

Arrow of Light Ceremony

Cubmaster: This next ceremony is for the awarding of Cub Scouting's highest honor, the Arrow of Light. It is such an honor, that it is the *only* award in Cub Scouting that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform – even by Adult Leaders. Because of the prestige of this award, this ceremony was modeled after the traditions of our Native Americans. The Principle Characters do not depict a certain people, but represents the spirit, traditions, and high ideals of all Native Americans. While those participating are not Native Americans, they are members of the Order of the Arrow, an honor society of Boy Scout campers in which each member is elected by their Troop, to recognize his willingness to provide service to his Troop, council, and community. The lodge ceremonies team is providing their service to us today to recognize these Webelos Scouts and their accomplishment. Let the ceremony begin.

Chief: I am the Mighty Chief. It is my duty to bestow the honors of scouting upon those who have earned them.

Guide: I am the Guide. It is my duty to guide my younger brothers through their scouting career.

Chief: There are some among us tonight who have earned the highest award that Cub Scouting offers, The Arrow of Light. They have strived to fulfill the rigid requirements of this award and have done so successfully. Let them now be recognized.

Guide: *enters the pack and searches for the boys (identified in some unique way-for instance, the ones wearing a hat). Upon finding them, he places his right hand on the left shoulder of each boy and says to each of them "follow me". He leads them next to the Arrow of Light sign.*

Cubmaster: Arrow of Light award requirements:

1. Be active in your Webelos den for at least 6 months since completing the fourth grade (or for at least six months since becoming 10 years old), and earn the Webelos badge.
2. Show your knowledge of the requirements to become a Boy Scout by doing all of these:
 - Repeat from memory and explain in your own words the Scout Oath or Promise and the 12 points of the Scout Law. Tell how you have practiced them in your everyday life.
 - Give and explain the Scout motto, slogan, sign, salute, and handclasp.
 - Understand the significance of the Scout badge. Know its parts and tell what each stands for.
 - Tell how a Boy Scout uniform is different from a Webelos Scout uniform.
 - Tie the joining knot (square knot)
3. Earn five more activity badges in addition to the three you already earned for the Webelos badge. The total of eight activity badges must include:
 - Fitness (already earned for the Webelos badge)
 - Citizen
 - Readyman
 - At least one from the Outdoor Group
 - At least one from the Mental Skills Group
 - At least one from the Technology Group
 - Two more of your choice
4. With your Webelos den, visit at least one Boy Scout troop meeting, and one Boy Scout-oriented outdoor activity.
5. Participate in a Webelos overnight campout or day hike.
6. After you have completed all five of the above requirements, and after a talk with your Webelos den leader, arrange to visit, with your parent or guardian, a meeting of the Boy Scout troop you think you might like to join. Have a conference with the Scoutmaster.

Guide: Mighty Chief, I have searched the Pack, and now present those who have successfully achieved the arrow of light. I now invite the parents of the boys to come join them.

Chief: My brothers, not long ago you entered the ranks of the scouting program. Your determination to complete the challenges given you is evident. The arrow of light represents the achievement of a goal, the reward of the dedication and the highest honor a Cub Scout can earn. Before we present this award, it is important that you understand the significance that it has.

Guide: The Arrow of Light symbol has two meaningful parts. The **arrow** represents the straight and true path that you, as a scout, are expected to follow. The **7 rays** that radiate from the arc each represent one of the seven great virtues of life.

Guide: The **first** is Wisdom--not necessarily great knowledge, but rather the ability to use knowledge you already possess.

Chief: The **second** is courage--not simply face danger without fear, but to face it in spite of that fear.

Guide: The **third** is self control--temperance in all things; sleeping, eating, hate and conceit.

Chief: The **fourth** is justice--dealing fairly with all people in all things regardless of race, color, or creed.

Guide: The **fifth** is faith--knowing that something is true despite the fact that it remains unproven by physical evidence.

Chief: The **Sixth** is hope--the ability to expect things with confidence that they will happen.

Guide: The **seventh** is love--love of self, family, friends, country, and god. All seven virtues are required for a happy and fulfilled life.

Chief: Cub Scouts (the Boy's names). Raise your right hand in the Cub Scout sign and repeat after me the Cub Scout Promise.

I, _____, Promise to do my best, to do my duty, to God and my country, to help other people and to obey the law of the pack.

Chief: I the Mighty Chief, do now present you with the Arrow of Light.

Chief and Guide: *presents the award to each boy and the pin to the mother or father and instructs them to "pin this on your son." when the presentation is complete and the applause dies down:*

Guide: *leads the boys back to their seats.*

Chief: Each of you has a path to follow in your life and it is up to you to decide where it leads. The trail you opt to follow says something about who you are and what you believe. The path of Scouting is not an easy one. To travel its length you must adopt a code of conduct. Always endeavor to follow the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack and the Cub Scout Motto.

I admonish you to continue to strive for your goals, both short term and long term, so that sometime in the near future, we may return and stand before you to present you with the rank of Eagle Scout.

May the great master of all Scouts be with you.... Until we meet again.

Chief and Guide: quietly leave the room.

Coordination with Cub Pack before the Ceremony (1-2 weeks before)

Does your Pack have a large Arrow of Light sign board?

Does your Pack give arrows to the Scouts?

The Cubmaster will have two speaking parts in the Ceremony; Introduction and reading AoL requirements.

Review the entire Ceremony procedure with Pack Leaders so all will know what to expect.

The Ceremony is Arrow of Light, nothing to do with Bridging.

The Ceremony will NOT be performed at Blue and Gold Banquets.