Parents, please continue to help your Cub Scout to go and grow.

CUBMASTER: What are all the winds trying to say?

ALL WINDS: (in unison) We will be with you forever. We wish you the best of luck on the Webelos trail.

WEBELOS LEADER: The purpose of the Webelos Den is to help the boys earn Cub Scouting's highest award, the Arrow of Light. It also helps prepare them to go into Scouting when they leave 5th grade. The Webelos Dens meet in the evening. Sometimes we have meetings or go on trips on Saturdays. As you noticed in the Webelos Handbook, we work on 20 Activity badge areas. We will also visit Boy Scout Troops to help the boys who are about to graduate decide which Troop they want to join. You parents, will be called upon to assist in our activities from time to time.

CUBMASTER: Will the mothers now pin the Webelos colors on the right sleeve of your son's uniform shirt?

Will the Scouts please remove their Cub Scout neckerchiefs?

Will the fathers please place the Webelos neckerchief on the boys? (say boys names) will be a member of Webelos Den \_\_\_, led by Mr. \_\_\_, Please come forward and welcome these new Webelos Cub Scouts and their parents into their den?

Congratulations! I hope you will have a rewarding and memorable journey along the Webelos Trail.

### 1997 MONTHLY THEMES

JANUARY	FAMILY SHOWTIME
FEBRUARY	THE STORY OF THE BLUE AND GOLD
MARCH	WEATHER OBSERVATIONS
APRIL	CUB SCOUT BIRD WATCHERS
MAY	REINVENTING THE WHEEL (PINWOOD DERBY)
JUNE	OUTDOOR ADVENTURE
JULY	TOMORROW'S WORLD
AUGUST	AGE OF DINOSAURS
SEPTEMBER	OUR TOWN, U.S.A.
OCTOBER	FIRE! FIRE!
NOVEMBER	FAMILY CIRCLE
DECEMBER	THE GOLDEN RULE

The following opening and closing ceremonies may be of some help to you as you plan your monthly pack meetings. They have been arranged around the monthly themes for 1997.

## JANUARY - FAMILY SHOWTIME

### OPENING - CUB MAGIC

PERSONNEL: 8 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: Eight Cards spelling C-U-B-M-A-G-I-C.

Setting: Cubs stand in line holding cards to turn over before reading their part.

- CUB #1: C - is for comradeship, we learn to get along.
- CUB #2: U - is for unity, together we are strong.
- CUB #3: B - is for boys, wild and wooly but always polite.
- CUB #4: M - is for merits, which we always have in sight.
- CUB #5: A - is for adventure, what we're always looking for.
- CUB #6: G - is for growth, to open every door.
- CUB #7: I - is for integrity, for all the world to see.
- CUB #8: C - is for Cub Scout, which we are all glad to be.

### OPENING - SHOW TIME

TV ANNOUNCER: (with microphone) Welcome ladies and gentlemen, boys, and girls, to one or the greatest family entertainment nights of the year. This is Show Biz Pack meeting night!

SIGN HOLDER: Cub holding card saying "applause" walks past the front row of seats showing his can. He can be wearing ear phones as if he is getting orders from a control booth.

TV ANNOUNCER: We have for you a preview of tonight's attractions. Tonight for your pleasure we will have songs!

SINGERS: Small group of wildly dressed Cubs with instruments can come in singing words of a pop song.

SIGN HOLDER: He follows close behind with a sign that says 'yea'.

TV ANNOUNCER: We have for you games!

ATHLETES: A small group of Cubs come in dressed in team uniforms with balls and giving each other pep talks, sign holder; He follows close behind with a Sign saying "HOORAY."

TV ANNOUNCER: Of course we will have a little business to discuss.

SIGN HOLDER: Comes close to announcer with a sign that says "BOO".

TV ANNOUNCER: And we will have a lot of fun!

SIGN HOLDER: Comes close to announcer with a sign, that says "OH BOY".

TV ANNOUNCER: But before we get on with the show, lets all rise and say the Pledge of allegiance to the Flag.

TV ANNOUNCER: (Like introducing Johnny Carson- swing a pretend golf club) Now hee--aarrs the Cubmaster.

SIGN HOLDER: Shows the "applause" sign again.

### CLOSING - THE GREATEST SHOW

CUBMASTER: Ladies and gentlemen, you have just witnessed the greatest of all shows in the world today. the Circus is for children of all ages, for eight to eighty. For your pleasure, we have presented the most wonderful and remarkable living animals, daring feats of skill and intelligence, a stupendous performance unlike and you have ever seen before. We will ask you to remain in your seats while the wild animals leave. That's all of our show. Good night folks.

**FEBRUARY - THE STORY OF THE BLUE AND GOLD**

**OPENING - BLUE AND GOLD LETTERS**

Print large block letters on 8x10 sheets of white cardboard. The word "BLUE" in blue color and in back, "GOLD" in gold

or red. These may be enhanced by adding silver stars to the letters. Printing script on back of cards cuts memorization to a minimum.

B is for Boys-Bobcats, Wolves, Bears and Webelos.

L is for Leader-The Cubmaster who guides us.

U is for Understanding-We learn to help others.

E is for Excellence-We try to "Do Our Best."

A is for Anniversary-Cubbing's 59th.

N is for Neighborhood-Where Cub Dens meet each week.

D is for Den Chiefs-Scouts who help us in many ways.

G is for Goals-For which Cubbing stands.

O is for Opportunities-For boys to learn and do.

L is for Liberty-in the years to come.

D is for Den Leaders-Who love us and help us.

**OPENING - BLUE & GOLD WELCOME "LOUD AND BOLD"**

PERSONNEL: 8 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: None

SETTING: Boys up front

CUB #1: We'd truly like to welcome you, to our banquet of gold and blue.

CUB #2: The food is great, the program grand, and everyone lent a hand.

CUB #3: We're having a party, to celebrate Cub Scouting's birthday.

CUB #4: And we give our thanks to all those who, have helped promote the gold and blue.

CUB #5: Blue and gold are our colors true, no other colors would really do.

CUB #6: Blue is the color of the sky above, gold is for sunshine, warmth and love.

CUB #7: Come join us in our Cub Scout fun, and delight in our colors of sky and sun.

CUB #8: So now we'll say it loud and bold, welcome to our Blue and Gold!

**CLOSING - BLUE & GOLD BOYPOWER**

Have a small birthday candle at each Cub Scout table setting and have larger candles on all tables. At the proper time, the Cubmaster announces that each Webelos Scout should come forward and receive a lighted candle to take to his table. After he reaches his table all other lights are turned off.

CUBMASTER: America's Manpower begins with Boypower. As we light all our candles, you can see the room is growing brighter (Cubs light their candles). That is the way it is in Cub Scouting in our community as we increase our Boypower. One Cub Scout may not be very big, but as our members grow we can light up all our homes and make everyone aware of our Cub Scout spirit. Let's make Cub Scouting really shine with Boypower (lights come on and candles are blown outs.) Do your best.

Cub Scouts responds

We'll do our best!

**MARCH - WEATHER OBSERVATIONS**

**OPENING - WEATHER**

Props: 7 large cards printed large enough so it is easily readable for the Cub Scout

W--Wooly clouds in the sky  
Will bring rain drops by and by

E--Evening red and morning gray  
Send the traveler on his way

A--A sunny shower  
Won't last an hour

T--To the surface, quick to bite  
Catch your fish, when rains in sight

H--Hear the sounds traveling far and wide  
A stormy day does this betide

E--Evening gray and morning red  
Send the traveler wet to bed

R--Rain never comes to pass  
When dew is on the grass

**CLOSING - WEATHER SYMBOLS**

SETTING: Have 4 Cubs carry signs with four weather symbols. RAIN, SUNNY, SNOW and CLOUDY.

CUB #1: (RAIN) The rain keeps us indoors, most of the time, but the rain makes the crops grow, and the flowers to bloom. Rain is good for the earth.

CUB #2: (SNOW) The snow and cold causes trees to go into a winter sleep. This makes the tree rest, so that when the sun comes out and the seasons change again, the tree grows again, refreshed.

CUB #3: (SUNNY) The sun brings us warmth, the sun along with the rain make the grass and flowers grow. With the proper rain and sun, the fields are green with fruits and vegetables and grain. Oklahoma farmers depend on these crops for their livelihood.

CUB #4: (CLOUDY) Clouds, when the conditions are right, will turn into rain. Clouds will block the rays of the hot sun during the summer heat to cool things off a little.

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouting is a program for all seasons and weather conditions.

**APRIL - CUB SCOUT BIRD WATCHERS**

**OPENING - BIRD CALLS**

Have the boys learn some bird calls. Have the boys do the bird calls while other boys are looking around with binoculars naming the calls they hear. Have them walk off stage like they are going to look for more birds. Have boys doing flag ceremony walk on.

**OPENING - "B" IS FOR BIRDS**

NARRATOR: The Great Master who made us all, gave humans other creatures to be here on earth with us. Besides the creatures in the seas and the animals walking the land, we have the creatures with wings.

CUB #1: (with large sign with a "B" and several pictures of beautiful birds.)

B Stands for beauty. Some birds live near man. Look around and see them if you can. In your yard or on the street, listen and you can hear them so sweet.

CUB #2: The peacock, the pheasant, some others, too,  
Are birds of beauty for us to view.

Displaying a magnificent rainbow,  
As they put on a beautiful strutting show.

CUB #3: The farmer raises birds for us to eat,  
The chickens, ducks, turkeys are a treat.  
Besides, how could we have scrambled eggs and more,  
If these birds didn't do their laying chore?

CUB #4: There are many different kinds of birds in our land,  
If you wish to see them, look to the sky.. not to the sand.  
Over the mountains, cities, farms, valleys, and lakes,  
To see them, just keep your eyes open, that's all it takes.

NARRATOR: Now as we begin our pack meeting, with our pledge to the flag, remember one of our symbols of America is the eagle. Will everyone please stand and join with me in the pledge.

**CLOSING - CUB SCOUT BIRD WATCHERS**

PERSONNEL: Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, Webelos Scout, Arrow of Light recipient, Cubmaster or Den Leader.

EQUIPMENT: Large poster with the picture of a hummingbird, a sparrow, a robin, a hawk, and an eagle. Parts may be read from back of each.

ARRANGEMENT: Cubs are off stage and enter one at a time to say his part. Each Cub enters to center stage, holds the poster for all to see and says (or reads from back of poster) his part.

BOBCAT CUB: I am a Bobcat Cub. Like the tiny hummingbird, I must work hard to achieve the recognition of my fellow Cubs.

WOLF CUB: I am a Wolf Cub. I have learned many basic skills that will help me to do things in life just as the small sparrow can do many things for himself.

BEAR CUB: I am a Bear Cub. I have many colors on my chest to show my accomplishments (Points to badges of rank and arrow points) just like the brightly colored robin's breast.

WEBELOS: I am a Webelos Scout. I have learned much along the Cub Scout trail that will make me strong and independent like the hawk.

A OF LIGHT: I am earning the Arrow of Light which is the highest recognition in Cub Scouting. As the eagle is a proud and mighty bird, I am also proud of my accomplishments and my American heritage.

CUBMASTER: Just as we have watched the many species of bird found in our environment, we have also watched the Cubs advance along the Scouting trail.

**CLOSING - BIRD WATCHERS**

NARRATOR: (Lines up all the Cubs who have pictures of birds, facing the audience.)

Tonight our theme was "Bird Watchers". It is our duty as Cubs, as parents, as Americans, to appreciate the beauty in birds. Let us conduct ourselves so that we may pass on the beauty of birds to our children and our children's children. The greatest enemy of most birds is pollution and we all know that we must prevent pollution. Do your part to keep our America beautiful.





**MAY - RE-INVENTING THE WHEEL (PINEWOOD DERBY)**

**OPENING - PINEWOOD DERBY OPENING**

Colored flags similar to those used in auto racing are used to show their color meaning in an actual race. Checkered flag is made from white crepe paper sheet using black stripes. All other flags are made of plain crepe paper. Each Scout carries a flag and waves it during his part of the opening.

ANNOUNCER: Our opening ceremony tonight is to show you the use of the colored flags used in auto racing!

CUB #1: (Carried Pack Flag) Gentlemen, your attention please! All cars in the race on the track, now!

CUB #2: (Carries Green Flag) Once around the track and then we will start. Watch that green flag.

CUB #3: (Carries Yellow Flag) All cars running well, looks like we're off to a good start. Whoops! A spin-out on the back of the track! Slow down and hold your places!

CUB #4: (Carries Red Flag) Watch out for the spin-out - another car is hit - driver on the track. Stop the race! We have a driver on the track!

CUB #5: (Carries Green Flag) The track is all clear - all cars back in racing position. Let's have another start. Watch that flag!

CUB #6: (Carries Den Flag) There is another spin-out on the track! That guy hit the wall. Doesn't he know he can't win a race that way?

CUB #7: (Carries a White Flag) Here comes lucky number 2! He is still in first place! Looks like we have a winner!

CUB #8: (Carries Checkered Flag) It's number 2! A checkered flag for the winner. Well folks, that's our race - now let's get on to the real one!

**OPENING - THIS PINEWOOD DERBY**

PERSONNEL: 8 boys

EQUIPMENT: 8 cards with letters P I N E W O O D

Setting: Each boy holding a letter

P - A Pinewood Derby is fun for all. But the whole family must answer the call.

I - I entered the competition to win or lose, or whatever my doom.

N- Neatly I painted my car with dad's expert help, but I ran it myself.

E- Excitement ran all through the night. No matter who won, it will be all right.

W- We would all like to come in first, but if not, our bubble won't burst.

O - On with the races, don't hesitate. This Pinewood Derby didn't wait.

O- Open the gates, down the track, then we rest. For, being Cub Scouts, we've done our best.

D- Don't mind tonight, where your car places, Cub Scouting will help you through all life's races.

**CLOSING - TAPS**

Have den form a living circle and sing "Taps"

Day is done,  
Gone the sun,  
From the lake,  
From the hills,  
From the sky;  
All is well, safely rest,  
God is nigh.  
Fading light,  
Dims the sight,  
And a star,  
Gems the sky,  
Gleaming bright;  
From afar, drawing nigh,  
Falls the night.



## **JUNE - OUTDOOR ADVENTURE**

### **OPENING - OUTDOOR ADVENTURE**

CUB #1: America and Cub Scouting are just one big outdoor adventure.

CUB #2: This is my country. I will use my eyes to see the beauty of this land.

CUB #3: I will use my mind to think what I can do to make it more beautiful.

CUB #4: I will use my hands to serve it and care for it.

CUB #5: And with my heart I will honor it.

CUB #6: Many immigrants to America had a really big adventure getting here.

CUB #7: And on their adventure in this country they became loyal Americans.

CUB #8: Let us be like them, loyal Americans. Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **OPENING - THE OUTDOOR CODE**

PERSONNEL: Poster with the Outdoor Code on it. Have parents repeat the outdoor code. Explain it's meaning.

PACK: As an American, I will do my best to be clean in my outdoor manners.

CUBMASTER: I will treat the outdoors as a heritage to be improved for our greater enjoyment. I will keep my trash and garbage out of America's waterways, fields and roadways.

PACK: Be careful with fire.

CUBMASTER: I will prevent wildfire. I will build my fire in a safe place and be sure it is out before I leave.

PACK: Be considerate of the outdoors.

CUBMASTER: I will treat public and private property with respect. I will remember that use of the outdoors is a privilege I can lose by abuse.

PACK: Be conservation minded.

CUBMASTER: I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, water, forests, minerals, grasslands and wildlife. I will urge others to do the same. I will use sportsman like methods in all my outdoor activities.

Sing "America, the Beautiful."

### **CLOSING - NATURE AND THE GOOD VISITOR**

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Our pack meeting tonight brought us all together to think about nature. We can enjoy the great outdoors but we must think of others who will follow us. Wherever you go in the great wide world of nature, try to be a "good" visitor who will leave the plants and the creatures for others to enjoy after you leave.

FIRST CUB: The only shots I took were snapshots.

SECOND CUB: I tried to walk on pathways to keep off plants.

THIRD CUB: When I see animals or birds, I try to remember that I am a guest in their living place and I don't do anything to them but look at them.

FOURTH CUB: The one big thing I always do when I am ready to go home is to look and see that all fires are out in nature's backyard.

CUBMASTER: With Cubs and Webelos like you to help keep our friends on the ball, I'm sure that the beauties of nature will be around for years to come. Thanks Cubs, Good night.

**CLOSING - BACK TO NATURE**

**PERSONNEL:** Cubmaster

**EQUIPMENT:** Nature pictures. Slides of nature. Film strip of nature. Pictures of endangered wildlife, badges for boys.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Cubmaster in front of audience.

**CUBMASTER:** Nature is a beautiful thing, something we have enjoyed for many, many years. What would life be like without nature? Without any of this (point to pictures, slides, and/or film strip). Cub Scouts are taught how important nature is. How they can preserve nature?

With their knowledge of nature, we have some Cub Scouts who have completed the requirements to advance in rank. Will the following Cub Scouts and their parents come forward. (Bugs are a part of nature. Present each boy with a plastic bug or with a picture of wildlife and tell them to "do their best" to continue preserving nature so it can be enjoyed for years to come. Give the badges to the parents to present to their boys.)

(Have the pack form a friendship circle.) Did you ever pause to think about how helpful a tree is? It provides a nesting place for birds, shade from the sun and protection from the rain. It discards its dead branches, providing wood for fires and for cooking foods. It adds beauty to the countryside. We must admit that a tree gives a lot more than it receives. We can learn a lesson from the tree by doing our best to be helpful to others by putting others first and ourselves second. Remember the lesson we learned from the tree - TO GIVE MORE TO OTHERS THAN WHAT WE RECEIVE.

**JULY - TOMORROW'S WORLD****OPENING - BLAST OFF INTO SCOUTING**

**PERSONNEL:** One den of eight Tiger Cubs.

**EQUIPMENT:** Individual cards containing of eight letters. (First and last cards shaped such as to form space ship)

**ARRANGEMENT:** As each Tiger Cub recites his lines, he holds his card high.

**CUBMASTER:** We are going to assemble our rocket for a trip into space. We'd like you to join us.

1st CUB: C is for courtesy in Cub Scouting and all through life.

2nd CUB: U stands for usefulness to our families and others.

3rd CUB: B stands for bravery in thoughts and deeds.

4th CUB: S stands for safety in all we do.

5th CUB: C stands for church - the one of your choice.

6th CUB: O stands for the outdoors and the beauty of nature.

7th CUB: U is for unity - in our den, in our pack, in our school, in our church - because in unity we are strong.

8th CUB: T stands for the truth in all things.

**CUBMASTER:** Now we are ready for blast off.

(Audience counts down: 5-4-3-2-1) "BLAST OFF"

Rocket moves off stage.

**CLOSING - LIFE ON OTHER PLANETS**

Form the pack in a large circle. Cubmaster says:

"We've had lots of fun this month imagining what life may be like on other planets. We've looked into the night sky and enjoyed its beauty. Some of you may have learned, too, that the North Star, Polaris, is fixed overhead and that it is used by space travelers and ship captains to find their position. In Cub Scouting we have our own North Star, the Cub Scout Promise. Like the North Star, the Promise is a guide for people on earth. If we follow the Promise, we can be pretty sure that we will be good men. Please join me now in repeating the Cub Scout Promise". (Make the Cub Scout sign and lead promise).

## **AUGUST - AGE OF DINOSAURS**

### **OPENING - MISCELLANEOUS DEN OPENINGS**

Form den in horseshoe formation. Have a boy present colors at open end. In turn, boys step forward, give Cub Scout salute, and step back. End ceremony with Pledge of Allegiance.

Form den in line and ask a boy to hold the U.S. flag. Have another boy lead Pledge of Allegiance.

Sing "Home on the Range" (Cub Scout Songbook).

Assigned boy conducts flag ceremony. Denner leads den yell.

Den chief conducts informal uniform inspection.

Ask each boy to report on Good Turns he did during the past week for parents, teacher, or strangers.

Have denner read pocket knife whittling chip (Shavings and Chips Achievement 19, Bear Cub Scout Book). Ask, "Will you do your best?" Boys respond, "We'll do our best!"

Form living circle. Ask boy with best advancement record to lead Cub Scout Promise. Ask boys to observe moment of reverence.

Form living circle. Ask boy with best advancement record to lead Law of the Pack. Ask boys to observe moment of reverence.

Sing "Old Akela Had a Pack" (Cub Scout Songbook)

Practice Grand Howl (Den Chief Handbook). Den chief conducts informal uniform inspection.

Form den in circle and ask visiting speaker to step into center. Perform Grand Howl in his or her honor.

Boys respond to roll call by naming an item related to the achievement or activity badge being worked on this month. For example if you are working on nature, have the boys name an insect or bird or plant. You can also have them name an animal and make its sound or call or describe the animal.

Boys respond to roll call by naming a Sports hero in a given sport.

Boys respond to roll call by naming colors made by combining primary colors.

Den chief conducts informal uniform inspection. Sing favorite den song.

Assigned boy gives one point of Scout Law and explains it.

Form den in line. Den chief asks boys, in turn, to give Scout salute, handclasp, motto, slogan. All repeat Boy Scout Oath.

Sing favorite holiday song.

Webelos Den Chief reads second point of Scout Law (loyal) and boys tell what it means for an athlete.

Assigned boys give skit based on Cub Scout motto.

Assigned boys give puppet skit based on Boy Scout motto.

Form den in horseshoe formation. Den chief leads Pledge of Allegiance.

Form circle around guest and sing "We're Glad to See You Here" (Cub Scout Songbook).

Sing song from "Cub Scout Songbook".

Webelos Scout explains the meaning of the parts of the Scout Badge.

Form tight circle with den flag in center. Boys grasp flagstaff with left hands, make Cub Scout sign, and repeat Cub Scout Promise.

Denner presents colors as den comes to attention. Assistant denner reads first verse of "The Star-Spangled Banner".

Denner reads aloud about how Francis Scott Key wrote the "Star-Spangled Banner" (Webelos Scout Book).

Ask boys to observe moment of reverence for all those who died in the service of our country.

Do a couple of Applause Stunts.

Have denner read the first part of the Outdoor Code at the first meeting.

Have denner read the second part of the Outdoor Code at the second meeting.

Have denner read the third part of the Outdoor Code at the third meeting.

Have denner read the fourth part of the Outdoor Code at the fourth meeting.

### **CLOSINGS - SIMPLE DEN CLOSINGS**

Form boys and parents in a large circle. Ask all in the circle to cross their arms and grasp neighbors' hands. Then lead the Philmont Grace by repeat-after-me method: "For food, for raiment, for life, for opportunity, for friendship and fellowship, we thank Thee O Lord."

Turn out lights, shine flashlight on U.S. flag, and sing first verse of "America, the Beautiful".

Form den in living circle. Have denner lead Cub Scout Promise.

Form den in living circle. Have denner lead Law of the Pack. Ask boys to observe a moment of reverence.

Form living circle. Denner leads Cub Scout Promise. Sing "Akela's Council" (Cub Scout Songbook). Ask boys to observe moment of reverence.

Form living circle and have denner lead Cub Scout Promise. Give brief den leader's thought on how the pledge "to help other people" relates to Christmas or Hanukkah.

Form den in living circle. Have oldest den member lead Law of the Pack. Ask boys to observe a moment of reverence.

Denner retires colors while all salute. Ask boys to observe moment of reverence. In turn, boys salute den leader, give handshake to den chief, and leave quietly.

Form den in brotherhood circle with arms around each other's shoulders. Den chief leads Scout benediction: "And now, may the great Master of all Scouts be with us till we meet again."

Have a Webelos den lead its favorite campfire closing ceremony. Or, make a large circle of the pack and perform the "Friendship Circle" closing.

"Friendship circle closing". Each den member is given a three-foot length of rope which he ties to his neighbor's with a square knot so that a circle is made. Boys pull back on the line with their left hands and make the Cub Scout sign with their right. Den leaders says, "This circle shows the bond of friendship we have in Cub Scouting. Now please join me in the Cub Scout Promise."

Sing "Akela's Council" (Cub Scout Songbook). Ask boys to observe moment of reverence.

Tell boys to bring finished pinewood derby cars next week to test them. Boy who conducted opening ceremony retires colors and folds flag with aid of denner. Sing or hum "Taps" (Cub Scout Songbook).

Form pack in a large circle, with families behind the boys. Have the group hum "Taps" while a Cub Scout (prepared beforehand) slowly recites the Cub Scout Promise. End by leading the Scout benediction by the repeat-after-me method: "And now, may the great Master/ of all Scouts/ be with us/ till we meet again."

Boy who conducted opening ceremony folds flag with aid of denner. Den leader, asks, "What's the Cub Scout motto?" Boys respond, "Do your best!" Sing or hum "Taps"

Den leader gives brief closing thought on sportsmanship and being a good loser as well as a good winner. Ask boys to observe moment of reverence.

Close with "Double Circle" ceremony from Staging Den and Pack Ceremonies.

Den chief reads Outdoor Code from Official Boy Scout Handbook or Webelos Scout Book and discusses its meaning.

Sing "Scout Vesper" (Cub Scout Songbook). Ask boys to observe a moment of reverence.

Seat boys in circle and sing "Parting Song" (Cub Scout Songbook). Ask boys to observe a moment of reverence.

Boys give Cub Scout handshake to den leader, salute den chief, and leave quietly.

Sing "Scout's Good-Night Song" (Cub Scout Songbook).

Ask two boys to fold U.S. flag properly. Sing first verse of "America" (Cub Scout Songbook). Ask boys to observe moment of reverence.

Perform grand howl. Ask boys to observe moment of reverence.

Give brief den leader's thought on how Law of the Pack pledge to "Give Goodwill" relates to Good Turns.

Read the Knight's Code and discuss how it is similar to Cub Scout Promise.

Denner retires colors while all salute. Sing "God Bless America".

Boy retires colors while all salute. Sing "Keep Advancing" (Cub Scout Songbook).

Den leader asks, "What's the Cub Scout motto?" boys respond, "Do your best!" Give closing thought on why knights always did their best. Ask boys to observe moment of reverence.

Den chief reads President's Oath of office. Denner leads Cub Scout Promise.

Den chief reads The American Creed. Den chief asks, "What's the Cub Scout motto?" Boys respond, "Do your best!"

Form circle. Ask boys to pass Cub Scout handshake around the circle. Ask boys to observe moment of reverence, then give Cub Scout salute to den chief as they leave.

Den leader gives closing thought on real meaning of Thanksgiving. Sing "Scout Vesper Song" (Cub Scout Songbook).

Ask boys to form line facing U.S. flag. Have two boys who are working on Wolf flag Achievement 2 fold flag. Sing first verse of "America".

Form den in circle around U.S. flag and sing "God Bless America". Ask boys to observe moment of reverence.

Close with "Outdoor Code - Responsive Reading" ceremony from Staging Den and Pack Ceremonies.

Song leader leads "Bless Our Cub Scouts" from Cub Scout Songbook. Cubmaster then asks all to stand, join hands with their neighbors, and repeat the Scout benediction: "And now, may the great Master of all Scouts be with us till we meet again."

Sing "Cub Scout Advancement Song" (Cub Scout Songbook).

Form den in semicircle facing flag. Ask boys, in turn, to step forward, salute flag, and step back. As the boys leave, they give Cub Scout handshake to den leader.

Form circle and ask boys to give den yell in honor of members who passed at least one achievement or elective this month. Sing "Scout's Good-Night Song".

Give brief closing thought on meaning of first two points of the Scout Law - Trustworthy and Loyal for good citizenship.

Form Webelos den in line. In turn each boy steps forward and gives one point of Scout Law until all 12 have been said.

Form Webelos den in circle. In turn around circle, boys give one point of the Scout Law.

Repeat Cub Scout Promise and Scout Oath. Den leader gives closing thought on their similarities.

Den leader leads a dialogue with Scouts on the theme of "moderation" in all things: Alcohol, food, exercise, losing weight, teeth care, etc.

Scouts leave in alphabetical order of first letter of first name. Salute den chief, U.S. flag.

U.S. flag on staff; all stand at attention, salute, as flag is paraded past the den and carried out of the area.

Leaders closing thought: Tell how the Cub Scout motto, Do your best, applies as a code for home, school, play. Denner retires colors while all stand at attention and salute.

Sit on floor cowboy-style around imaginary campfire and sing campfire songs.



**SEPTEMBER - OUR TOWN, U.S.A.**

**OPENING - FROM YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

(Five Cub Scouts come on stage in turn and recite one verse)

**NEWSPAPER BOY:**

I am you paper boy  
I deliver the news  
Freedom of press  
Has different views.

**POSTMAN:**

I am the postman  
I deliver with dash  
That Boy's Life issue  
Thats really a smash.

**SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD:**

Safety is my job  
I am the school crossing guard  
You cross the street safely  
To the other yard.

**SPEED LIMIT SIGN:**

I am the sign  
That saves a lot of lives  
Everyone obeys me  
Without and jive.

**TRASH:**

I am the litter  
That makes everybody bitter  
Let's clean it up  
So life will be better.

**CUBMASTER:**

Our neighborhood is an important part of the country in which we live. Let us all now stand and pledge allegiance to our country.

**CLOSING - MY BACKYARD**

CUB #1: My backyard is a wondrous place...I can stake a claim for contemplate space.

CUB #2: I can pitch a tent and sleep in the rain, or listen to the whistle of a far away train.

CUB #3: I can throw a ball to Mother of Dad, Or just be alone when I get mad.

CUB #4: I can plant a garden or climb a tree, Or get my dog, Ralph to chase a Frisbee.

CUB #5: Sometimes we even have den meetings there, I've finished my Wolf and started my Bear!

CUB #6: Yeah, the backyard's the place where I run, When I really want to have some fun.

### **CLOSING - EXPLORE YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

CUBMASTER: In those times of gas shortages and economic problems, our neighborhood has become more important to us than ever before. We've all heard stories from our grandparents about the good old days when people sat in their yards and visited and got to know each other better. There are some of here tonight who really don't know each other even though our sons share a common experience. Let's take about five minutes right now to introduce ourselves to each other. (After time limit) Den \_\_\_\_ will now retire the colors for us.

## **OCTOBER - FIRE! FIRE!**

### **OPENING - FIRE PREVENTION**

Room lights are turned out.

Cubmaster lights a single candle at the front of the room and says: "Cub Scouts, this candle represents the spirit of Cub Scouting, lighting our way through life. But the flame also represents danger. This month we have learned about the dangers of fire and how to prevent fires. Let's remember what we have learned so that we will also use fire safely and wisely not only as boys but later on as men.

This light of Cub Scouting gives us warmth and good cheer. Make sure it is never allowed to run wild and destroy lives and property. Let's always be fire detectives.

We will let the light of Cub Scouting burn throughout our meeting to remind us of our ideals."

(Turn on lights, color guard presents colors and leads the Pledge of Allegiance.)

### **OPENING - CAMPFIRE CEREMONY**

May this fire touch us with the magic of its mystery;  
May we see in its dance the ever-changing beauty of the world; May this fire be good medicine  
Where fellowship, adventure, and fun sit side by side;  
May this fire tonight remain forever in our hearts,  
Even as the first fire kindled by our ancestors  
Has remained alight through the ages.

### **CLOSING - FIRE DETECTIVES**

CUBMASTER: Cub Scouts, all during our meeting the candle representing the spirit of Cub Scouting has continued to burn. Now we'll blow it out, reminding ourselves that a flame must never be left burning when now one is around. But let us keep the light of Cub Scouting burning in our hearts. (Extinguish candle)

### **CLOSING - CAMPFIRE**

As darkness creeps into our circle of light,  
Embers that glow and sigh  
Draw our friendship circle closer,

Whisper memories that will not die;  
God's magic danced in our fire's flames,  
And fills the gathering night  
With mystery and a wondrous peace,  
That bids safe sleep till morning's light.

### **NOVEMBER - FAMILY CIRCLE**

#### **OPENING - OUR FAMILY**

PERSONNEL: 4 Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: American Flag

SETTING: Cubs standing around flag.

CUB #1: Our families have fun by being involved in all the Cub Scout activities, like coming to pack meetings.

CUB #2: Our families have fun by helping our Cub Scouts with achievements, to advance in rank.

CUB #3: Our families have fun by thinking up projects for our dens.

CUB #4: Just as we have fun in our dens and pack meetings, we also can have fun in our families. We can do things together, like saying the Pledge of Allegiance together. (Lead the pledge.)

#### **OPENING - IT IS OUR FAMILY'S BELIEF**

ARRANGEMENT: Eight boys, each boy reads a line - colors are posted and Pledge of Allegiance is recited.

CUB #1: It is our family's belief

CUB #2: And one for which we pray

CUB #3: That Thanksgiving become a lifestyle

CUB #4: And not just a day.

CUB #5: We're thankful for our family,

CUB #6: And for good friends it's true,

CUB #7: For all the blessings we've received

CUB #8: Today, and all year through...

#### **CLOSING - WORLD TAKE MY SON BY THE HAND**

World, my son is growing up. He is starting on great adventures that will include wars, tragedy and sorrow.

To live his life in the world he has to live in, will require faith and love and courage.

So, world, I wish you would sort of take him by his young hand and teach him the things he will have to know.

Teach him..... but gently, if you can.

He will have to learn, I know, that all men are not true.

Teach him that for every scoundrel, there is a hero, that for every crooked politician, there is a dedicated leader. Teach him that for every enemy, there is a friend.

Let him learn early that the bullies are the easiest people to lick.

Teach him the wonders of books. Give him quiet time to ponder the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun, and flowers on a green hill.

Teach him that it is far more honorable to fail than to cheat. Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if every one else tells him they are wrong.

Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone else is getting on the bandwagon. Teach him to listen to all men - but to filter all he hears on a screen of truth and to take only the good that comes through.

Teach him to sell his brawn and brains to the highest bidders, but never to put a price tag on his heart and soul.

Teach him to close his ears on a howling mob - and to stand and fight if he thinks he is right.

Teach him gently, world, but don't coddle him because only the test of fire makes fine steel.

This is a big order, world, but see what you can do. He's such a nice little fellow....

### **DECEMBER - THE GOLDEN RULE**

#### **OPENING - I CAN**

I CAN...stand tall, in my heritage and believe fully in America!

I CAN...strive for the highest pinnacle...or any other spot I so choose...it is my decision, to be freely arrived at!

I CAN...worship at the church of my choice...read whatever books, articles, or newspapers I choose...select my own home, friends, job and associates!

I CAN...sleep peacefully...free from the fear of midnight persecution. .. secure in the protection of my rights!

I CAN...fail as well as succeed...this is true freedom!

I CAN...shape my own destiny...have my visions realized...achieve anything I really believe I can!

I CAN...fail and still be counted a man...gain strength and experience through mistakes...lose it all, and start over again as many times as my spirit is willing...until my dreams are reality!

I CAN...grow as large as my dominant aspirations... be as big as I am willing to pay the price to become!

I CAN...own my own home...start a business...invest in my future... climb to the stars by constructing my own staircase!

I CAN...compete and receive in direct proportion to my efforts...thank others for assistance in my success...but look only to myself for my failures!

I CAN...raise my family in freedom...and freely change homes, jobs, friends, tastes... location, vocation, and avocation... but, most importantly... I can change myself!

I CAN...because I am an American!

#### **OPENING - GIVE THE FLAME TO OTHERS**

Cubmaster stands in front, with eight or 10 Cub Scouts in a semicircle behind him. Each holds a candle.

CUBMASTER: For our theme this month, we have been helping others and giving good will. I hope you have found that when you help others and give good will, you don't lose anything. In fact, you gain. It's like

the light from this candle. (Light candle.) This is a very small flame. But when I give the flame to others (light candles held by Cub Scouts), the light is much greater for all of us. In the same way, we can light up our world by helping and giving to others. Please join me in our pledge to do that by repeating the Law of the Pack. (Lead Law.)

**OPENING - WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?**

You asked, What's it all about?

Why, to turn a boy into a Scout.

To take a boy so young and frail,

And start him up the Cub Scout trail.

From Bobcat and Wolf and Bear,

With all the awards and arrows share.

Through Webelos and then into Scouts,

Giving guidance through problems, fears, and doubts.

And on through school and into life he'll tread,

With respect and love for man and God.

To watch him grow so tall and free,

Till one day a leader of our country be.

And then he too, like you and me,

Will take a boy so small and wee,

And will teach that boy,

With pride and Joy,

To be helpful, and to be a good Scout.

Yes, that's what it's all about!

Please stand and join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CLOSING - THE GOLDEN RULE**

The golden rule, treating other people as you would like to be treated....

Easy to do except for those that are not like us the mentally or physically handicapped. We laugh, point, and turn the other way. But wait! Have you ever heard a person say "I can't see without my glasses?" A person with glasses is ok but a blind person, no. A short person has only to find a stool, chair, or ladder to be tall. Someone in a wheelchair just stays short. If I were only seven feet tall, that would be great! But not all tall people are basketball stars. Beds are too short, cars too small, door openings four inches too low, And where do you buy your clothes? The handicapped person's biggest hardship is the way we treat them. So the next time you could be of service to someone in need, help them get the door to a happier and easier life.

**CLOSING - DO YOUR BEST**

Boys with key words hold up cards saying "DO YOUR BEST"

CUB 1: DO unto others as they should do to you.

CUB 2: That's called the Golden Rule.

CUB 3: YOU'RE all Cub Scouts of Gold and Blue,

CUB 4: The Pack Law is your special tool,

CUB 5: BEST way we know to celebrate this season,

CUB 6: Is in giving your best to others,

CUB 7: And now we wish you, for that very reason,

ALL: Happy holidays! May we all be brothers.

**CLOSING - I PROMISE**

(One boy steps forward and recites the first line of the Cub Scout Promise. Another boy recites the accompanying verse.)

I promise: An assurance I make, a pledge to do right: I keep it before me, a bright shining light.

To do my best: I promise to try, then folks will believe in me.

To do my duty to God: To God, the creator, I'm sure you will agree. So let's keep it always, the Land of the Free.

To help other people: If I am helpful, **faithful**, and just: then I'm deserving of everyone's trust.

And to obey the Law of the Pack: A guide for each day, as we go on our way. And a good one to know, as we follow and grow.

**CLOSING - I MADE A PROMISE**

Five boys are needed for this ceremony. Each should have his part printed on a small card he can conceal in his hand or have the part memorized.

Cub #1: I made a promise... I said that whatever I did I would do the best I could.

Cub #2: I made a promise...to serve my God and my country the best I could.

Cub #3: I made a promise...to help other people the best I could.

Cub #4: I made a promise...to obey the Law of the Pack the best I could.

Cub #5: I have done my best, and I will do my best because I am the best... I am a Cub Scout.

Den Leader: Will everyone now join us in repeating the Cub Scout Promise.

