

CLOSING - COWBOY'S PHILOSOPHY

PERSONNEL: 5 Cub Scouts

SETTING: Boys up front

CUB #1: We, the cowboys of the western plains are bound by our desire to live free.

CUB #2: We must, therefore, show respect for our fellow man,

CUB #3: Respect for his beliefs,

Respect for his belongings,

Respect for his privacy,

Respect for the ground he walks on and the air he breathes.

CUB #4: In doing so, we show respect for ourselves.

CUB #5: And secure freedom for all.

CLOSING - CUB SCOUT BENECTION

And now may the Great
Master of all Cub Scouts
Guide and guard our footsteps
Today, tomorrow,
And for the tomorrows to come.

CLOSING - MORE DEN CLOSINGS

- 1) Den Chief retires U.S. flag while boys salute. Den Chief says, "Do your Best," and the boys respond by shouting "We'll do our best!"
- 2) Form den in circle. Den Chief leads in the Law of the Pack.
- 3) Form den into circle. Den Chief passes the Cub Scout hand clasp to the boy to his right. That boy in turn repeats the hand clasp with boy to his right. When the last boy shakes hands with the Den Chief, he (den chief) shouts "Do your best!" and the boys respond by shouting "We'll do our best!"
- 4) Den forms brotherhood circle, crossing the right arm over the left and holding the hands of the people next to them. Make sure you leave an opening in the circle. The opening is left as a place where others may join. Recite Scout benediction: "And now, may the great Master of all Scouts be with us till we meet again."

CLOSING - CUB SCOUT INDIAN PRAYER

For that solemn moment towards the end of Den or Pack meeting, try this Cub Scout Indian Prayer:

Morning Star wake us, filled with joy.
To new days of growing to man from boy.
Sun, with your power, give us light.
That we can tell wrong and do what is right.
South Wind, we ask, in your gentle way.
Blow us the willingness of obey.
North Wind, we ask, live up to thy name.
Send us the strength to always be game.
East Wind, we ask, with your breath so snappy.
Fill us with knowledge of how to be happy.
West Wind, we ask, blow all that is fair.
To us, that we may always be square.
Moon, that fills the night with red light.
Guard us well while we sleep in the night.
Akela, please guide us in every way.
We'll follow your trail in work or play.

CLOSING - THE DOUBLE CIRCLE

PERSONNEL: Entire pack - Cub Scouts, parents, and visitors.

EQUIPMENT: United States flag, four spotlights or four large flashlights

ARRANGEMENT: Have all present stand in a double circle, with Cub Scouts and other boys on the inside, and parents and visitors on outside. Focus spotlights or flashlights on the flag held in center of circle. Sing "God Bless America."

CLOSING - DEN CANDLE

Boys are seated in a semi-circle around the den ceremonial board.

Den leader begins by reminding the boys that we use a candle to symbolize Akela, the good leader. She then lights a candle.

DEN LEADER: Boys of Den _____, this light means we will follow a good leader. It even means that we will do the right things when our leader isn't present because if we don't, our leader will lose faith in us. We will lose faith in ourselves, too, because we will not be doing our best. What is our Motto?

CUB SCOUTS: Do Your Best!

DEN LEADER: Let the memory of this flame stay in our mind to remind us to do our best. (blow our candle).

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.

CLOSING - DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that millions of boys and men have been part of the Boy Scout movement since its beginning In 1916? Many of you dads were Scouts (let's see your hands), and today your sons are Cub Scouts. What a vast force to be working each day at work or play for those things America holds dear. As we light the candles on our birthday cake think of the spirit of Scouting-Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and Explorer.

Let us resolve that someone someplace helped us get started in Cub Scouting, so will we help more boys join Cub Scouting. Will you do your best? Repeat We'll do our Best.

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 - YEAR'S END

ARRANGEMENTS: House lights are dimmed. Ceremony board or log containing 7 small candles and 1 tall candle representing the Spirit of Scouting.

CUBMASTER: (Lights candles) This last ceremony for 19__ is one of re-dedication. Tonight 4 candles represent the Cub Scout Ranks--Bobcat, Wolf, Bear, and Webelos. Will all Bobcat Cub Scouts and their parents please stand. Bobcats, do you promise in 19__ to do your best to help other people and obey the Law of the Pack, and to advance on rank?

BOBCATS: We'll do our Best! (Extinguish Bobcat candle)

CUBMASTER: (Follow same procedure for Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts)

CUBMASTER: Will all Webelos and their parents please stand. Webelos do you promise in 19__ to do your best to help other people and obey the Law of the Pack, and to earn the Arrow of Light Award if you have not already earned it?

WEBELOS: We'll do our best!

CUBMASTER: Three candles and the Spirit of Cub Scouting remain burning. Those three candles stand for Follow, Helps, and Gives, which means "We'll be loyal." Will you be loyal Cub Scouts in 19__? (All respond) (Three candles are extinguished)

The Spirit of Cub Scouting will burn as it does in the hearts of Cub Scouts everywhere. May it continue to burn brightly in you hearts during the year of 19__ as we go upward and forward in Pack _____. Good night, Cub Scouts.

CLOSING - TIRED DOG SLED

Cubmaster rides sled to front for last time, tired from all that work, announces the end of deliveries for the day, that the dogs are tired and hungry. Thanks all "Eskimos" and others for enduring the cold and snow to get there, announces den to retire the colors and drives sled to the rear again.

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CLOSING - WONDERFUL FIESTA

CUBMASTER: Tonight, we've had a wonderful fiesta. Fireworks are part of many fiestas. Fireworks also help us to remember our flag.

Fireworks remind us of a time when our country was at war and Francis Scott Key waited through the night watching the "rockets red glare, the bombs bursting in air."

Would the pack please come to attention and join me in singing the Star Spangled Banner.

(After the anthem, the color guard can retrieve the colors. The pack is then dismissed.)

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.

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 - FLAG RECIPE

EQUIPMENT: 6 Cub Scouts, 1 cup blue crepe paper bits, Stars (glitter), American flag, 1 cup red crepe paper bits, 1 cup white crepe paper bits, Large pot, spotlight (optional).

ARRANGEMENT: Cub Scouts form semi-circle around large pot. American flag is folded and hidden in pot. Each Cub is holding the ingredients which he adds.

CUB 1: We are going to fix a treat that is really grand;
And make for you a recipe.... the greatest in the land.

CUB 2: First we'll put in a heaping cup of red for courage true, (He adds red paper bits to the pot)

CUB 3: And then we will add for loyalty, a dash of heavenly blue, (He adds blue paper bits to the pot)

CUB 4: For purity, we will now sift in a layer of snowy white, (He sprinkles in white paper bits)

CUB 5: We will sprinkle in a pinch of stars to make it come out right, (He adds glitter)

CUB 6: We will stir and stir and then you will see,
That what we have made is...
(He uses a large spoon and pretends to stir, taking care not to disturb the flag)

ALL: (together) OLD GLORY. (All Cubs reach in and pull out American Flag.)

CUB 1: Our flag is the most beautiful flag in the world. Let us always be loyal to it. (Two Cubs hold American flag high. Lights out, spotlight on the flag as curtain closes.)

CLOSING - AMERICAN FOLKLORE HEROS

CUB #1: All of our American Folklore heroes were hard working people, You won't find a shirker in the bunch.

CUB #2: Campfire stories about them tell us so.

CUB #3: All were Americans trying to improve this young country of ours.

CUB #4: As we leave her tonight, lest us keep those hard working Americans in our mind.

CUB #5: Do the same as they did, so more than your share.

CUB #6: Help your parents whenever they ask and even when they don't.

CUB #7: Maybe some day, there will be a legend that tells about your great deeds.

CLOSING - FUN ON WHEELS

PERSONNEL: Cub Scouts

EQUIPMENT: A picture of a bicycle, car, train

SETTING: Boys holding pictures as they recite or read lines.

CUB #1: I have fun riding my bicycle.

CUB #2: I always enjoy traveling in the car.

CUB #3: Trains are my thing.

CUB #4: As you can see, there are many ways to have fun on wheels, just as there are many ways to enjoy Scouting.

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 - GOOD DEEDS OF OLD

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have enjoyed recalling the days of old when brave men went forth doing good deeds. They carried their banners high, proud to show who they were. Tonight we would like one member from each den to come forward. (Either with the den flag or use the number on the sleeve.) (Line the boys in a row in front showing the den number.) Now as we look at the symbol which stands for our group let us all stand and sing "God Bless America."

After song:

CUBMASTER: Let us now go forth and be Proud of our Cub Scout uniform and try to live up to our Cub Scout Law and promise.

CLOSING - GOOD NIGHT FRIENDS

Put candles on three of the four corners of a table. A different Cub lights each candle and REPEATS part of the Cub Scout Promise. Akela or Den Chief stands at the fourth corner. He says the last part of the Promise and closes the meeting by saying "GOOD NIGHT FRIENDS".

CLOSING - GREAT MASTER WE GIVE THANKS

Boys in an inner circle, hands across chest. Adults in an outer circle behind the boys, hands across chest.

1st Den: For all the food that the Great Master provides for us - we give thanks.

2nd Den: For all the beauty that the Great Master surrounds us, we give thanks.

3rd Den: For all of our parents and leaders who guide us, Great Master, we give thanks.

Cubmaster and Adults Together: (extend arms) And now Great Master guide us in love and friendship until we meet 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.