

Samples of Transition Ceremonies

Webelos Scouts to Boy Scouts

Colors of the Wind

Materials: Holder with four candles or lights (blue, yellow, white, and red). Webelos den leader lights the candles. Have a trail ready if you are using one in this ceremony.

NARRATOR: Tonight, we are honoring some Webelos Scouts who are moving forward along the Scouting trail. Will the following boys please come forward. (*Call the names.*)

Today, you are making a giant step—that from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting. As we present to you the colors of the four winds, remember them, and let them continue to guide you along the Scouting trail.

(*Light the blue candle or light.*) Blue stands for the Cub Scout spirit and the north wind. You are a true blue Cub Scout and live up to the Law of the Pack. It brings you only the warmest of winds.

(*Light the yellow candle or light.*) Yellow stands for the south wind that carries the story of your achievements far and wide. As a Cub Scout you have been eager, fair, and a credit to your den and pack.

(*Light the white candle or light.*) White stands for the east wind and the spirit of Scouting. The east wind carries the story of your fun and happiness to your Scout troop and tells others how you live up to the Cub Scout Promise.

(*Light the red candle or light.*) Red stands for the west wind and represents the families of these Webelos Scouts. It tells of the help and guidance that these Webelos Scouts receive from their families. Continue to help your boy go and grow as he continues to walk the Scouting trail in Boy Scouting.

As you cross into Boy Scouting, we'll give you the Cub Scout handshake one last time. (*The Cubmaster and Webelos leader shake hands with the Webelos Scout. The boy walks to the Scoutmaster, giving him and the senior patrol leader the Scout handclasp.*)

Seven Virtues of Life

Materials: Holder with seven candles or lights, graduation certificates, troop neckerchief (if one is going to be presented; if the neckerchief is not going to be presented, reword the ending of the ceremony).

NARRATOR: Will the following Webelos Scouts please come forward. (*Call the names.*) Today, we are honoring these boys who have brought honor to our pack as they climbed the Cub Scout trail. They are now ready to go into Boy Scouting. With the help of their families, they will soon start walking the Boy Scout trail.

WEBELOS LEADER: The seven candles (lights) before you 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. (*The narrator lights the candles or lights.*)

1. Wisdom doesn't mean that you are smarter than others. It means that you use what you know to lead a better life.
2. Courage doesn't mean that you have no fear of danger. It means that you can face danger despite your fear.
3. Self-control means being able to stop when you have had enough of something, such as eating, playing, or even working too much.
4. Justice means being fair with others as you play and work with them.



5. Faith is belief in God and things you cannot see but feel are true.
6. Hope means to look forward to good things you believe will happen and work hard today to make them happen.
7. Many kinds of love are important: love of family, fellow humans, God, and our country.

NARRATOR: If you live by these virtues, you will be a happier person. It is my pleasure to present to you your graduation certificates. Scoutmaster [Name] is here to receive you into your troop. *(Scoutmaster says a few words of welcome.)*

SENIOR PATROL LEADER: As you remove your Cub Scout neckerchief, remember the things you learned in Cub Scouting. And as you wear this Boy Scout neckerchief, remember that it represents the members of our troop who always try to do their best and be prepared. Welcome to our troop. *(He gives each boy a Scout handclasp.)*

Cub Scout Trail

Preparation: A Tiger Cub holds a Tiger Cub badge; a Wolf Cub Scout holds a Wolf badge; a Bear Cub Scout holds a Bear badge; a Webelos leader holds a Webelos badge; a den chief holds an Arrow of Light Award; a Scoutmaster or senior patrol leader holds a Boy Scout badge. Space the badges apart so that they form a trail. This ceremony can be done inside or outside (arrange them around the edge of a clearing).

NARRATOR: Tonight, we are honoring some Webelos Scouts who are moving forward along the Scouting trail. Will the following boys please come forward? *(Call the names.)*

You are taking a giant step—that from Cub Scouting to Boy Scouting. We would like to think back on some of the steps you have taken along the way.

(Walk with the boys to the Bobcat station.)
Remember when you first joined Cub Scouts? The Cub Scout motto, Law of the Pack, and the Cub Scout Promise were new to you then.

(Walk with the boys to the Wolf station.) At this stop, you worked on achievements that included knowledge about the flag, fitness, tools, safety, and feats of skill.

(Walk with the boys to the Bear station.)
While working on the Bear badge, you completed achievements in four areas: God, country, family, and self. You were able to choose which achievements to complete.

(Walk with the boys to the Webelos station.)
As Webelos Scouts, you worked on activity badges. You learned the different parts of the Webelos uniform, the Outdoor Code, and furthered your knowledge about your duty to God. You began to discover the meaning behind the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

(Walk with the boys to the Arrow of Light station.) To earn the highest award in Cub Scouting, you committed yourself to living the Scout Oath and Scout Law. You learned about the Boy Scout uniform and the parts of the Scout badge. You participated in a Webelos overnight campout [or day hike] and visited a Boy Scout troop meeting [or activity].

(Walk with boys to the Boy Scout station.)
And now you have reached the beginning of a new trail. I would like to introduce your new Scoutmaster and senior patrol leader. *(The Scoutmaster and senior patrol leader take a few moments to welcome the new Boy Scouts.)*

