Scout Law

Bridging Ceremony

Any questions or if you have interesting things to add
please call Roy Hollis (602) 989-4605!

Premise:

Opening comments. The Webelos Scouts recite and define each scout law while building the bridge. The Webelos and parents, then cross the bridge to the troop.

Equipment:

Bridge, Bridge Plank Stand (if used)

Setting:

The bridge is center stage with the bridge plank stand to the left of the bridge near the narrator (Den Leader or CubMaster). The Webelos Scouts and Parents are on the left side of the bridge, an assistant Den Leader or parent at the front of the bridge to assist Webelos Scouts with planks. The Scoutmaster and Boy Scouts on the right side of the bridge.

Opening: Leader Narrates

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To become a scout, the scout candidate must take the scout oath. As a part of that oath, he promises to obey the Scout Law. The Scout Law is the foundation of scouting. Its twelve points guide the scout throughout his life. The Scout law is his . . . “Bridge to the Future”!

At this time each cub scout comes forward and takes a plank from the plank stand. The cub recites and defines his given point (i.e. “A Scout is Trustworthy - A scout is responsible and can be trusted to complete a given task.”). He then takes the plank and places it in its spot on the bridge. Parents can help him or an assistant den leader can help.
When the bridge is complete, the Den Leader calls to the Scoutmaster:
“The (Den Name) Den of Pack (Number) is ready to cross the bridge to scouting.”

The Scoutmaster replies with instructions:
(Some troops do not "bridge" parents and may simply call for the Webelos to begin crossing)
As the parent of each cub scout remains involved in the life of their scout, please, have the parents of each scout cross the bridge with their scout.

The tradition of Troop 14 is to present each new scout with the Troop scarf. As each scout prepares to cross the bridge remove their Webelos scarf as a symbol of their graduating to scouting. You can give the Webelos scarf to the parents as a memento. --- TROOP 14 POLICY ; may be different from other troops

Troop (Number) is ready to accept the cub scouts of the (Den Name) Den into Boy Scouts.

(Each scout will be given a troop scarf as he completes crossing. -- TROOP 14 POLICY) Once the scouts have all crossed the bridge, the SPL will administer the Boy Scout Oath as a symbol of their completion of the bridging.

The scouts and parents exit.
Narrator Parts
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A SCOUT IS . . .

TRUSTWORTHY

A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is a part of his code of conduct. People can always depend on him.

LOYAL

A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout Leaders, school, nation, and world community.

HELPFUL

A Scout is concerned about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.
FRIENDLY
A scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs that are different from his own.

COURTEOUS
A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

KIND
A scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not harm or kill anything without reason.
OBEDIENT

A scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

CHEERFUL

A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

THRIFTY

A Scout works to pay his own way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserved natural resources. He carefully uses his time and property.
BRAVE
A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threaten him.

CLEAN
A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

REVERENT
A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful to his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.