

## “Pay It Forward”, Kind Ceremonies

### ◆ Opening Ceremony

The flag ceremony is led by preassigned Scouters.

They will present the colors and lead the pack in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Scouting Way

Preassigned Scouters perform the opening skit, “The Scouting Way,” which has six speaking roles. If you have more than six Scouts performing the skit, just add additional lines.

**Cub Scout 1:** “Paying forward kindness”

**Cub Scout 2:** “To our environment,”

**Cub Scout 3:** “To the animals,”

**Cub Scout 4:** “To each other,”

**Cub Scout 5:** “Or in a simple act each day,”

**Cub Scout 6:** “Will make our world a better place.”

**All:** “It’s the Scouting way!”

### ◆ Closing

The preassigned Scouters perform the closing ceremony “Being Kind”.

**Cub Scout 1:** “Being KIND is an important point of the Scout Law.”

**Cub Scout 2:** “I will be KIND to my family.”

**Cub Scout 3:** “I will be KIND to my teachers.”

**Cub Scout 4:** “I will be KIND to my friends.”

**Cub Scout 5:** “I will be KIND to the kids in my class.”

**Cub Scout 6:** “I will be KIND to everyone I know.”

**Cub Scout 7:** “I will be KIND to people I don’t know.”

**Cub Scout 8:** “I will be KIND to animals.”

**All:** “I will be KIND to everyone all the time, helping any way I can.”

### ◆ Retire the Flags

### ◆ RECOGNITION

**Adventure Loops and Pins:**

*(Note: Adventure loops and pins can be presented at a meeting or as immediate recognition in the den.)*

By den, call the names of those Cub Scouts who have completed the month’s adventure to come forward.

- Have the den leader pass out the awards to the boys while receiving a Cub Scout handshake from the Cubmaster.
- If time allows, invite the den leader or den chief of the den to speak about the adventure work done for that month and have the den stand and be recognized.
- Use a positive cheer to recognize their accomplishments.

Other options:

- Have the den stand and be recognized or come forward to receive certificates for the adventure they have completed. This option would be appropriate for a den that has already received the adventure loop or pin.
- Adapt the advancement ceremony for the month’s theme into an adventure loop presentation if no rank badges are being presented.

## ◆ RANK ADVANCEMENT

### Pay It Forward and the Domino Effect

#### Materials:

- Large poster board or flip chart
- Markers
- Dominoes (stacked in a row to show the domino effect when the first domino is moved)
- Rank advancement items

**Cubmaster:** “A few years ago, a movie was made called *Pay It Forward*. In the movie, a teacher gives a young boy and his classmates an assignment to do something nice for three people.” (Draw one circle on the poster board or paper, and then draw three lines and circles connecting to the one.)

“The young boy then asked those three people to do something nice for three more people, who would then pay it forward to three others, and so on.” (Draw three additional lines and circles from each of the three original circles.)

“Now we have 13 people doing nice things for others! It’s similar to this row of dominoes that I have stacked up. The first domino touches the second, which touches the third, the fourth, and so on. The movement started by the tipping of the first domino has an effect on all the others.”

“You have been on many cool adventures and have worked very hard while moving forward to earn your rank badges. Your parents and guardians and your den leaders have all helped you to move forward, creating a domino effect to get you where you now are. Think for a moment about your adventures and everything that you did to complete them. Are there other people who were kind and helped you along the way? As Cub Scouts, you have helped pay forward what we stand for in Scouting by being good examples of our Scout Oath and Scout Law to all who you came in contact with. I’m honored to announce the following badges.”

(One rank at a time, call the names of boys earning that rank. For each rank, say, “I ask that Tigers [then

Wolves, Bears, Webelos Scouts, and Scouts earning the Arrow of Light] and their parents and guardians come forward for the presentation of the badges.”)

**Cubmaster:** *(after all boys have received their badges)* “Let’s give all of these Scouts another round of applause from our pack.”