

## **CUB SCOUT SALUTE**

## **CEREMONIES**

### **Saluting Heroes**

Cub Scout 1: Tonight we salute our heroes.

Cub Scout 2: A hero may be a police officer or a firefighter.

Cub Scout 3: Soldiers currently serving or those who served years ago are heroes, too.

Cub Scout 4: Heroes could be doctors, nurses, or search-and rescue people.

Cub Scout 5: Heroes could be ordinary people who did something out of the ordinary

Cub Scout 6: Like the Scout heroes in Boys' Life you read about each month.

Cub Scout 7: Look around you. There are heroes in this room, too

Cub Scout 8: The parents, leaders, and kids who do their best to help others.

Cub Scout 9: Please join us in saluting all the heroes and the flag of our country.

### **Heroes All Around Opening**

Santa Clara County Council

The past few years have change America in many ways. One of the most obvious to us now is the fact that heroes are all around us. They are the men and women that run towards danger and disaster when everyone else is running away. There the ones who who risk life and limb to rush to our aid when we dial 911. There the ones who train year after year to fight for our freedom at any time and any where.

Would everyone who has served in the military or reserves please stand . Would everyone is now or ever has work as a law enforcement officer or a fireman or as a EMT or paramedic please stand also. Look around, here, are the real American heroes. Would everyone please rise.

Please join as we salute and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **A Salute To Our Heros**

Buckeye District SKC

Personnel: Cubmaster or Den Leader

Setting: The colors are advanced in the normal manner. A spotlight is shined on flag while the narrator speaks off stage.

**Flag:** A great host of heroes, with the help of God, have kept me gallantly flying in the face of every threat and challenge to the democratic way of life I represent. The blood spilled in battles great and small all over the world is in my red stripes. The shining light of freedom is in my white stripes, penetrating the blackest night and filling the nations darkest hours with hope. The vast infinity of the heavens is in my stars, inspiring mankind to continue climbing up the staircase of history to a world of glowing promise. I am the emblem of man's finest dreams. I am the last hope of peace on earth. I am the American Flag.

**Cubmaster:** Please stand as we salute the flag and repeat the Pledge of Allegiance

### **Cub Scout Opening**

Sam Houston Area Council

*Setting* – Each letter of C-U-B S-C-O-U-T should be cut out from poster board or printed on large pieces of paper or card stock. Write the lines on the back and line up the Scouts so they can read the lines in order.

C – is for Comradeship. We learn to get along.

U – is for Unity. Together we are strong.

B – is for Boys! Sometimes they’re wild, but mostly they’re nice.

S – is for Socials! You don’t have to ask twice.

C – is for Courtesy. Of this we know.

O – is for Outings. We can’t wait to go!

U – is for Universal. Scouts are known in every land.

T – is for Teamwork. We’ll lend you a helping hand.

*(All the Scouts say together)* We Will Do Our Best!!

Will you please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance?

### **Recognition Ceremony: Heroes**

Materials: Large signs with the letters to spell HEROES painted on them

Setup: As the narrator reads, an assistant posts each letter. (If your pack does not have one of the dens, read only the applicable part for that letter.) The Cubmaster gives out awards and has parents pin the badges on their sons' shirts.

**H is for honor.** We do this during advancement ceremonies for Cub Scouts by recognizing their achievements. Will our new Bobcats and their families please come forward? (Call the boys and their families forward.)

**E is for excellence.** Our Cub Scouts strive for excellence in the hard work they do to earn badges, belt loops, and pins. Here is a list of the excellent work the Tiger Cubs have done over the past month. (Invite them and their families to come forward.)

**R is for recognition.** We recognize the time and effort our parents and den leaders have given us. We also recognize the hard work of the Wolf den in the past month. (Call the boys and have them come forward with their parents.)

**O is for opening the door to life.** We understand that we have much to learn and that knowledge opens many doors along our way Cub Scouts in the Bear den worked hard and opened some doors. (Call the boys and have them come forward with their parents.)

**E is for example.** We strive to be a good example for our friends at school and our fellow Cub Scouts. Our Webelos Scouts have done a great job being the example for our pack. (Call the names of the boys of the fourth-grade Webelos den and have them come forward with their parents.)

**S is for spirit.** The Scouting spirit is alive and well, and we show it every day Our fifth-grade Webelos Scouts are the oldest and should have the most spirit in our pack. They surely lead the way for the younger Cub Scouts. (Call the names of the boys of the fifth-grade Webelos den and have them come forward with their parents.)

(End the ceremony with the Well Done applause.)

### **Salute to our Heroes Advancement Ceremony**

Sam Houston Area Council

*Materials* – “Medals of Honor” made from construction paper and attached to loops of crepe streamer to be hung around the Cub Scouts’ necks. Label the medals “HERO.”

Cubmaster: Often we hear of professional athletes being called “sports heroes.” That’s a colorful description, but all they are really doing is playing a game to entertain us. Some of these people really are heroes, but that comes from things they do off the playing field to help their communities.

We salute those heroes that are people who are not afraid to do what they believe is right. They

are people who want to make things better for others. They are usually prepared and trained to do the job. And they will do their best even if they are afraid because it is important to them to do what is right.

The following Scouts are the heroes that we salute today. They have chosen to work hard and prepare themselves in life by learning Cub Scouting ideals. They are learning to be independent and successful and happen to have a lot of fun along the way. Please join me in congratulating the heroes who have earned their Bobcat rank (call out names of Scouts and their parents, present rank awards, and place medals around the Scouts' necks. Continue in a similar manner for each additional rank.)

### **Freedom Symbols of Our Country**

Buckeye District SKC

In our American history, we are fortunate, to have many freedom symbols which have special meaning to American citizens. Tonight I would like to tell you a little about these symbols as we honor the boys who are advancing along the Cub Scouting trail.

The Statue of Liberty stands 305 feet high in New York Harbor, welcoming people of other lands to become citizens of our democracy. The statue was given to the United States by France as a token of friendship. Each year hundreds of tourists go to see Miss Liberty. The inscription at the base of this statue was written by Emma Lazarus, and reads in part: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free; the wretched refuse of your teeming shores; send these, the homeless, tempest tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door". There is a golden door to Scouting which is open to all boys. By walking through that door to Scouting, boy has an opportunity to grow in many ways and learn about citizenship, character and physical fitness. The boys who wish to walk through that door to Scouting tonight are (read names). Will you and your parents please come forward. (Give badges to parents who present them to their son.)

The Declaration of Independence is one of many documents which established freedom in America. It was on July 4, 1776, that the Continental Congress met in Philadelphia and announced the separation of the 13 colonies from England. In America, we have a government of the people, by the people and for the people.. not for just some of them, but for all people ... the people to whom the Declaration of Independence refers when 4 says "all men are created equal, not equally talented or equally rich, but equal under law, and under God. All Scouts have an equal opportunity to advance in rank and earn badges. The following boys have earned the Tiger badge. (call boys and parents forward to receive awards).

Our American flag is much more than the red, white and blue cloth of which it is made. It is the symbol of America. It stands for the past, the present and the future of our country. When we show respect for the flag, we are showing respect for all that is America..our land, our people, our way of life. When the 13 original colonies set out to become a free country nearly 200 years ago, their men and women needed a rallying point - a flag. "We will take the stars and blue union from heaven", the great George Washington is reported to have said, red from our mother country, separating it by white stripes thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripes shall go down to posterity representing liberty. Respect for the flag is one of the

requirements for a boy to earn the Wolf rank. Tonight we have some boys who have completed all these requirements. (call boys and parent forward and present badges).

One of the most beloved of our freedom symbols is the Liberty Bell. The Liberty Bell was rung in 1776 calling the people of Philadelphia to the signing of the Declaration of Independence. During the British occupation of Philadelphia, the bell was hidden beneath the floor of the Zion Reformed Church in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Sixty years later, as the bell was tolled for the death of Chief Justice John Marshall, it cracked. Since that time it has been on display in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, for all Americans to see. The bell is old, but the crack is plain to see, along with this inscription: "Proclaim liberty throughout the land". A study of our American Heritage is one of the twelve requirements for a boy to earn the Bear badge. The following boys will receive that badge tonight

Uncle Sam originated as a cartoon character many years ago and has become one of the best-known symbols of the United States. Imagine how many thousands of schoolboys have portrayed the part of Uncle Sam in school plays. Think of how many millions of young men have answered Uncle Sam's recruiting call, "I want you" and have helped defend the freedom of America in time of war. The following scouts have earned Webelos activity badges. (list names, distribute pins, return to seats.)

Another symbol of American freedom is the eagle, with wings outspread in protection of our birthright of freedom. The eagle has been the national bird since George Washington took the oath of office for the presidency in 1789. Many years ago, Indians climbed high mountains to reach the peaks where coveted eagle feathers could be found. Indians used these eagle feathers as badges of rank. Today Scouts work hard and long to reach the highest rank of Scouting, the Eagle. It is never easy to reach those high peaks. It takes time, and effort, and sacrifice. But when you finally reach the top, you'll find it was worth the effort. The following scouts have reached the top rank in Cub Scouting by earning the Webelos rank. (list names, distribute patches, return to seats.)

We are proud of all our freedom symbols, and we are very proud of all the scouts who received awards tonight. They are on their way to becoming worthwhile citizens of tomorrow. As President John F. Kennedy said, "Ask not what your country can do for you; ask what you can do for your country." Do you scouts ever wonder what you can do for your country? Well, if you do, I'll tell you where to start.

Whatever game you choose to play ... play fair!

Whatever you hope to be... be true!

Whatever road you choose to take... take care!

Be proud you're an American ... and that's a great way to start doing something for your country.

### **A Final Salute Closing**

Sam Houston Area Council

*Setting* – 9 Cub Scouts or 8 Cub Scouts and Cubmaster, the letters of A-T-T-E-N-T-I-ON on poster board with the appropriate verses on the reverse.

*Scene* – Scouts in a line. Each holds up his poster as his turn arrives.

- Cub #1 A At tonight's pack meeting, we  
 Cub #2 T Talked about the flag and the importance of honoring it.  
 Cub #3 T Tonight we also had some fun as we involved  
 Cub #4 E Everyone in our Scouting Spirit.  
 Cub #5 N Now it is time for our pack meeting  
 Cub #6 T To end. In a few minutes we are going to ask  
 Cub #7 I If you would stand and salute the flag  
 Cub #8 O One more time as it is retired for this evening. We would  
 Cub #9 N Next like you to join us in the Cub Scout Promise.

### **The Yardstick Closing**

Buckeye District SKC

Advance preparation: Mark and score on the yardstick where it will be broken.

If you consider that the average man lives about 72 years, then every half inch of this yardstick represents one year. (Hold up the yardstick)

When you realize that after the age of 21, you really don't have any say over how that person thinks, what he does or what he believes, (Take the yardstick and break it off at 10 ½ inches) we have lost this whole section of time. It is not available to us. (Toss the large piece on the floor)

Now all we have left is this. (Hold the 10 ½ inch piece up) But, then you have to realize that at the age of 18, a boy can vote, own property, be married or in the military. That leaves us this much. (Break off the 9-inch section and toss the 1 ½ inch piece on the floor)

A boy goes into the Boy Scouts sometime after he is 11 years old. So, we as Cub Scout Leaders really only have this (break off the 5 ½ inch section and toss the 3 ½ inch piece on the floor) to influence these boys. (Hold the 5½ inch piece up)

But then, when you realize that these boys are already at least 6 years old, we have already used this (break off the piece at 3 inches) part and it is no longer available to us. It is gone, and we can't get it back. That leaves us with this. (Hold up what is left) Not a lot, is it? Time is precious and we must do all we can to introduce the values of Cub Scouting to these boys to last them a lifetime.

### **America's Answer**

Santa Clara County Council

America needs men with a concern for the common good -- men who have the understanding and insight to help solve her problems and those of the changing world around us. she needs citizens of integrity who value their great heritage and who are determined to pass on to others an enduring faith in the ideals and methods of our free society.

How does a boy come to know and to appreciate his heritage as a citizen of this nation? How does his sense of responsibility and his concern for others unfold? Begin with him when he is a Cub Scout as he promises with all the solemnity of an 8-year old "to do my duty to God and my country..." Watch the pride and loving care with which he handles the flag as he is taught to fold it. He may not fully understand all that it stands for, but someday he will... with help.

Observe him later as he stands tall, alert and proud in his kacki uniform as the flag is lowered at Scout camp-He is living everyday experiences as a good citizen and showing concern for the needs of others. He is growing and practicing the fundamentals of citizenship. All of this time he is under the friendly guidance and companionship of men who care about him.

Now he is grown tall... in high school... a Venturing Scout. He ponders the words of the Venturing Oath. There is conviction in his voice as he says: ..." help strengthen America, to help others, and to seek fairness and adventure in the world." And so this young American comes to manhood. He has grown through his Scouting experiences and through the influences of many men and women who have helped him. He has a job and a family and is making himself count in his community. He is a citizen of a great nation. He understands his heritage and cheerfully accepts his future obligations to all men.

### **World Take My Son by the Hand for He Could Be Our next Hero**

Buckeye District SKC

World, my son is growing up. He is starting on great adventures that will include wars, tragedy and sorrow.

To live his life in the world he has to live in, will require faith and love and courage.

So, world, I wish you would sort of take him by his young hand and teach him the things he will have to know.

Teach him..... but gently, if you can.

He will have to learn, I know, that all men are not true.

Teach him that for every scoundrel, there is a hero, that for every crooked politician, there is a dedicated leader.

Teach him that for every enemy, there is a friend. Let him learn early that the bullies are the easiest people to lick.

Teach him the wonders of books. Give him quiet time to ponder the eternal mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun, and flowers on a green hill.

Teach him that it is far more honorable to fail than to cheat. Teach him to have faith in his own ideas, even if every one else tells him they are wrong.

Try to give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone else is getting on the bandwagon.

Teach him to listen to all men - but to filter all he hears on a screen of truth and to take only the good that comes through.

Teach him to sell his brawn and brains to the highest bidders, but never to put a price tag on his heart and soul.

Teach him to close his ears on a howling mob - and to stand and fight if he thinks he is right.

Teach him gently, world, but don't coddle him because only the test of fire makes fine steel.

This is a big order, world, but see what you can do for my son's potential is a HOMETOWN HERO.

### **Cubmaster Minutes**

#### **Keep Our Land Free**

Denver Area Council

We shouldn't take freedom for granted. Our right of free speech, to worship as we choose, and to enjoy the freedoms we have as Americans. Our freedom is often taken for granted. There was a time in our history when men could only hope for these freedoms ... And now they have become reality. Our freedom is a result of courage and sacrifice of thousands of our forefathers. Let us remember what it cost these men to provide our freedoms today and help keep our land free for those citizens of tomorrow.

## **Do Your Best**

Great Sauk Trail Council

Personnel: Cubmaster or Den Leader

**Cubmaster:** When you give the Cub Scout Promise, the words Do Your Best often are lost among all the other very important words. Let's stop for a minute and carefully consider those words. "Best" describes effort and action above our usual performance. "You" are the only person who can possibly know whether or not you have done your best. Every time you repeat the Promise, YOU agree to do your best to do certain things. "Your Best" is just that, the very best. Think about the meaning of the promise and decide that you will always do your very best, no matter what the job facing you might be.

## **Thank You**

Equipment: A large card with "Thank You" printed on it

(Hold up the card.) "Two simple words. Two important words that tell someone else you are appreciative, courteous, and thoughtful. We do many Good Turns for others. But do we always take time to thank others for a Good Turn done for us? Let's all remember that a sincere thank-you is your way of expressing gratitude for a Good Turn received. Remember to say, 'Thank you,' to all of your heroes."

## **Leader Recognition**

*Because You Said Yes*

Because you said yes,

--a young man will feel the pride of being someone special as he carefully puts on his uniform for the very first time

-- a young man can move to a new town and have "instant friendships" with Scouts he might never have met

-- parents will experience that special pride when they listen to their son say the Cub Scout Promise for the first time

-- bright eyes will become a little brighter with excitement as the kindling finally catches on the first campfire

-- the community, and the world will be richer because a young man has learned the importance of caring for his environment, and the warm feeling that comes from giving service to someone less fortunate than himself

-- a young man will contact the Boy Scouts one day and say "I had so much fun when I was a Cub Scout, I'd like to try being a leader"

And the circle will continue... because you said yes!