



# Old Baldy Council PACK 730 SCOUT NEWS



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## Arrow of Light

The highest award in Cub Scouts is earned by Webelos that have been active participants in their den and are ready to join a Boy Scout troop.



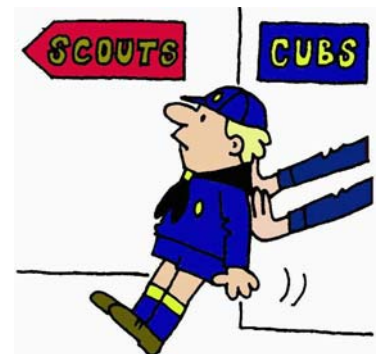
Many of the requirements for the Arrow of Light are intended to familiarize the scout with a local troop and hopefully show him that crossing over into a troop is the next step to take in scouting. A scout that earns his Arrow of Light patch has also completed nearly all the requirements to earn the Scout badge in the troop so he has already begun his Boy Scout trail.

1. Be active in your Webelos den for at least six 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:
  - o 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.
  - o Give and explain the Scout motto, slogan, sign, salute, and handshake.
  - o Understand the significance of the First Class Scout badge. Describe its parts and tell what each stands for.
  - o Tell how a Boy Scout uniform is different from a Webelos Scout uniform.
  - o 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:
  - o Fitness (already earned for the Webelos badge)
  - o Citizen (already earned for the Webelos badge)
  - o Readyman
  - o Outdoorsman
  - o At least one from the Mental Skills Group
  - o At least one from the Technology Group
  - o Two more of your choice

4. With your Webelos den, visit at least
  - o one Boy Scout troop meeting
  - o 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.)

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?



## *Rain Gutter Regatta*



The Raingutter Regatta is similar to the Pinewood Derby or the Space Derby except that the models are miniature sail boats. Although the seas are only 10-foot lengths of raingutter filled with water, and the ships a mere 6 inches long, the race is a very exciting event. Each boy builds his own boat with supervision and help from parents or other family members. He also provides the wind

for the sail with his own lung power.

The regatta boat kit, available from the Scout Shop, has a pre-shaped balsa hull, metal keel and plastic sail. The hulls are sanded and shaped, and are colorfully painted. Hull and sail are then decorated with decal kits (also available at the Scout Shop). The boats race in pairs on raingutter courses propelled by the boys blowing into the sails. The races can also be run as a team relay event.

## *What's Going On?*

As everyone knows the annual Raingutter Regatta has been postponed due to conflicts with so many events happening around and on the original scheduled date. The Regatta has been moved to Sunday May 6th and will be held at Sycamore Canyon Park where we are planning a cookout and the Webelo II bridging ceremony to also be combined. A flyer will be handed out at your next den meeting.

## *Summer Activities*

### **June Activity :**

#### **Planes of Fame Airshow**

Chino Airport May 20th

General admission to Airshow

2006 is \$18.00, youngsters 5-11 will be admitted for \$5.00 and admission will be free for accompanied children under five.

### **July Activity:**

#### **Discovery Science Center**

June 30th

Midnight Madness Camp-In

PRICING: \$35 per child. \$25 per adult.

Must have payment in before May 30th



### **July Activity:**

#### **Aquarium of the Pacific**

Date and Time TBD

Adult: \$12.95 Senior (60+): \$12.95 Child (3-11): \$8.95

## *Next Pack Meeting*

## *Diggin' In the Dirt*

Cub Scouts can discover what Mother Nature hides in the dirt and how the soil helps plants to grow. Have a "One Inch Hike" to learn the many things that can be found in the dirt. Learn what insects or animals make their homes in the ground. Make a window garden or terrarium and plant seeds or plants. Visit a green house or County Extension Office to see what plants can grow without soil, what it takes to grow healthy plants and how to test the soil. At the pack meeting, show items found in the ground (i.e. rocks, shells) or have a seed-eating party with edible seeds.

## *Pack Calendar*

**Apr 26** Committee Meeting

7:30 PM It's a Grind

**May 6** Raingutter Regatta / Bridging

Sycamore Canyon Park 2:00PM

**May 15** Pack Meeting

7:30 PM Mt. Calvary

## *Cubmaster Final Thought*

### *The Origin of the Left Hand Shake*

The Left hand shake goes way back to the origins of Scouting, and was inspired like many original Scouting concepts by B.-P.'s Army career.

When Captain Baden-Powell entered the capital city of the Ashanti people in 1896 he was met by one of the chiefs who came to him holding out his left hand. B.P. held out his right hand in return but the Chief said "No, in my country the bravest of the brave shake with the left hand"

This was because African Warriors typically carried a spear in the right hand and a shield in the left. To shake left handed meant you had to put down your shield and put your life in the hands of the other person.

So began the Left hand shake of the World Wide Brotherhood of Scouting.