

TATANKA TRADITIONS

ACHIEVEMENT THONG KIT INSTRUCTIONS

Included for each kit ordered:

leather thong
brass cones
hackle feathers
pony beads

Tools you will need:

record of boy's Cub Scout ranks achieved
needle nose pliers
small amount of white glue
sharp scissors

Achievement thong can be completed on the Honor Arrow or carefully hitched to arrow after assembled.



1. Cut ends of leather thong at an angle to facilitate threading beads and brass cones.
2. Fold thong in half and form a half hitch over the arrow shaft. Adjust as needed to have both sides of thong hang even, then tighten on shaft.
3. One side of the lace references the primary ideals in the Boy Scout Promise – duty to God and country and helping others. God is represented by a purple bead, country by red, white and blue. Gold beads represent service to others.
4. The other side reflects ranks that a boy has earned during his time in Cub Scouts. Included are a yellow (Lion), orange (Tiger), royal blue (Bobcat), red (Wolf), light blue (Bear), green (Webelos), and brown (Arrow of Light). Each thong can be further personalized by adding your own beads to represent additional specific achievements your pack may wish to recognize.
5. When beads have been strung, brass cones are added. Once secured, they are not easily reused, so check that beads have been strung as desired. Insert thong end into the small end of the brass cone. If you wish to shorten the overall length, push beads and cones up the thong to desired location. Turn the cone so the seam is at the back, and adjust the position of the cones so they are even. The number of beads on each thong will differ but placing the cones at the same position of each thong will add symmetry. With the cones in final position, use needle nose pliers squeeze to top ¼" of the cone so it closes flat on the leather thong. Repeat with the other thong. Trim extra thong if you decided to shorten.
6. Select 2 feathers per cone. Insert quill ends into the open end of the brass cone and arrange them as desired. Holding the 2 feathers together in the desired position, put a dab of white glue on the quill ends, then reinsert into bottom of cone. When glue is dry, thong is complete.