

crossover ceremony

Pack 225 & Troop 225

Introduction: Order of the Arrow Unami Lodge is the honor society of boy scout campers. Each member is elected from their troop to recognize his willingness to provide service to his troop, council, and community. The lodge ceremonies team headed by _____ is providing their service to us this afternoon to recognize these Webelos Scouts and their accomplishment. Let the ceremony begin.

Drum starts to beat. Slow tempo. Indians enter from the back of the cabin. Chief Akela enters the ceremony area, positions himself (NORTH) behind the council fire and faces the audience with head bowed. Medicine Man enters the ceremony area carrying a blanket. He places the blanket in front of the council fire and positions himself with his back to the blanket (EAST), facing the audience with his head bowed.

Guide enters the ceremony area and lights the Spirit of Scouting Candle by the bridge He positions himself on the west side of the ceremony area (WEST), facing the audience with his head bowed.

Guard enters the ceremony area and positions himself on the other side of the ceremony area (SOUTH), facing the audience with his head bowed. When all are in position with their heads bowed the drum will continue to beat for a short time. When the drum stops, all will raise their heads. The chief will start the four winds. The drum stops.

Chief Akela: (raises the coup stick) I am the North Wind. People say I am cold, but to you I will always bring the warmest of winds because you have been true-blue Cub Scout and Webelos Scouts, and have always lived up to the Law of the Pack.

Guard: (raises the dream catcher) I am the South Wind. I wish you good Scouting. Over hill and dale I have carried stories of you and your experiences. As Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts, you have been happy, game, fair and a credit to your Den and Pack.

Medicine Man: (raises the arrow) I am the East Wind. I wish you well. I have spread the story of your fun and happiness in Cub Scouting and how you lived up to the Cub Scout Promise and were fair and helpful.

Guide: (raises the bow) I am the West Wind. I would like everyone present to know that these Webelos Scouts did not walk the Cub Scout Trail alone. Each had the wonderful help of his parents. Parents, continue to help your boys to go and grow.

Guard: Chief Akela, there are some among us who have earned the highest award in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light.

Chief Akela: (tilts the coup stick towards Guard) My brother, seek them out that are worthy of this award and bring them before our council fire.

Guard: It shall be done Chief Akela.

Drum beats slowly. Guard and Den Leader bring the Webelos Scouts into the circle, moving clockwise, to form up behind Akela. He raises his right hand in the Cub Scout sign. The drum stops. Akela speaks: We understand that one of your brothers joined your den recently. And so has not had the time to complete the Arrow of Light. As brothers will you guide him along your journey into Boy Scouting? Webelos answer, YES.

Teller 1: Webelos Scouts, listen to the story of the arrow.

Once, long ago, when all the animals of the earth were equal, there was great unrest. The animals began to quarrel among themselves. The Bear quarreled with the Eagle, the Buffalo argued with the Indian. Finally, the wise old Grandmother called the animals to her teepee and she spoke to them, saying, "You have argued among yourselves about many things. Now I will ask one question. You will have one year to think about your answer. I will reward each of you according to the merit of your answer".

The animals became excited because they each thought it would be easy to answer any question in a year's time. And besides, the old Grandmother was not only wise, she was also generous with her rewards. Was it not the old Grandmother that had given grass to the fields and fruit to the trees.

"What is the question, Grandmother?" , they asked, and she said, "You must answer me this. What is it your most important duty?" And with that they all left. The Eagle flew to the high mountain to think about the question. The Bear returned to the deep forest. The Buffalo to the grassy plains. The Indian returned to his campfire. They all began to think about their answer.

Teller 2: Thirteen moons later, they returned to the old Grandmother's teepee. Grandmother spoke first to the Eagle and said, "Eagle, what is your most important duty?". The Eagle replied, "My most important duty is to fly higher than anyone else.". Grandmother said, "For that answer, I will give you feathers which will help you fly higher than anyone else." And the Eagle was very pleased with his gift.

Next, the Grandmother spoke to the Buffalo and said, "Buffalo, what is your most important duty?". The Buffalo replied, "My most important

duty is to run further than anyone else." Grandmother said, "For that answer, I will give you thick hooves that will allow you to run further than anyone else." And the Buffalo was very pleased with his gift.

The Bear replied, "My most important duty is to be stronger than anyone else." Grandmother said, "For that answer, I will give you sharp claws that will make you the strongest animal in the forest." And the Bear was also pleased with his gift.

Finally, the Indian arose and said, "Grandmother, my most important duty is to help other." Grandmother said, " For that answer, I will give you this stick." And when he saw the stick, the Indian was disappointed for he had thought long and hard about his most important duty. "Grandmother", he said, "why do you give me a stick? Did my answer displease you?"

"Oh no", she said, "your answer pleased me greatly. All the others felt their most important duty was to themselves and they were rewarded accordingly. But you have learned that the most important duty is to help others, and you have been reward".

But Grandmother, what can I do with this stick?"

"This is more than a stick", she replied. "This is an arrow. With the arrow you can shoot the strongest Bear, the fastest Buffalo, or the Eagle, no matter how high he soars. He who would serve others is the strongest of all."

And then the Indian knew that this was the greatest gift of all and he was pleased.

The drum slowly starts after the story of the arrow is finished. Guard walks to the side of the Arrow of Light board to light the candles with a lighted taper. The drum stops.

Guard: These seven candles represent the rays in the Arrow of Light. As they are lighted, you will hear how they stand for the seven great virtues of life.

Chief Akela: The first virtue is Wisdom. Wisdom does not necessarily mean superior knowledge. It means putting the right use to the knowledge that one possesses.

Medicine Man: The second virtue is Courage. Courage is not the quality that enable men to meet danger without fear, it is being able to meet danger in spite of one's fears.

Guard: The third virtue is Self-control. Self-control isn't limited to the control of one's temper, but control of one's self in all things: eating, playing, and even working and talking.

Guide: The fourth virtue is Justice. Justice is the practice of dealing fairly with others without prejudice or regard to race, color or creed.

Medicine Man: The fifth virtue is Faith. Faith is the conviction that something unproved by physical evidence is true. One eight-year-old Cub Scout said faith was when you turned the light switch, you knew the light would go on.

Guard: The sixth virtue is Hope. Hope means to expect with confidence. Always hope for better things to come. A man without hope is of little good to himself or his community.

Guide: The seventh virtue is Love. There are many kinds of love, love of family, love of home, love of fellow man, love of God, and love of country. All these loves are necessary for a full life.

Guard: You will find that if you live by the seven great virtues, you will become a happy man, and a happy man is a successful man.

When Guard has finished, drum beats slowly, he return to his places by the council fire.

Chief Akela then explains the Arrow of Light badge.

Chief Akela: The Arrow of Light Badge is the only Cub Scout Award that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. It serves as a link between our two programs and points the way toward the new adventures that you will have in Boy Scouting.

Guide: You have found that there were many paths leading from your set course, but your parents walked by your side, and your den leader held your hand as they lead you along the correct path in Scouting until you learned how to choose the right path among all the wrong trails. Remember always that your parents will continue to help and assist you on your Scouting path.

Guard: Now that you have completed Cub Scouts, you are at the base of a great mountain, and you see before you just the beginning of the path up the Scouting trail. Soon you will cross this bridge into the wider world of Boy Scouting. With you will go your hopes and dreams, and as always your parents.

Chief Akela: I wish you well as you begin this journey. Look for us along the path that you will take. For we also, seek for the Eagle. You have worked to this point where you are about to become Boy Scouts. But, listen now to the wisdom of the winds.

Medicine Man: I am the spirit of the East Wind. I represent the common law, your duty to God and your country. Trustworthy, loyal, and helpful are the qualities which a man must possess who lives by the laws and the rules of this land. See that we do not lose this great blessing of a

Arrow of Light Ceremony from the Algonquin Council Pow Wow Book

Guard: I am the spirit of the South Wind. I represent the civil law, your duty to others and to self. Obedient, cheerful, and thrifty are the characteristics of civility. A life of cheerful obedience is necessary for the development of a true citizen. Obedience is something everyone has to learn - to take orders and carry them out cheerfully. Real thrift means earning, spending wisely, and saving, and to share with those less fortunate.

Chief Akela: I am the spirit of the North Wind, the most powerful of all. I represent the divine law. Brave, clean, reverent. To be brave is to be unselfish. To be clean in body and soul is to be pure at heart. Cast from your being any evil spirit that tries to weaken or destroy the divine law, live a life of reverence. Be brave and clean.

Drum starts beating slowly.

Guard walks over to the Arrow of Light and blows out the seven rays candles.

Medicine Man folds the blanket. All OA members walk to the bridge. Line up across the path and turn to face the council fire. Drum stops.

Medicine Man: Remember the common law.

Trustworthy. Loyal. Helpful. (cross bridge and walk to cabin)

Guide: Remember the law of equity.

Friendly. Courteous. Kind. (cross bridge and walk to cabin)

Guard: Remember the civil law.

Obedient. Cheerful. Thrifty. (cross bridge and walk to cabin)

Chief Akela: Remember the divine law, the most powerful of all.

Brave. Clean. Reverent. (cross bridge and walk to cabin)

O/A Indian principles have all walked over the bridge, ending their portion of the ceremony. Each principle walks through a troop to "disappear" into the cabin. Wait until the receiving line is formed and line up at the end.

Cubmaster:

The bridge before you is a symbol of your crossing from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting. The bridge is a structure carrying a pathway or roadway over a depression. It is a means of connection or transition from one side to another...as this bridge represents how our Pack is connected to our Troop. As I call each boys name,

roadway over a depression. It is a means of connection or transition from one side to another...as this bridge represents how our Pack is connected to our Troop . As I call each boys name, please come stand before the bridge with your parents behind you. Anthony Capuano, Nicholas Capuano, Patrick Clark, Daniel Durkin, Kyle Hoolahan, Jeremy Irwin, John McLaughlin, Patrick Strickler. Will our friends from pack 77, Mike Horvat and Joey Iacono along with their parents join us at the bridge.

(Cubmaster is calling over to the Scoutmaster.)

CUBMASTER: Hello, Boy Scouts of Troop 225.

SCOUTMASTER: Hello, Cub Scouts of Akela. What do you desire?

CUBMASTER: We have several Webelos who have prepared themselves for entrance into your Troop.

SCOUTMASTER: I will send two of my Scouts over to escort the boys and their parents over the bridge.

(Chris Irwin and Nick Zorica cross over to Pack's side and then escorts the new scouts and their parents to the other side.)

Webelos leader speaking to the Scoutmaster: These are your new Scouts, ready for the adventures ahead of them. They are going to call themselves the Lightening patrol.

Webelos leader speaking to the boys: As I call each of your names, please step forward to your Scoutmaster, where he will place on you the Neckerchief of Troop 225 and the red epilets signifying your are a member of the Boy Scouts. (Parents assist with the epilets) (Scouts are lined up across from the new patrol and are holding the uniform accessories)

SCOUTMASTER: I would like to present to each of you, a present from your family, your scout handbook. Read it and study it. It will be your guide through the many adventures in Scouting. (Scout shake after receiving book) when all books are handed out the Scout master will step back and salute the new patrol, scouts return salute.

SCOUTMASTER:Will the lightening patrol please recite the Scout Oath.

Welcome to our new patrol and their families.

Join me Scouts in our closing (raise hands)

We now call upon the Great Spirit of all for His blessing on these young men. May these Scouts always strive to attain the noblest and highest ideals in life. Pray that their strengths be their guide to follow a

straight trail. May these young men serve as examples for other Scouts so they may not waiver from the path. Protect them for many moons to come. May the Great Master of all Scouts be with us until we meet again.

Will the new patrol and their families proceed to the cabin for our receiving line. Members and families of Pack 225 and Troop 225 please join me in congratulating each boy in our line. Thank You.