



2015-2016 WEBELOS TO SCOUT TRANSITION

Sample Crossover Ceremony

Setting: A bridge is in the center stage. One side of the bridge represents Cub Scouts and the other side, Boy Scouts. Use of Boy Scouts with candles lighting the path is very impressive. Standing on either side of the bridge are the Cubmaster and Scoutmaster.

CUBMASTER: Tonight we mark a great occasion, the graduation of our Webelos into Boy Scout Troop _____. We are sad to see them leave, but we are happy for them because they are going on to the great adventure of Boy Scouting. These Webelos have worked hard and have advanced through the ranks of Cub Scouting. As a symbol of their hard work, each Webelos will be given an arrow. As I call your name, will each Webelos come forward with your parent(s)?

(Call each boy's name off.)

Reader: The arrow alone gives meaning to each of these Scouts. The wooden shaft gives the arrow strength; just like the strength the Scout Promise gives each boy. The fletching helps guide the arrow on a straight and true path; just like the Scout Law guides the Scout on a straight and true path. The arrowhead points the way to the target; just like the Webelos badge and Arrow of Light requirements have pointed the Scout to the ways of Boy Scouting. Each arrow has these parts, but each arrow is different, it is individual. Each arrow represents his individual trail through Cub Scouting.

(Give each boy his arrow.)

It has been a long trail. As you look at the arrow you can look back and see how far you have traveled. Your first trail led you across the Bobcat Ridge, where Akela took you into the Pack as a Bobcat. The yellow mark tells that this boy completed his Bobcat requirements. You may have then climbed the steep Wolf Mountain. The red mark means he has completed the Wolf badge. After finding your way through Bear Forest, you may have earned your Bear rank. The green mark shows you have gained your Bear achievements. Your trail next may have led you to Webelos Rank...first earning five adventure pins shown by black marks, then your Webelos badge, which is marked in blue. The Arrow of Light trail may have been hard and rugged. You first earned another four adventure pins. Then came the highest Cub Scout Achievement, the Arrow of Light, which is signified by the white marking on the arrow. The twelve beads will remind you of the twelve points of the Scout Law. The red and white feathers not only stand for the troops colors, but also for devotion and honor.

Your trail in Scouting does not end in Cub Scouting; it is only the beginning, for all of you have prepared yourself for the crossing over to Boy Scouts. 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, please come stand before your Cubmaster where he will remove your Webelos neckerchief.

(Cubmaster is calling over to the Scoutmaster.)

CUBMASTER: Hello, Boy Scouts of Troop _____.

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: Bring them and their parents forward to the bridge that joins our Pack and Troop. I will send two of my Scouts over to escort the boys and their parents over the bridge.

(Boy Scouts cross over to Pack side and escort 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.

Webelos leader (speaking to the boys): As I call each of your names, please come forward to your Scoutmaster, where he will place on you the Neckerchief of your new Troop.

(One at a time, place troop neckerchief on new Scout)

SCOUTMASTER: I'd like to welcome the new patrol and their families to our Troop. *(Lights on)*