

Order of the Arrow
National
Arrow of Light Award Ceremony



Materials

- 6 candles:
 - 5 stationary candles (Arrow of Light stand optional)
 - 1 handheld candle with drip guard
(in buildings where open flames are not allowed, substitute electric candles)
- lighter or matches
- a printed copy of the complete virtue poem for each recipient with their line(s) highlighted
- sufficient Arrow of Light badges with pins
- is performed in field uniform, with sash if done by an Order of the Arrow member, at the discretion of the local lodge chief
- should never be performed in American Indian costume

The Ceremony

[The Presenter may be a Scout from a Troop in field uniform (and sash if a member of the Order of the Arrow), the Cubmaster, or another uniformed Cub Scout leader.

Before the ceremony, assign “adventures” to the Webelos Scout Arrow of Light recipients. If there are fewer than five recipients, some may light more than one candle. If there are more than five, they can team up and light the candle together: one says the adventure (e.g. “Building a Better World”) and the other says the explanatory phrase (“understand your community and country”).

Give each Webelos Scout a printed copy of the complete script with their line(s) highlighted. They may memorize or read their line(s).

Coach the Webelos Scouts receiving the award on the part they play in the ceremony. For example., when their names are called, they are to come up and stand behind the stationary candles in the order of the “adventure” to which they are assigned. The Webelos Scout assigned to “Building a Better World” lights the first candle at either end of the row of candles. The Webelos Scout assigned to “Another Adventure,” after lighting his or her candle, extinguishes the lighting candle and puts it in a designated spot.

PRESENTER: Cub Scouts, parents, friends of Scouting!

We are gathered here [tonight / today]
to acknowledge and to honor
[those who have / one who has] earned the Arrow of Light!

Having satisfied the requirements for the highest rank in Cub Scouting,
will the following [Scouts / Scout] please come forward?

[The Presenter announces the [names / name]. As his or her name is called, each Scout comes forward and stands in a line behind the seven stationary candles. If any who earned the rank are not present, the Presenter says:

“We also recognize [name(s)] for earning the Arrow of Light.
[They / He or She] could not be with us tonight.”

Through the ranks a Scout advances:

Bobcat, Lion, Tiger, Wolf, and Bear—

and the promise: *[emphasize each word slowly]* We'll Be Loyal...

then... what's left to do, or dare?

[The Presenter lights the candle with drip guard with which the others will be lit.]

One more rank before Scouting's next journey—

five more adventures to earn

Cub Scouting's highest recognition.

From its five challenges, we learn...

[The Presenter hands the lit candle with drip guard to the first Webelos Scout. The Scout assigned to "Building a Better World" lights the first of the seven stationary candles as he says:]

FIRST WEBELOS SCOUT: **Building a Better World:** understand your
community and country.

[The first Webelos Scout passes the candle to the second Webelos Scout, who lights a second stationary candle while saying the following. This process is repeated for the other candles.]

SECOND WEBELOS SCOUT: **Outdoor Adventurer:** know how to live in the
natural world.

THIRD WEBELOS SCOUT: **Duty to God in Action:** value your faith and God's role in your life.

FOURTH WEBELOS SCOUT: **Scouting Adventure:** look forward to next steps on your Scouting journey.

FIFTH WEBELOS SCOUT: **Another Adventure:** explore your own interests by choosing one more.

[The Webelos Scout who lights the last candle extinguishes the lighting candle and places it in the designated spot.]

PRESENTER: Five adventures brought you here!

Not alone [they've / he's / she's] made this journey.

Many aid [them in their / him in his / her in her] cause.

Stand now, you who have stood by [them / him / her]

[The Presenter uses a hand gesture to encourage family members to rise, and allows time for them to do so.]

and receive the Pack's applause!

[The Pack applauds.]

PRESENTER *[continues]*: Please come forward and stand with your Webelos Scout.

[They do so. An assistant gives an Arrow of Light badge to one family member for each Webelos Scout.]

Please pin the Arrow of Light award your Scout has earned below the left-hand pocket, and then stand behind your Scout.

[After the Webelos Scouts have received their badges, the Presenter resumes:]

Scouts, the sunrise on these badges
shows us you have just begun.
Scouting trails invite your footsteps:
more adventures— friendships— fun!

Let us stand, make the Cub Scout sign, and say the Scout Oath:

ALL: “On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times;
to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.”

PRESENTER: And the Scout Law:

ALL: “A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind,
obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.”

PRESENTER: Now, as arrows arching skyward
in the sunrise catch the light,
know that you are seen by others
as examples, shining— bright!

[Pause.]

This concludes our Arrow of Light ceremony. Let us congratulate
[these Scouts on their / this Scout on his / her] achievement!

*[The Presenter leads the applause. The Pack might howl and stamp their feet! The
Cubmaster, Assistant Cubmaster, Den Leaders, and Den Chiefs make a point to exchange
the Cub Scout handshake with each Arrow of Light recipient.]*