

# Special Recognition Ceremonies

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**A little extra recognition goes a long way. Whether it be in a den meeting with just the “fellas” or in the pack meeting with all the “gang”. How about the things that may seem small to us but can be quite huge to a boy? The beads, the recruiter strip, an extra clap for a good job well done, or the compass points and arrow points. It may add an extra fifteen minutes to your pack meeting but it will be a lifetime memory to your boys! Take it from me-I just caught my youngest who is 17, flipping through the photo album a couple of days ago! I think I was more shocked than he was-after all this time it really meant something to him!**

## **The Recruiter Strip**

Equipment: Candle holder and one large white candle, recruiter strip  
Personnel: Cubmaster

**Cubmaster:** The white candle you see on our awards table stands for the Spirit of Scouting. This spirit is kept alive by our Cub Scouts, in doing their many activities. One of these is recruiting a new boy into his den. For this he receives a Recruiter Strip which is worn below the right pocket. This signifies for all to see that he has spread the Spirit of Scouting to a friend.

Would Cub Scouts (boy(s) name(s) please come forward and receive your recruiter strip(s) and remain until all are passed out.

(after all are passed out, lead a special cheer for recipients)

## **Parent Rededication**

Personnel: Cubmaster, parents of boys advancing  
Setting: As parents of boys present the emblem of rank to their sons the cubmaster asks them to repeat this promise

**Cubmaster:** Parents, will you please give the Cub Scout sign and repeat after me:

We will continue  
To do our best  
To help our son  
Along the achievement trail  
And share with him  
The work and fun of Cub Scouting

## **Webelos Compass Point**

Personnel: Webelos leader, Webelos Scout  
Equipment: Compass Point Emblem or Device

**Webelos Leader:** (name) has worked hard on his Webelos activities and tonight will be receiving his Webelos compass point emblem and his first point for that emblem. (name) you may place the point on your emblem in any direction “E”, “W”, or “S”. Keep up the good work.

(leader may choose to highlight some of the work the boys have done)

**(you can rewrite the above for arrow points for wolves and bears)**

## **A Little Extra Recognition**

Let's take a few minutes now  
To recognize the workers in our pack.  
The leaders and the boys,  
Who have caught the slack.  
Let's stand on our feet,  
All the Cubs show made advancement tonight.  
And also their parents,  
Who have helped them do it right.  
Now all those Cubs,  
Who arrow points earned  
And their parents also  
With whose helped they have earned,  
Next all the Webelos  
Who've earned some badges too,  
And the leaders,  
Of these hardworking boys,  
As we give them a round of applause,  
With lots of cheering noise.  
(everyone applaud for this group after which they are seated. The recognition may be used at anytime during the year and you might add special recognition for leaders completing training or serving on Cub Scout Day Camp)

## **Den Ceremony - Pass the Bead Ceremony**

Personnel: Cub Scouts and Den Leader  
Equipment: Instant Recognition Beads  
Everyone stands in a circle

The Den Leader gives the bead to the Cub Scout on her right who passes it along to the boy standing on his right. Pass the bead from boy to boy until the recipient is holding the bead.

**Den Leader:** What do you have in your hand, (name)?  
**Cub Scout:** A yellow (wolf) or red (bear) achievement bead.  
**Den Leader:** Why are you getting this bead?  
**Cub Scout:** (Explains the three achievements he has completed)  
**Everyone:** Hip, Hip, Hooray (name)

(this will inspire other Cub Scouts to complete the same achievements or work towards their rank)

## **Immediate Recognition**

Personnel: Den Leader, Den Chief, Wolf and Bear Candidates  
Equipment: Immediate Recognition Kit

**Den Leader:** Let me tell you the story behind these wonderful beads. The custom of awarding beads started in the ancient Webelos tribe. They were given to braves who did their best to help the tribe and others.

**Den Chief:** Many moons ago, when the animal world was ruled by wolves and bears, the braves of the Webelos tribe feared these strong beasts.

**Den Leader:** But some braves named (names of boys being recognized), still untried, decided that the best way to live without fear was to learn to understand the creatures of the forest.

**Den Chief:** So they went, disguised as animals, to live with the wolves and bears. The animals accepted them and all their brothers and called them cubs, just as if the braves were their own. This was according to the Law of the Pack.

**Den Leader:** For their bravery and friendliness to the beasts, they were given a leather totem with colored beads on it. It signified that the cubs knew the ways of the tribe and did their best at everything without worrying if someone else did better. This is the law that the tribe borrowed from the animals.

(Ask the den to form a living circle and repeat the Law of the Pack)

**Den Chief:** For doing your best in completing three achievements toward your (wolf/bear) badge, I award you, (name) this totem and this bead. May you always obey the Law of the Pack.

### **World Conservation Ceremony**

Personnel: Cubmaster, Den Leader, Assistant Cubmaster, Webelos Den Leader

Equipment: World Conservation symbol on ceremonial board

**Cubmaster:** In his last letter to Scouts around the world, Lord Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, wrote "Try to leave the world better than you found it". Tonight we are honoring Cub Scouts who have fulfilled Baden-Powell's request.

**Asst. Cubmaster:** In an age when Nature is being used up faster than it can replenish itself, these Cub Scouts have helped to stop that trend.

**Den Leader:** They have worked hard to fulfill the requirements of the World Conservation Award. They have completed achievements and electives related to the outdoors in addition to completing a den conservation project.

**Cubmaster:** This award may be earned only once and tells everyone that they helped to make the world better for all of us.

Will the following Cub Scouts please come forward: (call scouts forward and award badges)

Thank you for what you have done for all of us!