

Pack 469
Tomball, Texas

-Event Binder-

Arrow of Light



Crossover Ceremony

The following information was compiled from multiple sources in the Pack over many years.

This is by no means a blueprint for a successful AOL event. It is meant as a guideline to help current and future leaders create a smooth event that meets their needs, the needs of their den, and the needs of the pack.

Please take what speaks to you, take what works for you, carry on the traditions that make sense to you, and create new traditions for those to follow. Most importantly, try to make the ceremony special for your scouts and something they will remember as it will be their final memories from Cub Scouting.

What we ask those that follow us in the future is that you add to this information as needed to keep it current and to pass on the information to those that follow you.

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Event Evaluation form

Sample Event Programs

AoL Program 1999 - note original printed booklet style
(two up/duplex)

AoL Program 2012 - booklet style (two up/duplex)

AoL Program 2013 - Original one printed sheet, Z folded
(AoL Badge, dates, 1st paragraph face up)

Sample AoL Ceremony Scripts

AoL Ceremony Sample Script

AoL Ceremony Script 2013

Sample Crossover Ceremony Scripts

Crossover Script #1

Troop 469 Crossover Ceremony Script 2013 (Indian Ceremony)

Arrow of Light Ceremony Time-line

Event Chair Reports to: Pack Committee Chair or Cubmaster

Chair Duties:

Pack Preparation

- Develop Event Committee
 - Webelos II leadership
 - Webelos II parents
- Decide on the Location for the Ceremony
- Delegate Various Duties from the Time-Line below
- Confirm Budget
 - Refreshments
 - Replacing Supplies

6-4 Months Before

- Reserve Location
 - Consider Rain Options
- Reserve the OA Team or Ceremony Team
 - Orion District OA, Troop 469 Ceremony Team, etc.

3 Months Before

- Make arrangements for AoL Shadow Boxes
 - How many?
 - Who wants them?
 - Make as a group or everyone individually?
 - Suggested websites to arrows from:
 - <http://www.arrowoflightawards.com/products.htm>
 - <http://www.arrow-of-light-awards.com>
 - Wrap with thread or vinyl tape kit
- Make decision on whether the Crossover team will judge Shadow Boxes or mock arrows as worthy to cross
 - Pro's for using Shadow Boxes
 - Audience can see the box better than a single arrow
 - More dramatic when an unworthy box is shattered
 - Con's of using Shadow Boxes
 - have to make one or more mock boxes if having unworthies
 - might drop a real box and damage it
 - All scouts will absolutely have to have a Shadow Box - all parents must agree to make a box and have it done prior to ceremony

2 Months Before

- Develop Flier with AOL Ceremony details
 - Explain the ceremony at Pack Meeting and the serious nature
 - Encourage entire pack to come
 - Note Date, Where, When to show up, What to bring
 - Seating arrangements (need to bring chairs or is seating supplied)
- Distribute to Pack via Pack Meeting, Web, and possibly email

4-2 Weeks Before

- Continue Promoting
- Confirm the boys have invited the Scoutmasters to the ceremony
- Finalize list of Troops for the boys crossing over
- Confirm list of boys going to what Troops
- Refreshments decision (choose one or something similar)
 - Pizza and drinks for OA/Ceremony Team only
 - Snacks or cake for Pack and Team after ceremony
 - Refreshments for Pack and Team after
 - Troop cook hot dogs for OA and pack for after ceremony

2 Weeks Before

Gather supplies for set-up

- Tables
 - AOL boxes, Other Awards, programs, etc.
 - Tiki Torches and oil (in pack container oil in tote labeled 'Tiki Torches
 - Firewood supplies
 - Lighters (at least two)
 - First Aid kit
 - Shovel
 - Fire extinguisher or fire buckets
 - Propane lanterns from Troop 469
 - Flags and stands
 - Cross over Bridge
- Give list of boys crossing over with their Troop # to Pack Committee or Cubmaster to include in program
- Confirm Fire Ban rules for selected location

1 Week Before

- Follow ups:
 - Troop Scoutmasters have been invited
 - Confirm reservation details
 - Fire Ban status
 - Transportation of supplies to event
 - OA or Ceremony team confirmed

Night of Event:

- Set up during daylight (if Outdoors)
- Set-up
 - Tiki Torches
 - Staked, Filled, Ready to light about an hour before event
 - Arrange Stage and logistics of event
 - Tables set by bridge for Pack and Troops
- Keep scouts out of stage area until escorted in

After the event:

- Submit expenses according to prior budget set
- Keep copy of expenses and receipts
- Return Evaluation Form to the Pack Committee with the binder

Pack 469 Event Evaluation Form:

Event:

Date:

Event Chair:

Event Co-Chairs:

Suggestions for next year:

Committee:

Day of Event:

After Event:

Other:

CUB SCOUT
PACK 469 and PACK 1324

ARROW OF LIGHT CEREMONY
AND
BOY SCOUT CROSS OVER



SPRING CREEK PARK
TOMBALL, TEXAS

FEBRUARY 19, 1999



Boy Scouts of America
Cub Scout Pack 469 and Pack 1324

Welcoming

Richard Bleiler
Cubmaster, Pack 469
Lanny Rummel
Cubmaster, Pack 1324

Advancements

Richard Bleiler
Cubmaster, Pack 469

Arrow of Light Meaning

Bill Rosenbaum
Scoutmaster, Troop 469

Arrow of Light Ceremony

Order of the Arrow -Polaris District

← Honored Webelos →

Scorpions - Pack 469

*John-Michael Betik
*Matthew Bogoyas
David Clark
*David Hughes
Jarrod Payne
*Robert Piwonka
*Kevin Pratz
*Daniel Sisneros
*Joshua Smith
*Andrew Ashten

Scorpions - Pack 1324

*Buras Brandon
*Michael Keller
*John Kottowski
*Michael Maloney
Alex Roszko
*John Worlow

Boy Scout Cross Over

Richard Bleiler/Lanny Rummel

Boy Scout Troop 469

Boy Scout Troop 1332

Boy Scout Troop 1323

Boy Scout Troop 41

*Scouts graduating to Boy Scouts

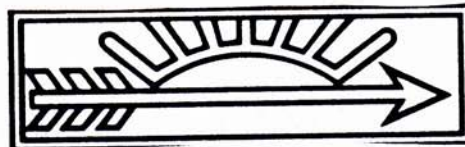
Closing

Bill Rosenbaum
Scoutmaster, Troop 469

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← Arrow of Light Requirements →

1. *Be active in a Webelos den for 6 months*
2. *Show knowledge of the requirements to become a Boy Scout*
 - *Repeat from memory the Scout Oath and the Scout Law*
Tell how they were practiced in everyday life
 - *Give & explain the Scout motto, slogan, sign, salute, & 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*
3. *Earn eight activity badges, which must include Citizen, Fitness, Readyman, and one from the outdoor group, one from the mental skills group, and one from the technology group*
4. *Visit one Boy Scout troop meeting, and one Boy Scout oriented outdoor activity with the Webelos den*
5. *Participate in a Webelos overnight campout or day hike*
6. *Visit the Boy Scout troop you might like to join, talk to the Scoutmaster, complete the Boy Scout application and discuss with Webelos leader your interest in becoming a Boy Scout*



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The sun has seven rays - one for each day of the week - they stand for the 7 great virtues of life; Wisdom, Courage, Self-Control, Justice, Faith, Hope, and Love.

Scout Oath

*On My honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.*

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

Scout Motto
"Be Prepared"

Scout Slogan
"Do a Good Turn Daily"



For every 100 boys who join Scouting.....

- *12 will have their first contact with a church or synagogue*
- *5 will earn their religious emblem*
- *1 will enter the clergy*
- *18 will develop hobbies that will last through adult life*
- *8 will enter a career that was learned through the merit badge system*
- *1 will use his Scouting skills to save a life*
- *1 will use his Scouting skills to save his own life*
- *17 will become Scouting volunteers*
- *2 will become Eagle Scouts*

Packs 469 and 1324 wish the Scouts of the Scorpion Dens a fond farewell and much success with their careers and adventures in Boy Scouts. We will truly miss the boys as well as their hard working parents. We thank the parents for enriching our Packs with their leadership, commitment, and enthusiasm. Good Luck and enjoy Boy Scouts!

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Pack 469, wishes to the Webelos II Scouts a fond farewell and much success with their careers and adventures in Boy Scouts.

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GOOD LUCK AND ENJOY BOY SCOUTS!!

**CUB SCOUT PACK 469
ARROW OF LIGHT CEREMONY
AND
BOY SCOUT CROSSOVER**



**SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH
AMPITHEATER
TOMBALL, TEXAS**

**DECEMBER 8, 2012
6:30 PM.**

**CUBMASTER - David Dunbar
COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON - Kim Auxier**

Boy Scouts of America
 Cub Scout Pack 469, Tomball, Texas
 Lakewood United Methodist Church

Flag Ceremony Webelos I
 Troop 113
 Welcoming & Introductions David Dunbar, Cubmaster, Pack 469
 Jim Woods, Scout Master Troop 469
 James Wroten, Scout Master Troop 113
 Arrow of Light Meaning and Ceremony David Dunbar
 Boy Scout Crossover Ceremony Team- Troop 469
 Robbie Littlefield Raymond Moore
 Mitchell Woods Morgan Milner
 J. R. Williamson

Honored Webelos

Den 3-Vipers
 Dylan Cluck * SA
 Allan Gonzalez * SA
 Ian Henry * SA
 Andrew Saunier * SA
 Christian Simmons * SA

Den 8-
 Foster Tomer * SA
 Hunter Kiff * SA

*Earned Arrow of Light
 SA- Super Achiever - Earned
 all 20 Webelos Activity Pins

Closing

David Dunbar

Den Leader Moment

Lisa Henry, Joe Kiff

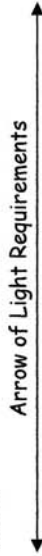
Retiring of the Colors

Webelos I- Den

Refreshments and drinks following in the Scout Hut.

Troop 469

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1. Be active in a Webelos den for 6 months.
2. Show knowledge of the requirements to become a Boy Scout
 - Repeat from memory the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. Tell how they are practiced in everyday life.
 - Give and explain the Scout Motto, slogan, sign, salute and handshake.
 - Understand and describe the significance of the First Class Scout badge.
 - Tell how a Boy Scout Uniform is different from a Webelos Scout Uniform.
 - Tie the joining knot. (Square knot)
3. Earn eight and activity badges, which must include Citizen, Fitness, Readyman and one from the outdoor group, one from the mental skills group and one from the technology group.
4. Visit one Boy Scout troop meeting and one Boy Scout oriented outdoor activity.
5. Participate in a Webelos overnight campout or day hike.
6. Visit the Boy Scout troop you might like to join and talk to the Scoutmaster.
7. Complete the Honesty Character Connection.



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**Pack 12 - Arrow Of Light Ceremony - Pack 469
December 14, 2013**

Thank you for joining us tonight as we acknowledge our scouts who complete their Cub Scout journey tonight by obtaining the Arrow of Light award. The Arrow of Light is the final badge that can be achieved by Cub Scouts and is the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn by Scouts on their Boy Scout uniform. We are all very proud of our Scouts that have worked so hard to complete this prestigious achievement.

PRESENTATION OF COLORS: PACK 469 - Webelos I

INVOCATION: Pack 12 - Doug Wylie

**Welcome and Introductions: Terry Box - Cubmaster Pack 469
 Doug Wylie - Cubmaster Pack 12
 Jim Woods - Scoutmaster Troop 469
 James Wroten - Scoutmaster Troop 113
 Kelly Hunt - Pack 12 Webelos II Leader
 Brent Auxier - Pack 469 Webelos II Leader**

AOL Announcements: Terry Box and Doug Wylie

Honored Scouts:

<u>Pack 12</u>	<u>Pack 469</u>	
*Matthew Cazedessus	*Jared Auxier	Ryan MacDonald
*Daniel Grobe	*Cason Calvagna	Ford Morris
*Brendan Hunt	Robert Dunbar	Daniel Pierce
*Nathan McGarrett	Stuart Dunbar	Noah Riker
	Jameson Gray	Alejandro Salinas
	Jefferson Lockhart	Cristian Zavala

*** These boys completed all 20 Webelos Activity Pins for the Super Achiever Award.**

Crossover Ceremony: Troop 469 Ceremony Team

Closing: Terry Box and Doug Wylie

Retrieve Colors: Pack 469 Webelos I

Pack 469 and Pack 12 wish their Webelos II scouts a fond farewell and much success in their adventures as Boy Scouts. Some scouts started as Tigers in their packs while some joined their packs later in their scouting career. Regardless how long or short their tenure may have been, all belonged and were cherished members to their Packs.

We thank these scouts and their parents for allowing us to lead them through to this ceremony tonight. We are proud and honored to have had the opportunity to share this time with them all.

- Brent Auxier and Kelly Hunt



The Arrow of Light Ceremony - Script #1

The Arrow of Light

The final and highest rank of Cub Scouting is the Arrow of Light.

These Scouts have worked very hard over the years to earn this prestigious award, and demonstrate that they understand the purpose of Scouting. They've completed all the requirements for the Arrow of Light badge and have completed the Cub Scout trail.

The Arrow of Light is a significant achievement

The Arrow of Light is recognized as a significant achievement by the Boy Scouts of America. As long as you are in Scouting, even as an adult, you will be able to wear the symbol of the Arrow of Light. As a Boy Scout, you continue to wear the Arrow of Light on your uniform. As an adult leader, you wear a square knot representing the Arrow of Light on your uniform.

The seven rays in the Arrow of Light

The sun shines from the arrow with seven rays to light your trail. These seven rays stand for the seven great virtues of life -- virtues that a Webelos Scout must have if they are to succeed and advance in Scouting and in life. For younger Scouts, living by and using these seven great virtues will help you achieve much on your trail upward to the Arrow of Light.

A Scout has WISDOM

Having wisdom doesn't mean that a Scout is smarter than others. It means that he uses what he knows to live a better life - to be a good example for other people, young and old, Scouts and others, family and friends.

A Scout has COURAGE

Having courage doesn't mean that you're never afraid : very courageous people are often afraid. However, facing danger despite your fear is the act of a brave, courageous Scout.

A Scout has SELF-CONTROL

Scouts have to know when to stop. When you can stop yourself when you have had enough or done enough of something - enough eating, enough playing, or even enough working -- then you have self-control. Know what behavior is correct in each situation, and do it. When you have self-control, you are growing up as a Scout.

A Scout gives JUSTICE

Justice is part of the Pledge of Allegiance: "with liberty and justice for all". Justice is being fair with others that we go to school with, work and play with. Justice means it doesn't matter who the person is, or what color they are, or what they do -- Scouts are fair to everyone.

A Scout has FAITH

Scouts believe in God. Faith means that we believe in God and other things we cannot see. When you know God exists in your heart, you have faith.

A Scout has HOPE

Hope means you look forward to good things that you believe will happen. You hope for better things tomorrow, but you work hard today to make those good things happen.

A Scout has LOVE

Scouts have many kinds of love. Love of family, home, your fellow scouts, God and country are all a part of scouting. Every kind of love is important for a full and happy life.

You will find that if you live by these seven virtues, you will be happy and will make the people around you happy as well.

The shadow box

As a constant reminder of your accomplishments we would like to present to each of you a special token of our admiration and respect for what you have done.

Your parents have stood behind you, encouraged and supported you throughout your cub scout career. Tonight, in recognition of your achievement you will be presented with a display box built by your father. The box contains the mementos of your cub scouting career, collected and arranged by your mother.

The box also holds an arrow, which has the markings that tell the story of your Cub Scout trail. The arrow was decorated by your Den leader, who guided your way along the way along the trail.

This arrow represents the Arrow Of Light

It's shaft is straight and true; to remind us a Scout is to be straight and true in keeping his promises.

The feathers on this arrow help guide it on its course; just as the ideals of Cub Scouting guide a boy on his course of life.

The rawhide on the shaft symbolizes your strength -- you are strong, but flexible.

Like the arrow, straight and true, as Scouts you have learned how to live your life, setting an example for others to follow. The arrow point is your focus on life as you face the challenges ahead.

Explanation of markings

These seven yellow bands around the shaft represent the seven virtues of life, WISDOM, COURAGE, SELF CONTROL, JUSTICE, FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE.

The YELLOW mark shows the boy has completed his Bobcat requirements, the first step on the Cub Scout trail.

The RED mark shows that he has completed his Wolf requirements.

After the red mark there are gold silver marks representing the arrow points that he earned as a Wolf.

The GREEN mark shows that he completed his Bear rank.

After the green mark there are gold silver marks representing the arrow points that he earned as a Bear.

Next, he joined a Webelos Den. The black marks represent the Webelos Activity Pins he earned.

Then he earned his Webelos Badge, which is marked in BLUE.

Then there are additional Webelos Activity Pins.

Finally, his Arrow of Light is signified by the WHITE marking.

Remember the ideals

We give you this arrow as a reminder of Cub Scouting. To remember the ideals you have learned as a Cub Scout, and remain straight and true as you grow to manhood.

We hope you will display this arrow proudly, so that every day you will be reminded of the things we have learned together along the trail during our Cub Scout years.

The future

The blue and gold colors of the arrow also represent your past, while the red and green are your future.

You have shown us all what you are capable of achieving. You have lived the Cub Scout motto, "Do Your Best". When you leave here tonight we challenge each of you to soar to greater heights.

Those of you going on to Boy Scouts, we urge you to follow the trail to Eagle. As your Cub Scout leaders, we would be honored to join you, wherever you may be, should you attain the rank of Eagle.

Please accept our sincerest congratulations for your outstanding effort and best wishes for whatever your future holds.

2013 Arrow of Light - Ceremony Announcements

-Doug Wylie-

Cub Scouting is structured to run parallel with a scouts school year. The Tiger year is while the scout is in the first grade, Wolves are in the second grade, and Bears are in the third grade. Scouts become Webelos in their fourth grade year but an odd thing happens... they achieve their Webelos badge but stay Webelos into their fifth grade year. We refer to these scouts as Webelos II since it is their second year of being a Webelos. The reason the Webelos rank spans more than one year is that they begin learning what is expected of Boy Scouts. While Tigers, Wolves, and Bears learn various scouting ideals and skills, the Webelos start putting all these ideals and skills together and learn how to become Boy Scouts and achieve the Arrow of Light rank.

-Terry Box-

The Arrow of Light is recognized as a significant achievement by the Boy Scouts of America. As long as you are in Scouting, even as an adult, you will be able to wear the symbol of the Arrow of Light. As a Boy Scout, you will continue to wear the Arrow of Light on your uniform. As an adult, you can wear a square knot that represents the achievement you have made tonight.

As your name is called, please come forward to be recognized:

From Pack 469: Jared Auxier... Robert Dunbar... Jameson Gray... Jefferson Lockhart... Daniel Pierce... Alejandro Salinas... Cason Calvagna... Stuart Dunbar... Ryan MacDonald... Ford Morris... Noah Riker... and Cristian Zavala.

-Doug Wylie-

From Pack 12: Daniel Grobe... Brendan Hunt... Nathan McGarrett... and Matthew Cazedessus

Tonight we gather to acknowledge our Webelos II Scouts as they end their Cub Scout trail. They've completed all the requirements for the Arrow of Light badge. This is the final, and highest, rank of Cub Scouting.

-Terry Box-

In addition, as Webelos you can achieve activity pins. While a portion of the 20 available pins are required for the rank, the balance are optional to complete during your 18 months as a Webelos Scout. Tonight we have six scouts that have completed all 20 pins and have attained the 'Super Achiever' status as Webelos.

These scouts are Jared Auxier and Cason Calvagna of Pack 469 and Matthew Cazedessus, Daniel Grobe, Brendan Hunt, and Nathan McGarrett of Pack 12.

-Doug Wylie-

We congratulate you all on the achievements you have made tonight.

Scouts, please return to your seats

These Scouts have worked very hard over the years to earn this prestigious award, and demonstrate that they understand the purpose of Scouting. They have learned that as a Boy Scout they have a duty to God and their Country, they are to help other people, and they should stay strong and true. They also have agreed to follow the Scout Law.

-Terry Box-

This law states 12 ideals. A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent. Behind us tonight is a bridge that these scouts had a part in making. This bridge will lead them from their time as a Cub Scout and mark their beginning as a Boy Scout. There are 12 treads spanning this bridge and each tread is inscribed with one of these ideals. Scouts, if you choose to cross this bridge tonight, read these words. They will guide you... not only as Boy Scouts, but through your life.

-Doug Wylie-

While Boy Scouting is a boy led activity, Cub Scouting is a family led endeavor. Boy Scouts will plan and organize their activities. Cub Scout activities are planned and organized by adults in the Pack. Cub Scouts are taught to follow Akela. Akela is any adult around them and, depending on where they might be, Akela could be their teacher, their den leader, an athletic coach... but Akela is always their parents. Den Leaders might change, Teachers most certainly change, but their parents... their Mom and their Dad... these are the people who are by their side throughout Cub Scouting.

-Terry Box-

With this in mind, we ask that when your scout is called during the Crossover Ceremony at least one parent of the scout come forward to the side of the stage. If your scout chooses to cross the bridge to Boy Scouts we would like you to escort him to the bridge, pin on his Arrow of Light badge, and send him on to the Troop of his choosing.



The Crossover Ceremony - Script #1

In the final months of his Webelos Scouting experience, a boy decides what troop he will join and, with his parents, arranges for his entrance into Boy Scouting. Tonight our Pack has the privilege of bringing these Webelos Scouts to this significant milestone.

The night you became Cub Scouts a whole new world of opportunity was opened to you. During the past years you have experienced that good feeling that comes in giving goodwill to others. Now you have the privilege of becoming a Boy Scout. This ceremony marks the completion of your Cub Scouting, just as it marks the beginning of a whole new experience in Boy Scouting.

As a Boy Scout you will hike and camp. You will learn many useful things. You will have an opportunity to continue your growth as a useful citizen because you will participate in civic activities and learn the joy of helping others by practicing the habit of doing a Good Turn every day.

The Crossover

Tonight, you will symbolically cross over the bridge from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts.

You will exchange your Webelos Scout neckerchief and Cub Scout shoulder loops epaulets for a troop neckerchief, and Boy Scout epaulets as a symbol of graduation into Boy Scouting.

You will receive, and return the Boy Scout salute.

Then you will leave our council fire and join the council fire of your new troop.

Scoutmasters, Pack 469 is proud to present these Webelos Scouts, holders of the Arrow of Light Award. It is our hope and belief that you and your scouts will provide them the finest opportunity to carry on their Scouting.

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(Medicine Man, Guard, Guide, and grabbers enter and stand behind the fire, with Medicine Man in the middle)

MEDICINE MAN:

We are gathered here tonight to honor those Webelos Scouts who have earned the Arrow of Light Award, and to select those who are worthy of becoming Boy Scouts. Let us summon the mighty Chief Akela to lead us in our task

O mighty Akela, join us at our ceremony fire and lend us your guidance!

(drum summons Akela to the fire beside the Medicine Man)

AKELA:

My heart is happy, for this night there are those among us who have earned the Arrow of Light, Cub Scouting's highest award. They have travelled a long way on the Cub Scouting trail. They have met many new friends, learned many new skills, and above all have lived up to the Cub Scout Promise and The Law of the Pack. Before we begin our task, let us introduce ourselves. I am Akela, mighty Chief. This is our Medicine Man. These are the Guard and Guide of our tribe.

O great Medicine Man, call now upon the Great Spirit above for guidance, that we may have wisdom, patience, and understanding as we fulfill our duties throughout this night and tomorrow, and that all Cub Scouts here may be inspired to continue along the path of Scouting.

(Medicine Man presents ceremony arrow to the four directions of the compass)

MEDICINE MAN:

My friends, let us pray in silence, each in his own fashion, for it is only in silence that a man may truly find himself.

(pause standing together for 30 seconds)

(drum beats once)

MEDICINE MAN:

The Arrow of Light is not easy to achieve. A boy joins Cub Scouting as a Bobcat. He is weak, frail, and does not fully understand what he is to do. He soon earns the rank of Tiger and continues to grow and strive, eventually earning the rank of Wolf and then Bear as he grows in strength and knowledge. Next, having passed the test of the tribe, he becomes a young brave of the Webelos Scouts. He must now meet many new challenges in his quest to earn the Arrow of Light Award. These Webelos Scouts here tonight have completed these tasks.

GUARD:

As you have seen, the Arrow of Light Award contains an arrow and a sun. The sun signifies the end of the trails of Cub Scouting and a journey well done. However, the sun may also be seen as a rising sun – the beginning of Boy Scouts with different adventures on a new trail with many new challenges and much to be done.

GUIDE:

The Guard has already reminded you that the Arrow of Light Award contains an arrow. The reason for this is that the arrow is a symbol of leadership. It is straight, its point is keen, and when aimed high its direction is onward and upward. This is truly symbolic of those Webelos Scouts here tonight who are about to take their first steps on the Boy Scout trail.

MEDICINE MAN:

If a Webelos Scout is brave and true, his arrow will be strong and straight, and if his arrow passes the test he will be judged worthy to cross into Boy Scouting. If your name be called, stand and await a guide to bring you before the mighty Chief Akela.

(The Medicine Man hands each arrow in turn to Akela, who inspects it and calls out the name of the Scout, who is then brought before the Chief)

AKELA (to each boy, quietly):

If it is your desire, you may cross over the bridge into the world of Boy Scouting.

MEDICINE MAN (after all names have been called):

It has been done, O mighty Chief Akela!

AKELA:

My brothers, as I leave you in silence, let me congratulate you for all that you achieved in Cub Scouting. But let me remind you to continue on – for this is only the first plateau along Scouting's joyful trail. It is my heart's desire that we meet again on your trail.

(All leave to drum beating)