

Cross Over Ceremony (SAMPLE)

Preparation:

1 Wooden Bridge

1 Fake fire

1 OA Member in Indian Regalia

1 Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster

Webelos Den Leader or Cubmaster

Senior Patrol Leader or Troop Guide

Script Webelos Den Leader (WDL) or Cubmaster calls the boys and parents who are to crossover to the front.

WDL turns to the Boy Scouts and calls. "Hello in the Camp."

The OA Member and Senior Patrol Leader/Troop Guide (SPL/TG) comes into the light," Great Akela what is your wish."

WDL: "I have scouts that wish to enter your camp."

OA Member and SPL/TG cross the bridge and stand next to the WDL.

OA Member: "What coup has these Scouts"

WDL counts the boys' coups" accomplishment" example:

Danny you came to us as a Tiger and earned the first of your many awards. You earned the Tiger Badge, Bobcat Badge and Wolf Badge with 1 gold and 3 silver arrowheads.

Danny has earned the Bear Badge with 1 gold and 2 silver arrowheads. You earned the Webelos Badge with compass and 2 points and the Arrow of Light Award. You attended 3 Day Camps and 2 Webelos Resident Camps. Hiked the Gettysburg National Historical Trail and sleep with the Boy Scouts on the Klondike. Danny has won the Pack Pinewood Derby once and his den's derby 2 times. He has passed the Boy Scout Swim Test and has shown great spirit. We will miss Danny for he has been with us for many years.

After each boys coups are counted, the OA member turns to the boys and says: "Akela has great words for you, we are honored to include at our campfire. This is the Senior Patrol Leader/Troop Guide he will be your guide until you reach First Class Scout. Crossover with him to a new adventure."

WDL removes the boys Blue Epaulets and Webelos Neckerchief and gives them to the parents.

The SPL/TG walks each boy over the bridge to the SM or ASM.

SPL/TG: "We welcome you to Troop ___ and to the Eagle Patrol. This will be your home in Scouting."

The SM or ASM puts on the red epaulets and Troop Neckerchief.

SPL/TG: " Our meeting night is Tuesday at 7:00 PM" Comment Troop may provide the following: Red Epaulets, Troop Neckerchief or Handbook.

Some troops do not have OA members on the Dance Team. The Scoutmaster can contact the OA Lodge Dance Chief and get a volunteer to come and do the ceremony. This takes about 2 weeks advance notice.

Painted Ranks (EXAMPLE)

Equipment /Preparation:

Black, Red, Yellow, Blue and Purple Face paint Script for all Ranks:

Painted Tiger Ceremony

Materials:

Black, Yellow and Red Paint, Tiger Paws, Small tom-tom

Introduction: Indian Drummer begins soft, slow rhythmic beat.

CM: Would the Tiger Cubs and their partner please come forward.

CM: For the past few months, you and your family have explored new and exciting things and places. You have taken each part of the Tiger Cub Motto: Search, Discover, Share and used it in your home, school, and neighborhood. You and your partner have searched out new activities which have shown you how people work and have fun together

CM: Do you want to wear the sign of the Tiger? If you do, please say "yes".

Tigers: Yes

CM: We will give you the sign of the Tiger which will start you on your journey along the Scouting Trail. You will need lots of support from your family as you try to attain Cub Scouting highest honor, the Arrow of Light.

The black on your cheeks is for happiness along the Tiger Trail.

(Parents paint two horizontal stripes on each cheek)

The yellow on your chin is for sunlight along the Wolf Trail.

(Parents paint two vertical stripes on chin)

The red on your forehead is for bravery when you attempt the Bear Trail.

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Tiger Cubs, remember the meaning of your Tiger paint. It shows that you are ready to move along the trail of Scouting. Your den leader will now present your Tiger Partners with your Tiger Badge. Your parents will present you with your badge.

“Tiger Cheer”

Painted Bobcat Ceremony

Materials: Blue and Yellow Paint, Bobcat Badges, Small tom-tom

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CM: Tonight, we are honored to have among us boys who have completed the requirements for the Bobcat badge. The Bobcat badge is an important part of the Cub Scout Trail; it is the foundation upon which a boy begins his trek toward the Arrow of Light.

Would the following boys and their parents please come forward!

CM: Boy's you've accomplished the first step in Cub Scouting. In all things there is always a first...the first stone laid in a new building, the first step across a bridge. The first is sometimes the hardest, but that's because it lays the foundation or the strength for what follows.

The Bobcat badge is your foundation. The trail of Scouting lies ahead of you, but don't be afraid. You won't have to do it alone. You'll have lots of help from your Akela...Akela can be your parents, your den leader, even I your Cubmaster will help you along the trail, helping you become successful.

CM: Do you want to wear the sign of the Bobcat? If you do, please say "yes".

Cubs: Yes

CM: You have worked hard with your Den and your parents to fulfill the Bobcat requirements. You are now ready to wear the sign of the Bobcat.

The blue on your left cheek will stand for truth, loyalty, and the sky above.

(Parents paint two vertical blue stripes on left cheek)

The gold on your right cheek will stand for warm sunlight, happiness, and good cheer.

(Parents paint two vertical gold stripes on right cheek)

Your parents stand here with you as an example to show they are proud and that they are there to help you, just like they helped you earn the Bobcat badge. I am presenting your Bobcat badge to your parents who in turn will present you. (Award badges to Parents, who in turn present the badge to the boys)

Congratulations to you and your family on completing this part of the Cub Scout Trail.

Painted Wolf Ceremony

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CM: Do you want to wear the sign of the Wolf? If you do, please say "yes".

Cubs: Yes

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Wolf Cubs, remember the meaning of your Wolf paint. It shows that you are ready to move along the upward trail of Scouting. I will present your badge to your parent who will pin it to your uniform when you go back to your seat.

Boys, parents and guests of Pack 200, please join me in congratulating these boys in their achievement with the Cub Scout Cheer. I yell CUB -- audience yells SCOUTS (3 times) than conclude with applause.

Painted Bear Ceremony

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CM: Tonight we are honoring some Cub Scouts who have reached a new rank. They have worked hard to earn the sign of the bear. Would the following Scouts and their parent please come forward. (Read Scouts names)

CM: Do you want to wear the sign of the Bear? If you do, please say "yes".

Cubs: Yes

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Painted Webelos Ceremony

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CM: Webelos stands for "We'll Be Loyal Scouts." Would the following Scouts and their parent please come forward.

Read Scouts names.

CM: The sign of the Webelos Scout signifies a major step on the Cub Scout Trail. Just as Indian boys became warriors and were painted in the colors of their tribe, we will paint you with the colors of Scouting. If you want to wear the sign of the Webelos, please say "yes".

Cubs: Yes

CM: You are well on your way along the Cub Scout Trail to reach the honor of the Arrow of Light, and eventually start the Boy Scout trail to seek the sign of the Eagle. To help you along your journey, we will give you the sign of the Webelos.

The blue W across your nose is for strength as you work on the Arrow of Light.

(Parents paint a large W From ear to ear across the bridge of nose)

The yellow on your chin and forehead is the color of sunlight and will light your way along the Scouting Trail.

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All of these colors together form the Webelos symbol. You should be very proud to wear it.

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Cubs: Yes

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SPECIAL DEN AND PACK CEREMONIES

During the year there are a number of occasions for holding special ceremonies; to give immediate recognition for completing Wolf and Bear achievements, for example, or the installation of a troop formed from a Webelos den.

Special Recognition

Boys love to be recognized. With special recognition being given in a natural manner and at frequent intervals, Cub Scouts will not be tempted to seek recognition in less desirable ways.

Special ceremonies in the den are less formal than those used in pack meetings. Den ceremonies rarely require anyone to read a part or repeat from memory.

They are more impromptu. Encourage the boys to help create and develop new ceremonies rather than repeat old ones.

This is a chance to use your imagination and give recognition where it is due. Some of the events you may wish to recognize in den meetings are:

1. Birthdays. (*Sing 'Happy Birthday,' have a birthday cake.*)
2. The arrival of a new member. (*Sing 'Cub Scout Welcome Song' and have each boy tell something about himself to get acquainted.*)
3. A transfer to a Webelos den. (*A good-bye and good luck type of ceremony.*)
4. A Webelos Scout's graduation into Boy Scouting.
5. Special achievements in school, church, etc. We hope that the examples in this chapter will create in you the desire to use more special ceremonies and that you or some member of your pack will develop them.

Den Doodles

Many dens use den doodles as an incentive for advancement. It is the most fun when the boys help make the doodle. Decide on a theme that fits your particular den. Doodles can be table models or standing models. You may want to call on some adults to help out.

The boys will look forward to hanging devices on the den doodle as they earn achievements and electives. This can be done in conjunction with an immediate recognition ceremony.

Good-Conduct Candle

Using a good-conduct candle is a method often used by den leaders as an incentive for good behavior. As the candle is lighted for each den meeting, the den leader can say a few words related to the theme of the month, such as:

During the holiday season we see lots of candies burning. They help make the holiday decorations more festive and enjoyable. Our den conduct candle will help make our den meeting more enjoyable, since it is a reminder of a treat that is in store when the candle has burned down.

In the early days, fire was an important source of warmth, light, and cooking heat for the Indians. They respected fire because they depended upon it for their livelihood. As we light our good-conduct candle, let's remember to respect each other.

A Webelos Den Becomes a Boy Scout Troop

This ceremony can be held at a pack meeting when the entire membership of a Webelos den is being organized into a Boy Scout troop.

PERSONNEL

Cubmaster, Webelos den leader who is becoming the new Scoutmaster, Scouting coordinator, Webelos Scouts and their parents, head of chartered organization.

EQUIPMENT

Boy Scout neckerchiefs.

Cubmaster: Tonight we have an unusual event to recognize in our pack.

Because of the need for an additional Scout troop in our neighborhood (*or organization*) and because we had a Webelos den, our chartered organization has agreed to accept the responsibilities for a new troop. Our Scouting coordinator, [name], has met with the parents of the Webelos Scouts and learned that they are willing to organize and become the nucleus of a new troop. Our Webelos den leader [name] has accepted the invitation of the committee to become Scoutmaster.

[Name], the head of [name of the organization], our chartered organization, is here tonight. As he comes to the front, I will read the names of the graduating members of the Webelos den. Will they please step forward with their parents as their names are called. (*Announces boys' names.*)

Head of Chartered Organization: On behalf of the [name of organization], I pledge full cooperation with our new Boy Scout troop. We want it to be one of the finest troops anywhere. If this is to be true, every one of our members must do his part. We are proud of our Cub Scout pack and have watched with interest all of these boys as they became Webelos Scouts. We will continue to follow their advancement through the ranks of Boy Scouting.

Our Scouting coordinator will now say a few words and officially introduce the new troop and its leaders. [Name of Scouting coordinator].

Scouting Coordinator: Cub Scouting has been an answer to the needs of our boys and their families as they play and work together. We are proud of our pack leaders and of the progress made by the Cub Scouts in our pack.

Though our new troop is starting small, it will grow as its new Scoutmaster, [name], develops a program of fun and adventure with the new Boy Scouts. They will be

ready for recruits from our neighborhood and for other Webelos Scouts when they are eligible.

I am pleased to present the committee members of new Troop [number].

The troop committee is composed of [name], as chairman, and [names of other committee members and, if possible, the specific assignments agreed upon]. The Scoutmaster is [name] and his assistant is [name]. The members of the new troop are [names of the Webelos Scout graduates].

These new troop members have come up through the ranks of Cub Scouting in our pack. We are proud of their record. They have served well and have given goodwill. We will count on their continued progress along the Scouting trail.

For you parents, it's going to be a wonderful experience as you travel that Scouting trail with- your son.

Scouts, your registration certificates will be presented when our new troop charter is presented to us. You have chosen your Boy Scout neckerchief color, so I will ask your Scoutmaster, [name], to present the neckerchief now.

Scoutmaster: I know all of you boys well. We have grown together in our Webelos den. We shall continue to grow as we enjoy the wonderful times ahead. I need your help as well as that of your parents.

I'm expecting each of you to move upward on the Scouting trail. Now, Cubmaster [name) will remove your Webelos Scout -neckerchiefs, after which I will present your troop neckerchiefs. May Boy Scouting be a real challenge to you. *(Cubmaster removes Webelos Scout neckerchiefs. The Scoutmaster places a Boy Scout neckerchief around the neck of each boy.)* As there are many ways your neckerchief might serve you, so it is with you: there are many ways you can serve your fellowman.

Good luck and good Scouting! Lees give a big howl for our Cubmaster who has done so much for us.

Birthday Celebration

The Cub Scout whose birthday is being celebrated stands at a table with other Cub Scouts. The denner carries in a birthday cake with lighted candles and places the cake in front of the honored Cub Scout. The den sings 'Happy Birthday.' The Cub Scout makes a wish and blows out the candles. The Cub Scout standing at the right of the honored Cub Scout claps once, the next Cub Scout twice, and so on until the age of the Cub Scout is reached, then all applaud.

Graduation to Webelos Den

When a member of a Cub Scout den is transferring to a Webelos den, the denner of the den he is leaving may read this poem as a closing part of a ceremony. Then give him a Webelos Scout Book.

So long, good luck!

We've played together and worked together, Had maybe a fight pr two.

We've taken trips and had some slips

And we've seen many projects through.

You earned your Wolf and arrow points,

You earned your Bear degree.

But now you'll earn your Webelos badge, A good Boy Scout soon to be.

So as you follow the Arrow of Light

Along the Scouting trail,

We hope you remember Den [number] with delight. We salute you! Good luck!

Happy Scouting!

G-I-V-E-S Goodwill

This skit can be incorporated into many ceremonies. It is especially suitable for use during the time that your community is participating in a United Way campaign or an independent finance drive for Scouting's sustaining membership enrollment (SME).

PERSONNEL

Five Cub Scouts.

EQUIPMENT

Five large cards, each printed with a letter of the word G-I-V-E-S.

ARRANGEMENT

Each of the five Cub Scouts holds his card with the blank side to the audience. One at a time the boys step forward, turn their card so the letter may be seen by the audience, and recite the phrases given below. When all have recited, they will be lined up left to right, their letters spelling out the word GIVES.

1st Cub Scout: G-Stands for Giving.

It's always good to give.

2nd Cub Scout: I-Stands for Intentions.

May mine be always right.

3rd Cub Scout: V-Stands for Valiant.

A trait of great might.

4th Cub Scout: E-Stands for Eager.

From beginning to end.

5th Cub Scout: S-Stands for Sharing.

This makes me a friend.

Conservation

This is a recognition ceremony idea. Have those Cub Scouts who are eligible to receive awards come forward with their parents. Then have a forester or conservation officer present the awards. Following the presentation, a pack leader may describe a conservation project completed for the chartered organization or community.

The guest then briefly tells about his job and items of special interest pertaining to conservation.

Denner Installation

This ceremony should be held at a den meeting, as soon as the denner is elected. The assistant denner could be installed at the same time.

PERSONNEL

Den leader, den chief, denner.

EQUIPMENT

Table, den diary (*if desired*), white candle in holder, denner shoulder cord.

ARRANGEMENT

The den leader or den chief can perform the installation.

Den Leader: [Denner's name], please step forward. (*Lights candle.*) This white candle represents the spirit of Cub Scouting. It takes team effort to keep the spirit alive-to keep the candle burning. You have just been elected to be a member of that team.

As denner, your duties are to assist me and our den chief. You will keep the den diary, help record attendance, and collect den dues. (*This may vary depending on the responsibilities the den leader wishes the denner to have.*)

During the week, you will set a good example for the other members of our den by being honest, fair, and showing true Cub Scouting spirit.

Do you accept these responsibilities, which will help us keep the spirit of Cub Scouting alive and the candle burning bright?

Denner: I do.

Den Leader: I am happy to present to you the denner shoulder cord, which is to be worn on your left sleeve during your term of office. Wear it proudly and with honor. Congratulations!

Denner Ceremony

Select a denner in your usual manner (*such as election, alphabetical order, or drawing*). After the boy is selected, use the following ceremony, which should be given by the den leader or den chief.

Cub Scout [name] has been chosen to represent Den [number] as we walk together through the doorway to

adventure. We ask his help as each adventure begins and ends. **It** will be his duty to open the doorway to each meeting and to be sure the evidence of our adventure has been cleared away at the meetings close.

Cub Scout [name], do you accept this as your responsibility?

(Cub Scout answers:) I do.

Then we present to you this cord as your key to open the doorway for our next adventures.

Assistant Denner Ceremony

As above, select an assistant denner. The den leader or den chief can then lead the following ceremony.

Cub Scout [name] has been chosen to be our assistant denner. His duty will be to help [denner's name] as we all take part in our meeting adventure.

Cub Scout [name], do you accept this as your responsibility?

(Cub Scout answers:) I do.

Then we present to you this cord as your key to help open the doorway for our next adventures.

Den Ceremony for New Bobcat

PERSONNEL

Den leader, new Bobcat Cub Scout, denner, assistant denner, three Cub Scouts.

EQUIPMENT

U.S. flag, den flag, three candles or flashlights.

ARRANGEMENT

The den leader introduces the new Bobcat Cub Scout to the other Cub Scouts of the den. The denner and assistant denner step forward with the U.S. flag and den flag, then all salute.

1st Cub Scout: *(Lights a candle and recites the Cub Scout Promise.)*

2nd Cub Scout: *(Lights a candle and recites the Law of the Pack.)*

3rd Cub Scout: *(Steps forward and informs the Bobcat that he is part of the den and it is his turn to light a candle to show that the den will be much brighter now that he is part of it. All den members then sing the "Cub Scout Welcome Song" found in the Cub Scout Songbook.)*

Immediate Recognition

As a Cub Scout completes achievements for Wolf or Bear, the den leader should make sure that a simple recognition ceremony is held in the den meeting. Use the Cub Scout Immediate Recognition Kit, which contains enough materials for a den of Cub Scouts for 2 years. This is a motivational device used to encourage each boy to complete the rank for his age.

Use a brief ceremony related to the monthly theme or the one below.

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 thong 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.

(Asks 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 thong and this bead. May you always obey the Law of the Pack.

Special Effects - Hawaiian

PERSONNEL

Master of ceremonies, conch shell blower (*optional*), six Cub Scouts, someone to operate a tape player.

EQUIPMENT

Tropical plants, tiki torches (*improvised imitations for indoors*); headdress and lei for the master of ceremonies; a shell or flower lei for each adult participant; conch shell; Hawaiian music and tape player; cards printed with the Hawaiian words; and for each person being recognized, a certificate or award and a flower or paper lei.

ARRANGEMENT

The torches on stage are lighted, and the house lights are turned down. Soft Hawaiian music playing in the background fades out. Three blasts of the conch shell start the ceremony, then the shell is blown four more times. The first blast is made facing east. Then there is a slight pause, and a chant may be performed. The second blast on the conch shell is made facing west. Then there is another pause, and another chant may be performed. The third blast is made facing south, and another pause is allowed. The fourth blast of the conch shell is made facing north.

Master of Ceremonies: (*Addresses the audience in the traditional greeting style.*)
Aloha! Welcome to our [month] pack meeting. Traditional Hawaiian family life has many of the same ideals as Cub Scouting.

(The first Cub Scout comes on stage carrying a card with the word ALOHA on it.)

Aloha has many meanings: love, affection, compassion, mercy, pity, kindness, charity, hello, good-bye, alas, and regards. The Hawaiian family provides a ready source of love, affection, kindness, courtesy, and hospitality. In Hawaii, aloha is shown and given not only to family members but to all who visit.

(The second Cub Scout comes on stage carrying a card with the word IKE on it.)

Ike means to recognize everyone as a person. Everyone needs to be recognized, especially children. Ike can be given in a number of ways. It can be a look, a word, a touch, a hug, a gesture, and even a scolding. Children need to give ike to each other, so if the teacher demonstrates the giving of ike then the children will follow the example.

(The third Cub Scout comes on stage carrying a card with the word KOKUA on it.)

HO'OHIKI KIEKI KIU
(Cub Scout Promise)

O wau o amalia, ho'ohiki no ka hana
ana i kou kilohana
Me ka hana ana i ka'u mahelehana,
i ke akua ame ko'u a'ina kahiki,
A e kokua i kekahi po'e
A e ho'olohe i na kanawai
o ka pu'ali.

I, [name], promise to do
my best
To do my duty to God and
my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack.

HAWAII, ALOHA

1. E Hawaii, e kuu one
hanau e
Kuu home kulaiwi nei,
Oli no au i na pono laniou
E Hawaii, Aloha e.

O Hawaii, o sands of
my birth
My native home,
I rejoice in the blessings of heaven
O Hawaii, Aloha.

Chorus:

E hauoli e na opio o Hawaii nei
Oli e! Oli e!
Mai na aheahe makani e pa mai nei
Mau Ke Aloha, no Hawaii.

Happy youth of Hawaii Rejoice!
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Gentle breezes blow
Love always for Hawaii.

2. E ha'i mai Kou mau Kini
lani e,
Kou mau Kupa aloha,
e Hawaii
Na mea olino kamaha'o
no luna mai
E Hawaii, Aloha e.

May your divine throngs speak,
Your loving people,
O Hawaii.

The holy light from above.
O Hawaii, Aloha.

3. Na Ke Akua e malama
mai ia oe,
Kou mau Kua lono
Aloha nei
Kou mau Kahawai
olinolino mau
Kou mau mala pua
nani e.

God protects you,
Your beloved ridges
Your ever-glistening
streams
Your beautiful flower
gardens.

Kokua, which means help, was an important part of every household in old Hawaii. Every member helped get the work done. They did not have to be asked to kokua. They helped whenever they saw help was needed.

(The fourth Cub Scout comes on stage carrying a card with the word KULEANA on it.)

Kuleana. One of the most important kuleana, or responsibilities, of every family member was to maintain acceptable standards of behavior. Attention-seeking behavior was frowned upon, and respect for social rank and seniority was a must. Each person was taught what was acceptable and not acceptable. He or she learned to accept and carry out his or her kuleana, or responsibilities, willingly.

(The fifth Cub Scout comes on stage carrying a card with the word LAULIMA on it.)

Laulima means many hands. Everyone in the family the ohana-shared the workload. Whether it was planting, building a house or a fishpond, preparing a meal or fishing, each person did a share of the work to get it done. If a man wanted a house built, his ohana-his family-willingly came to help. They gathered the building materials, built the foundation, put up the frame, and installed the thatched roof. They also gathered the pili grass and other thatching materials. Children helped in whatever way they could. This kind of laulima made the work easier and more enjoyable.

(The sixth Cub Scout comes on stage carrying a card with the word LOKAHI on it.)

Lokahi means harmony and unity. The family, considered lokahi very important, not only with people but also with the universe. The members of the family showed this in their daily living by sharing goods and services with each other.

The ohana, or family members, generously gave to others no matter how little they themselves had. Strangers were greeted with aloha and invited to come in and partake of food. Anyone visiting another area took food or a gift as a symbol of

hospitality. They established lokahi with the universe by observing the law of daily living, which included homage to the gods. This kind of behavior nurtured harmony in the family-lokahi in the ohana.

(During the awards and recognition portions of the program, leis are presented in addition to the badges or certificates.)

(Four blasts of the conch shell are repeated. This time the directions change: first to the north, second to the south, third to the west, and fourth to the east. Another version is three blasts: one to the mountains, one to the land, and the third to the sea.)

This concludes our meeting. Mahalo-thank you-for your attendance. Aloha.

Standard Opening Flag Ceremony

Equipment /Preparation: Flags Script Colorguard, Attention!

Will the audience please rise?

Colorguard, advance!

Scout salute!

(wait for colorguard to reach the front)

Please repeat the Pledge of Allegiance with me.

(repeat pledge)

Colorguard, post the colors!

Colorguard, dismissed.

The audience may be seated. Comment This is the normal flag ceremony

Flag Raising Ceremony

Equipment /Preparation: Flag pole and flags

Color guards should practice and be able to walk in step.

MC(or troop leader or who ever) Script MC:Troop(or camp or etc.) attention.

MC:Colorguard. Post.

Colorguard starts with their left foot(right foot is wrong. MUST be left.) first walking in a strait line to the pole. Pace should be quick, but dignified. At the pole the leader of the guard(if their is no leader the person to the left. Note if their is a leader they need not stand to the left.) will say quietly so only the guard can hear: Colorguard, Halt. this is on a right foot. They should step with their left foot, then stop.

MC: Colorguard. Post the colors.

The color guard raises the flag, again, pace should be quick, but dignified.

The moment the flag begins to rise the MC says

MC:Troop salute.

the color guard does not salute, and scouts out of uniform put their hands over their hearts like normal.

once the flag is almost to the top the MC says

MC:Ready.

when the flag reaches the top he says

MC:To.

The crowd drops the salute, but remains at attention.

When the leader the guard says "color guard, salute" the guard salutes for 3 seconds, drops it, the leader issues an about face,("color guard, about face")they walk slower that before back to "base"(where they started from)

once there the MC says:

MC:Troop at ease.

Standard Closing Flag Ceremony

Equipment /Preparation: Flags. Script Colorguard advance.

Will the audience please rise?

Colorguard, retire the colors.

Audience salute.

(wait until flags leave the arena)

Dismissed.

Flag Retirement Ceremony

The flag retirement ceremony can be done in many settings, but is most effective in a small group setting. It should not be made a "grand event" or public display, rather a small, solemn occasion with a specific group or organization. A special ceremony or campfire would be appropriate. The actual ceremony should be an event by itself with no interruptions or "other business" during the ceremony. It may be a separate part of a larger program, but should have its own time from beginning to end.

Opening:

Begin the ceremony by having the MC "silence" the audience and call for the colors:

MC: "Color Guard... presents Colors"

MC: "We are here today to honor the symbol of our country and retire a flag which has served its useful life as a symbol of freedom and our country. "

First Speaker: "I am your Flag. I was born on June 14, 1777. I am more than just a piece of cloth shaped into a colorful design; I am the silent sentinel of freedom for the greatest sovereign nation on earth. I am the inspiration for which America patriots gave their lives and fortunes; I am the emblem of America.

I have led your sons into battle from Valley Forge to Vietnam. I have been there though the Civil War, Two World wars, at Gettysburg, Flanders, Korea, the Gulf War, all of them. I was there with George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, and I here with you now.

I have flown through Peace and War. Through strife and Prosperity, and amidst it all, I have always been respected. My red stripes symbolize the blood spilled in defense of this glorious nation. My white stripes, the burning tears shed by Americans who lost their sons in battle. My blue field represents God's Heaven under which I fly, and my stars, clustered together, unify the fifty states as one for God and Country. (Continued)

I am "Old Glory" and I proudly wave on high. Honor me, respect me, and defend me with your lives. Never let our enemies tear me down from my lofty position, lest I never return. Keep alight the fires of patriotism, strive earnestly for the spirit of democracy, and keep me always as a symbol of freedom, liberty, and peace in our country.

When it comes the time when I am old and faded, do not let me fly in disrepair, rather Retire me from my duties only to replace me with a new flag so that I may continue to symbolize our country. With this, renew your commitment to what I stand for and pledge your allegiance to me one final time:

MC: "Scout Salute! To the audience: Please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance:"

***"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic, for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and Justice for all."

MC: "Two"

Second Reader: As you can see, this banner of freedom before you is worn, tattered, and soiled from use and age. Her broad stripes are no longer a fiery red & pure white, but faded and worn out. The stars and blue background are no longer vivid reminders of our blue skies and great land, of the purity, vigilance, and justice she should represent. She has flown proudly over the years and has done her job well, but now she must be replaced with a new flag to properly represent this great Nation of ours.

Retiring the Colors: (Repeat as needed)

Third Reader: The flag of our Nation should always be a strong, vivid symbol of our land and fly brightly in our minds. Our flag is a symbol of our people, our freedom, and our strength. So it is now that I commit this flag, which no longer can fulfill these duties to the fire so that we may replace it with a new flag to properly symbolize our Nation. May the spirit of this flag be born again in the new flag we will now fly."

MC: "Scouts Salute"

At this time the Color Guard will turn the flag so it is parallel with the ground and gently drop it into the fire, folding the ends in toward the middle of the flame. The third Guard will use a long stick to then "stir the ashes" so that it will not be possible to recognize the ashes as a flag. They will then step back from the fire and stand at attention, and salute the flag. (Continued)

MC: "Two"

MC: Color Guard... Prepare Colors"

At this time, the Color Guard will march over to where the "new" flag Bearer is. The New Flag Bearer will hand the new flag to the Color Guard Flag Bearer and step back. The Color Guard will then march back to where they were standing behind the flag stand and stand at attention:

Optional Opening:

Remember Me? Yeah, that's right, red & white stripes, fifty stars on a blue field in the upper left corner, I am your Flag, but I've also been know by "Old Glory", the "Stars and Stripes", and the "Star Spangled Banner". Whatever you call me, I am the flag of the United States of America.

I remember years ago that people used to honor me, fly me with pride outside their homes and at work, and children in school would pledge their Allegiance to me every day. They would carry me in parades and people would watch and salute me with pride as I passed by, proudly waving in the wind.

When men and woman saw me coming, the men removed their hats and placed it over their hearts and the women placed their right hands over theirs. And their children were taught respect for the flag, and what to do as well. Now I'm lucky if they even recognize me, or even notice me at all. Now, the young boys and girls make fun of those who carry me, and call them names. They haven't learned, or don't remember about the thousands of men and women who gave up their lives for me. People who knew the meaning of Freedom, Liberty, Justice, and Peace.

Why has this happened? I'm still your American Flag. I haven't really changed that much... just added a few stars over the years, been a whole lot ore places, and though it all, stood strong by you. Why don't people respect me the same way they used to? A lot of blood has been shed since those parades of long ago. A lot more men and women have died defending me. When you honor me, you honor those men and women who gave up every-thing for your freedom. When I am flown, I see people not notice. When I am in a parade, I see people just stand there, with their hands in their pockets. I may get a small glance, but then you look away. Next time, please notice and respect me. Next time stand and be proud to be an American Citizen! (Continued)

I see the young children of today running around and not being taught how to act when I'm around don't the parents of today care? Don't they know how to act? I saw one man start to take off his hat and looked around and saw no one else doing it, so just put it back on. I saw some kids calling the Boy Scouts who were carrying me names and making fun of them. I saw many just sit there as I passed by, talking with one another like I didn't even exist. Is it now wrong to be patriotic? Have today's Americans forgotten what I stand for and where I've been?

If you don't care, who will? If you don't teach our children what I stand for, and how to act around me, who will? If our children don't learn how to respect our flag, what it means to defend our country, and how important Freedom, Liberty, and Patriotic Duty is, what future does our mighty country have? So, when you see me; stand straight, think about what I stand for; think about all of the Americans that have died for our country, and place your right-hand over your heart or salute to honor me. I'll be saluting you back by waving strong and proud in the wind. And I'll know that you remembered me.