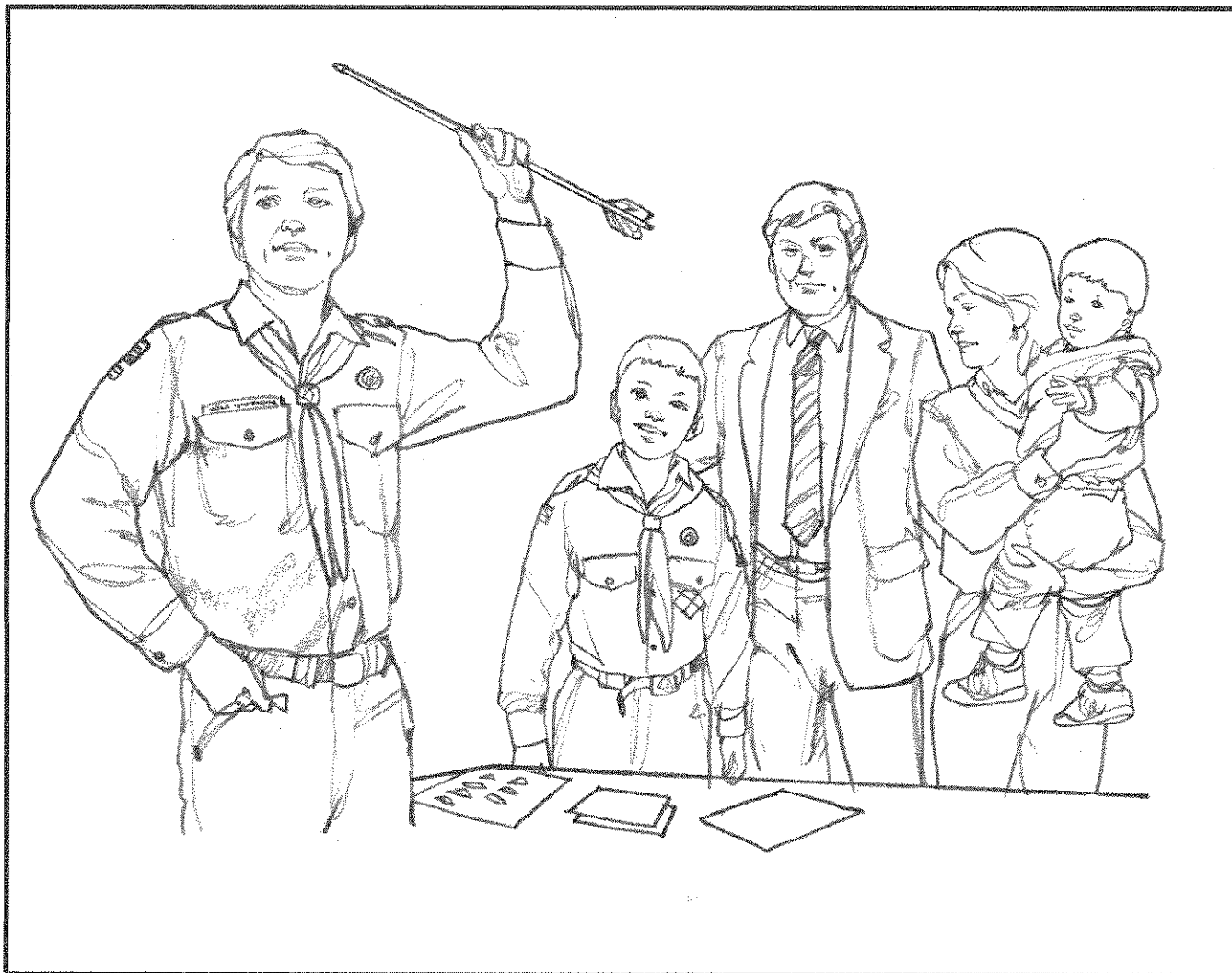


CHAPTER 10

Other Opportunities for Ceremonies



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Are There Other Times for Recognition?

Definitely! More ideas follow on the next few pages.

- Tiger Cub earns Tiger Track beads by completing electives.
- Cub Scouts earn Gold and Silver Arrow Points by completing electives.
- Webelos Scouts have the opportunity to earn 20 activity badges.
- The Cub Scout Academics and Sports program has many areas where boys and their adult partners can be recognized for their efforts and talents.
- The BSA Family Award recognizes families with a certificate for working on this program together.
- The pack can recognize its own efforts in presenting a quality program during the past year.

Your ceremonies will focus on everyone's accomplishments and will build den and pack spirit. Use your imagination to develop and adapt ceremonies for your boys.

Webelos Activity Badge Presentation

Webelos Scouts will earn a variety of activity badges during their time in a Webelos den: Aquanaut, Artist, Athlete, Citizen, Communicator, Craftsman, Engineer, Family Member, Fitness, Forester, Geologist, Handyman, Naturalist, Outdoorsman, Readyman, Scholar, Scientist, Showman, Sportsman, and Traveler.

The Webelos den leader will be focusing on one of these areas each month, so it may happen that you will have several boys who have earned the same activity badge. If the Webelos den has worked with an activity badge counselor, involve this person in the presentation of the badges. That counselor will have a working knowledge of what was involved in earning the awards and will be able to help develop a more meaningful ceremony.

Tiger Cub Immediate Recognition Emblem

Preparation: Learn the man overboard knot in Achievement 22 of the *Bear Cub Scout Book*.

Materials: Rope and Tiger Cub Immediate Recognition Emblem for each boy

CUBMASTER: Throughout Scouting, there is a strong emphasis on strengthening family relationships. This is particularly true in Tiger Cubs. We take a first-grade boy full of enthusiasm and curiosity. (*Hold up a rope and make the first loop for the man overboard knot.*) And add an adult partner (*make the second loop*) to make our first Tiger team. We add other teams (*make more loops*) to make a Tiger Cub den. Then we take our Tiger

Cub program by the tail and thread our teams together securely. (*Thread the tail of the rope through all the loops.*) And if we have done our best and provided a program to spark the spirit of Scouting, then we'll find we have a string of strong families. (*Pull the rope to form the knots.*)

TIGER CUB DEN LEADER: Cubmaster, these Tiger Cubs are beginning their first year in Scouting and have learned the Cub Scout Promise, the Cub Scout sign, and the Cub Scout salute. (*Call the boys and their adult partners forward. Lead all in reciting the Cub Scout Promise.*) Because you have learned these things, you may wear the Tiger Cub Immediate Recognition Emblem on your right shirt pocket. (*Present the emblems.*)

CUBMASTER: Congratulations on completing this first step of the Scouting trail. As you do activities with your den and family, you will receive special orange, black, and white activity beads to attach to your new emblem. May the fun you have in Tiger Cubs bring your family closer together as you live the Cub Scout motto.

Gold and Silver Arrow Points

Materials: An arrow

NARRATOR: Today, we honor some Cub Scouts who have gone the extra mile and have earned Gold and Silver Arrow Points. Will these boys and their families please come forward. (*Call the names.*)

(*Hold the arrow in the air.*) Have you ever shot an arrow? What do you think makes the arrow fly straight? (*Point out the straight shaft and the feathers.*) What helps it enter its target? (*Tell them: A good aim and a sharp point.*)

The arrow must be straight and true with feathers for guidance and stability, and it also must be fast and sharp. To be a good Cub Scout, you too must remain straight and true and receive guidance and stability from Akela. Congratulations on reaching your target and earning these Arrow Points. (*Present awards.*)

Webelos Activity Badge With Colors or Cap

Preparation: Create a generic prop that is a large Webelos colors or Webelos cap. It can be made of fabric or a sheet of poster board that has been colored to match. Enlarge a line drawing of each activity badge and copy the requirements for that badge on the back. Throughout the year, use them as you present badges. Involve the Webelos den leader or activity badge counselor in the presentations.

NARRATOR: Today, we have the honor of recognizing Webelos Scouts who have earned Webelos activity badges since our last pack meeting. Will the following boys please come forward.

[Names] have earned the [name of an activity] badge. Requirements for this badge include [list some require-

ments]. What was most memorable about earning this badge? *(The boys respond.)*

(Continue if more than one activity badge was earned.)

Congratulations on completing this step along your Scouting trail toward the Arrow of Light Award.

Webelos Activity Badge With Samples

Preparation: Webelos Scouts bring samples of their projects for the activity badge.

WEBELOS DEN LEADER: Our den has been working at home and in our den meetings on the [name] activity badge. Several of the Webelos Scouts have completed the requirements and have earned this badge. Will the following Webelos Scouts please come forward. *(Call the names.)* With us tonight is [Name of person], the activity badge counselor, who will present the badges.

ACTIVITY BADGE COUNSELOR: It has been my pleasure to work with these Scouts on this activity badge. They have brought some samples of their work to show you. *(Boys show what they have been working on.)* I take great pleasure in presenting these *(name of badge)* activity badges. Congratulations!

Academics and Sports Awards

Preparation: Insert the awards in an old newspaper.

NARRATOR: *(reading newspaper)* Help wanted. Boy who likes challenges, enjoys life, has fun, loves adventure, can follow rules, and is a good sport.

Will the following boys please come forward. *(Call the names.)* It sounds like you qualify for this position! You have earned your Cub Scout Sports award for [list requirements]. *(Present the Sports awards.)*

(Narrator continues reading the newspaper.) Help wanted. Young man who has a good imagination, is skilled in [list academic talents], and practices his talents. Will the following boys please come forward. *(Call the names.)*

You sound just like the people we need. You have completed all the requirements for an Academics award. *(Present the Academics awards.)*

Let's congratulate our Scouts who jumped right up and really answered these want ads!

BSA Family Award

Materials: BSA Family Award certificate

ADULT 1: Some people think that Scouting is just for boys. But Scouting is really for the entire family.

ADULT 2: It is in the family that a child learns at an early age about love, values, social interactions, self-esteem, and preparation for today's world.

ADULT 1: Cub Scouting has a program for boys, their brothers and sisters, and their parents—the BSA Family program. It was developed with two goals: to strengthen families and to encourage family involvement in Scouting.

ADULT 2: The experiences family members share as they complete the requirements for the BSA Family Award will enrich family living and strengthen family relationships. Family members work together to earn this award.

ADULT 1: Will the [Name] family please come forward. *(Pause.)* You might have seen the Scouts in this family wearing the BSA Family temporary patch and the other family members wearing the BSA Family pins everywhere except on their Scouting uniforms. They have been wearing these to show that they have been working toward the BSA Family Award for the past 12 months. What was the most meaningful part about earning this award for your family? *(Allow family to share their experience.)*

Congratulations! *(Present certificate to the family.)*

Den Service Projects

Preparation: Create a fun award for the den doodle (See examples in Chapter 3.)

NARRATOR: Service to others has been a part of the Scouting program since it first started. Will Den [number] and their leaders please come forward. Please share with us how your den helped other people. *(Allow the boys some time to share what they did.)*

We'd like to present you with a den award for your den doodle. This is a [name the award] for [say why the den is receiving it]. (Examples: Flashlight on a string for lighting the way, compass on a string for leading the way, tent stake on a string for your stake in the future.) Let's show them our appreciation. *(Lead an appropriate applause.)*

World Conservation Award

Materials: World Conservation Award for each boy

NARRATOR: In his last letter to Scouts around the world, Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, wrote, "Try to leave the world better than you found it."

DEN LEADER: Today, we are honoring some Scouts who have worked hard to fulfill the requirements of the World Conservation Award. Will the following boys please come forward. *(Call the names.)* These boys have completed achievements and electives related to the outdoors in addition to completing a den conservation project. Would you like to explain your project to our pack? *(Let the boys share the explanation of their project.)*

NARRATOR: Thank you for helping make our world a better place for all of us. *(Present the awards.)*

National Den Award

Materials: National Den Award ribbon for the den

NARRATOR: Cub Scouting happens in the den. We have a den that has been on the ball with a year-round fun and quality program. Will Den [number] please come forward with their leader. *(Pause.)* The boys in this den have attended den meetings and pack meetings or pack activities each month of the year. They have also had a denner, gone on field trips, attended camp, experienced Character Connection activities, participated in Cub Scout Academics and Sports, and had fun in a den conservation or service project.

On behalf of the pack committee for Pack [number], I am pleased to present them with this National Den Award ribbon for their den flag. Let's congratulate them with an applause. *(Lead an appropriate applause.)*

Service Stars (Tenure Awards)

Preparation: Cut out a star for each person receiving a tenure award and write his/her name on it. Insert the service star showing the correct number of years of service.

NARRATOR: Have you ever watched shooting stars in the sky? You usually don't see just one. When the conditions are favorable, you usually see a bunch of them falling one at a time. We have some stars of our own tonight. The conditions have been favorable for each of these Scouts and leaders to complete a year of Scouting in our pack. Will the following people please come forward. *(Call the names.)*

Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, and Webelos Scout time is marked with a yellow backing behind the pin showing the number of years. Adult leaders can wear separate pins for their time in Scouting as a youth, or combine their time with that of their adult leader service in front of a light blue backing.

These pins are worn three-eighths of an inch above the left shirt pocket on the uniform. Congratulations! *(Present the awards.)*

Twelve Months of Scouting (National Summertime Pack Award)

Materials: Holder with one candle or light, 12 boys holding flashlights standing behind the narrator, a copy of the *Cub Scout Program Helps and Webelos Leader Guide*, National Summertime Pack Award streamer for pack flag, a ribbon for each den that has qualified, a pin for each boy who qualifies *(Note: This award is for boys only, not adults)*

NARRATOR: *(Light the single candle or light and have someone dim the lights.)* This light represents the spirit of Scouting. These 12 boys represent the 12 months of a year in the life of an active boy.

This year our pack has used the following themes: *(Hold up the Cub Scout Program Helps and Webelos Leader Guide and read the Cub Scout themes your pack has used for the past year. As you read each month, have a boy turn on his flashlight and shine it on the floor in front of him.)*

This is what happens when pack leaders plan a full 12-month program of activities. If we were to take the summer off from Scouting *(have three boys turn off their flashlights)*, we would have lost one-quarter of our light—and one-quarter of our boys' Cub Scout program. But, by sticking to our plan *(the three boys turn on their flashlights again)*, our Cub Scouts had a full year of fun and adventure.

Our pack planned and conducted three pack activities that occurred in June, July, and August. I'm pleased to present this streamer we have received for our pack flag. *(Present the streamer to the Cubmaster.)*

Will the following den leaders please come forward. *(Call the names.)* Your dens had an average attendance of at least half of your members at the three summer pack events. I would like to present you with a den participation ribbon for your den doodle. *(Present the streamers to the leaders.)*

Will the following Scouts please come forward. *(Call the names.)* Each of you participated in all three of the pack summertime events and has earned this pin that you can wear on the right pocket flap of your uniform. *(Present the pins.)* Let's give our pack a special applause!

Quality Unit Award

Materials: Quality Unit streamer for the pack flag, Quality Unit Award for adults and boys

UNIT COMMISSIONER: I'm here today to recognize Pack [number] as one of the best packs in our district, in our council, in our region, and in our nation. Your pack has earned the distinction of being a Quality Unit. Will Cubmaster [Name] please come forward.

Your pack leaders have completed training and have planned activities that meet the test of being a Quality Unit. On behalf of the [local council name], I am pleased to present you with this streamer for your pack flag. Congratulations!

CUBMASTER: Each leader and Scout in our pack shares the honor of this distinction because together they have done their best. I would like to present each one of them with the Quality Unit Award, which they can wear for the following year on their right sleeve, 4 inches below the shoulder seam. *(The boys and leaders come forward.)* Let's give our pack a special applause!

Pack Charter Presentation

Preparation: The unit commissioner conducts the presentation of the pack charter to a representative of the chartered organization at one of its meetings. Four boys carry lights that can be turned on.

CUB SCOUT 1: This light represents the spirit of Scouting. (*He turns on his light.*)

CUB SCOUT 2: I promise to do my best to do my duty to God and my country. (*He turns on his light.*)

CUB SCOUT 3: I promise to do my best to help other people. (*He turns on his light.*)

CUB SCOUT 4: I promise to do my best to obey the Law of the Pack. (*He turns on his light.*)

UNIT COMMISSIONER: In presenting this unit charter to [name of organization], I would like to congratulate you on the way you have assumed and carried out your responsibilities as the chartered organization for Pack [number]. I want to express the appreciation of the [BSA Council's name] for the cooperation that you have given in extending this program to youth.

Congress has chartered the Boy Scouts of America since 1916. The Boy Scouts of America, in turn, charters your organization to carry out the full Scouting program. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I now present you the charter for Cub Scout Pack [number] for [year]. (*Present the charter.*) I wish your pack a successful Scouting program in the coming year.

CUB SCOUT 1: The Cub Scout follows Akela.

CUB SCOUT 2: The Cub Scout helps the pack go.

CUB SCOUT 3: The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.

CUB SCOUT 4: The Cub Scout gives goodwill. (*Extinguish lights.*)

Silver or Gold Pack Anniversary Ceremony at the Blue and Gold Banquet

Materials: Holder with four candles or lights—white, blue, yellow, and silver or gold. Your pack charter will tell how many months your unit has been continuously chartered.

CUBMASTER: Welcome to the Pack [number] Blue and Gold Banquet.

CUB SCOUT: I am lighting this white candle, (*lights it*) which represents the spirit of Scouting.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER 1: I am lighting this blue candle, (*lights it*) which represents truth, loyalty, and the sky above.

ASSISTANT CUBMASTER 2: I am lighting this yellow candle (*lights it*) representing good cheer, happiness, and warm sunlight.

COMMITTEE CHAIR: I am lighting this silver (or gold) candle (*lights it*) representing the 25 [or 50] years that our pack has served our youth.

CUBMASTER: These four candles symbolize our traditions and dedication to the Cub Scout program. If we went back and counted each boy and adult who has been registered with our pack, we would have an impressive number to give you. But think even beyond that. We could never count the effect that these people have had on their communities and on future generations. Let's all stand, give the Cub Scout sign and say the Cub Scout Promise together.

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Choose one or more phrases from each area. Add your own personal words for each occasion.

1. Will the following _____ please come forward. (Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, special guests, leaders, families, dens, other: _____)
2. Before you stands _____. (A candle, a light, a Scout book, Akela, a ladder, a neckerchief, a trail, your leader, a bucket, a tripod, a religious symbol, a bridge, a box, the pack, a branch, a picture, your parents, other: _____)
3. This represents _____. (The spirit of Scouting, the pack, your future, our dedication, character, fun and adventure, our religious organization, your den, your advancement, fitness, the family, good deeds, your accomplishments, the world, our community, other: _____)
4. You have earned this award by _____. (Helping others, joining the pack, being the best _____, doing your best, completing achievements, collecting _____, helping boys grow, helping with _____, serving as _____, being a denner, selling the most _____, serving for _____ years, other: _____)
5. Please accept this award and continue to _____. (Do your best, give goodwill, help the pack go, come to meetings, follow Akela, help your boy, work hard, grow strong, follow the trail, other: _____)
6. Will the pack please join me in congratulations for this award. (Lead an appropriate applause.)

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