

## HISTORY OF CUB SCOUTING CEREMONY:

**CM:** William Boyce started the Boy Scouts of America after he was helped in a London fog by a boy who refused a tip because he was a Scout. Mr. Boyce was so impressed by this boy and his talk with Lord Baden-Powell that he helped start the Boys Scouts of America, which was incorporated on February 8, 1910.

Almost as soon as Scouting began, younger boys started clamoring for a chance to participate in Scouting. This resulted in the Wolf Cub program being started Advancement Ceremonies in England in 1916. As we read in the *Wolf Cub Scout Book*, the basis for much of this program came from *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling, who was a friend of Baden-Powell's. This book is the story of two wolves that find a man-cub who is being hunted by Shere Khan, the tiger. They take in the boy and raise him as part of their family. He is named Mowgli, which means frog.

The wolves are part of a pack that is led by Akela, the great gray wolf. New cubs must be presented to the wolf pack for acceptance. If they are not accepted by two members of the pack, they are turned away. When Mowgli was presented to the council, none of the other wolves would speak for him. Baloo, the kindly brown bear who taught the wolves the law of the jungle, stood up and said, "I will speak for the man-cub." When no one else spoke, Bagheera, the black panther, rose and offered to pay the price of one bull if the man-cub would be accepted into the pack. And so it was that Mowgli became a part of the Seonee wolf pack, for the price of a bull and on Baloo's good word.

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**ACM/OTHER LEADER [BOBCAT]:** In looking back at old Cub Scout books, we are reminded that the Cub Scout program has survived with very little change. In a 1934 Cub Scout book, the rules for becoming a Bobcat are:

- "He has taken the Cub Scout Promise,
- explained and repeated the Law of the Pack,
- explained the meaning of the ranks,
- shown the Cub sign and handclasp, given the Cub motto and salute."

Today, our Bobcats do most of the same requirements. When Akela says that we are ready, we are presented to the pack for acceptance and recognition.

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**TIGER DL:** Tonight our Bobcat's are taking their next step and have completed their Tiger Cub Rank requirements. Will the following Cub Scouts and their families please come forward?

*[Call the names of the Bobcats and present the badges to families.]*

For the past several months, you and your family have explored all sorts of new and exciting things and places.

- You have taken each part of the Tiger Cub motto, Search, Discover, Share, and used it in your home, school, and neighborhood.
- You and your adult partner have searched in your home and community for new activities that have shown you how people work together and have fun together.
- You and your adult partner have discovered that by doing things together with friends and family you feel you are part of a great family, community, and country.
- You've shared your searches and discoveries with your family, friends, and fellow Tiger Cubs, and that let them learn about you and the things you saw and did

Now it is time to move along the Scouting trail to the next part of the program. In Cub Scouting, your family is as important as it is throughout your entire Scouting experience. Support in earning each badge comes from your family as well as from your den leader. Your parents will help you each step of the way.

*[Parent/Adult Partner pin badge on their boys]  
[Boys light candle]*

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**WOLF DL:** Will the following Cub Scouts and their families please come forward.

*[Call the names of the Wolf recipients and present the badges to families.]*

These man cubs have shown themselves worthy of the Wolf rank in our pack. They have:

- learned how to handle tools
- learned how to display the flag
- learned how to be healthy and safe.
- learned to serve in the community and to conserve energy.
- been physically active and like to read and care for books.
- fun with their families and have collected useful and beautiful things.
- learned about our country's laws

The members of the pack want them to have the mark of the Wolf.

Originally, only two Arrow Points could be earned for each rank. The first 10 electives earned the gold rank, and the next 10 earned the silver rank. Today, we award the Gold Arrow Point for the first 10 electives completed and Silver Arrow Points for each 10 additional electives that Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts complete.

*[Parent/Adult Partner pin badge on their boys]*

*[Boys light candle]*

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**BEARS DL:** Will the following Cub Scouts and their families please come forward?  
*[Call the names of the Bear recipients and present the badges to families]*

Baloo, the kindly brown bear, taught the young wolves the secret names of the trees, the calls of the birds, and the language of the air. Each of you has learned to help the others in your den meet the 12 requirements for Bear. You have grown in knowledge and acquired new skills. You should be proud that you have passed the halfway point in the Cub Scout Achievement Trail. You like your younger Wolf Cub Brothers have earned gold and Silver Arrow Points for completing achievement above and beyond the required. You are ready to become Webelos...

*[Parent/Adult Partner pin badge on their boys]*  
*[Boys light candle]*

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**WEBELO DL:** Will the following Webelos Scouts and their families please come forward?

*[Call the names of the Webelos recipients and present the badges to families]*

Up until 1967, the next rank was Lion. It was then changed to Webelos, and the program was expanded. At that time, the word Webelos stood for Wolf, Bear, Lion, and Scouts. When the Lion rank was changed, the meaning of We-be-lo-s also changed to "WE'll BE LOyal Scouts."

The Webelos colors and 15 activity badges were added at that time. A new Webelos badge was introduced, and the original Webelos badge became the Arrow of Light Award.

The Webelos program is the transition between Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. To achieve the Webelos rank, Cub Scouts earn activity badges, and they are encouraged to get involved in religious and community activities.

*[Parent/Adult Partner pin badge on their boys]*  
*[Boys light candle]*

These boys will continue on the Webelo Trail working towards achieving their Arrow of Light Award next winter, the highest award in Cub Scouting. Moreover, we encourage you not to stop there, because the trail leads on to Boy Scouting and great new adventures.