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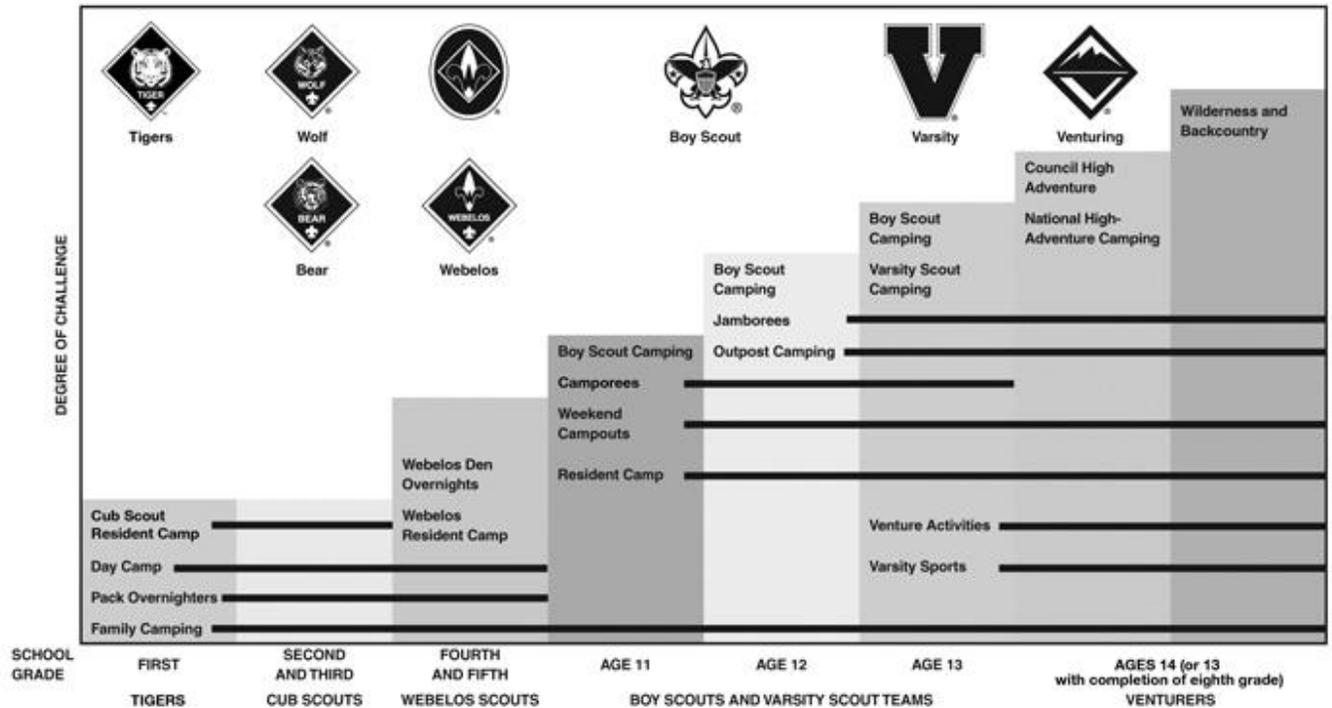
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## Cub Scout Camping

Cub Scouting is a family-based program where outdoor activities require council-sanctioned, improved public sites such as neighborhood parks, playgrounds, picnic areas, and nearby organized overnight campgrounds. Most boys join Cub Scouting because of the promise of outdoor adventures. This is an excellent environment for Cub Scouts to develop character, citizenship, and personal fitness while learning to be resourceful, self-reliant, and respectful of other people and the natural world. As they participate in the outdoors and learn to become a team member, they gain an awareness and appreciation of the natural world around them. Introducing Cub Scouts to the fun and skills acquired in the outdoors will benefit them as they grow and mature with enthusiasm throughout the program. A superb Cub Scout outdoor program increases retention and prepares a boy to become a Boy Scout.

There are many opportunities for Cub Scouts to enjoy a variety of outdoor experiences as they participate in den and pack events. All outdoor program activities are under the direction of adults and should be age-appropriate and suitable to the abilities of the boys. Refer to the Age-Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities online at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) and the Guide to Safe Scouting.. Chapter 4 of the Cub Scout How-To Book contains ideas for outdoor programs.

## Scouting's Camping Program—Ever-Increasing Challenge Out-of-Doors



## Age Guidelines

The Boy Scouts of America has established the following guidelines for its members' participation in camping activities:

- Overnight camping by Tiger Cub, Wolf, and Bear Cub Scout dens as dens is not approved, and certificates of liability insurance will not be provided by the Boy Scouts of America.
- Tiger Cubs, with their adult partner, may participate in boy-parent excursions, day camps, pack overnights, council-organized family camping, or resident camping.
- Tiger Cubs, Wolf and Bear Cub Scouts, and Webelos Scouts may participate in a resident overnight camping program operating under BSA National Camping School– trained leadership and managed by the council.
- A Webelos Scout may participate in overnight den camping when supervised by an adult. In most cases, the Webelos Scout will be under the supervision of his parent or guardian. It is essential that each Webelos Scout be under the supervision of a parent-approved adult. Joint Webelos den/troop campouts including the parents of the Webelos Scouts are encouraged to strengthen ties between the pack and troop. Den leaders, pack leaders, and parents are expected to accompany the boys on approved trips.

If a well-meaning leader brings along a child who does not meet these age guidelines, disservice is done to the unit because of distractions often caused by younger children. A disservice is also done to the child, who is not trained to participate in such an activity and who, as a nonmember of the group, may be ignored by the older campers. They

are also cheated by exposing them to what they will experience when they are old enough when it is time for them to have fun it will not be as fun and exciting as it would have been.

## Family Camping

Family camping is an outdoor experience, other than resident camping, that involves Cub Scouting, Boy Scouting, or Venturing program elements in overnight settings with two or more family members, including at least one BSA member of that family. Parents are responsible for the supervision of their children, and Youth Protection policies apply.

### Recreational Family

Camping Recreational family camping occurs when Scouting families camp as a family unit outside of an organized program. It is a nonstructured camping experience, but is conducted within a Scouting framework on local council-owned or -managed property. Local councils may have family camping grounds available for rent at reasonable rates. Other resources may include equipment, information, and training.

References: *Resident Camping for Cub Scouting*, No. 13-33814  
and *Cub Scout Outdoor Program Guidelines*, No. 510-631

## Cub Scout Overnight Opportunities

Cub Scouts may experience overnight activities in venues other than accredited resident camping. There are two categories of Cub Scout overnights.

### Council-Organized Family Camp

Council-organized family camps are overnight events involving more than one pack. The local council provides all of the elements of the outdoor experience, such as staffing, food service, housing, and program. These are often referred to as parent/pal or adventure weekends. Council-organized family camps should be conducted by trained leaders at sites approved by the local council. Each youth member will be under the supervision of a parent or legal guardian.

In special circumstances, a Cub Scout whose parent or legal guardian is not able to attend an overnight camping trip may participate under the supervision of another registered adult member of the BSA who is a parent of a Cub Scout who is also attending. The unit leader and a parent or legal guardian must agree to the arrangement, and all Youth Protection policies apply. At no time may another adult accept responsibility for more than one additional “nonfamily member” youth.

Overnight activities involving more than one pack must be approved by the council. Council-organized family camps must be conducted in accordance with established standards.

## **Pack Overnigheters**

These are pack-organized overnight events involving more than one family from a single pack, focused on age-appropriate Cub Scout activities and conducted at council-approved locations (councils use Pack Overnigheter Site Approval Form, No. 13-508). If nonmembers (siblings) participate, the event must be structured accordingly to accommodate them. BSA health and safety and Youth Protection policies apply. In most cases, each youth member will be under the supervision of a parent or guardian. In all cases, each youth participant is responsible to a specific adult.

At least one adult on a pack overnigheter must have completed Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO, No. 34162) to properly understand the importance of program intent, Youth Protection policies, health and safety, site selection, age-appropriate activities, and sufficient adult participation.

## **Types of Cub Scout Camping and Outdoor Activities**

Cub Scout Day Camp - Day camp is an organized one- to five-day program for Cub Scouts, conducted by the council under certified leadership at an approved site during daylight or early evening hours.

**Day camps do not include any overnight activities.**

Cub Scout/Webelos Scout Resident Camp - Cub Scout and Webelos Scout resident camping is a council-organized, theme-oriented overnight camping program. It operates for at least two consecutive nights and is conducted under certified leadership at a camp approved by the council.

Webelos Den Overnight Camping - The Webelos den overnight camp event is held at a council-approved location with Webelos accompanied by a parent and at the direction of the Webelos den leader, who is trained using Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders.

Webelos dens are also encouraged to participate in joint overnight campouts with a Boy Scout troop of their choice (with coordination between the Webelos den leader and troop leaders), **but Cub Scouts may not participate in Boy Scout activities such as backpacking or climbing.**

Webelos Scout dens with parents and den leaders - This is a camporee-style event with program activities planned for the ability level of Webelos Scouts at a council-approved location. Key staff members should be trained using Outdoor Leader Skills for Webelos Leaders, and Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO). Boy Scouts should participate only in a leadership and support capacity.

Pack Overnigheters - These are pack-organized overnight camping events at a council-sanctioned location involving more than one family from a single pack. Outdoor activities are family-based within the ability groups of siblings as well as Cub Scouts. Refer to Pack Overnigheter Site Approval Form, No. 13-508. Each youth is the responsibility of a parent and BSA health and safety and Youth Protection guidelines apply. At least one of the on-site adult participants giving leadership to a pack overnigheter must have completed Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation (BALOO). Permits for overnigheters will be issued.

Council-Organized Family Camp - Council-organized family camps are overnight camping activities involving more than one Cub Scout pack. The council usually provides food, staff, and an activity program based on a theme.

Pack-organized Cub Scout family camping – This is an organized overnight event involving more than one family. Pack members plan an enjoyable and safe outing for all pack family members. Adults giving leadership to a pack campout must complete Basic Outdoor Leader Orientation (BALOO) and must attend the campout. Only Webelos dens may schedule den campouts. All camping for Cub Scouts and Tiger Cubs should be pack-organized family camping.

Family-organized recreational camping – This is an opportunity for a family to camp together. Whether you camp in your own backyard or at the top of a mountain, family camping experiences will provide great fun and memories.

## Where to Camp

Cub Scout pack-organized camping should be conducted only at sites approved by the local council. Approved sites might include federal, state, or local parks in addition to BSA property. Check with your council service center for locally approved sites before planning your trip.

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/pdf/13-508.pdf>

Local places to camp:

Middle Canyon (Tooele), Settlement Canyon (Tooele), North Willow Canyon (Grantsville), Benson Grist Mill (Stansbury Park), Lone Rock (Skull Valley), Horseshoe Springs (Skull Valley), Clover Springs (Johnson's Pass), Stansbury Island

### *Selecting a Campsite*

- ❖ Try to camp with a south/southwest exposure.
- ❖ Should be protected from wind.
- ❖ Camp on level and reasonably smooth ground.
- ❖ Avoid gullies and ravines; they can be dangerous during heavy rains
- ❖ Avoid areas near trees with dead or dying branches
- ❖ Don't camp near swamps, tall grasses, or watery meadows

### *Setting up Camp*

- ❖ Pitch tent on smooth and level ground with tent back to prevailing winds.
- ❖ A doormat of plywood, heavy cardboard, or carpet remnant will help keep dirt outside. When possible, leave shoes outside (check for creepy crawlies before putting shoes back on).
- ❖ Use large tarp or dining fly for shelter for cooking, eating, and other outside activities.
- ❖ Adequate supply of drinking/cooking water.

- ❖ Bring plenty of firewood. Don't count on firewood being available. **Don't Move Firewood:** Help prevent the spread of tree-killing pests in our national forests by obtaining firewood near your destination and burning it on-site.
- ❖ Before going to bed be sure everything is secure and covered for protection from rain and animals. Be sure food is well-covered and hung out of reach. Don't leave open containers of food in the car. The food may be safe, but animals may scratch the car. **Don't ever store food in tents.**

### *Tents*

- ❖ Allow 20 square feet per person. Straight-walled tents provide more living area.
- ❖ Use flame-resistant tents. No tent is flameproof.
- ❖ Tents with floors and screened windows and zippered doors are helpful.
- ❖ Tent ropes should be clean, strong, and securely attached to tent. Use colorful fabric ties to make tent ropes visible to avoid tripping.
- ❖ Canvas and rope shrink when wet. Tight ropes can rip your tent in a storm. If it rains, loosen the ropes a little.
- ❖ Never pile dirt and leaves against the lower walls of tent.
- ❖ Never use flammable chemicals, charcoal lighter, spray paint, or insect repellent near tents. These may remove the waterproofing.
- ❖ Clean and dry the tent thoroughly before storing it.

### *Sleeping*

- ❖ Air mattresses can add comfort.
- ❖ Foam pads keep you warmer and don't deflate.
- ❖ Use a sleeping bag that suits the season and area.
  - Down bags are the warmest and lightest but more expensive—don't insulate when wet.
  - Be sure fabric covering is sturdy.

### *Other Equipment*

- ❖ Cooking and eating equipment, food, and food containers, some tools, and personal equipment.
- ❖ Using paper plates and cups can solve the dishwashing problem. **Do not burn disposable tableware.** If a trash receptacle isn't available, carry the used dinnerware home for disposal.
- ❖ **Always** bring plastic garbage bags. They can also be used for rain gear.
- ❖ First-aid kit.

### *Fires*

- ❖ Always be careful. Build fires only in designated fire rings or with permission of land owner, or in off-the-ground fire barrels (minimum 18" tall from bottom).
- ❖ Make sure matches are **cold out** before disposing off.
- ❖ **Never** leave a fire unattended. A breeze may spread live embers and start a fire. Keep a bucket of water, dirt, or sand handy for emergency use.
- ❖ Be sure fires are out—dead out—before breaking camp.

### *Disposing of Trash*

- ❖ Dispose of trash including food scraps and paper products properly in a trash receptacle. DO NOT burn it.

- ❖ Don't put plastic or foam in a fire; burning plastic can release toxic gases into the air.
- ❖ Don't bury leftovers or scatter them in the woods. Animals will find them, and it is not healthy for them to eat.
- ❖ If there are garbage disposal facilities at the campsite, use them. Otherwise, pack your garbage out—that is, take it home with you and dispose of it there.
- ❖ Recycle whenever possible.

## **Outdoor Cooking**

Aluminum Foil Cooking—is simple, fast, and the food retains its juices. Preparation is easy and you can do it at home. It also helps cut down on dishwashing.

Always do foil cooking over a bed of hot coals, never a flaming fire. Start the fire well ahead of the schedule eating time and allow it to die down to glowing embers.

### **Tasty Stew**

*Materials:* Heavy-duty foil; potatoes, carrots, onion, celery, stew meat, or hamburger patty; 1 to 2 Tablespoons of tomato juice, cream of celery soup, or Crisco shortening; seasonings; bed of hot coals.

Put meat on top so juices and fats will help keep your vegetables from burning or sticking to foil.

### **Hearty Hot Dog Special**

*Materials:* Thermal bottle, soup, string, hot dog, hot dog bun, condiments

Fill a thermal bottle  $\frac{3}{4}$  full with your favorite hot soup. Tie a string around a heated hot dog and drop it in the soup, leaving the end of the string outside the bottle, cap the bottle. For a quick meal on the road, open the bottle, pull out the hot dog, place it on a bun, and spread with your favorite fixings. Serve it with the hot soup, a drink, and dessert.

### **Instant Tacos**

*Materials:* Taco mixture in a thermal container, small bag of corn or taco chips (Doritos, etc.), grated cheese.

Put your favorite taco mixture in a thermal container, at mealtime, open the chips and pour the taco mixture into the bag to mix. Sprinkle with grated cheese and vegetables and eat directly from the chip bag.

## **Pizza Bombs**

*Materials:* Can of flaky biscuits, pizza sauce, sliced pepperoni, grated cheese

Separate flaky biscuits into four or five layers. Layer pizza sauce, sliced pepperoni, and cheese on the biscuits. Place over hot coal and cook.

## **Ants on a Log**

*Materials:* Celery, peanut butter, raisins

Spread 4" long celery sticks with peanut butter. Dot raisins along the peanut butter for your "ants".

## **Twixer Biscuits**

*Materials:* Biscuit mix, water Optional: Jam, jelly, or cheese; for pizza: tomato sauce, oregano, cheese, and pepperoni

Open a box of biscuit mix and make a depression in the contents so you can pour a little water into the hole. Stir it gently with a clean pronged stick (your "twixer") until it forms an egg-sized ball on the stick. Remove the ball and flatten it, and wrap it around a clean, preheated stick to bake as you twist it over coals. Or, form it into a biscuit shape and bake in aluminum foil, leaving space for the biscuit to rise.

For extra flavor, make a depression in the dough and fill with jam, jelly, or cheese.

For pizza, flatten dough, spread with tomato sauce, and a sprinkle of oregano. Add thin slices of cheese and pepperoni. Wrap in foil and bake in hot coals.

## **Omelet in a Bag**

*Materials:* Eggs, milk, cubed cheese, cubed ham, chopped onions, seasonings

1-quart heavy duty reusable freezer bags, marker, pot of boiling water

Write name on reusable freezer bag. Crack one or two eggs into a bag and add a splash of milk (or water) and other ingredients as desired into freezer bag. Carefully press the air out of the bag and seal. Gently knead the mixture to combine ingredients. Place the bag in boiling water and cook until done. Eat right out of the bag.

## **Popcorn on a String**

*Materials:* 1 teas cooking oil, 1 Tablespoon popcorn, butter, salt

In the center of the piece of a 6" square piece of foil, place the oil and popcorn. Bring the four corners up together to make a pouch. Seal the edges by folding, be sure and leave room for the corn to pop. Tie each pouch to a stick with a string and hold the pouch over hot coals. Shake constantly until all the corn has popped. Season with butter and salt. Make one for each person.

## **Ice Cream in a Bag**

*Materials:* ½ cup milk or cream, 3 Tablespoons sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla

Quart-sized resealable freezer bag, gallon-sized resealable freezer bag, crushed ice, rock salt

Mix milk, sugar, and vanilla in the quart-sized bag. Carefully push the air out of the bag and seal. Place this bag into the gallon-sized bag. Add crushed ice and several spoons of rock salt to the gallon-sized freezer bag. Remove excess air and seal. While holding the seal edge, shake and roll the bag for 10 to 15 minutes. Once the ice cream freezes, open the large bag and remove the ice cream bag. Wipe carefully to remove salt water. Enjoy your treat right from the bag.

## **Campfire Program**

### **The Four S's for a Successful Campfire**

**Songs.** You can quickly change the mood at a campfire by choosing one of these song categories: Tiger Cub/Cub Scouting/Webelos Scouting songs, peppy songs, actions songs, special-occasion songs, novelty songs, quiet songs.

**Stunts.** A stunt can be the main event of the campfire, or it can be used to build on the theme of the main event. Types of stunts that can be used include action stunts, physical or mental contests, humorous stunts, mixers, “magic”, and special mechanical and chemical firelighting (careful—firelighting can be dangerous if precautions are not taken).

**Stories.** Adventures stories, hero stories (biographical), nature stories, science fiction, ghost stories (use common sense)—all are popular at campfires. The Cubmaster’s Minute can be inspiring.

**Showmanship.** Use showmanship to give a sparkle and life to the campfire. Dress up the setting and plan for costumes when appropriate. Plan an opening ceremony that sets the right tone for the campfire program. Vary the pace and timing of activities to keep interest high—plan for lots of pep when the fire leaps high. Make sure everyone participates; encourage enthusiasm, but maintain discipline at all times. Plan for a closing ceremony that will be quiet and inspirational as the embers of the campfire die.

# Why Do Scouts go Camping?



**Camping** requires living deliberately, examining the essential facts of life.

**Camping** requires establishing an outpost of civilization, managing resources, setting routines, cooperating, and learning the practicalities of interdependence.

**Camping** requires recreating the mechanisms of survival, applying specialized skills, depending on what we can do with our hands.

**Camping** takes us to the frontier where nature and civilization meet; we can learn a lot about both if we keep our eyes open.

**Camping** separates from everyday life because camping is at odds with everyday life.

**Camping** means leaving distractions behind; it is just us, the forest, and our fellow Scouts.

**Camping** means pushing ourselves physically and mentally beyond our normal sphere of comfort.

**Camping** asks us to take ourselves as we are, it's hard to be someone you aren't in the wild.

**Camping** inspires humility, to confront our frailty in the face of the natural world.

**Camping** inspires reverence for nature and teaches us where we fit in the grand scheme of things.

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## Pack Meeting Helps:

### **A Scout Is Brave. How Does “Roaming Reptile Alert” Relate to This Point of the Scout Law?**

A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. What kinds of reptiles roam the United States? Let's learn about the four poisonous snakes to be aware of, and interesting facts about others. Learn about alligators, lizards, and any reptile that piques your interest. Be aware but not afraid!

NOTE TO Cubmaster--Pack meetings are best when they are no longer than an hour and a half in length. Pack meeting plans are guides which can be adjusted to fit the needs of your pack.

You might consider setting up tables or areas for each den to display pictures and items made during this month's adventure.

The advancement ceremony in this plan calls for face painting. Secure permission from parents and guardians, and check for any allergies to products being used. Make sure the product washes off with mild soap and water. Consider involving the parents or guardians as the Akela in the ceremony to help with face paint.

### **Before the Meeting**

Set up tables or areas for each den to display pictures and items made during this month's adventure, if applicable.

Preassign dens to perform the flag ceremony and the opening skit.

Be sure the following materials are available for the meeting:

- Flags for the flag ceremony
- Gathering game materials:
  - Green streamers to use as tails for Lizard Tag
  - Plastic worms or bugs, mason jars for Reptile Walk Obstacle Course
- Snake station craft materials and fact printouts for the following:
  - Coral snake
  - Copperhead
  - Rattlesnake
  - Cottonmouth
- Song sheets with the closing song or projection of the words on a screen or wall
- Face paint for the advancement ceremony

## **Gathering**

Lizard Tag or Reptile Walk Obstacle Course (See the Resources section for instructions.)

## **Opening Ceremony**

The flag ceremony is led by a predetermined den, who will present the colors and lead the pack in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Snake Skit**

Preassign a den. All the boys in the den are either curled up like snakes or wiggling around, quietly hissing like snakes. All are happy.

One by one, each boy except the last one shouts, "Ouch!"

**Boys:** "Oh, no! Are we poisonous?"

**Last boy:** "No, why?"

**Boys:** "Because we just bit our tongues!"

## **Opening Prayer**

"We gather here as a Cub Scout family to celebrate being with one another. We are grateful for the many things that Scouting teaches us, helping us grow. Tonight we learn about bravery and ask for the strength to be both smart and brave in our everyday lives."

## **Welcome and Introductions**

The Cubmaster welcomes new families, visitors, and special guests by introducing them to the pack and thanking all who helped plan and prepare for the pack meeting.

## **Den Demonstrations**

If there is a den that needs to do some type of activity at a pack meeting for the completion of an adventure, please insert it here.

## **Audience Participation**

Poisonous snake stations: The boys are split into four groups. At each station, a predetermined volunteer teaches the boys facts about the featured snake while the Scouts make their snake craft.

## **Recognition**

### **Adventure Loops and Pins:**

*(Note: Adventure loops and pins can be presented at a meeting or as immediate recognition in the den.)*

By den, call the names of those Cub Scouts who have completed the month's adventure to come forward.

- Have the den leader pass out the awards to the boys as they receive a Cub Scout handshake from the Cubmaster.
- If time allows, invite the den leader or den chief of the den to speak about the adventure work done for that month and have the den stand and be recognized.
- Use a positive cheer to recognize their accomplishments.

Other options:

- Have the den stand and be recognized or come forward to receive certificates for the adventure they

have completed. This option would be appropriate for a den that has already received the adventure loop or pin.

- Adapt the advancement ceremony for the month's theme into an adventure loop presentation if no rank badges are being presented.

## Rank advancement

This is a face-painting ceremony for all five ranks. (Use the parts you need. Check with parents or guardians that Scouts do not have allergies.)

**Roles:** Cubmaster, den leaders, and boys who are advancing. Consider using parents or other boys to help.

**Equipment:** Red, blue, green, yellow, orange, and brown face paint; washable markers; or face crayons

**Bobcat:** *(Akela places three thin red lines across the bridge of the nose.)*

**Cubmaster:** "Akela welcomes you who seek the Bobcat rank. You have worked hard to learn the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Cub Scout motto. These three red lines show that you have completed these three important steps of your journey. Remember them because they will guide you on all the trails of Scouting. We are glad you have found your place in our pack. Will the den leader present these Bobcats with their badges?"

**Tiger:** *(Akela places an orange dot under each eye.)*

**Cubmaster:** "We mark you with the eyes of the tiger. You have watched and learned in your adventures. You have shown courage and strength. You have achieved the rank of Tiger. Will the den leader please present these Tigers with their badges?"

**Wolf:** *(Akela places a brown, upside-down V above each eyebrow.)*

**Cubmaster:** "We mark you with the ears of the wolf. During your journey on the Cub Scout path, you have shown a willingness to listen to your leaders and learn from them. You are making Akela proud as I watch you on your journey. You have advanced to the rank of Wolf. Will the den leader present these Wolves with their badges?"

**Bear:** *(Akela places two green lines on each cheek, slanting up to the nose.)*

**Cubmaster:** "We mark you with green lines to represent strong, straight trees. You have promised to live by the Scout Oath and the Scout Law, and you have done well. The Oath and Law have helped you grow strong and straight like the trees of the forest as you travel your path. Akela is well pleased. Will the den leader please present these Bears with their badges?"

**Webelos:** *(Akela places a large, blue W from the temple down to the chin and up to the other temple.)*

**Cubmaster:** "You are now a Webelos Scout and have proven your loyalty. You have grown in spirit as well as knowledge. The blue W stands for the mountains that we climb in life. The way you have lived the Scout Oath and the Scout Law has helped you make good choices. Akela is happy with your choices; they show that you are getting ready to move from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. Be ready to use the skills you have already learned. Will the den leader present these Webelos Scouts with their badges?"

**Arrow of Light:** *(Akela places a yellow line, slightly bowed, with seven rays across the forehead.)*

**Cubmaster:** "Faithfully you have journeyed the Cub Scout path. You are nearing the end of your Cub Scout trail. The gold arrow represents the Arrow of Light, the highest rank in Cub Scouting. The seven rays stand for wisdom, courage, self-control, justice, faith, hope, and love. The arrow points you toward the Boy Scout path, where the Scout Oath and Law will continue to guide your life. Akela is honored to present you with your Arrow of Light badge, the only badge from Cub Scouting that you can put on your new uniform.

"The faces of these young men show the world of their hard work and the reward that is gained by living the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. Please congratulate these fine young men."

## Cubmaster's Minute

"Tonight I'll tell you the tale of Tortoise and Hare.

"Hare was a very fast runner and made fun of Tortoise, who was not very fast. One day, Tortoise grew very tired of this and challenged him to a race. Hare thought it was hilarious and made many mean jokes about the slow and steady Tortoise.

"The big day came and the two animals set off on their race, watched by all the other woodland animals. Hare ran down the road and then ran back to run circles around Tortoise and tease him. He said, 'How can you ever expect to win when you are so slow and heavy? Look at me! I am fast and light.'

"Tortoise just smiled and bravely said, 'Slow and steady wins the race.'

"Tired out from running around and back and forth, Hare decided he was so far ahead, he would take a short nap.

"While Hare was sleeping, Tortoise walked and walked. Even when he became tired, he kept going and didn't stop until he came to the finish line.

"All the animals shouted 'Hooray' so loudly that they woke up Hare. He tried running to catch up, but it was too late. The slow and steady Tortoise crossed the finish line.

"We can learn from this brave Tortoise who believed in himself even when Hare made fun of him.

He showed courage when he raced the fast Hare and he finished. True bravery and courage is doing something we may not be good at, but we keep trying. I hope we can all be like the slow and steady Tortoise."

## **Closing**

### **Good Night, Cub Scouts**

**Tune:** *"Good Night, Ladies"*

Good night, Cub Scouts,

Good night, Cub Scouts,

Good night, Cub Scouts,

Time to go home now.

We've learned about our reptile friends,

Cub be brave, Cub be brave,

And how to be safe when going,

Up that Cub Scout trail.

Be brave, Cub Scouts,

Grow strong, Cub Scouts,

Sweet dreams, Cub Scouts,

Time to go home now.

*(The preassigned den retires the flags.)*