

Akela Arrow of Light Ceremony

Items Needed: 3 arrows (1st with green, 2nd with red, 3rd with yellow), Arrow of Light Symbol, Walkway for “Walk of Honor” (could be Cubs standing on both sides of walkway giving either Scout Salute or Cub Scout Sign, or tea lights in paper bags), Arrow of Light Awards, duct tape for x’s on floor if feel needed.

CUBMASTER: Tonight, we have the special privilege of witnessing the presentation of the highest rank in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light.

CUBMASTER: I, Akela, now call the following scouts and their parents to come forward. As you are called please go stand behind your Assistant Cubmaster _____ (*The Assistant Cubmaster is standing and holding up the 3 arrows in his right hand at the beginning of the “Walk of Honor”. The boys and their parents stand behind him*).

Name of Assistant Cubmaster, please escort (*give name of each Webelos receiving the Arrow of Light*) and their parents through the “Walk of Honor” (*Assistant Cubmaster escorts Webelos & Parents through the “Walk of Honor” then stands next to the Arrow of Light Symbol.*)

CUBMASTER: Please stand here so the others may look upon you (*may want to have x’s on floor to show where Webelos stand*). I, Akela, have heard of your great achievements and have brought for you the reward of your deeds.

CUBMASTER: Before you are the symbols placed here by your leaders. I Akela, present to you the green arrow. Webelos please give the Scout Sign and hold the green arrow with your left hand. (*Assistant Cubmaster presents the green arrow. The boys hold it with their left hand while giving the Scout Sign.*)

This green arrow represents perseverance and dedication to personal growth. Do you promise to continue to follow the trail of the Eagle, wherever it may lead you? **If you do, say, “I promise”.**

WEBELOS: I promise.

CUBMASTER: I, Akela, present to you the red arrow. While continuing to give the Scout Sign all of you hold it along with the green arrow in your left hand. (*Assistant Cubmaster presents the red arrow.*)

This red arrow represents the courage it takes to live the Scout Oath in your life. While giving the Scout Sign, do you promise to live the Scout Oath?

WEBELOS: I promise.

CUBMASTER: I, Akela, present to you the yellow arrow. While continuing to give the Scout Sign All of you hold it along with the green and red arrow with your left hand. (*Assistant Cubmaster presents the yellow arrow.*)

This yellow arrow represents the light and brightness that a true Scout brings to the world by obeying the Scout Law. While giving the Scout Sign, do you promise to be forever trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent? **If you do, say, “I promise”**

WEBELOS: I promise.

CUBMASTER: This bundle of three arrows resembles the Scout sign. Like your three outstretched fingers, it stands for the three parts of the Scout Oath. Your hands holding the arrows together are like your thumb and little finger that, when brought together, stand for the bond that ties all Scouts together. Now you are ready to receive the highest rank in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light.

(Assistant Cubmaster retrieves bundle of arrows from scouts and instructs the Webelos to lower their right hand)

CUBMASTER: Before you stands the Arrow of Light. Within our Packs this symbol has an honored place. Its' shaft is straight and narrow – just as the path that you should follow throughout your life.

Its' tip points the way – the way to success in all that you do. It is pointing to the right – a symbol that nothing should be left undone; if it is within your power to do it, see that it is done.

Last, but not least, the symbol of the seven rays of the sun – one for each day of the week to remind you that every day is a new day, a day to do your best in everything. A day to honor your God and your country, to do your Good Turn, a new chance to follow the Scout Law and to remember these words: ON MY HONOR.

At this time would our Webelos Leaders please hand to the parents the Arrow of Light badge.

Parents would you now present to your son the highest rank in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light.

Now that you have received the Arrow of Light, let its light shine forth from you. Promise now to set an example for others to follow in your footsteps, set your eye on the Eagle and never waiver. Do you promise? If you do, say, "I Promise"

WEBELOS: I promise.

CUBMASTER: I, Akela, declare that you are now full-fledged Arrow of Light holders. Everyone *(with exuberance)*...please stand and join me in a roaring congratulations!