Arrow

Category Time to allocate (mins)

Yarn

5

Leader 1: Take a look at this arrow I have here. Notice it is made of strong wood to withstand the stress of doing its work. A good cub or scout also needs to be made of strong character to overcome challenges and hardships.

Cub 1: It is also sharp. A good cub is sharp in a different way - he uses his head and figures things out.

Scout 1: The arrow is also straight so it can follow a true path in flight. A good Scout uses his faith and conscience to maintain a true path through life.

Leader 2: Cubs and Scouts are a lot like this arrow. What can I do with this arrow? Is it useful as it is? No, something's missing, isn't it? In order to use this arrow, I need a bow - the energy to make it fly to its target. Without a bow, the arrow is a wasted tool.

Story

Leader 3: Everything a Cub or Scout has learned in Cub Scouts is like this arrow. Your knowledge and skills are good and useful, but without a way to put it to use, it's kind of wasted. It's like having a nice arrow and just hanging it on the wall instead of using it with a bow as it should be used.

Scout 2: By achieving your badges and working through the Cub and Scout's trail, you are designing and crafting your own bow - you are giving yourself a way to use your scouting skills. As you continue in scouting, you will constantly refine your bow, making it stronger and more accurate. You will learn more skills, filling your quiver with many strong arrows. By the time you become a Springbok Scout, you will be well prepared for anything the world throws at you. Just as the yeoman of old were expert with bow and arrow, you will be better scouts, leaders and friends.

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