

WOLF TO BEAR GRADUATION CEREMONY

Ask den 2 scouts to come to the front and line up behind candles:

Terri Reads: the wolf was greatly admired by the Indians for his swiftness, his hunting ability and his endurance. In fact, the Indian scout was called a wolf, and the sign was two fingers spread apart, symbolizing the erect ears of the wolf. The wolf was considered a great "medicine animal" and in some tribes, the Indian scout wore the skin and head of the wolf when on a scouting expedition.

You have followed the trail of the Indian by attaining the rank of Wolf Cub Scout. You have proven yourself brave, swift, and alert as your Indian brothers of the past. Now you must go on to greater honors for yourself and your parents by earning the Bear badge to prove your greatness. Learn their ways of our animal friends. Learn about the earth and how to grow food. Look up to our skies and learn the stories the stars tell.

Judy hands the first scout in line the extended lighter to use. As each scout lights a blue candle; Judy says: Let this light be a sign to others that you are now ready to become a Bear.

After all candles are lit, Judy continues:

As a boy moves along the Scouting trail, his badges of rank and his changes in uniform show his progress. One of the changes in uniform is the neckerchief. I now ask that you each remove your yellow Wolf neckerchief and parents should come forward to receive them. Scouts are to hold their slides in their hands. Parents should join Jeff on the left side of the bridge. Scouts should form a line on the right side of the bridge.

Judy says all scouts name and then says, Tonight you will receive your Bear neckerchiefs. The Bear neckerchief is blue. Blue stands for truth, loyalty, and obedience. You must learn to obey before you can expect others to obey you. This blue neckerchief stands for obedience to the Law of the Pack.

Judy and Terri call each Scout forward (alternately). As each Scout comes over the bridge, Jeff will hand Judy & Terri a neckerchief to install on the scout. After each neckerchief is on, each scout should shake hands with Judy, Terri, Joe, Jeff & finally parents. Parents then escort their scout back to their seats.

We then move on to the Bear to Webelo Graduation.