

Webelos Badge Ceremony

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Equipment: *Blue, yellow, green, and red face paint.*

AKELA:

Many moons ago the Great Chief Akela called a council to see what could be done to make Webelos the strongest of all tribes. One council member stood and said, "We need colors for our braves, to guide them in how they live their lives." Another rose to his feet and declared, "We need to set challenges before our braves, so that they may prove their bravery and loyalty." The council talked for many hours and finally decided on both the colors that would offer best guidance and that each young brave, upon entering the tribe, would have to prove his worthiness to wear these colors.

Tonight we recognize a brother who has been living the values of the tribe of Webelos. This Scout has met the challenges and adventures thus far on the Webelos trail, and while there is still much more adventure before him, he has now earned the right to wear the Webelos colors as they progress onward.

The Great Council chose each color carefully to symbolize ideas that will be important to you. Each color has a special meaning that will be given to you one at a time to help direct you along the right path.

The first color is **blue**.

Blue symbolizes the effort you will make to reach your goals along the Webelos trail. It represents water upon which all life depends. It also represents the heavens, the house of God to which the Scout is reverent.

BALOO:

Do you accept the challenges ahead of you in the Webelos tribe?

*(BALOO paints a **blue** mark on the Scout's cheek)*

AKELA:

Yellow represents the Pack. You will help the Pack go and it will help you grow. Yellow is the color of the rays of the sun that bring warmth, good cheer, and happiness and will light your way along the Webelos trail to the Arrow of Light, which Webelos strive to achieve.

BALOO:

Do you vow to do your best?

*(BALOO paints a **yellow** mark)*

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AKELA:

Green represents the forest and the trees so that you may stand tall on the Scouting trail and live under nature's canopy. As a Webelos scout, you come to nature's house, spend more time in the outdoors, and learn the ways of the outdoorsmen, naturalist and forester. You will come to understand more of animals, plants, and the forces of weather. Green also represents the Boy Scout Troop that you will eventually join.

BALOO:

Do you wish to learn more about these things and grow in your scouting skills?

*(BALOO paints a **green** mark)*

AKELA:

Red represents the blood of warriors that fought and who continue to fight to protect us, to make us a great nation, to which a Scout is loyal. Red also stands for your Webelos brothers. You are all bound together through struggles and challenges. You will need each other to succeed and you must always be prepared to help each other along.

BALOO:

Do you promise to help your fellow Webelos on their trail?

*(BALOO paints a **red** mark)*

AKELA:

Just as Native American boys became warriors and were painted in the colors of their tribe, we have painted you with the colors of the Webelos tribe. Wear your Webelos Colors proudly while you progress along the Webelos Trail, never forgetting that a tribe grows together. Brothers in the Webelos tribe now wear these colors as they trail the eagle, follow the sun, and keep the spirit of Scouting a bright light. Achieving the Webelos rank is a major step on the Cub Scout trail on your way to the Arrow of Light and on to the Boy Scout trail to Eagle.

And now, I ask you to go, get your parents, and bring them up here to stand with you.

As a reminder that you could not have progressed this far alone we will give your parents your badge that they may award it to you.

And, in gratitude for their help in getting here, we give you a like symbol to pin on them.