

Fishing for Advancement Ceremony

NARRATOR: Welcome, everyone! Our Pack has been learning all about fish—and how to catch them. Some of us also learned why it's called fishing and not catching! Fish are a lot like us in some ways. For example, the salmon grows in different stages—just like our Cub Scouts. So, let's dive in and follow the salmon's journey! Each stage of the salmon's life matches a rank in Cub Scouting.

When a salmon hatches from the egg, it's called a larva. It's very small and learning how to swim around. Our Lions are just starting their Cub Scout adventure, too. They're learning how to explore the world with their families by their side.

(Read the names and have the Lions and their adult partners and families come forward. Families present the Adventure loop to their Lions. The Lions then place their fish on their corresponding blue poster board, using tape.)

As a salmon grows, it becomes a fry. It's still small, but it's starting to swim better, find food, and avoid danger. Our Tigers are growing, too! They're learning Cub Scout basics like doing their best and helping others.

(Read the names and have the Tigers and their adult partners and families come forward. Families present the Adventure loop to their Tigers. The Tigers then place their fish on their corresponding blue poster board, using tape.)

The next stage of growth for a salmon is a juvenile. The salmon now looks more like a fish and swims stronger and faster. It knows more about staying safe and surviving. Just like that, our Wolves are becoming stronger Cub Scouts, too. They're learning the Scout Oath and Scout Law and understanding what it means to live by them.

(Read the names and have the Wolves and their families come forward. Families present the Adventure loop to their Wolves. The Wolves then place their fish on their corresponding blue poster board, using tape.)

Next is the smolt. It's full-sized now, and swims in deeper waters. It knows how to take care of itself in the big world. Our Bears are ready for bigger challenges, too! They've mastered the basics and are preparing for more adventures ahead.

(Read the names and have the Bears and their families come forward. Families present the Adventure loop to their Bears. The Bears then place their fish on their corresponding blue poster board, using tape.)

Now the salmon is an adult and the growth cycle is almost complete. It uses all the skills it's learned to live and thrive in the wild. Our Webelos have also learned so much. They're using their skills every day to become even better Scouts and people.

(Read the names and have the Webelos and their families come forward. Families present the Adventure pin to their Webelos. The Webelos then place their fish on their corresponding blue poster board, using tape.)

The last stage of growth for a salmon is called spawning. The salmon dramatically changes it's outward appearance as it gets ready to complete its journey. Our Arrow of Light Scouts have changed, too! Their uniforms have gone from blue to tan as they prepare to end their Cub Scout experience and begin a new journey in Scouts BSA.

(Read the names and have the Arrow of Light Scouts and their families come forward. Families present the Adventure pin to their Arrow of Light Scout. The Arrow of Light Scouts then place their fish on their corresponding blue poster board, using tape.)

Each of you has grown in your own way. Like the salmon, you've learned to swim strong, work hard, and keep moving forward. We are proud of each of you, as you have learned to swim with the pack!