

Arrow of Light Ceremony

Required

- Ceremony Table with awards and pins
- 1 each blue, yellow, green, and white candles standing on the table
- 1 simple white candle
- blue, yellow, green, white face paint
- large AoL sign
- crossover bridge

Participants

- Cubmaster
- Assistant Cubmaster
- Arrow of Light Den Leader
- Senior Patrol Leader
- Troop 99
- AoL recipients and their parents
- Webelos I and II Den Leader's and their Scouts

Opening Preparation

Parents are seated up front (reserved table) and Den Leader in the rear with the Webelos Scouts. The Den Leader should blindfold all scouts and have each put his right hand on the right shoulder of the scout in front of him.

Crossover Bridge should be centered on stage. Cubmaster/Assistant Cubmaster and table on the Left, Troop on the Right.

Script

At the opening of the ceremony, the simple white candle is lit by the Cubmaster and Assistant Cubmaster at the front of the room.

(When the candle is lit) The Arrow of Light Den Leader leads the Webelos to the parents who each take the hand of their son and guide him to the ceremony stage.

Cubmaster: *(while the Scouts are being guided to the table)*

As a Cub Scout, you have been guided through the Cub Scout Trail with the help of many Akelas. Soon, when you become a Boy Scout, you will find that, while there are still many people willing to help, you take on more and more responsibility for blazing your own trail to Eagle.

(Assistant Cubmaster removes blindfolds when in front of table)

Cubmaster: Arrow of Light Scouts, you have been called before the Pack because you have satisfied the requirements for Cub Scouting's highest rank: The Arrow of Light.

The first band of color is to remind you of the lessons you learned as a Cub Scout.

*(Asst. Cubmaster lights **Blue Candle**, as the Cubmaster reads)*

Blue represents the spirit of Cub Scouting: the spirit of giving goodwill and doing your best. Do you promise to fulfill the Cub Scout Promise and the Cub Scout motto, Do Your Best, when you receive the Arrow of Light badge, if so please say “I do”?

*(Webelos Scouts answer, 'I do'. Webelos Den Leader applies **Blue Paint** to each recipient's face).*

Cubmaster: Webelos Scouts have faithfully promised always to keep the spirit of Cub Scouting. As their parents, do you also promise to continue to help your boy in his Scouting adventures, if so please say “I do”

(Parents answer, 'I do').

Cubmaster: *(Asst. Cubmaster lights **White Candle**, as the Cubmaster reads)*

The second band of color, white, represents the Scout Law. Youth and adult leaders will cheerfully show you the skills you need, but it will be up to you to live up to the 12 points of the Scout Law. Daily you will be faced with decisions and, at times, the trail will seem most difficult to follow. Make your choices by always remembering the Scout Law. In all you do, do you promise to be forever Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent, if so please say “I do”?

*(Webelos answer, 'I do'. Webelos Leader applies **White Paint** to each recipient's face)*

Cubmaster: *(as the Assistant Cubmaster lights the **Yellow Candle**)*

The third band of color, yellow, stands for the Arrow of Light. Within the teepees of many braves, the Arrow of Light has an honored place. Its shaft is straight and narrow; just as is the path that you Scouts 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. And lastly, this is the symbol of the seven rays of the sun, one for each day of the week; this is 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 Country,
to do your Good Turn,
a new chance to follow the Scout Law
and to remember these words: On My Honor

Cubmaster: Each boy has blazed his own trail toward the Arrow of Light award, and now the Arrow of Light will help them remember their promise to keep the Spirit of Cub Scouting alive. Do you promise to let its light shine forth from you, to set an example for

others to follow in your footsteps, to set your eye on the Eagle and never waiver, if so please say “I promise”?

*(Webelos reply, 'I promise'. Webelos Leader applies **Yellow Paint** to each recipient's face).*

Cubmaster: Then I, Akela, have the distinct honor to say to you: You are now full-fledged Arrow of Light holders! Parents, please pin the Arrow of Light badge on your son.

(Assistant Cubmaster hands the parents the Arrow of Light awards to pin them upon the boys).

Cubmaster: Next, we ask the *Webelos* to pin upon their mom or dad a miniature Arrow of Light. *(Assistant Cubmaster hands the Scouts the Arrow of Light pin to pin on the parents)* Parents, you may return to your seat once you have received your pin.

Cubmaster: You may wear the awards on your Scout uniforms, centered below the left shirt pocket. It is a great honor for me to greet you as a recipient of the Arrow of Light award. *(All leaders shake hands of recipients)*

Cubmaster: *(as the assistant Cubmaster lights **Green Candle**)* The last candle, and the last band of color, is Green; it symbolizes the beginning of your path toward Eagle as a Boy Scout. As your Den Leader applies the paint on each of you, prepare yourselves to no longer be known as a Webelos Scout, but now as a Boy Scout. *(Den Leader applies **Green Paint** to each recipient's face.)*

Den Leader: Since you have earned your Arrow of Light, I present you a symbolic arrow to encourage you to stay on the right path. Keep this arrow in a place that will help remind you of your Cub Scout Journey. *(Present arrows and shakes hands with each scout)*

Cubmaster: Your Den Leader will now lead you to the bridge that connects Cub Scouting with Boy Scouting. We wish you the best on your new journey. Congratulations and good luck.

(Den Leader: align your Webelos to the bridge, but do not allow them to cross)

Senior Patrol Leader: New Scouts, when I call your name, come forward and cross the bridge where you will be welcomed to the beginning of a new journey and given the Boy Scout neckerchief, along with other uniform insignia and a Scout Handbook.

(Call each name individually; allow them to cross the bridge, shake hands with the Troop Leadership)

Arrow of Light Den Leader: Boy Scouts, we congratulate you on your achievements and encourage you to keep Akela’s spirit alive. Let it ignite the spark of leadership within each of you that will fan into a fire as you grow. *(Start applause)*

Will the Webelos 1 and II's and their den leaders in the audience please rise? (*Pause.*) You are now the oldest boys in the Cub Scout pack, the ones that all the younger Scouts will look up to. You carry the responsibility of being good role models to the younger Cub Scouts. It is also your job to help explain what exciting activities await the younger Cubs and to help the Cubs during Pack activities. If you accept these responsibilities, please respond by yelling, "We do!" (*Pause.*) We challenge you to continue on your trails and strive to reach the summit and the Arrow of Light. Good luck! You may be seated.