

Webelos Crossover Ceremony – Pack 82

Reader (Cub Scout Parent)

- Tonight we stand at a crossroad – the end of one journey that leads to the beginning of another.
- Our Webelos Scouts have come to the end of the Cub Scouting trail.
- They will now start down the trail of Scouts BSA – the trail of the Eagle Scout.
- To symbolize this transition, they will cross the bridge from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA.
- The Scout Oath represents a strong foundation to live by.
- Each time a Scout raises their hand in the Scout sign, with the three fingers [make the Scout sign], he or she is reminded of these three promises to which they are committing to:
 - *Duty to God and Country*
 - You follow the wisdom of the teachings of your family and religious leaders, and respect and defend the rights of others to practice their own beliefs
 - You help keep our country strong and fair by learning about your responsibilities as a citizen
 - You serve your country by working to improve your community and your home
 - What you do can make a real difference
 - *Duty to Others*
 - There are many people who need you
 - Your cheerful smile and helping hand will ease the burden of many who need assistance
 - By helping out whenever possible, you are doing your part to make this a better world
 - *Duty to Self*
 - To keep your body physically strong so that it will serve you well
 - To develop your mind both in the classroom and outside of school so that you can learn much about the exciting world around you and your role in it
 - To be a person of strong character, to be honest and open
- As you can see, the Scout Oath represents the foundation for our bridge.
- At this time would the following Webelos Scouts please come forward
 - [call them up by name]

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Reader (Scout)

- The bridge has a firm foundation, but it would be very hard to cross.
- We need to add substance that will give you something on which to stand.
- For this, we must add the virtues that every Scout agrees to strive towards each day, and remember when reciting the Scout Law.
- As each point of the Scout Law and its description is read, would the person who has that plank please come forward and present it to one of our Webelos Scouts, who will then place it on the bridge. [Planks should be positioned so that the wording faces to the left, so Scouts can see the words as they cross the bridge later in the ceremony]
- A Scout is Trustworthy
 - A Scout tells the truth. People can depend on him.
- A Scout is Loyal
 - A Scout is true to family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and nation.
- A Scout is Helpful
 - A Scout cares about other people.
 - A Scout willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.
- A Scout is Friendly
 - A Scout offers friendship to people of all races and nations, and respects them even if their beliefs and customs are different.
- A Scout is Courteous
 - A Scout is polite to everyone, regardless of age or position.
 - A Scout knows that using good manners makes it easier for people to get along.
- A Scout is Kind
 - A Scout knows there is strength in being gentle.
 - A Scout treats others as he or she wants to be treated.
- A Scout is Obedient
 - A Scout follows the rules of family, school, and troop.
 - A Scout obeys the laws of the community and country.
- A Scout is Cheerful
 - A Scout looks for the bright side of life and tries to make others happy.
 - A Scout cheerfully does tasks.
- A Scout is Thrifty
 - A Scout saves for the future and carefully uses time and property.
- A Scout is Brave
 - A Scout can face danger even if afraid.
 - A Scout has the courage to stand for what is right even if laughed at.
- A Scout is Clean
 - A Scout keeps both mind and body fit and clean and chooses the company of those who live by high standards.
- A Scout is Reverent
 - A Scout is faithful in religious duties and respects the beliefs of others.

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Reader (Cub Scout Leader)

- Our bridge is now complete
- We have filled the gap between Cub Scouts and Scouts BSA using the Scout Oath and Scout Law
- We have built a bridge from Cub Scouting onto Scouts BSA.
- Mister Scoutmaster(s), will you and your troop(s) help these new Scouts to prepare for the bridges they will be crossing on their journey through the ranks of being a Scout?
 - [Scoutmasters and Scouts come forward and stand to the right end of the bridge.]
- Would the parents of our Webelos Scouts now come forward and stand behind your Scout [give them time to come up]
- Parents, please remove the neckerchief and blue shoulder tabs that identified your Scout as a Webelos in our pack
 - [The parents remove the Webelos neckerchief, slide, and blue shoulder tabs (if present)]
- As these Scouts leave our pack and join their Scout troop, they will take on new marks of identification both as a Scout and as a member of their new troop.
 - [The Cubmaster shakes the hand of each Scout and sends the Scout and parents across the bridge.]
 - [Scoutmaster welcomes each Scout and parents with the Scout handshake. As each Scout crosses, the Scoutmaster presents each Scout with their new neckerchief, slide, and shoulder tabs. Each Scout and parents continue to shake the hands of the other Scouts.]

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Cubmaster

- To the Scout troops here tonight, our pack charges you with the responsibility to provide your new Scouts with a healthy, fun, and adventure-filled program.
- They have worked hard to get to this point; do not be afraid to challenge them.
- Take them along the Scouting trail, so that someday soon we will be able to say, *“That Scout was from our Pack.”*
- To the former Webelos, we bid you farewell.
- If you look under the bridge, you will find that each of these Scouts has continued the tradition of our Pack, by writing their name under the 1st plank.
- [Address the other Cub Scouts in the pack]
Each of you, should strive to someday to walk across this same bridge;
 - To follow in the footsteps of the Scouts who have gone before you,
 - And to add your names to the legacy of the Scouts from our Pack who have crossed over from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA.
- *Once again, let’s give a big round of applause to our newest Scouts!*