

Of course, open the meeting with a loud : “Alo-HA!” The audience responds with the same back to you.

Tell briefly about the alternate Polynesian animal life below and make connections between them and the rank being given. Put one lei (with the rank) around the boy’s neck, and one lei (with the mother’s pin) in his hand, which he turns around to put onto his mother’s neck.

BOBCAT: **Geckos** are unique among lizards in their vocalizations. Many species are well known for their specialized toe pads that enable them to climb walls. The House Gecko is a welcomed indoor guest, as they feed on insects, including mosquitoes. Unlike most lizards, geckos are usually nocturnal and are great climbers.

WOLF: The Polynesian Wolf is a general term for the **Dingo**. The Dingo is a breed that has never been fully domesticated. Obedience training is best accomplished by kindness, patience, and a firm but gentle hand. They are said to be able to perform agility and general obedience. The dingo has some unusual traits - a great tree climber and at times a bit aloof. Should get plenty of exercise, taking long walks each day.

BEAR: Maori Symbols: **Papahu** (Maori Dolphin). The dolphin is a Maori symbol of protection. Schools of dolphins were reported to attack sharks circling around canoes. The dolphin shows affinity with the sea and nature in general. Resembles a free spirit. Nowadays the dolphin represents protection on all types of travelers.

WEBELOS: Webelos are a fictional ancient Indian tribe, and the boys are Webelos braves. The natives on Fiji, Samoa, and Tonga welcome and accept their visitors into their society with a Kava Ceremony. Kava is a white root that is prepared into a drink that relaxes, apparently by intoxication so we don’t use Kava here. I thought to use a white fruit called Guava (rather than a white root called Kava - it rhymes), but decided that with Cub Scouts and with allergies, sticking to water would be the best option. Rather than serving the liquid in half-coconut shells, I will put the liquid in white, small bowls to drink from.

CM:

Webelos who've already earned your Webelos rank, please come up front and sit cross-legged in a circle on the floor, leaving a space for \_\_\_\_\_ people.

New Webelos, please escort your parents, and join the Webelos in circle, sitting cross-legged. / New Webelos and parents, clap your hands 3 times. / Take this bowl in your hands, but don’t drink the liquid yet. (hand each guest their bowl of liquid) / New Webelos and parents, greet those in your circle by saying, “Bola”

Webelos say “Bola” in return.

There is a right way to drink, and a wrong way to drink, so do as I say. Drink your liquid - all of it in one swig. Drink it now.

Webelos, now that they are finished, together say, “Uuummuuh” and clap 3 times.

New Webelos and parents, hand back the bowl and show your gratitude by clapping 3 times.