

PIONEER AWARD CEREMONY

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Cubmaster and assistant Cubmaster are at the front of the room, wearing cowboy hats and holding stick horses as if they are riding them.

Cubmaster: "Well howdy folks! We are here tonight to celebrate the achievements of our Cub Scouts, and to recognize the pioneer spirit that inspired them. It looks like we've got a whole herd of awards to give out tonight. Are we ready to get started?"

Assistant Cubmaster: "Hold on there, partner! I'm afraid we've hit a bit of a snag. You see, we left the awards on the chuck wagon that stayed behind to fix its axle. What are we going to do?"

Cubmaster: "Well, I guess there's only one solution for this. Looks like you'll have to saddle up and go fetch them."

Assistant Cubmaster: "You can count on me, Cubmaster! I'll ride hard and fast to get those awards."

Assistant Cubmaster rides off on a stick horse to "fetch" the awards. The Cubmaster dismounts and ties his "horse" to a chair or pole.

Cubmaster: "Now, don't you worry, Cub Scouts. Our Assistant Cubmaster may be facing a mighty tough challenge, but just like the pioneers who traveled westward, they never give up. That's a lesson we can all learn from."

Assistant Cubmaster rides in on a stick horse carrying a Dutch oven filled with the awards.

Cubmaster: "That's some mighty fine work, partner. Now let's get these awards into the hands of the Cub Scouts who earned them."

The Cubmaster then calls each Cub Scout and their parent or guardian to the front of the room to receive their award. The Cubmaster should call each Cub Scout by name and say a little about what they did to earn the award.

Cubmaster: "Congratulations to all who earned awards. Your hard work and dedication have paid off, and you should be proud of yourself. The pioneers who traveled westward faced many challenges and obstacles, but they never gave up. They showed perseverance, resourcefulness, and bravery, and you have shown those same qualities in your own journey as a Cub Scout."

Cubmaster: "Now, let's give these Cub Scouts a round of cowpoke applause!"

The audience raises one hand in the air, as if waving a hat, and says "Whoopie!"