



Recognition Ceremony “The Webelos Staff”

Cubmaster: Within our Pack we have a special tradition; as each of our Cub Scouts earns his Webelos Badge, he is also presented with a simple Scout Staff. This Staff is just like those carried by Scouts in the earliest days of the Boy Scout program, and now becomes a part of his Webelos uniform.

The Cubmaster holds up a plain Scout Staff with no decoration or adornment.

Cubmaster: Our tradition holds that once presented with his Staff, each Webelo Scout must make it his own. It may be painted, stained or decorated in any fashion, but with the understanding that something can only be added when that Scout does something that demonstrates a part of the *Boy Scout Way - The Scout Oath, The Scout Law, The Scout Slogan and The Scout Motto*.

And after adding each new decoration to his Staff, that Scout must Be Prepared to tell his fellow Scouts what he did to add that new decoration.

In this way, over the next year of the Webelos Journey, the Staff of every Scout will tell the story of his steps along the path to Boy Scouting.

Each Webelo Scout will now be presented with his own Scout Staff.

The Cubmaster and the Webelos Den Leader start at the left side of the line of Webelos to present each boy with his staff. The Cubmaster steps directly in front of the boy, facing him and presents the staff in the following way:

Each individual boy is asked: "Are you prepared to begin your journey to being a Boy Scout?" After each boy answers "Yes"; holding the staff in his right hand, the Cubmaster then quickly bangs the end of the staff on the floor directly in front of and centered on the boy's feet (careful to not hit the boy's feet, but making a loud bang on the floor), hands the staff to the boy and offers "*The Scout Handshake*" with his left hand.



By returning the "left-hand shake", each boy has done the first task demonstrating the Boy Scout Way. The Webelos Leader follows the Cubmaster; and offers the same handshake to each of the Webelos, congratulating them on receiving their Webelos Badge and Staff

Cubmaster: Our Webelos Leader who will guide and accompany these new Webelo Scouts along the trail will now receive their Scout Staff, bound by the same guidelines and traditions as the boys they serve.

The Webelos Den Leader takes their place at the end of the line of Webelos Scouts and has their staff presented in the same way as the boys.

Cubmaster: On receiving his Scout Staff and returning The Boy Scout Handshake, each of these new Webelos has earned the privilege of adding the first decoration to his Staff. We look forward to seeing many more additions and decorations in the coming days and they each start their trail to becoming a Boy Scout.

We congratulate each new recipient of his Webelos Badge and his Scout Staff.