



The first rank that your boy will earn as a Cub Scout is Bobcat. *All Cub Scouts must first earn the Bobcat badge* before they can move on to the trail of their peers (2nd grade [Wolf](#), 3rd grade [Bear](#), 4th & 5th grade [Webelos](#)). Along the Bobcat trail are the [Cub Scout Promise](#), the [Law of the Pack](#), and the [Cub Scout motto](#). These are the three most important things a Cub Scout must learn because they will help him through all of the trails of Scouting.

When you and your Cub Scout have followed the [eight tracks](#) of the Bobcat, he may wear his Bobcat badge. It will be presented at the pack meeting.

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Bobcat Requirements

Track #1 - Learn and say the Cub Scout Promise

<p>I, ... (name) ..., promise to do my best</p> <p>To do my duty to God and my country,</p> <p>To help other people, and</p> <p>To obey the Law of the Pack.</p>
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Words	Meaning
I promise to do my best:	When you say you will do something, that is a promise. To do your best means to try as hard as you can.
To do my duty to God:	Put God first. Do what you know God wants you to do.
And my country:	Do what you can for your country. Be proud that you are an American.
To help other people:	Do things for others that would help them.
To obey the Law of the Pack:	Be a good Cub Scout. Be proud that you are one

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Track #2 - Say the Law of the Pack. Tell what it means.

The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

Words	Meaning
The Cub Scout follows Akela:	Akela (Ah-KAY-la) is a good leader. Your mother or father is Akela. In the pack, your Cubmaster is Akela. Your den leader is Akela. At school, your teacher is Akela.
	Come to all the meetings. Do

The Cub Scout helps the pack go:	what you can to help. Think of others in the pack.
The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow:	You can have fun when you are a part of the pack. Learn things from others. Do things with them.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill:	Smile. Be happy. Do things that make others happy. They don't have to be big things. Little things help, too.

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Track #3 - Tell what Webelos means.

Webelos is a Cub Scout secret. Cub Scouts know the secret. It is:

- **We**'ll
- **Be**
- **Loyal**
- **Scouts**

Being loyal means that you will keep the Cub Scout Promise.

The Webelos Arrow of Light points the right way to go every day of the week. That is why the sun has seven rays - one for each day



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Track #4 - Show the Cub Scout sign. Tell what it means.

Make the sign like Garfield does. Use your right hand and hold your arm straight up.

The two fingers stand for two parts of the Promise - "to help other people" and "to obey." They look like a wolf's ears ready to listen to Akela.



Give the Cub Scout Sign when you say the Cub Scout Promise or the Law of the Pack.

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Track #5 - Show the Cub Scout handshake. Tell what it means.

Here's how to shake hands with another Cub Scout. Hold out your right hand just as you always do to shake hands. Put your first two fingers along the inside of the other boy's wrist.

This means that you help and that you obey the Law of the Pack.

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Track #6 - Say the Cub Scout motto. A motto is a rule.

DO YOUR BEST is the Cub Scout motto.

It means:

- When you play a game, do your best to help your team.
- When you study in school, do your best to learn from your teacher.
- When you help at home, do your best to help your family.

Whatever you do, do your best.

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Track #7 - Give the Cub Scout salute. Tell what it means.

Salute with your right hand. Hold your fingers as you do for the Cub Scout sign. Keep the two straight fingers close together. Touch the tips of those fingers to your cap. If you are not wearing a cap, touch your right eyebrow.

A salute is a way to show respect. We salute the flag to show respect to our country.

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Track #8 - With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the booklet *How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse*.

The booklet is located inside the front part of the Cub Scout Book (Wolf, Bear, and Webelos books). There are two sections to the booklet. The first section is for the parent or guardian. It contains information about child abuse and provides some tips to help parents talk about child abuse with their Cub Scout-age son. The second section is for the parent to share with the son. It begins with a few simple exercises for you to complete together as part of his requirements for the Bobcat badge. The second section also contains some optional activities for the Cub Scout.