

STAGE DIRECT Webelos 2 Scouts are behind audience with **Guide**. Each scout is blindfolded with a length of red cloth, each has his right hand on the right shoulder of the scout (or guide) in front of him.

Drum beats while **Guide** leads Webelos 2 Scouts into council ring from off stage south (fireplace is north), to stage right and is challenged by the **guard Akela** (N), **Medicine Man** (E), **Guard** (W) are already in place North (fire), East, West.

STAGE DIRECT Drum stops

Guard “Brother Guide, who are these that seek a place at our council ring?”

Guide “Brother Guard, these Scouts are worthy of the highest award in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light.”

STAGE DIRECT Guide and Guard arrange Webelos 2s in a diagonal line in front of parent representative already there, stage right.
All return to council ring positions. Guide (South).

Chief Akela (Faces Stage North, raise coup stick)

“I am the North Wind. People say I am cold, but to you I will always bring the warmest of winds because you have been true-blue cub and webelos scouts and have always lived up to the Law of the Pack.”

Guide (faces Stage South, raises hands)

“I am the South Wind. I wish you good Scouting. Over hill and dale I have carried stories of you and your adventures. As cub scouts and webelos scouts, you have been happy, game, fair and a credit to your den and pack.”

Medicine Man (Faces Stage East, raises dreamcatcher)

“I am the East Wind. I wish you well. I have spread the story of your fun, happiness and spirit in cub scouting. I have seen how you lived up to the Cub Scout Promise and were fair and helpful.”

Guard (Faces Stage West, raises bow)

“I am the West Wind. I would like everyone to know that these webelos scouts did not walk the cub scout trail alone. Each had the wonderful help of his parents, leaders and fellow scouts.”

Chief Akela

“The Four Winds have each proclaimed that you have followed the straight and true path to the Arrow of Light. Young webelos you are welcome at our council ring.”

STAGE DIRECT

The Webelos 2 den leader announces each scout's name as removing blindfold. The Webelos 2 scouts should be standing still, straight and respectful.

Medicine Man

"Oh great Chief. These scouts are not properly marked with the virtues they have followed. The seven great virtues of life."

Chief Akela

"Bring each scout to us that we may emblazon them the signs of the seven virtues."

STAGE DIRECT

Den leader presents each scout one at a time to Akela. Each scout should stay at the character until everyone is ready to move to the next marking.

Chief Akela

(Right hand on shoulder of scout)
"I will place the white mark of wisdom on their forehead to show wisdom does not necessarily mean superior knowledge. It means putting to good use the knowledge that one possesses."
(Place mark)

STAGE DIRECT

After marking each scout advances one character around the ring until fully painted. With each new character introducing the virtues the next scout is placed before Chief Akela

Medicine Man

(Right hand on shoulder of scout)
"I place the red mark of courage on their chin to show courage is not the quality that enables men to meet danger without fear. It is being able to meet danger in spite of one's fears."
(Places mark)

Medicine Man

(Right hand on shoulder of scout)
"I place the yellow mark of self-control on their chin to show that self-control is not limited to the control of one's temper, but control of one's self in all things: even playing, working and talking."
(Places mark)

Guide

(Right hand on shoulder of scout)

“I place the black mark of Justice on their right cheek to show that justice is the practice of dealing fairly with others without prejudice or regard to race, color or creed.”
(Place mark)

Guide

(Right hand on shoulder of scout)

“I place the blue mark of faith on their left cheek to show that faith is the conviction that something unproved by physical evidence is true.”
(Place mark)

Guard

(Right hand on shoulder of scout)

“I place the orange mark of hope on their right cheek to show that hope means to expect with confidence. Always hope for better things to come. A man without hope is of little good to himself or his community.”
(Place mark)

Guard

(Right hand on shoulder of scout)

“I place the pink mark of love on their left cheek to show their are many kinds of love: love of family, love of home, love of fellowman, love of God and love of country. All these loves are necessary for a full life.”
(Place mark)

Stage Direct

After the guard marks the last spot the scout should return to stage right home position until all scouts have been marked.

Chief Akela

“You will find that if you live by the seven great virtues, you will become a happy man, and a happy man is a successful man.

Parents, you have done your job well, These scouts do live by your teachings and the seven great virtues of life.”

Narrator

“Scouts. Listen to the story of the arrow.”

STAGE DIRECT

Open up the council ring to allow the Sota skit to take place center stage.
[Narrator, grandfather, eagle, buffalo, bear and man relate the Story of the Arrow]

STAGE DIRECT

Drums while the characters for this skit are assembled in front of the fire Guide and Guard should help arrange and then retire to stand on either side of Webelos 2s.

Narrator

“Once, long ago, when all the animals of the earth were equal, Their only differences were their names and their voices. Because of this there arose great unrest. The animals began to quarrel among themselves. The bear quarreled with the eagle, the buffalo argued with the man.

Narrator

Finally the wise old grandfather called the animals to his fire and spoke to them saying:”

Grandfather

“You have argued among yourselves about many things. Now I will ask one question. You will have one year to think about your answer. I will reward each of you according to the merit of your answer.”

Narrator

“The animals became excited because they each thought it would be easy to answer any question in a year’s time. And besides, the old grandfather was not only wise, he was also generous with his rewards. Was it not the old grandfather that had given grass to the fields and fruit to the trees? The man speaks to the grandfather”

Man

“What is the question, grandfather?”

Grandfather

“You must answer me this. What is your most important duty?”

Narrator

“And with that the animals all left. The eagle flew to the high mountain to think about the question. The bear returned to the deep forest. The buffalo to the grassy plains. The man returned to his campfire. They all began to think about their answer.”

STAGE DIRECT

Drum starts

Audience scouts should be primed to know that at this time they all make eagle, bear, buffalo, hoots and hollars.

Drum stops, noise stops.

Narrator

“Thirteen moons later, they all returned to the old grandfather’s fire.”

The Eagle

Narrator "The grandfather spoke to the eagle."

Grandfather "Eagle my son. What is your most important duty?"

Eagle "My most important duty is to fly higher than anyone else."

Grandfather "For that answer, I will give you feathers which will help you fly higher than anyone else."

Narrator "And the eagle was very pleased with his gift."

Eagle & Scouts Eagle screeches and flies back to den.

The Buffalo

Narrator "After the eagle soared off, the grandfather spoke to the buffalo."

Grandfather "Buffalo my son. What is your most important duty?"

Buffalo "My most important duty is to run further than anyone else."

Grandfather "For that answer, I will give you thick hooves that will allow you to run further than anyone else."

Narrator "And the buffalo was very pleased with his gift."

Buffalo & Scouts Buffalo snorts and stampede. Back to den.

The Bear

Narrator "Then the grandfather spoke to the bear."

Grandfather "Bear my son. What is your most important duty?"

Bear "My most important duty is to be stronger than anyone else."

Grandfather "For that answer, I will give you sharp claws that will make you the strongest animal in the forest."

Narrator "And the bear was very pleased with his gift."

Bear & Scouts Bear roars and claws. Back to den.

The Man

Narrator "Then the grandfather spoke to the man."

Grandfather "My son. What is your most important duty?"

Man "My most important duty is to help others."

Grandfather "For that answer, I will give you this stick."

Narrator "And when he saw the stick, the man was very disappointed for he had thought long and hard about his most important duty."

Man "Grandfather, why do you give me a stick? Did my answer displease you?"

Grandfather "Oh no. Your answer pleased me greatly. All the others felt their most important duty was to themselves and they were rewarded accordingly. But you have learned that the most important duty is to help others, and you have been rewarded!"

Man "But grandfather, what can I do with this stick?"

Grandfather "This is more than a stick. This is an arrow. The arrow is stronger than the Bear, faster than the buffalo and can soar higher than the eagle. He who would serve others is the strongest of all."

Narrator “And then the man knew that this was the greatest gift of all and he was pleased.”

Man & Scouts hoots and hollers. All back to dens.

Narrator Will the parents of the Webelos two scouts please join their sons at our council ring.

Troop Rep “The Arrow of Light badge is the only Cub Scout award that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform. It serves as a link between our two programs and points the way toward the new adventures that you will have in Boy Scouting.”

Medicine Man “Scouting is a game in which elder brothers like those scouts (points to boy scouts present) can give their younger brothers a healthy environment and encourage them to healthy activities such as will help them to develop citizenship. Its strongest appeal is through nature and woodcraft. It deals with the individual, not with the group. It raises intellectual as well as purely physical or purely moral qualities. good citizenship, developed through impulse from within, rather than through impression from without, individual efficiency encouraged and then harnessed for the good of the community -- that is our scheme. And that, I trust is what you will be taught. I am hopeful that you will go out from here and learn from these others, in and through scouting and by their personal examples of the scouting principles.”

Guide “You have found that there were many paths leading from your set course. But your parents walked by your side, and your den leader held your hand as they lead you along the correct way in scouting until you learned how to choose the right path from among the wrong trails. Remember always that your parents will continue to help and assist you on your scouting adventure.”

Guard “Now that you have completed Cub Scouts, you are at the base of a great mountain, and you see before you just the beginning of the path up the scouting trail. Soon you will cross into the wider world of Boy Scouting. With you will go your hopes, and as always your parents.”

Chief Akela “I wish you well as you begin this journey. Look for us along the path that you take. As I call your name, come to me and receive your special career arrow.”

STAGE DIRECT **Akela** calls each scout by name to give arrow

Chief Akela “ _____, you have proven yourself worthy and may join your fellow scouts.”
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Repeat for each W2 scout.

STAGE DIRECT

Medicine Man, W2 den leader and Awards committee member announce and hand out other awards. Scout then joins Boy Scouts.

STAGE DIRECT

After Webelos 2 scouts are "processed" and join the Boy Scout ranks. Reassemble Council Ring.

Medicine Man "Remember the Common law. Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful."

Guide "Remember the law of Equity. Friendly, Courteous, Kind."

Guard Remember the Civil law. Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty."

Chief Akela Remember the Divine law, the most powerful of all. Brave. Clean. Reverent."

Narrator

"The cub scout journey is now over for these scouts. But a new and more exciting journey is just beginning. Your arrow of light will always be on your scout uniform to remind you of your many memories in pack 73."

Narrator Chief Akela. We are not yet finished. There are others cub scouts among us deserving of recognition.

Chief Akela I see that indeed there are many cub scouts here who are ready to cross over to the next level of their cub scouting experience.

Webelos 1 to W2: Optionally repeat for each den (6, 7)

Medicine Man Will the first year Webelos of Dens 6, 7 please com forward with your parents.

STAGE DIRECT **Guide & Guard:** Scouts/parents are led to enter council ring from S.R. and stand in line in front of Akela.

Medicine Man You have grown greatly with Akela's guidance this past year. Next year you will complete your Webelos training and pursue the Arrow of Light Award.

STAGE DIRECT Akela and Den Leader distribute awards.

Medicine Man Scouts, You have crossed our council ring to become a Webelos 2 den, accept your leadership role as the senior cub scouts in our pack.

STAGE DIRECT New Webelos 2 scouts are directed back to their seats.
Webelos 1 to W2: End Repeat

Bear to Webelos 1: Optionally repeat for each den (10, 11, 12)

Guide "Will the Bear Scouts of den (10, 11, 12) please come forward with your parents."

STAGE DIRECT **Guide & Guard:** Scouts/parents are led to enter council ring from S.R. and stand in line in front of Akela.

Guide "The bear is like a young warrior, older and more mature than the wolves. His tasks are more difficult. Akela has helped guide you to become even stronger and braver. You are now ready to pursue the final stage of your cub scout experience."

STAGE DIRECT **Akela and Den Leader** distribute awards.

Guide "Scouts, You have crossed our council ring to become a Webelos den."

STAGE DIRECT New Webelos 1 scouts are directed back to their seats.

Bear to Webelos 1: End Repeat

Wolf to Bear: Optionally repeat for each den (1)

IGuard Will the Wolf Scouts of den (1) please come forward with your parents.

IBSTAGE DIRECT **Guide & Guard:** Scouts/parents are led to enter council ring from S.R. and stand in line in front of Akela.

IGuard You began with the Bobcat Trail. There Akela had several tasks for you. You learned the Cub Scout Promise, Motto and The Law of the Pack. You learned the meaning of the salute, the sign, the handshake and the word Webelos and became Bobcat Scouts. You then followed the wolf trail, having fun and passing tests of achievement. Now you are wolf scouts and are ready to become a Bear Den

IBSTAGE DIRECT Akela and Den Leader distribute awards.

IGuide Scouts, You have crossed our council ring to become a Bear den.

IBSTAGE DIRECT New Bear scouts are directed back to their seats.

Wolf to Bear: End Repeat

Cheif Akela Will the Tiger Scouts of Den (2) please join our council ring with your parents.

STAGE DIRECT **Guide & Guard:** Scouts/parents are led to enter council ring from S.R. and stand in line in front of Akela.

Cheif Akela This burning fire represents the spirit of scouting. You have participated in the activities of the pack as Tiger Cubs. You are special to our pack, your youth, enthusiasm and interest in the scouting program remind us of our duty to help our young brothers. You will now become members of a Wolf den and embark on the Bobcat Trail. Pack 73 presents each of you with a Wolf Cub neckerchief and slide.

IBSTAGE DIRECT Akela and Den Leader distribute awards.

Cheif Akela Scouts, you have crossed our council ring and joined your elder brothers. These scouts will help you achieve your full potential in the pack. You are now Wolf Scouts

STAGE DIRECT New Wolf scouts are directed back to their seats.

Cheif Akela Parents please remove your son's neckerchief and place their new neckerchief about his neck.

STAGE DIRECT Wait, after quiet again (if ever) start the closing prayer.

Cheif Akela

Oh Great Spirit, Whose voice we hear in
the winds, And who's breath gives life
to all the world, hear us! we are small and
weak, we need your strength and wisdom.

Let us walk in beauty, and make our
eyes ever behold the red and purple
sunset.

Make our hands respect the things you
have made and our ears sharp to hear
your voice.

Make us wise so that we may understand
the things you have taught us.
Let us learn the lessons you have
hidden in every leaf and rock.

We seek strength, not to be greater than
our brothers, but to fight our greatest
enemy -- ourselves.

Make us always ready to come to you
with clean hands and straight eyes. So
when life fades, as the fading sunset,
our spirits may come to you without
shame.

Cheif Akela

“We are finished.”

STAGE DIRECT

5 Loud Drum beats