

# ARROW OF LIGHT - CUB SCOUT AWARD

## SYMBOLISM OF THE ARROW

Three feathers symbolize the family, pack leadership, and the scout who have all worked together so that a fine young man may always fly straight and true. The arrowhead represents courage and strength. The shaft of the arrow stands for honesty and fairness. The lashing that holds the arrowhead on the shaft represents the friendship that has bound us together in scouting and will bind us together in memory.

<u>COLORS</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>WEBELO ACTIVITY BEADS</u>	
Orange	Tiger	Red Metallic	Physical
Light Blue	Bobcat	Orange Metallic	Community
Red	Wolf	Blue Metallic	Technology
Gold Metallic	Gold Arrow Point	Green Metallic	Outdoor
Silver Metallic	Silver Arrow Point	Purple Metallic	Metal Skills
Green	Bear		
Brown	Webelo		
Yellow	Arrow of Light – The highest level of rank a Cub Scout can earn		

The 6 red and 6 white beads represent the 12 points of the Scout Law. The head of the arrow, which is made of stone and attached with sinew, represents both the strength of the Scouting program and the strength of each scout. The arrow always points forward – to the scout’s future. It points the way to Boy Scouting’s highest achievement – the rank of Eagle Scout – and to the boy’s growing into a man.

In the early Native American culture, the arrow was the symbol of the warrior’s strength and wisdom. Each arrow was custom made, as these arrows are, and it was his key to survival, both in battle and his day-to-day life. Those who were proficient with their arrows became the leaders of their tribe. May this arrow be a symbol of the leadership that we can expect from these boys in the near future.