

Instructions for Constructing an Arrow of Light Plaque

There are two main concerns when planning to make this plaque:

First, where are you going to get the arrows with blue and yellow fletching (feathers)? It has been my experience that a few bow and arrow stores will sell wooden shafted arrows, but they quickly sell out. It seems that there are a few Cubmasters out there that buy up every last one of them during the fall of the year. Be aware of this and shop early!

Second, you will not complete a half dozen of these overnight. Plan ahead and get some help to finish them. Our 4th grade Webelos make the plaques for the 5th graders.

Materials List:

Wood 1/2" X 6" X 36" – without knots, we like the look of red oak

Wooden-shafted arrow. Wood works best in case you have to shorten the arrow to fit the plaque, and wood works best if you choose to paint the arrow.

To shorten the arrow – heat the metal tip of the arrow over (not in, it will turn black) a candle flame, then pull it off using a pair of pliers. Cut the arrow to fit, then re-heat the tip and put it back on.

Brass eye-screws, two per plaque. Make sure the eye is large enough for the arrow to pass through.

Brass name plate, engraved. We engrave with Name, Pack Number, and AoL Year. May attach with adhesive or small screws. We purchase from Discount Trophy.

Paint, water-based, we use each color to match the rank patch, gold and silver

Stain and finish for plaque.

Sandpaper, variety.

Paint brushes, or other materials for applying stain and finish.

Picture hanging hardware of your choice.

Make a template using poster board and the pattern attached. Cut out the template and use it to trace (with pencil) the pattern onto the wood. The plaques are cut out on a band saw and a jigsaw. Sand and stain. Let dry completely.

The arrows are sanded if needed, each then painted per each scout's achievements (right up to the last minute). Have each Webelos den leader get a list of their boys achievements and paint using the following code:

Tiger – Orange

Bobcat – Blue

Wolf – Red

Gold Arrow Point – Gold

Silver Arrow Point – Silver

Bear – Aqua Green

Gold Arrow Point – Gold

Silver Arrow Point – Silver

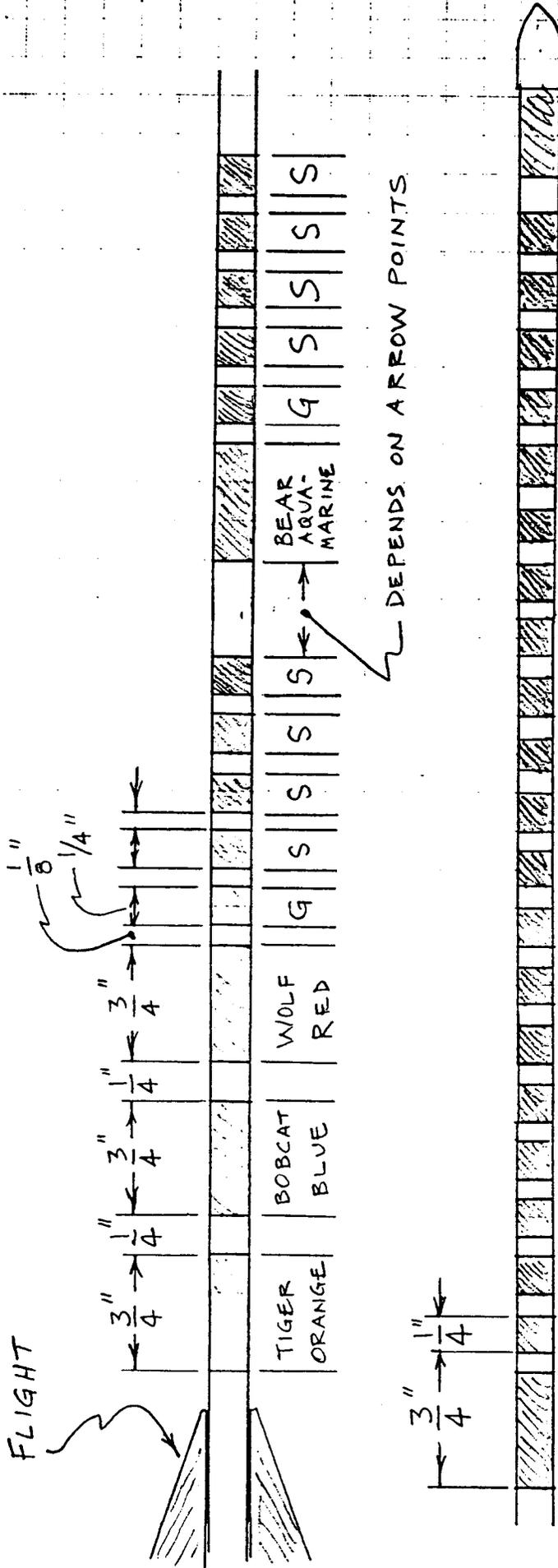
Webelos – Navy Blue

Religious Award – Purple

For example, Jake joined as a Tiger, earned the Bobcat and Wolf with 1 gold and 3 silver arrow points. The he earned Bear rank, 1 gold and 2 silver arrow points. Earned Webelos rand and all 20 activity badges. Earned the religious award.

After modifying the arrow (if needed) the very first thing to do is write the boys name on masking tape and attach to the arrow. Then, using a pencil mark the arrow using the Arrow Painting Guide attached.

Then paint the arrows. Cut and finish the plaques. Attach the eye screws, name plate, and hanger. Slide the arrow into the eye screws and present then to the scouts at an appropriate ceremony.

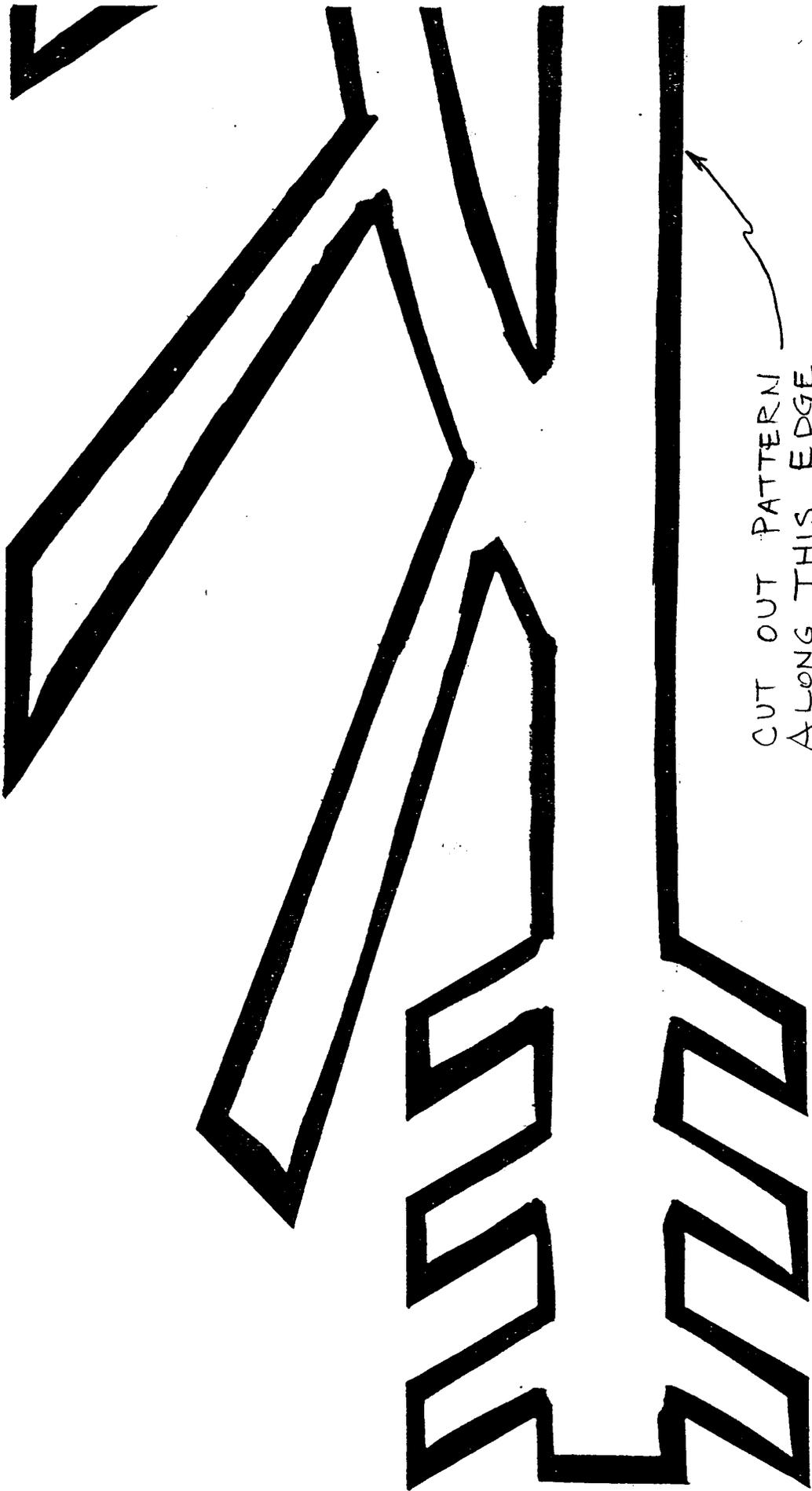


DEPENDS ON ARROW POINTS

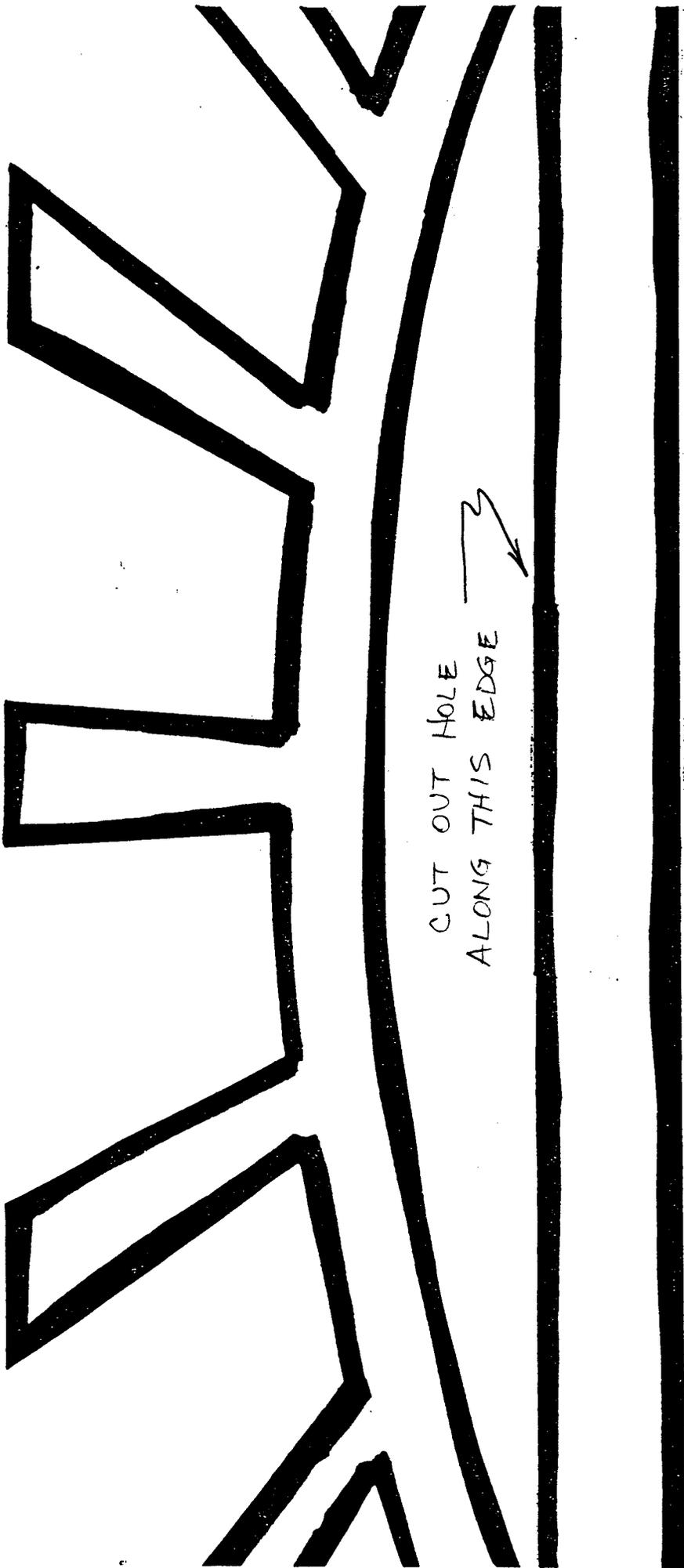
ACTIVITY BADGES - UP TO 20
SLATE GREY

UP TO 3"
YELLOW

- TIGER ORANGE - USE BRIGHT ORANGE
 - BOBCAT BLUE - USE DECOART AMERICANA
 - WOLF RED - "
 - GOLD G - "
 - SILVER S - "
 - BEAR "GREEN" - "
 - WEBELOS BLUE - "
 - ACTIVITY BADGE - !"
- SAPPHIRE 99
 - NAPHTHAL RED DA104
 - GOLD
 - SILVER
 - SEA AQUA DA46
 - NAVY BLUE
 - SLATE GREY DA66

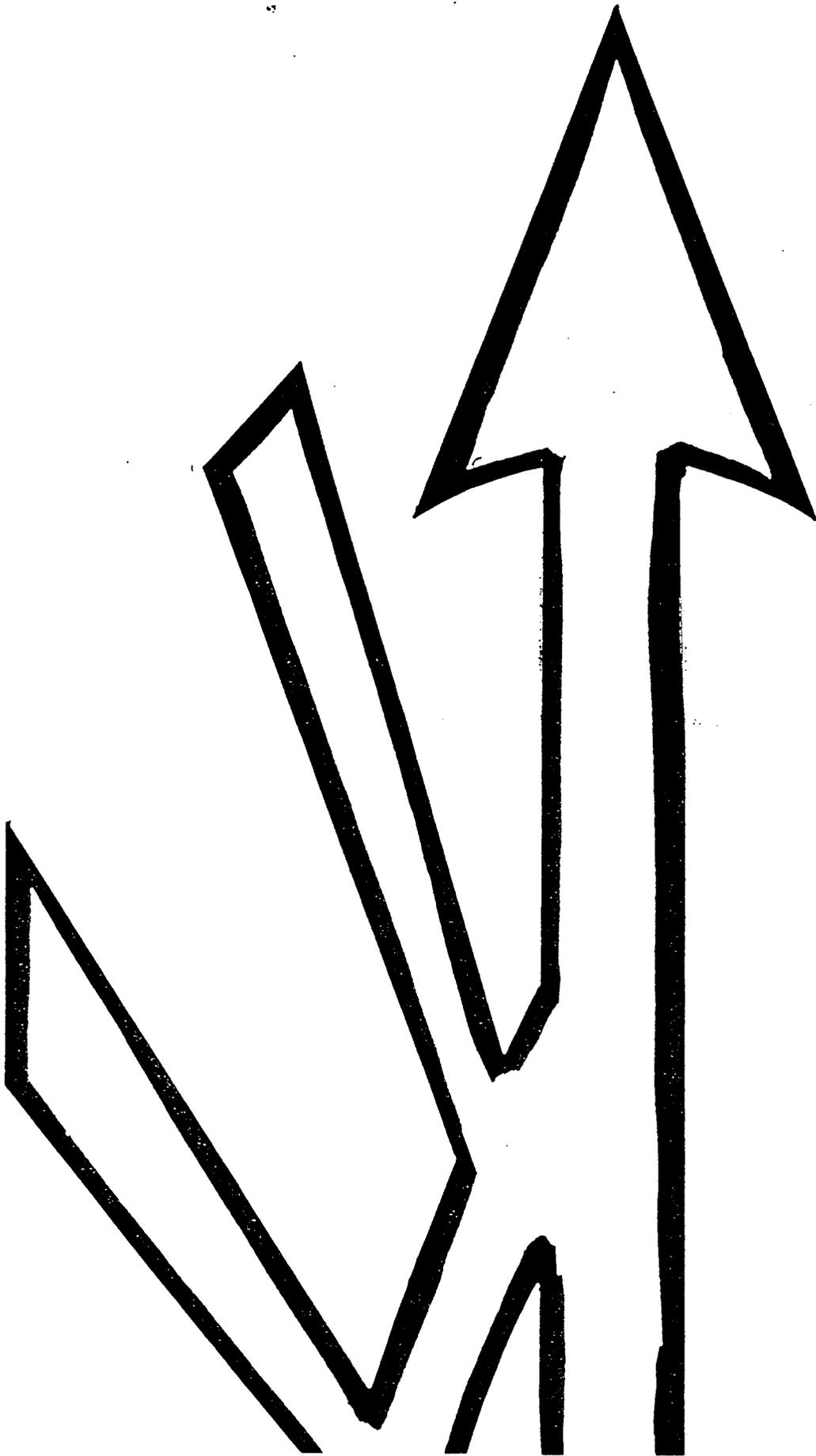


CUT OUT PATTERN
ALONG THIS EDGE



CUT OUT HOLE
ALONG THIS EDGE





Arrow Of Light Ceremony

I understand there are those among us tonight who have earned the Arrow of Light Award, the highest award in Cub Scouting. Will the following Webelos Scouts come forward:

You Webelos Scouts have fulfilled all requirements for Arrow of Light Award. This is your last step in Cub Scouting before entering Boy Scouting. You have already visited a Bou Scout troop and have talked to the Scoutmaster. You well soon go into Boy Scouting, there to be tested again. May you ever be successful. Will you always do your best???

WE WILL!

Before you stands the Arrow of Light. Within the tepee of many braves, this symbol has an honored place. Its shaft is straight and narrow -just as the path that you should follow throughout your life. Tis tip points the way - the way to succes in all that you do. It is pointing to the right - a symbol that nothing should be left undone: if it is within your power to do, see that it is done. And lastly, the symbol of the seven rays of the sun - one the each day of the week - to remind you that every day is a new dya, a day to do your best in everything. A day to honor your God and your country, to do your Good Turn, a new chance to follow the Scout Law and to remember these: ON MY HONOR.

*give out **the** patches now*

Now that you have received the Arrow of Light, let its light shine forth from you. Promise now to set an example for others to follow in your footsteps, set your eye on the Eagle and never waiver. Do you so promise?

WE DO!

It is an honor for me to recognize your acheivement by presenting you with these arrows. Each arrow has been marked with colored rings that show your accomplishments since you began Cub Scouting. You may hang your arrow in your room to remind you of the good times we have had together in Pack We know that you will become worthy members of Boy Scouting when you graduate next month. Boy Scouting will be a grand adventure for each of you.

Arrow of Light - Test of fire

CM: I have the honor of presenting Cub Scouting's highest award, the Arrow of Light, to ___ of our Webelos Scouts. This is not an award easily earned. In addition to the Webelos rank, they must earn certain activity badges, go camping, visit a Boy Scout troop and meet with the Scoutmaster. This they have done.

In the spirit of their achievements, I now light this candle.

As I call your name, please come forward and form a Living Circle.

This Webelos neckerchief represents all of your accomplishments as cub scouts. I join your living circle with it, and as we say the Boy Scout Promise, and if you have done your best as scouts, then your words will protect the neckerchief from the flame of the Test of Fire. But, if only one of you does not deserve the Arrow of Light, then the words you spoke will not protect the neckerchief from the flame and it will be consumed.

The power in these two fluids will also help protect the neckerchief. The first represents the support your parents have given you. The second represents the work each of you has done as scouts.

(Dim the lights, do the test)

You have passed the Test of Fire. I now call forward your Webelos Den Leader to present your award.

Mr. Avers and Mr. Brooks

Scouts, let us honor these Arrow of Light Scouts with the Grand Howl.

Let the Arrow of Light shine forth from you. Promise now to set an example for others who follow in your footsteps, set your eye on the Eagle and never waiver. Do you so promise?

We do!

It is an honor for me to recognize your achievement by presenting you with these arrows. Each arrow has been marked with colored rings that show your accomplishments since you began Cub Scouting. You may hang your arrow in your room to remind you of the good times we have had together in Pack _____. We know that you will become worthy Boy Scouts when you graduate next month. Boy Scouting will be a grand adventure for each of you.