



Example moving on ceremony (Beavers to Cubs)

Remember, this is only one example of how a moving on ceremony might be done. There are many other ways to carry out the ceremony – people just need to celebrate their time in Cubs, be welcomed to Scouts, and remember that Scouts is a journey.

1. The Beaver Colony stands in two wiggly lines to form a human riverbank. At one end, the Beaver Scout Section Leader stands with the people who are moving on.
2. At the other end of the river, the Cub Scout Section Leader stands with the Cub Pack. The Cubs are in a circle with an opening at the mouth of the river.
3. The Beaver Scout Section Leader says a few words, highlighting everything the people moving on have learned and enjoyed at Beavers, and wishing them well at Cubs. They might give them their Moving On Award.
4. The Beaver Scout Section Leader and the people moving on walk up the middle of the river. The Beavers on each side might cheer, clap, or say or sing a rhyme.
5. The people moving up meet the Cub Scout Section Leader at the other end of the river with a left handed handshake. The leader might remind everyone that this is a traditional way to greet another Scout as a sign of trust and membership of the world Scout family.
6. The ceremony might end with some time for reflection, or the Grand Howl.

Rhymes

You don't have to use a rhyme, but you could include one of these, adapt one for your group, or create your own.

I swim up the river and over a dam

No longer a Beaver, but a Cub I am.

As a Beaver Scout my work is done,

So look out Cub Scouts here I come.

Across the river now I swim,

Held by a rope to pull me in.

So help me Cub Scouts, help me do,

Pull me across to be with you.