



# Bridgings and Beadings

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# Bridging

## Q: What is a “Boy Scout Bridging Ceremony”?

A ceremony for 2nd year Webelos Scouts who have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are going into a Boy Scout Troop. In some packs the parents and Webelos Scout literally stand on one side of a small handmade bridge and some adult leaders and Boy Scouts from the troop the Webelos Scout is transitioning into stand on the other side of the bridge. During the ceremony each Webelos Scout and his parents physically walk over the bridge...symbolizing his AMG 1/2011 “bridging from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts”. The Boy Scouts and adult leaders welcome the new scout, give him his Boy Scout shoulder loops and say a few words. Some packs choose to hold the “Bridging” during their Blue and Gold Banquet, some choose not to.





## That is kind of basic...

- **Do you need a bridge?**
  - Not really. It can be as simple as walking across a stage.
- **Should you have a bridge?**
  - Yes. It helps to signify the transition between the programs.





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**Q: My feeder Pack does it with Adults too.  
Is that allowed?**

**Yeppers!**

**It is a great way to show the Pack that a change of leadership has happened. It clearly sets the tone for the new Leader that they are stepping up and shows the entire organization who is in that position. No mystery here folks!**





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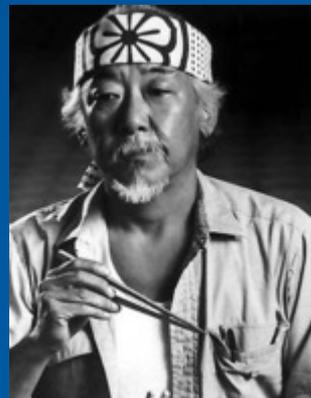


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## Q: Should we do this during the Troop meeting?

Make it meaningful. The Adult Leader has just finished a very long journey to get here. However, a recommendation is to do this with the Court of Honor. This is the Adult version of the Eagle Scout award. Some will take the full 18 months to complete, some will do it in less time. Once they have completed the journey, your Unit has been the beneficiary of their service. Recognize them and **CELEBRATE** the achievement.

As Mr. Miyagi would say, “Small price to pay.”





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**Q: We have to plan the ceremony and get stuff?**

**No, you don't. The Wood Badge Scoutmaster or their designate will handle that. Just give them the room on your schedule. After all, EVERY Leader should be Wood Badge trained. Make it a party and it makes it an easier time to get your Leaders to the training. Ultimately, the Unit benefits and that makes for a stronger Unit and better Scouts.**





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## Top 10 List of “What You Get Out of Wood Badge!”

1. You receive an exclusive McLaurin Tartan Neckerchief and a fabulous woggle construction experience.
2. Unlimited opportunities for harmonious interaction with fellow Wood Badgers.
3. Excellent TEAM BUILDING skills and challenges.
4. Access to some BODACIOUS networking from a very diverse experience pool.
5. Learning while having FUN!
6. Gaining the education needed to ENABLE you to manage projects, strengthen your Unit, and promote the Patrol Method within Scouting.
7. A professionally administered program offered in a living, breathing, coffee and coke drinking, candyeating, laughing, and Scouting way!
8. Valuable training on CONFLICT RESOLUTION and PROBLEM SOLVING that you can incorporate into all aspects of your life.
9. The most incredible FRIENDSHIPBUILDING opportunity you will ever experience!
10. An AWESOME Beading Ceremony when you complete your tickets and lifelong recognition as a Wood Badge recipient.





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## When are the next Wood Badge trainings?

Course	Location	Session 1	Session 2	Price
Spring 2019	Camp Durant	March 8-10, 2019	March 29-31, 2019	\$250
Fall 2019	Camp Durant	September 6-8, 2019	September 27-29, 2019	\$250





# Questions

