**NUTS AND BOLTS OF CEREMONIES**

(a quick reference guide)

**Ceremony Recipes**

You know when you go to a party and someone brings a dish that you thought you just loved and then you try to find out what person brought that dish? Well preparing ceremonies can achieve the same kind of results. With a little planning and creativity, you can serve up a dish of memorable fun.

**The What's and Why's of Ceremonies**

Ceremonies are a means of recognition, creating a setting for your theme or sending out a special thought.

1. Recognizing the boys, parents, helpers of your program and speakers that come to your unit. Everyone needs a "pat on the back."
2. Creating a setting for your theme by the use of opening, advancement, recognition and closing ceremonies.
3. Special messages are a time during your program that you want to

get a point across: i.e. Cubmasters Minute.

Ceremonies connect experiences, and give an anchor to memorable times.

1. Keep them simple
2. Keep them meaningful
3. Keep them moving

Ceremonies are for almost any occasion

1. Starting or ending a meeting
2. Advancement
3. Change or reinforcement

Ceremonies are for everyone

1. Scouts
2. Leaders
3. Families

Ceremonies are like good recipes

1. Flexible ingredients
2. Best when practiced
3. Successful when correctly planned

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