

Pack 180 Wolf/Bear Ceremony

(The lights are turned off, the fire is lit, and the drum starts. The Cubmaster and Asst. Cubmaster walk toward the front. The Cubmaster gives the Cub Scout sign and the drum falls silent.)

Cubmaster: The Indians believed in animal spirits. These spirits helped the Indians and gave them special powers. It was good to have the strength from many animal spirits. But, each Indian also had a main spirit. The Indian would not reveal who his guardian spirit was unless he was near death.

Asst. Cubmaster: One advantage to spending time alone in the wilderness is that you might meet your spirit animal. And, to meet your spirit animal is to make your life more complete. An Indian might be canoeing alone across a lake, when he spies a wolf on the shore. And as the wolf or bear looks into his eyes, he'll just know that that's his spirit animal. Of course, you can only meet your spirit animal when you're alone.

Cubmaster: The wolf is one of the smartest animals in the woods and is very loyal to the pack. Because of this, the pack is much stronger than the wolf by itself. The bear is wise, and this wisdom will serve our braves well. The wolf and bear leaders give us guidance—when to work, when to learn, when to play. Do we have any cubs that have earned the mark of the wolf?

Asst. Cubmaster: Yes, we have (number). They have learned how to handle tools and how to display the flag; they know how to be healthy and safe. They have learned to serve in the community and to conserve energy. They are physically active and like to read. They have fun with their families and have collected useful and beautiful things. They obey our country's laws and worship God.

Cubmaster: Do we have any cubs that have earned the mark of the bear?

Asst. Cubmaster: Yes, we have (number). On their way to learning about themselves, their family, their country, and God, they have taken part in many activities in the Pack. They have gained wisdom from the bear.

Cubmaster: Bring them and their parents forward so I may award them with the honor they have earned.

Den Leader (Wolf then Bear): Will (names) please come forward with their parents?
(Asst. Cubmaster hands badge to parents.)

Cubmaster: Parents, would be please present your son his badge? Please attach the badge to his uniform upside down. Once he performs a good deed, it may be permanently attached right side up.

Cubmaster: These boys deserve a cheer for their hard work. Let's hear a loud wolf howl or bear growl!