



Glowing Water Ceremony Leader Resource Sheet

What is the Glowing Water Ceremony?

The Glowing Water Ceremony, known also as the Magic Water Ceremony, is an awe-inspiring way to celebrate accomplishments such as attaining the Bobcat rank. The ceremony is part Scout Spirit, part magic, and simply fun. Telling a good story is what helps the ceremony work. The story leads up to finding out if a scout has “Scout Spirit” or if an adult as “the Spirit of Akela”.

The Story

Customize the story to the occasion and your story telling personality. The important elements to include in the story are that 1) there are special springs that experienced Scout Leaders find 2) the water of these springs has the magic property of revealing Scout Spirit and, 3) ask specifically if they are worthy (or do they have the Scout Spirit) so they answer first before you put the Scout Spirit Water in their water.

Maximum glow is important. Conduct the ceremony with the lights off as much as possible. This is also a wonderful ceremony to do outside. You may need a small book light to see enough so you can get the drops in the vials.

Bobcat Version:

You may have heard the legend that there are places in the wilderness where Scout Spirit is strong. So strong, eventually it changes things. This legend is true. I know of one of the places. There is a special spring that revealed itself to me as your Cub Master and I was able to collect Spirit of Scouting water. The legend says these springs are all over the world, and they pull experienced scouters to them. Often, they are led there by tracks such as Bobcat tracks, wolf tracks, bear tracks, and in some parts of the world even tiger tracks. I did see Bobcat tracks, plain as day, leading to the spring. I have some of this special water that will tell me if you are worthy of the Bobcat rank. When I add my water to yours, we will be able to see if you have Scout Spirit. Are you ready? **Do you have Scout Spirit?**

(Carefully put drops into their vial. Do not touch the dropper to the top of their vial.)

The Preparation

Materials:

- Glow stick with clear fluids only.
 - Color fluids like red and yellow will not work.
 - Cochlands 8-hour blue glow stick
- Duct tape



- Small vials (4-5 per ceremony)
- Vial with Eye Dropper



- Tools:
 - Small pliers or scissors
 - Sharp knife
- Paper Towel



- Ceremony box to put vials/dropper in once prepared. Use something you have. This is a simple “cigar box” bought at a craft store with a Cub Sticker and blue felt lining added.
- Small zip lock backs for scouts to put their vials in (in the event of leakage).

Preparation Steps (See Video Demonstration):

1. Carefully cut open glow stick.
2. Pour fluid surrounding the glass tube into 4-5 small vials (this is the “ordinary” water the ceremony participants hold). Put the caps on.

3. Remove the fragile glass tube from the glow stick. Wrap a top section with duct tape, at the fluid line. Snip off the top of the glass tube.
4. Pour the fluid from the tube into the eye-dropper vial. This is the Scout Spirit water.
5. Put the ceremony vials into an attractive container to keep them safe and add reverence to the event.
6. Give scouts a small zip lock bag to put their vials in after the ceremony.