

## The Burning Scarf Ceremony

PERSONNEL NEEDED: CM, ACM, Webelos Leader, Webelos Scouts, Parents.

EQUIPMENT: Magic solution actually 60% and 40% acetone, candle of truth, Webelos scarf (Emblem Removed) Fire Extinguisher

*Notes: The emblem must be removed off the scarf that you intend to burn. You cannot use a leaders' scarf. The emblem and the cording around the leaders' scarf will soak up too much of the acetone. Clothes hangers are opened and a circle bent into the end, at least two feet long and are used to ensure you do not burn your hands. Safety pins hold the scarf to the hangers. Fireplace gloves can also be used. The magic potion should be put into large peanut butter jar, with a tight fitting cover so it may be used again. The cover is needed to ensure the solution does not evaporate before the ceremony. The jar should be placed in a large basket or box. Have the scarf to be burned already in the jar, in the basket, then when the boy's scarf is put in no one will be the wiser. The scarf you use must be squeezed out, until only damp. Immediately hold the damp scarf over the flame of the candle. Do this very quickly as the acetone will evaporate. It will go into flames for a few seconds and then go out as the acetone is burned. The flame is best seen in a dimly lit room. Watch out for fire detectors.*

ACM: Many moons ago a Webelos brave started on the trail of the Arrow of Light. Much work and many hard hours went into preparation. After many council fires--Akela came forward.

*Drum beats while Akela enters.*

CM AKELA: The great Eagle, bird of truth, has come to me with the names of candidates for the sacred award of the Arrow of Light.

*DRUM BEAT!*

ACM: Will all those who think they are good Webelos Scouts please come to the Council fire. Will the Webelos Leaders and parents also come forward.

*DRUM BEAT!*

AKELA: Brave scouts, I now ask your Webelos Leader if you have tried to follow the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack. Have you learned from the trail of the Bobcat, Wolf and Bear, and, from the tribe of the Webelos?

WEBELOS LEADER: Yes, he has.

AKELA: (*Question is directed toward the scouts*) I now ask you one question. Have you TRIED to do your best?

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SCOUT: Yes, I have.

ACM This is indeed a proud moment for our Pack, when we can see you advance. It symbolizes the cooperation in your pack and in your den. You have shared many experiences and much knowledge. Without this sharing and caring along the trail of the Arrow of Light it would have been far more difficult. Will one parent please take the Webelos scarf from around one scout's shoulders?

Akela: ***(with emphasis)*** I want you to think about the one question I asked you before. You answered Yes, that you had done your best.

If this is true, after we dip this scarf into the magic potion and pass it over the flame of truth it will flame up but will not be consumed by the fire.

### ***Burning of the scarf:***

- ***Akela and Webelos Leader should now take the scarf from the parent.***
- ***Put it in the ceremonial box/container where the acetate and scarf in jar is located.***
- ***Take the wet scarf out of the jar, wring it out. Watch out for the fumes.***
- ***Grab it by the fireplace gloves and then pass it over the candle. This should be done very quickly because the acetone will evaporate very fast once the scarf is opened.***
- ***It will go into flames for a few seconds and then go out as the acetone is burned. The flame is best seen in a dimly lit room. Watch out for fire detectors ☺***

AKELA: See the scarf does not burn, your word is good.

You have indeed done your best.

Welcome to the Brotherhood of the Arrow of Light. Wear it proudly for only few have the honor.