

BEAVER SCOUT SWIM-UP CEREMONY

Introduction

This is an essential ceremony that celebrates the advancement of the Beaver Scouts as they continue their journey into Akela's Jungle. The ceremony itself is fairly rigid, as it involves the Cub Pack, but how you present it is up to you. If possible, hold this ceremony with all Sections of your Group so that the Beaver Scouts move up to Cub Scouts, then Cub Scouts to Scouts and so on.

Requirements and Procedure

The ceremony begins in the same manner as the Opening Ceremony, with the Colony in the Riverbanks formation and the Cub Pack at ease in the Pack Parade Circle, leaving an opening facing the Colony. A Colony Scouter calls out the names of the Northern Light Tail Beaver Scouts who are swimming up. As their name is called, each Beaver Scout "swims" up the river to the Colony Scouter and stands facing them.

Make it Memorable

Scouting has been around for more than 100 years. Your Group may have unique traditions for its Advancement Ceremony. Don't be afraid to make it memorable for all participating.

Plan

- Where can the ceremony be done?
- Who will speak at the ceremony?
- What materials will you need for the ceremony?

Do

- Rehearse what you have planned.
- Make it memorable!

Review

- What was the best part of the ceremony?
- What do you think was the most memorable part for the Beaver Scouts swimming up?
- What can be done differently next time?

Colony Scouter: *"Beaver Scouts, I invite you to remember your Beaver Scout Promise as you prepare to cross the forest to the jungle beyond. Once again I ask you to join with me in the Beaver Scout Promise."*

All make the Beaver Scout Sign.

All: *"I promise to love God and help take care of the world."*

If there are any presentations of badges or special gifts to the Northern Light Tail Beaver Scouts, then do it here. Gift presentations could include a compass or a headlamp.

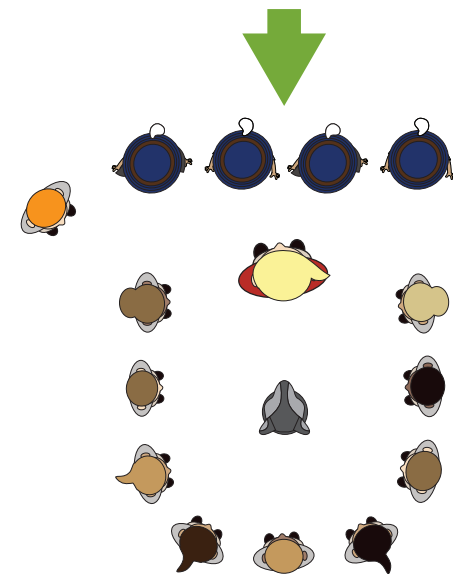
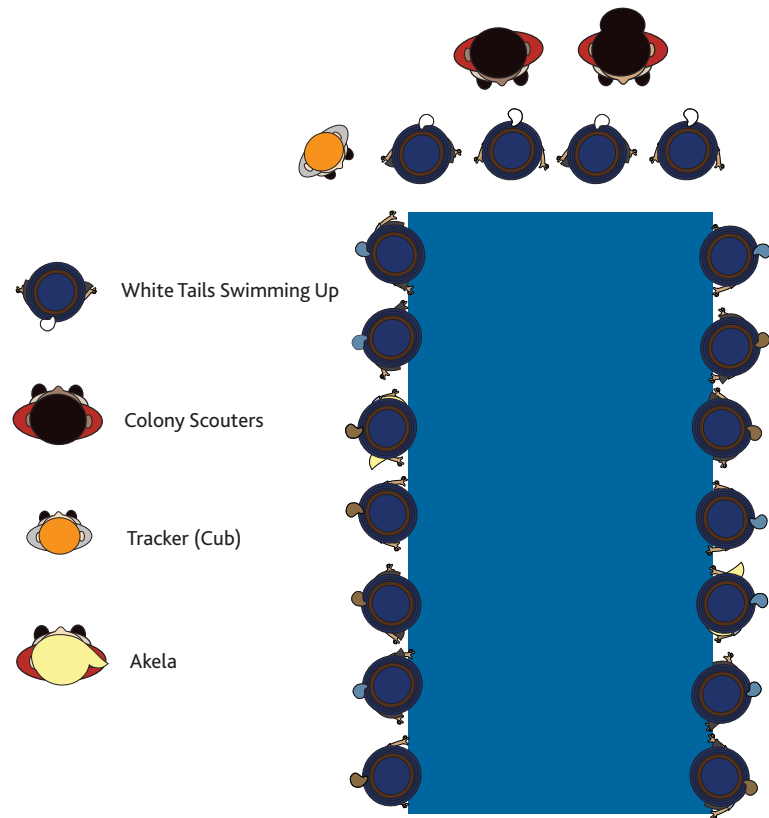
Colony Scouter: *"Beaver Scouts, we wish you the best on your Scouting journey as you join the Wolf Cub Pack."*

The Beaver Scouts now shake hands with the Scouters and then, escorted by two Cub Scouts, walk up the river formed by their Colony to stand facing the Pack Scouters and the Pack.

The Cubs Scouts bring the new Cub Scouts to Akela and say, "Akela, these are the new Cub Scouts I have told you about. This is (name, name and name)."

Akela shakes their hands and welcomes them into the Pack. Akela asks the youth to make the Beaver Scout Sign, then to straighten out the two fingers to make the Cub Scout Sign. Akela returns the salute and welcomes the new Runner Cub Scouts to the Pack. Introductions should not be necessary because the youth will have already met the Pack Scouters and the Tracker Cub Scouts as part of linking activities.

The Cub Scout Pack continues with its ceremony.



Cub Pack and Totem Pole



It starts with Scouts