

Crossover to Boy Scouts - 2014 Pack 214

Shadowboxes are turned backwards on a table at back of the room. Snacks/drinks are arranged on tables in the corner of back of room. Bridge is front and center.

The Cub Scouts will be standing in patrol lines alphabetically with their Den Leaders near the right side of the bridge. The boys will be called by name in alphabetical order by patrol to be received by the Boy Scouts over the bridge.

The Boy Scouts will be on the left side of the bridge in a line(s) and will advance at the direction the Troop 39 Senior Patrol Leader to receive the Cub Scouts one at a time at the end of the bridge. Each Boy Scout will receive a scout that is joining their Troop. Each name and his chosen troop is listed on the program. They will guide the boy from the bridge to the left and put on their neckerchief, slide and epaulets (if the Troop uses them.)

Cubmaster

“Would the audience please maintain silence during the ceremony and silence cell phones. Pictures will be taken of each boy and made available online. “

Invocation.

“Let the Crossover Ceremony begin!”

Presentation of colors by Boy Scouts

Drum beats 12 times (one for each boy)

Cubmaster

“Greetings, Den Leaders and Cub Scouts! Where have you been?”

Den Leader

“We have been hiking on the trail of Scouting, and we have seen and done many interesting things. Our Cub Scouting journey is now at an end.”

Cubmaster

“Congratulations on your journey. However, your trail in Scouting does not end in Cub Scouts...it is only the beginning...for each of you has prepared yourself for the crossing over into Boys Scouts.

Today’s ceremony has many symbols. You have heard the 12 beats of the drum, once for each of you. The drum beat is a symbol of the beating of your hearts; hearts which now beat with excitement. You have heard the sound of the bugle. The notes of the bugle herald the spirit of those who have gone before you. The bridge before you is a symbol of your crossing from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts. A bridge is a connection from one side to the other...it represents how our Pack is connected to Boy Scouts.

Hello, Senior Patrol Leader.”

SPL

“Hello, Cub Scouts of Akela. Boy Scouts are Helpful - how can we be of help to you?”

Cubmaster

“We have Webelos Scouts who have prepared themselves for entrance into Boy Scouts.”

SPL

“Then please bring them forward, one by one, to the bridge that joins the Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts. We will gladly welcome them into Boy Scouts.”

Cubmaster

“As I call out your name, please come forward.”

Cubmaster calls out Scout name

Scout shakes hands with leaders and thanks them

Scout shakes hands with Cubmaster

As the bugle plays a short group of notes, the Scout crosses half-way over bridge and stops. Scout turns to face Cub Scout leaders and gives Cub Scout sign.

Cub Scout

“Goodbye Akela. I will continue to obey the law of the pack.”

Cub Scout stops on the bridge and faces the audience. He raises Boy Scout sign and recites the Scout Law.

Scout turns to face Boy Scouts and raises Boy Scout sign

Cub Scout

“Senior Patrol Leader, may I cross over?”

Senior Patrol Leader

“What is your name?”

Scout

“My name is *__{first name}__*.”

Senior Patrol Leader

“*__{first name}__*, do you promise to do your best?”

Scout

“On my honor, I will do my best.”

Senior Patrol Leader

“*__{first name}__*, we welcome you into the Boy Scouts. Cross the bridge, and join our circle of friendship.”

Scout crosses the bridge

The Boy Scouts place green shoulder loops on his shirt. A neckerchief is placed around his neck. The Boy Scouts individually welcome him, shake his hand, and escort him to a patrol line. The process repeats for each scout.

Cubmaster

Highlights shadowbox and discuss significance.

The Boy Scouts join hands in a circle, crossed right over left with their new Scout brothers. Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, joined by all Boy Scouts

May the Great Scoutmaster of all scouts
Be with us until we meet again.
May we run the race at a Scouts pace,
Up the trail and to the end.
Good night, scouts!

(Ceremony is concluded)

RECEPTION INVITATION

Cheat sheets:

Den Leader

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Cub Scout

Goodbye Akela. I will continue to obey the law of the pack.