



THE GRAND HOWL

Each Cub Scout in the Circle squats, touching the fingers of both hands (each one making the fingered Cub Scout Sign) to the ground between the feet. Then like young wolves, the Cub Scouts raise their heads and give a long howl: "Ah-h-kay-y-la! We-e-e;ll do-o-o ou-u-r best!" As the last word "best" is yelled very sharply, everyone jumps to his feet, raises his hands high above his head and gives the Cub Scout sign.

This circle could be formed with a guest of honor, for example a leader or a Cub Scout having a birthday, in the middle.

This could be used as an opening to lead into the Pledge of allegiance and the Cub Scout Promise or Law of the Pack.

The Grand Howl could be used as a closing to a den or pack meeting.

THE LIVING CIRCLE

The living circle can be used alone or as part of a ceremony at a den or pack meeting. It is made by a den and its leaders in a close circle facing inward. They turn slightly to the right in the circle and each extends his left hand into the circle, palm downward and left thumb pointing to the right.

Each person grasps the extended left thumb of the person to his left - thus making a complete living circle handclasp. Meanwhile, the right hand of each is held high above the head in the Cub Scout Sign.

The living circle is the simplest kind of ceremony and can be put into action by pumping all the left hands up and down while the Cub Scouts say "Ah-h-kay-y-la! We-e-e'll do-o-o ou-u-r best!" snapping into a circle of individual salutes at the word best.

A word of caution - Don't use the living circle until the Cub Scouts tire of it.

The living circle can be used as a patriotic ceremony, to stress Cub Scout ideals, a den leader's minute, a group prayer, a song, or a flag ceremony.