



#### THE APEX OF CUB SCOUTING

## THE ARROW OF LIGHT AWARD

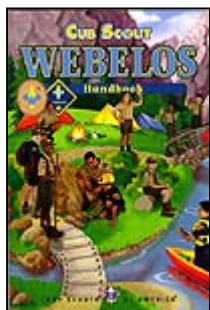
### THE WAY OF THE ARROW

The Arrow of Light Award is the highest rank in Cub Scouting. A Webelos Scout should set his sights on it early. It's tougher to earn than the Webelos badge, but he can do it! The Cub Scout will have to earn the **Webelos badge** and at least eight **activity badges**, including **Citizen**, **Readyman**, and **Fitness**. The total must include one from each of the five activity groups.

By the time he has earned the Arrow of Light Award, he will have learned many things about a lot of subjects - and a lot about Boy Scouting. He will be ready to join a Boy Scout troop!

Before he gets started on the Arrow of Light Award, he should read through the requirements with a parent, guardian, or den leader. Each time a requirement is satisfied, he should have his **Webelos Den Leader** sign it off in his Webelos Scout Book.

Details regarding the completion of the requirements and can be found in the BSA Webelos Handbook (No. 33452, 2003.)



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### BADGE REQUIREMENTS

1. Be active in your Webelos den for at least 6 months since completing the fourth grade (or for at least six months since becoming 10 years old), and earn the **Webelos badge**.
2. Show your knowledge of the requirements to become a Boy Scout by doing all of these:
  - Repeat from memory and explain in your own words the **Scout Oath** or **Promise** and the **12 points of the Scout Law**. Tell how you have practiced them in your everyday life.
  - Give and explain the **Scout motto, slogan, sign, salute, and handclasp**.
  - Understand the significance of the **Scout badge**. Know its parts and tell what each stands for.
  - Tell how a **Boy Scout uniform** is different from a Webelos Scout uniform.
  - Tie the joining knot (square knot)
3. Earn five more activity badges in addition to the three you already earned for the Webelos badge. These must include:
  - **Fitness** (already earned for the Webelos badge)
  - **Citizen** (already earned for the Webelos badge)
  - **Readyman**
  - **Outdoorsman**
  - At least one from the **Mental Skills Group**
  - At least one from the **Technology Group**
  - Two more of your choice

See Webelos Handbook, page 74 for the activity badge groups.
4. With your Webelos den, visit at least
  - one Boy Scout troop meeting,
  - one Boy Scout-oriented outdoor activity. (If you have already done this when you earned your Outdoorsman activity badge, you may not use it to fulfill requirements for your Arrow of Light Award requirements.)
5. Participate in a Webelos overnight campout or day hike. (If you have already done this when you earned your Outdoorsman activity badge, you may not use it to fulfill requirements for your Arrow of Light Award requirements.)

6. After you have completed all five of the above requirements, and after a talk with your Webelos den leader, arrange to visit, with your parent or guardian, a meeting of a Boy Scout troop you think you might like to join. Have a conference with the Scoutmaster.
7. Complete the [Honesty Character Connection](#).
  - a. **Know:** Say the Cub Scout Promise to your family. Discuss these questions with them. What is a promise? What does it mean to keep your word? What does it mean to be trustworthy? What does honesty mean?
  - b. **Commit:** Discuss these questions with your family. Why is a promise important? Why is it important for people to trust you when you give your word? When might it be difficult to be truthful? List examples.
  - c. **Practice:** Discuss with a family member why it is important to be trustworthy and honest. How can you do your best to be honest even when it is difficult?

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When a boy has completed all of these requirements, he has earned the right to wear the Arrow of Light badge.

The badge should be [ceremoniously presented](#) as soon as possible at an upcoming Pack meeting.

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