

Flame Of Knowledge Ceremony

Setup: A darkened room. The Flame of Knowledge is sitting burning on the center of the table. The Flame Of Knowledge looks like it has been around for hundreds of year. The Webelos Scouts and their parents are lined up near the Cub Master who is standing beside the flame.

Cubmaster (CM): The flame you see before you represents the Boy Scout Flame of Knowledge. It has been around since the founding of the Boy Scout movement by Lord Sir Baden Powell. It has certainly seen a lot of scouting throughout the years. You Webelos Scouts who are bridging over to Boy Scouts have shown me that you bring with you a hunger for Knowledge. The Scouting program offers you a special kind of knowledge that will serve you well as you walk the difficult road to your final goal, that of Eagle Scout.

(CM) Takes up another candle from the table where the Flame of Knowledge sits and holds it near the Flame but does not light it yet.

Assistant Cubmaster(ACM): The Boy Scout Flame of Knowledge never goes out as long as there are people who are willing to seek knowledge. It burns eternally in the mind of Humankind as a beacon, casting it's rays to guide us as we seek a higher level of understanding or our world.

(CM): Lights new single candle, saying:

This candle represents a Youth who seeks knowledge. Each of you Webelos here with me tonight is that Youth.

(CM): Hands the newly-lit candle to the nearest Webelos Scout, saying:

You have sought to continue building upon your Scouting knowledge by finding a Boy Scout Troop that will help you gain your ample portion of this special knowledge. Take custody of this Flame.

(CM): Places candle in the closest boy's hand.

(CM): Hold this sacred Flame for a moment and then transfer this Flame to the next Webelos Scout. Hand it around from boy to boy until it reaches the last one of you in line who will return it to me.

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(ACM): *As the Flame is transferred from Scout to Scout:*
Knowledge, once gained, must be shared. Fathers pass knowledge to sons, each Boy Scout must pass on to other Scouts what he has learned. As you grow more experienced in Scouting, we will ask you to begin to return to Scouting some of what you have received from it. Work diligently as you pass down your Trail to Eagle Scout and you will learn much that you can share with the others who come after you. Remember that you will only receive from Scouting only what you put into it. **We challenge you** to work hard so that you will have much to give back.

When the candle has made it's way back to the (CM), he places the second candle in a holder that was placed well away from the original Flame.

After a moment, the CM blows out the second candle with a loud noisy action to add emphasis. The noise is the Breeze Of Laziness.

NOTE: The Flame of Knowledge is left burning.

(CM): Young Scouts, See how easily that Youth's Flame was extinguished by the Breeze of Laziness?

(ACM) Don't let Laziness extinguish the Flame of Knowledge that burns in your own mind. Cherish your Flame by always doing your best, by asking questions when you don't understand, and by living up to the Scout Oath and Law.

[Pause for effect.]

ACM But, notice how the Boy Scout Flame of Knowledge that burns in the mind of Humankind is still lit? From it you may always relight your own flame should the Breeze of Laziness blow too hard and snuff out your own Flame.

CM Never stop learning. Never give the Breeze of Laziness a chance to puff out your flame, let it never slow you on your path to Eagle Scout and manhood.