
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

Arrow of Light

Bridging

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.)