
PACK 159

CEREMONIES



Our Lady Queen of Peace Church
Hewitt, NJ

Flag Opening

Flag bearers should be in the back holding the flags. The US Flag is on the marcher's right, Pack flag on the left.

Leader: "Color Guard, Attention!"

Leader: "Everyone, Please Rise!"

Leader: "Color Guard, Proceed!"

Leader: "Scout Salute! Those not in uniform, please place your right hand over your heart."

When flag bearers reaches the front, US Flag crosses in front of Pack flag to audience's left, then Pack flag to right.

Leader: "Please recite the Pledge of Allegiance!"

Leader: "TWO!"

Everyone drops salute

Leader: "Scout Sign!"

Everyone raises right hand making the Scout sign or Cub Scout sign

Leader: "Please join us in reciting the Cub Scout Promise!"

Leader: "TWO!"

Everyone drops Scout sign

Leader: "Color Guard, Post the Colors!"

Leader: "Color Guard, Dismissed!"

wait for flag bearers to return to their seats

Leader: "Everyone, Please be Seated!"

Flag Closing

Flag bearers should be in the back ready.

Leader: "Color Guard, Attention!"

Leader: "Everyone, Please Rise!"

Leader: "Color Guard, Proceed!"

Wait for flag bearers to reach the front.

Leader: "Scout Salute! Those not in uniform, please place your right hand over your heart."

Leader: "Color Guard, Retrieve the Colors!"

The US Flag is on the bearer's right, Pack flag on the left.

Leader: "Color Guard, Proceed!"

Wait for flag bearers to reach the back.

Leader: "TWO!"

Everyone drops Scout sign

Leader: "Pack Dismissed!"

Den Chief Induction

Cubmaster: Scouts and friends, we wish to recognize a new leader who will serve as a Den Chief in Pack 159.

call forward the den chief

Cubmaster: Before the Den Chief cord is placed on your shoulder, I ask you to pledge your support.

Do you promise to help the Cub Scouts in your den to the best of your ability, to encourage, guide, and protect them in all den and pack activities, and show them, by your example, what a Boy Scout can be?

Den Chief: I do.

Cubmaster: Will you strive to be prompt and dependable, and to cooperate with the leaders in carrying out the den program?

Den Chief: I will

Cubmaster: As each Webelos Scout becomes eligible, will you do all in your power to interest him in becoming a Boy Scout?

Den Chief: I will.

Cubmaster: Den Leader, please place the cord on your Den Chief's left shoulder and present his patch to him.

Although this cord has little weight, the job it stands for places a large weight upon his shoulders. This cord also serves to recognize him as an officer in his troop.

Now, we in Pack 159, in recognition of your important service, welcome you and say congratulations.

Bobcat

Akela: Bobcats are small wildcats, about 3 feet tall or shorter.

Bobcats are hard to find, especially between the hours of 3 to 5 p.m., when it is time to take out the trash, cut the grass or take a bath.

They hide behind trees, under beds or behind imaginary tanks or trucks, waiting for the enemy to pass.

They feed on hamburgers, hot dogs, tacos, pizzas, cakes and candy and hunt for food wherever they can find it.

Bobcats can be found in trees, mud puddles, under leaves, in old rain barrels, on the roof or wherever girls aren't.

They can be found as far away as the school playground or as near as the neighbor's yard, pulling the cat's tail.

The Bobcat's ability to run, jump and hide is legendary.

T.V. movies, Walt Disney and John Wayne have been known to be able to lure these wild creatures in close for the catch.

Many a mighty and crafty hunter has been foiled in his attempts to tame these strange creatures.

But here now if you are ready ~ but stand back because they are unpredictable ~ I present to you some Bobcats; tamed, washed, combed and about as lovable as they can be ~ each probably with a frog in his pocket.

Baloo: These are the boys ready to join our Pack. When I call your name, come forward with your parents ...

Baloo calls the boys who are to receive the Bobcat badge.

Both Akela and Baloo hand the badge to parents and congratulate the Cubs with the Cub Scout handshake

Akela: Parents, present the Bobcat badge to your son. Attach the badge to his uniform upside down. Once he completes a good deed, the badge should be permanently attached right side up.

Baloo: Will the new Bobcats join me in saying the Cub Scout promise?

All: 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.

Rank Advancement (Intro)

Akela: Cub Scouting is Many Things.

A Cub Scout is a Boy. He is somewhere between 6 and 11 years old. He is just an average boy energetic, inquisitive, noisy and eager to explore the world around him.

Cub Scouting is Parents who love their boys and care about them. They want them to grow up to be well-rounded individuals who can live and work in an atmosphere of harmony and cooperation.

Cub Scouting is Den Leaders who open their homes and their hearts to these boys so they may learn to do things in a group rather than individually and learn to share the limelight with the others.

Baloo: Cub Scouting is a Cub Master who gives of his spare time, and many times much more, to provide a program that will bring Cub Scouting to all the boys in the Pack.

Cub Scouting is a Nationwide Organization, a little brother program to their older brother the Boy Scouts.

Cub Scouting is a Committee made up of interested parents who work together to serve willingly to carry out the Pack's goals.

Akela: Cub Scouting is Fun for the boys, their parents and their leaders.

Cub Scouting is Fellowship with the boys in your class at school, your neighbors, and other people you might never meet except through Cub Scouting.

Cub Scouting is teaching the young boys respect for God and Country. They learn their moral obligations to themselves and their fellow man.

Baloo: Cub Scouting is a Challenge to all who become involved. A challenge to live up to high ideals, bring forth creative ideas, and express yourself well. It is also a challenge to learn to accept the ideas of others who may not agree with you and learn to compromise and work out differences.

Cub Scouting is Achieving for the boys and their parents as they work together on advancement in the Cub Scouts Handbook. Leaders achieve as they carry out the Den and Pack programs successfully.

Akela: As you can see Cub Scouting is many things, each one important and shining forth in its own way. If we keep all these lights burning brightly in our Pack, our radiance will be seen by many people. That is Cub Scouting.

(Baloo introduces the Tiger Leader, the Wolf Leader, the Bear Leader and the Webelos Leader)

Akela: All these boys honored tonight have been true to the Blue and the Gold by showing the traits represented by our Cub Scout colors....Happiness, Truth and Loyalty. Let's show them and their parents how much we admire their efforts.

Rank Advancement (Tiger)

Tiger Leader:

Tiger Scouts are the beginning in the journey of Scouting. Just like a tiny tree in the forest is a symbol of the natural beauty of our land, it takes a long time for a beautiful tree to grow and develop. In the same way, a Tiger Scout is a symbol of the beginning in Scouting and they spend lots of time and effort in developing through the ranks of Scouting and moving up through the Trails of Bobcat, Wolves, Bears, Webelos and eventually Boy Scouts, as well as his parents who help him. Tonight, for these Tigers it is the beginning of their journey and today we will put some leaves onto their Scouting career. Each of these leaves that they have earned represents the time and effort they put into their first few months in their new Tiger Den and the work they accomplished with the help of their leaders and parents. Some of those accomplishments are: (list some of the activities and events you have done with your den).

Each of you has helped nurture this tree. Just as trees endure for many, many years, so the values you have gained from working on achievements, electives and activity badges will last you a lifetime. May you always stand strong and tall like a tree - and be a beautiful resource for our land.

Will the following boys and their parents, please come forward when called. (Assemble all of them at the front of the Pack also call up the Scouts' Den Leaders.)

Rank Advancement (Wolf)

Wolf Leader:

If you wanted to know all about the Wolf you would need to go out and spend some time in the forest. There you could follow the tracks of the Wolf and learn their ways. On the trail you would see and learn many things. You would see how the wolves work together to build and maintain their den and watch for their young. You would watch the teamwork that the wolves use to bring home food and notice that they always follow and obey their leader. Yes, as we worked together these past months we have completed; (list some of the activities and events you have done with your den). Like the wolves in the forest we could not have achieved all that we did without working together as one den. I am very proud of all of these boys who completed the requirements to earn their Wolf Badge.

The Gold that the Wolf Cub Scouts wear stands for happiness, and no one seems to be more full of happiness than these bright young men, who have completed the twelve achievements necessary for the rank of Wolf. Will all my wolf Scouts please come forward with their parents? (Call the names of the boys receiving Wolf Badges and Wolf Arrows. Give awards to the parents and have them present them to the boys.)

Rank Advancement (Bear)

Bear Leader:

As your adventure continues in Scouting you go from Wolf to Bear, and each day you journey into the forest a little further than before, now your following Bear tracks. You would watch the Bear use his mighty strength to climb swiftly up a tree or jump a wide stream. As the Bear grows he gets stronger and stronger each day. Just as you become stronger in your Scouting career as well as done and learned so many new and exciting things such as: (list some of the activities and events you have done with your den). As your knowledge in Scouting keeps increasing your strength also gets stronger which makes you braver like the mighty Bear.

Blue, the other color of Cub Scouting stands for truth. Truth begins to shine through strong on the faces of these Bear Cub Scouts, as they have completed the achievements for the rank of Bear and have learned that Cub Scout Honor really is important and truth is always the best. Will these boys please come forward with their parents. (Call the names of the boys receiving Bear badges and Bear Arrows. Give the badges to the parents to present to the boys.)

Rank Advancement (Webelos)

Webelos Leader

As Webelos Scouts your adventures will not always be in the woods. You have grown as young Tigers and have followed the Wolf and Bear tracks. Now as a Webelos, your last part of Cub Scouting, you start on the trail towards the Arrow of Light. The highest award in Cub Scouting. In the past few months we have learned skills that have challenged us mentally, physically, and spiritually, some of these skills include; (list some of the activities and events you have done with your den). And once all these skills have been completed you will crossover to the world of Boy Scouting.

The other meaning for the color Blue is loyalty. This is one of the most important traits a boy can learn in the process of becoming a man - Loyalty to God, family, country, friends, and the most important, loyalty to his beliefs and convictions. These boys who have earned their Webelos badge have learned the meaning of loyalty and are displaying its traits. The boys who have earned honors as Webelos are: (Call off names and at this time graduate boys into Webelos, award activity pins.)

Arrow of Light

Webelos Den Leader: Tonight we mark a great occasion.... the graduation of seven Webelo Scouts into a boy scout troop. We are sad to see them leave because they have been a great help to our pack...but we are happy for them because they are going on to the great adventure of Boy Scouting. These Webelos have worked hard for this night and have advanced well. They even assisted in a reflection of the following highlights of their years in cub scouting and came up with this experiences themselves.

We made it... We started out as Tiger Cubs we were introduced to scouting. We went on many Go Sees & had our pictures in the paper often. We visited...

From there we advanced to Wolf Cubs we camped that summer

As Bears we had...

As Webelo's we went to WEBOREE...

We participated in many Pinewood Derby's and Blue and Gold Dinner and here we are receiving our Arrow of Light!!

I don't know whether to laugh or cry!

Therefore, today we have with us, seven Webelo Scouts who have completed the requirements and are ready to receive this prestigious award, The Arrow of Light.

Now as I call your name will the scouts come up with their parents.

(Assistant Webelos Den Leader Gives Arrow Of Light Patch to each Parent)

(Assistant Webelos Den Leader Gives Arrow Of Light Parent's Pin to each Webelos Scout)

Akela: Webelo Scouts have fulfilled all requirements for The Arrow of Light Award. May it always be said of you, that you have reached the top of any ladder of achievement set before you. You will soon be going into Boy Scouts - there you will be tested again. May you ever be successful.

Baloo: Parents, since you were so instrumental in your son's reaching this goal, I would like to give you the honor and privilege of presenting your son with the last award he will receive in Cub Scouts, The Arrow of Light.

(Parents Present Arrow of Light.)

Baloo: Scouts, Your Arrow Of Light award also comes with a Parent's Arrow of Light pin. Please, now, give this to your parents so they can wear it with great Pride!!

(Webelos Present Parent's Pin to Parents)

Akela: Boys wear the Arrow of Light with Pride - you have earned them well. Pack 159, let me present to you our newest recipients of the Arrow of Light.

Bridging

Leader Recognition

Akela: Den Leaders are not very special people. They're really just like you and I. Oh, just like the rest of us, some may have special little talents. One may be a whiz at racquet ball and another may bake the best bread, but for the most part, Den Leaders are just plain folks.

These people have, however, given a very special gift to our children. This gift is of our most valuable commodity-time. They give of their time to attend training, plan den meetings, meet with other Pack Leaders, go on field trips, look for and try out new ideas, plan overnights and banquets, call parents and play with our boys. Their time well-spent with our sons help to mold Cub Scouts into the type of men we wish them to become-strong in mind and character, responsible, giving men who strive for perfection and possess a desire for continued growth.

We all want the best for our children. Tonight we wish to thank those who have given their best. Would the following people please come forward. (Call the names of the Den Leaders and present them with appropriate items of recognition.)

Baloo: Cub Scouts are taught that Akela means a good leader. They are instructed to honor Akela by listening to him and following him. Our Akela is our Cubmaster and much can be learned by listening to this man's ideas and following his example of service. He is enthusiastic but tempers his enthusiasm by using as his guideline, the thought, "What is best for the boys?". He is idealistic-believing in reverence and patriotism, and tries to set the example for these ideals with the Cubs in our Pack. He gives much of his time and of his energy to ensure the Pack's program appeals to young boys, satisfies their needs and follows the time-tested policies of the Boy-Scouts of America. We want to honor our Akela tonight and thank him for his guidance and inspiration. (Present appropriate item of recognition to Cubmaster and assistants.)

Graduation

Tonight we are celebrating the conclusion of our Scouting year. As many of you know, Scouting started in England in 1907 when Lord Robert Baden-Powell took 7 boys to Brownsea Island for a camping experiment. But the roots of Scouting go even farther back. In 1899, Baden-Powell was a Colonel in the British Army fighting the Dutch Boers in South Africa. Colonel Baden-Powell was in charge of a town called Mafeking. It was under siege by the Boers. The Boers shelled the town every day except Sundays. When that happened, everyone had to hide in trenches until the shelling stopped. Baden-Powell noticed that the last ones into the trenches and the first ones out were the young boys. He needed to keep these young lads from doing risky things and getting wounded. So he organized them into a Boys Corps. They ran messages from Headquarters to the troops and citizens, and they practiced Army Scouting skills. This helped him enforce discipline on them in a way that they could accept.

The food was running out, the Boer force was 10 times the size of the British force, but Baden-Powell used his cunning to hold the town for 217 days, until British reinforcements could arrive and rescue the town from the Boers. When he got back to England, he found himself a National hero and a small book he had written for the Army, "Aids to Scouting", was being used by British boys to play games of scouting. He remembered those boys in Mafeking and what his Boys Corps did for them. He rewrote his book into "Scouting for Boys" in 1908 and Boy Scouting was born.

Tiger Promotion: Would the following Scouts and their Parents please step forward, and to the left side of the bridge (read names of Tiger Scouts). Would the Wolf Den Leader please step forward and to the right side of the bridge. Scouts, you have completed the First Grade and have shown yourselves ready to become Wolf Scouts. Wear your new uniform and neckerchief proudly like all Scouts have for the last 97 years. (Call the name of each Scout as he crosses the bridge. The Wolf Den Leader places a Wolf Neckerchief around his neck. When all are across, ask audience to Applaud.)

Wolf Promotion: Would the following Scouts and their Wolf Den Leader please step forward, and to the left side of the bridge (read names of Wolf Scouts). Would the Bear Den Leader please step forward and to the right side of the bridge. Scouts, you have learned new skills and have shown yourselves ready to become Bear Scouts. Wear your new rank and neckerchief proudly like all Scouts have for the last 97 years. (Remove Wolf neckerchiefs, call the name of each Scout as he crosses the bridge. The Bear Den Leader places a Bear Neckerchief around his neck. When all are across, ask audience to Applaud.)

Bear Promotion: Would the following Scouts and their Bear Den Leader please step forward, and to the left side of the bridge (read names of Bear Scouts). Would the First Year Webelos Den Leader please step forward and to the right side of the bridge. Scouts, you have learned new skills and have shown yourselves ready to become First Year Webelos Scouts. Wear your new rank and neckerchief proudly like all Scouts. (Remove Bear neckerchiefs, call the name of each Scout as he crosses the bridge. The First Year Webelos Den Leader places a Webelos Neckerchief around his neck. When all are across, ask audience to applaud.)

Webelos Promotion: Would the following Scouts and their Webelos Den Leader please step forward, and to the left side of the bridge (read names of Bear Scouts). Would the Second Year Webelos Den Leader please step forward and to the right side of the bridge. Scouts, you have learned new skills and have shown yourselves ready to become Second Year Webelos Scouts. Wear your Webelos Colors proudly like all Scouts have for the last 97 years. (Hand each Scout his Webelos Colors, call the name of each Scout as he crosses the bridge. The Second Year Webelos Den Leader pins the Webelos Colors on the uniform shirt arm. When all are across, ask audience to applaud.)