

CROSSOVER

Medicine Man: (entering alone) We, the members of the Lenni Lenape tribe, have come forth tonight to welcome those who are ready to cross the bridge from the Cub Scouting world, to that of Boy Scouting. Let us summon the mighty Chief Akela to help bestow this honor upon them.

Akela: (enters with remaining principles) My heart is filled with glee, for I see the boys who have followed the path of Cub Scouting and now are ready to cross over the bridge to the Boy Scouting program and become young men. I am Akela, the mighty chieftain. Other members of our Lodge are ready to assist in this crossing.

Medicine Man: (stepping forward) I am the medicine man of this Lodge.

Guard: (stepping forward) I am the guard of this Lodge.

Guide: (stepping in line with the others) And I am the Guide, leading those on the trail to Eagle.

Akela: The medicine man will now prepare us for this duty we are about to undertake.

Medicine Man: (stepping forward and to the side of the bridge) Will the boys who are eligible to cross into Boy Scouting and their parents please step forward and form a line to my side. (motioning side/direction with hand, then stepping back into main position) We who now stand ready to aid these boys upon their trail toward Eagle Scout, let us pray in silence, for only in silence can a man truly find himself. Let us pray in thoughtful silence. (pause 10 seconds)

Akela: Let us now call upon the Guide to explain to these boys the purpose of the Boy Scouting program.

Guide: It is only fitting as you start off upon the trail to Eagle, that you be welcomed in the words of the Chief Scout Executive: When you become a Boy Scout, something important happens to you. You aren't just joining an organization. You're entering a world full of exciting adventures. You belong to a group of friends that wants to go places and do things. As a Scout you'll hike and camp, learn how to live in the out-of-doors, and discover many ways to care for the land. You can cook your meals over a camp stove and identify all kinds of plants and animals that are a part of our environment. No matter what happens, you'll know how to take care of yourself. You'll develop strength, confidence, and good judgment. And you can find out how it feels to be a leader. Scouting experiences will help you discover that you can make good things happen in your life by planning and setting goals and then reaching for them. You're in charge of yourself and your experiences, and there's no limit to what you can do -- if you just put your mind to it. Good luck and Good Scouting!

Akela: Our brother, the Guard, will now explain to you the requirements of the Scout rank.

Guard: Your first challenge as a Boy Scout will be to earn the rank of Scout. You will be required to demonstrate knowledge and skill while reverently walking the path of Scout as a living example of the Scout Oath and Law.

Akela: The Guard has just told you of the requirements of the Scout rank. With each new rank, you will find the trail toward Eagle becoming a little steeper with each step. But, when the summit of the mountain is reached, and you stand in front of your family and friends as an Eagle Scout, you will know why you continued to follow the trail upward, rather than retreating back to safer ground. Medicine Man, remind us all of our determination to be ever true in our time of testing and to make final mental preparations for the crossover to commence.

Medicine Man: Potential Boy Scouts, look back on your Cub Scouting career. I bid you, remember the good times you have had with your friends, parents and leaders. Remember the fun you had at Cub Day Camp and Webelos Adventure Camp. You are about to enter a new era in your Scouting career. You will find a higher level of independence in the Boy Scout program. For the first time YOU will be responsible for yourself. May you grow to be great leaders and good men. Now let us pause for a moment of reflection as these boys prepare to cross over into Boy Scouting.

Akela: Will the parents of the boys now move to the other side of the bridge and position themselves ready to assist their boys as they advance upon the trail to Eagle. (parents do so) Will the representatives of the Troops please come forward. (SM's and Scouts do so) Here the adults will be to assist the boys, but from here on out, the boy shall set the path. Will the Guard and Guide now ready the boy's uniforms in final preparation for the crossover. (Guard and Guide remove epaulets and neckerchiefs)

Guard: (stepping to Boy Scout end of bridge) Will the boys please advance to the bridge toward Boy Scouting.

(Guide leads boys to bridge)

Medicine Man: Stop! Before you may pass on to Boy Scouts you must solemnly pledge yourself to the Scout Oath. Please raise your right hand in the Scout Sign and repeat after me. (says Scout Oath, segmented, with the boys repeating) Now that you have pledged on your honor to uphold the ideals of Scouting, you may pass.

Akela: You have now become young men as you entered the Boy Scouts of America. The members of my tribe extend to you their congratulations. You have made a very important step in your life and this event should not be taken lightly. We stand beside you now and will continue to do so all along your trail to Eagle. In closing, I will remind you all of your duty stated in the Scout Slogan, Do a Good Turn Daily. At this time could we please give these young men the token of their new journey. (Troop representatives place Boy Scout epaulets -- and Troop neckerchiefs if that is the Troop's custom -- on the new Boy Scouts) Let us now give these Scouts the applause they so well deserve. (pause for applause) Scouts, you may now return to your seats. (Scouts do so) We must now return to our tribe and tell of our many adventures. We hope that at a time not many moons from now we may return and recognize new young Scouts.