

# SCOUT MOVING-UP CEREMONY

## Introduction

This is an essential ceremony that celebrates the advancement of the Scouts as they continue their journey into Venturers. 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.

## 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

- What materials will you need for the ceremony?
- Where can the ceremony be done?
- What roles will everyone play?
- Who will speak at 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 Scouts moving up?
- What can be done differently next time?

## Advancement Ceremony

The Advancement Ceremony will occur at the end of the Scouting Year (typically in the late spring). It is a graduation ceremony for Scouts going up to Venturer Scouts. The Advancement Ceremony is the formal recognition of a Scout's accomplishments in the Scout Section, but it is a relatively small part of linking, which is an ongoing process throughout a youth's time in Scouts.

To begin a ceremony, the Troop Leader calls the Troop into the horseshoe formation.

There are several ways to call the Troop to the horseshoe, but the most common (and respectful) is for the Troop or Patrol Leader to raise the Scout Sign, and wait for all the other Scouts to do the same. When a Scout has raised the Scout Sign, he or she should be silent and await instruction. For each Scout participating in the Advancement Ceremony, Canadian Path Scout badges are provided. These badges will be worn on the Scout's Venturer Scout uniform, along with any previously awarded Canadian Path Link badges.

A Troop may also have its own rewards as part of the Advancement Ceremony, such as Venturer Scout uniforms for Scouts moving up, or another form of recognition unique to the Group. It is important that the Advancement Ceremony treat all Scouts moving up from the Troop equally. A table may be required to lay out paraphernalia for the ceremony.

The Troop Leadership Team will design its own Advancement Ceremony. For this occasion, the Troop Leadership Team may decide that it is best to have Scouters play a larger role than usual, as it is likely that members of the Troop Leadership Team will be moving up. The Troop Leadership Team should be able to consult resources with suggestions for this ceremony, developed by Scouts Canada. The Troop Leadership Team should also be aware of its Group's traditions and its sponsor's expectations.