

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

- A large reproduction of each of the five badges of rank, fastened to standards or held by each boy
- Arrow of Light badges
- Arrow of Light plaques with arrows, if used
- Twig of sagebrush
- Twig of a cottonwood
- Cedar bark
- branch of pine
- dandelion
- Safety pins
- Bridge
- Scoutmasters

ARRANGEMENT:

The Den Flags to audience right in order from Lion to AOL

CUBMASTER: Tonight, we have the honor of presenting the Arrow of Light rank and bridging to Scouts BSA <NUMBER> members of this pack. But before I present these ranks, let me take a moment to relate an appropriate story.

There was once a tribe that considered it a great feat and a test of character to climb their mountain, so all the young scouts of the village were eager to attempt it.

One day, their chief said, "Now, scouts, you may all go today and try to climb the mountain. Start right after breakfast and go as far as you can. Then when you are tired, come back; but each of you must bring me a token from the place where you turned."

Away they all went, full of hope, each feeling that he or she surely could reach the top.

Very soon the Lion Scout returned

The **Lion** Cub scout returned and presented to the chief with a dandelion.

Cubmaster: “Well,” said the chief, “You made it onto the trail and have begun your journey, good work” After another hour, the second scout came back.

The **TIGER** Cub scout presented a twig of sagebrush.

Cubmaster: “Well,” said the chief, “You reached the foot of the mountain, but you did not start the climb.” After another hour, then another one came back.

The **Wolf** Cub scout presented a twig of a cottonwood.

Cubmaster: “Good,” said the chief, “You got as far as the springs.” A while later, another one came back.

The **Bear** Cub scout returned with some cedar bark.

Cubmaster: The chief smiled when he saw it, and spoke, “Well done, Bear, you went halfway up.”
Later in the afternoon, the next one returned.

The next one said, “I am a **Webelo** Scout, I have returned carrying a branch of pine.”

Cubmaster: To him, the chief said, “Good, you went to the first ridge. You made three-quarters of the climb. Keep on trying. Next year, you will undoubtedly reach the top.”

The sun was low when the last scout returned. He approached the chief and held up his hand. It was empty. But he was radiant as he spoke.

AOL: "My Chief, there were no trees where I went. I saw no twigs, no living thing upon the peak. But far and away I saw other mountain peaks and beyond them the shining sea."

Cubmaster:

Now the old chief's face glowed as he said, "I knew it! I knew it when I looked upon your face. You have reached the top. It is written in your eyes and it rings in your voice. You need no twigs for token. What you have seen, accomplished, and learned are now a part of you forever. You are now ready to join those who, like you, have bravely reached the top, and have earned the rank of Arrow of Light.

The Arrow of Light is a symbol. Its shaft is straight and narrow – just as the path that you 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, the symbol of the seven rays of the sun – one for each day of the week 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 your country, to do your Good Turn, a new chance to follow the Scout Law and to remember these words: ON MY HONOR. 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?

AOL: We do.

Now, (helper) will hand to the parents the Arrow of Light badge so they can pin it on their scout.

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 child in their Scouting adventures?

PARENTS: "We do".

Next, the scouts will pin upon their parent the miniature Arrow of Light, and give them a big hug for all their help.

Now that you have received the Arrow of Light, let its light shine forth from you. Promise now to set an example for others to follow in your footsteps, life by the scout oath and law and never waiver. Do you promise?

AOL: We do.

Cubmaster: scoutmaster and troops, will you accept our scouts and assist them on their journey towards the ideas of the scouting oath and law?

Scoutmasters: Yes

Cubmaster: Scouts you may now cross the bridge and be received by your troops.

CUBMASTER: I, Akela, declare that you are now full-fledged member of Arrow of Light.

Pack, stand and join me in a roaring congratulations!

[Cubmaster hands the parents the Arrow of Light awards and asks them to pin them upon the scouts.]