

## BSA History Advancement Ceremony

**Props:** fog machine – since this may have a negative effect on those with asthma, check with the parents in your pack before doing this one to make sure you won't have any asthma attacks.

Will the following Scouts and their parents please come forward . *(read names)*

*After scouts and parents take their places, start fog machine.*

One day in 1909 in London, England, An American Visitor, William D. Boyce, lost his way in a dense fog. He stopped under a street lamp and tried to figure out where he was.

A boy approached him and asked if he could be of help.

"You certainly can," said Boyce. He told the boy that he wanted to find a certain business office in the center of the city.

"I'll take you there," said the boy.

When they got to the destination, Mr. Boyce reached into his pocket for a tip.

But, the boy stopped him. "No thank you, sir. I am a Scout. I won't take anything for helping."

"A Scout? And what might that be?" asked Boyce.

The boy told the American about himself and about his brother scouts. Boyce became very interested.

After finishing his errand, he had the boy take him to the British Scouting office.

At the office, Boyce met Lord Robert Baden-Powell, the famous British general who had founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain.

Boyce was so impressed with what he learned that he decided to bring Scouting home with him.

On February 8, 1910, Boyce and a group of outstanding leaders founded the Boy Scouts of America. The purpose, he said, "Shall be to promote, through organization, and cooperation with other agencies, the ability of boys to do things for themselves and others, to train them in Scoutcraft, and to teach them patriotism, courage, self-reliance, and kindred virtues, using the methods which are in common use by Boy Scouts."

And now, nearly 100 years later, here we stand as we recognize these boys for their hard work in advancing down the path of Scouting. The path of Cub Scouting includes Bobcat, Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, and the highest award of Cub Scouting – the Arrow of Light. The path does not end there but

continues on into Boy Scouts where there are more ranks to earn including the highest Boy Scout award – that of the Eagle Scout.

*Announce boys' names and rank achieved & give boys their awards.*

Boys, you will see attached to your award a small pin. This pin is for your parents because they have also done a lot of work in helping you to earn your award. When they wear this pin they will show everyone how proud they are of your accomplishment.