

ADVANCEMENT CEREMONY 2006

Tonight is a special night. Through badges and neckerchiefs, sticks and sand, and the colors of Cub Scouting, we recognize and applaud the journey that has taken place during the last year.

As the parents of Pack 507, we are responsible for, and encourage, not only our own sons but all the boys in the Pack. As a symbol of that responsibility, I would ask the following:

Starting [here], please read the name on the stick that you hold and shake the hand of that Cub Scout when he comes to retrieve the stick. Cub Scouts: when your name is called, retrieve your stick, give a firm handshake, and place your stick at your new, higher level on the Pack 507 board. And then return to your spot.

Den Leaders: Please step forward. You are the heart and the soul of Pack 507. In honor of the past and in anticipation of the future, I hereby make the follow marks:

To the past, to the future

I would now ask the den leaders to make the mark of the past and the future on each scout in their den.

Parents, you have received the badge – whether it be Tiger, Wolf, Bear, or Webelo – that your son has earned this year. It is a special moment to share with your son your pride in his accomplishments. I would now ask you to do three things: please

award the badge to your son, remove his old neckerchief, and replace it with his new neckerchief – symbolizing his new and higher status within Cub Scouting.

There is one final task. Each Cub Scout will receive the sands of time to add to the Jar of Sands. Orange Sand for those who were Tigers, Yellow Sand for those who were Wolves, Blue Sand for those who were Bears, and Red Sand for those who were First Year Webelos. Please put your sand in the Jar of Sands and then return to your seat.

Pack 507 has gathered the Orange Sand of the Tiger, the Yellow Sand of the Wolf, the Blue Sand of the Bear, and the Red Sand of the Webelo. Those sands are different – like the scouts who come in different sizes, shapes, colors, and backgrounds – but, when mixed together [shake Jar of Sands] they represent all that is good about Scouting.