



# Arrow of Light Den Meeting 10

## Arrow of Light Creation

Arrow of Light (complete).

### Preparation and Materials Needed

- ▶ This is a meeting to ensure that all have completed the Arrow of Light, and to make commemorative arrows for the awarding of the Arrow of Light.
  - If needed, this can be used as a make-up day for any activity badge work missed by Scouts.
- ▶ If you are doing this as a field trip, inform Scouts and families about when and where to meet.
- ▶ Materials checklist (add to your den Cub tub of U.S./den flags, paper/pencils, other supplies):
  - If needed, ropes (4 feet long) for Scouts to practice the square knot, if not yet mastered.
  - Have a plain wooden arrow with blue and yellow fletching (feathers) for each boy, colored electrical tape, and paints or colored markers, each color symbolizing a different Cub Scout rank, badge, and achievement. A variety of colored tapes can be obtained from sign shops or auto supply shops.

### Before the Meeting

- ▶ Review After the Meeting at the end of the previous den meeting plan for necessary preparation and materials.
- ▶ Make final preparations with assistance from any assistant den leader or other parent helper, den chief, and/or denner. Organize the space (seating, flags, advancement charts, activity materials, handouts, etc.). If you're snacking, organize space for that and the cleanup.

### Arrow of Light?

Check your den records and identify any missing Arrow of Light requirements. With your assistant den leader and the boys' parents, develop individual plans to complete missing requirements.

### Gathering

- ▶ Have a gathering activity (games, puzzles, other) that will keep Scouts interested and busy and that others may join as they arrive. If the den desires, serve a healthy snack during this time.
- ▶ If you have background materials for the activity badge, Scouts may be interested in reviewing those.
- ▶ If you're on a field trip, as boys arrive, collect permission slips from parents who are not staying.
- ▶ Collect dues, record attendance and any advancement completed at home (a good job for an assistant den leader). Assign parents to meeting roles and hand out a meeting plan to each.

### Opening

- ▶ Flag ceremony (rotate planning and leadership to complete **Webelos requirement 6**), with Pledge of Allegiance; maybe recite the Cub Scout Promise or sing a patriotic song; perhaps add a roll call, uniform recognition, or den yell.
- ▶ If you have a guest, give a formal introduction, including what the guest will do for you.

### Business Items

- ▶ Use this time to discuss participation in upcoming pack meetings or events as needed.
- ▶ Explain that today's meeting is to complete work on the Arrow of Light, if needed, and to make a commemorative arrow to summarize the achievements of the Scouts over the years.

### Activities

- ▶ Webelos Scouts decorate their arrows for the **Arrow of Light Award** ceremony.
  - Based on a record of what each boy has completed during his years in Cub Scouting, have him work from one end of the arrow to the other, applying stripes to symbolize his accomplishments.
  - Use electrical tape and paint or markers to make the stripes.
- ▶ **Arrow of Light:** Use this meeting as needed to make up on the Arrow of Light requirements.

### Want More Fun Activities?

Though you've probably finished the Athlete activity badge by now, you can insert that for a good physical activity to insert in this meeting.

- ▶ You can add Athlete progress chart activities into this meeting at various points.
- ▶ Those activities are curl-ups, pull-ups, push-ups, standing long jump, quarter-mile walk or run, vertical jump, and 50-yard dash.
- ▶ Taking a break to check on *just one* of those can be a good active break in your meeting.

- ▶ In the boys' *Webelos Handbooks*, sign the requirements met (and update your records).

### Closing

- ▶ Award (or recognize) any advancement completed today (ideally, award the activity badge, belt loop or compass item completed today, and recognize later at the pack meeting); thank hosts, guests, helpers.
- ▶ Closing ceremony (rotate planning and leadership to complete **Webelos requirement 6**): Retire the colors; maybe with the Boy Scout Oath and/or Law, or the Law of the Pack and/or den yell. Den leader may add a den leader's minute comment.
- ▶ Remind the Webelos Scout who will plan and lead the next meeting's flag ceremony, and remind about home assignments.
- ▶ Hand out or send family information letter.

- ▶ **Home Assignment:** Remind boys to review the Handyman chapter in their *Webelos Handbook* before the next meeting. Also remind the boys to work with their families on **Handyman requirement 1**, and that it will be due in two weeks.

### After the Meeting

- ▶ If you've changed the sequence of den meetings, double-check to make sure you will still advance your boys appropriately and check with the Cubmaster to make sure you stay coordinated with the pack.
- ▶ Refreshments: If appropriate
- ▶ Cleanup: Recruit enough help to do a good job. Scouts always leave an area as clean, or cleaner, than they found it.

