

The Arrow of Light – Webelos Crossover Ceremony Script
(this is a two Pack ceremony script, but could easily accommodate more Packs)

Pack _ & _ Arrow of Light Ceremony March 18, 2009

{The Cub Scouts sit in the front row of the bleachers for each exit to Fire Pit. Some parents may have to stand until the Scouts exit...Webelos receiving the Arrow of Light will line up in front of the bleachers.}

{Introduction and Opening Ceremony – Cubmaster :}

Welcome Cub Scouts, Cub Scout Families, and Guests. We are so glad that all of you could be here with us tonight. This evening we honor the 5th grade boys of Havens' Pack 3 and Wildwood's Pack 5 with the Arrow of Light Ceremony.

My name is _____. I'm the Cub Master for Pack ____.

Here with me to help with this ceremony is _____, the Cub Master for Pack ____.

Will Pack 3 please come forward and lead us in the opening flag ceremony.

{Pack 3 conducts opening flag ceremony}

Thank you Pack 3, for that well-done flag ceremony.

I would like to take a moment to introduce some special guests joining us tonight:

I would like to introduce our guests from the Order of the Arrow, which is a special Boy Scout Service Organization. They have traveled many miles from far away to be with us tonight, and to help us with the Arrow of Light Ceremony.

Please welcome _____ & _____

Also present tonight are the Den Leaders (also include any other appropriate people) who have helped bring these boys to this point:

- ☐ _____, Pack 3 Den ____
- ☐ _____, Pack 3 Den ____
- ☐ _____, Pack 5 Den ____

To welcome our Cubs into scouting are representatives from:

- ☐ Troop 15 Scoutmaster [or other representative] _____
- ☐ Troop 11 Scoutmaster [or other representative] _____
- ☐ Troop 4 Scoutmaster [or other representative] _____
- ☐ Troop 1 Scoutmaster [or other representative] _____

{Arrow of Light Ceremony}

The Arrow of Light is the highest rank in Cub Scouting. It represents the conclusion of the Cub Scout's journey through the elementary school Cub Scout program, and the beginning of the journey into Boy Scouting.

Tonight we honor 17 Webelos Scouts who have earned the rank of Arrow of Light.

Along with their Arrow of Light Badge, each boy will be presented with a ceremonial arrow to remind them of their accomplishments, this ceremony tonight, and their journey into Boy Scouting.

____ [Cubmaster], will now tell us about the Arrow of Light Badge.

{Symbolism of the Arrow of Light Badge – Cubmaster #2:}

With so much symbolism built into the Arrow of Light patch, we thought it appropriate to take a few minutes to explain the symbolism so that we understand what it is the boys will be wearing on the chest, close to their heart.

The prominent colors of the Arrow of Light are blue and gold, a clear connection to our Blue and Gold Dinner tonight. The color blue represents the spirit of Cub Scouting. The color gold represents the warm rays of the sun.

The arrow is symbolic of everything that is straight and true. Just as a Scout should be straight and true in his life and to himself. The arrow points the way of the Scouting trail.

At the base of the arrow are three feathers. An arrow needs three feathers to fly straight and true. The three feathers represent the three groups which support and uphold the Scout: his den leaders, his parents, and his pack.

The shaft of the arrow is long, straight and true, a reminder to the Scout to always be straight with, and true to, himself and that he must be honest with himself and others, and that this is sometimes a difficult and long journey.

At the tip of the arrow is a sharp point, reminding the Scout that he must always remain sharp, alert and aware.

The arch is the sun rising at daybreak, the start of a new week in scouting and in life. The arch, in its entirety as a circle, represents the sun as the Scout is a source of light for those around him, and the full circle is a reminder that the spirit of Scouting is never ending.

The seven rays represent the seven days of the week. A reminder that the Scout should do his best every day.

{Requirements to Earn the Arrow of Light – Cubmaster #1:}

Thank you ____ [Cubmaster] So much important detail in such a small piece of cloth.

To earn the Arrow of Light Badge, requires dedication and hard work by the Scout, and support from his family, his Den and his Pack.

To earn the Arrow of Light Badge, a Scout needs to accomplish the following:

A Scout must earn his Webelos badge by earning three badges: Fitness, Citizen, and a badge of his choice.

He must then go on to earn five more badges.

In all, he must earn one badge from each of the activity badge groups:

- ☐ Mental Skills,
- ☐ Physical Skills,
- ☐ Community,
- ☐ Technology, and
- ☐ Outdoorsmanship.

The Scout must know the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout Promise, Motto and Slogan, and the Scout sign, salute and handclasp.

Finally the Webelos Scout must attend a Boy Scout Event.

I will now ask each Den Leader if their Cub Scouts have completed the necessary requirements to be awarded the Arrow of Light this ____ day of March?

{Repeat three times for [Den Leader], [Den Leader] and [Den Leader]}

[Den Leader], have the Cub Scouts from your Den completed all necessary requirements to be awarded their Arrow of Light?

Each Den Leader says:

[Den Leader]:
They have.

[Den Leader]:
They have.

[Den Leader]:
They have.

We are very proud of the work that our 5th Grade Webelos have accomplished in earning their Arrow of Light Badge.

{Building of the Arrow of Light Bridge – Cubmaster #1:}

{We have 12 steps and 17 boys. The first five boys will be in two's, then the remaining 7 will be single}

The bridge before you is a symbol of your crossing from Cub Scouting over to Boy Scouting. Each step in the bridge represents a part of the Boy Scout Law. You will now build this bridge over which you will cross over to Boy Scouts.

{The first two boys will walk up to the bridge, hold up the step, summarize what the step means to them, and then place the step on the bridge.}

Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent

{Presentation the Arrow of Light Badge – Cubmaster #1:}

For the last time, I am addressing you as Webelos Scouts. You have come to the end of Cub Scouting and are about to start up the Boy Scout trail. You have many scouting adventures to look forward to, as you begin your new journey.

As each Cub Scout is called to cross the bridge, the Order of the Arrow Archer will send your ceremonial arrow across the stage. On the other side of the bridge you will be greeted by our Scout Troop Representatives. The Order of the Arrow will retrieve the arrow and present it to you after you have been received.

I will now call the Pack 5 Webelos to cross over the bridge to Boy Scouts

- ☐ [Name of Webelos]
- ☐ [Name of Webelos]
- ☐ [Name of Webelos]
- ☐ [Name of Webelos]

{Presentation the Arrow of Light Badge – Cubmaster #2:}

I will now call the Pack 3 Webelos to cross over the bridge to Boy Scouts

- ☐ [Name of Webelos]
- ☐ [Name of Webelos]
- ☐ [Name of Webelos]
- ☐ [Name of Webelos]

{Closing Ceremony – Cubmaster #2}

Congratulations.

In earning the Arrow of Light you have shown that you have done your best. I challenge each of you to continue your high level of achievement as Boy Scouts.

To our guests tonight, let me present our newest recipients of the Arrow of Light. Would you please join me in giving these young men a standing ovation for achieving this milestone in Scouting.

Please stay standing for the closing flag ceremony.

{Pack 3 conducts the closing flag ceremony}

Thank you to everyone who has helped make tonight such a great evening.

Good night.