

Investiture of a Tenderpad

This is the most important of all Cub ceremonies. Keep it simple and sincere, but impressive as well so that Cubs enter into it completely. Because they may be nervous and forget a part, it's a good idea to say, "repeat after me" before asking them to make their promise.

Hold the ceremony at the beginning of a regular meeting immediately after the opening Grand Howl. At this time, the pack is mentally and physically ready for a few minutes of quiet attention; the Cubs are still neat and tidy. It makes the evening very special to the new Tenderpads because they realize they are, at last, full-fledged Cubs.

Try to invest Tenderpads as soon as possible after they come into the pack.

It is customary for Akela to conduct the ceremony, but if he or she is absent, another leader may do it. Never hold up an investiture simply because Akela can't be present.

If the Tenderpad wishes, parents and other relatives may be invited to participate in the ceremony. It's a great opportunity for parents to see the pack in action. You may want to involve them in a small way by having one or both come into the circle at the end of the investiture to shake hands with the new Cub and wish him or her well.

The totem is not usually an official part of an investiture. It may be in the circle, but that is all.

Procedure

1. Call the pack to the circle. Tell a short story about the ceremony's importance, particularly to the Cub you are investing. He or she is about to become a member of the worldwide Scouting Movement.
2. Call the Tenderpad into the circle. Have another leader stand just outside the circle holding the Cub's Tenderpad badge/epaulette.

Akela: Do you know the promise, law, motto and Grand Howl of the Wolf Cub pack?"

Tenderpad: "Yes Akela, I do."

Akela: "Are you ready to make the Wolf Cub promise?"

Tenderpad: "Yes Akela, I am."

3. Call the pack to the alert and have Cubs salute as the Cub makes his promise. This is their way of renewing their own promise. Akela and the Tenderpad also salute at this time.

Akela: "Repeat after me." (Cub repeats line for line)

"I promise to do my best,
To love and serve God
To do my duty to the Queen
To keep the law of the Wolf Cub pack,
And to do a good turn for somebody every day."

4. After taking the promise, Akela says, "Thank you, (new Cub's name). Pack steady." At this time, the pack drops their hands.

Akela: "I trust you to do your best to keep this promise. You are now a Wolf Cub and a member of the worldwide Scouting Movement."

5. Place the Tenderpad epaulettes on the Cub's shirt and give the new Cub a firm left handshake. Akela and Cub then salute each other. The Cub turns and salutes the members of the pack; they salute in turn to welcome him/her to their ranks. The Cub then joins a six.
6. The ceremony ends with the Grand Howl.