

# The First Rank For All BOYS – Bobcat

The Bobcat rank is the first badge awarded a new Cub Scout. As a new member, he may work on his Bobcat rank requirements while simultaneously working on his next rank as well. He cannot, however, receive his Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, or Arrow of Light badges until he has completed Bobcat requirements and earned his Bobcat badge. Boys can normally earn their Bobcat badge well within the first month of becoming a Cub Scout.

You as parents can help! Practice the requirements with him, he will also work with other boys during his den meetings. Requirement 7 is a home-based requirement.

## Bobcat Requirements

1. Learn and say the Scout Oath, with help if needed.

### Scout Oath

**On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country**

**and to obey the Scout Law:  
To help other people at all times;**

**To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.**



The meaning of the Scout Oath.

### **On my honor I will do my best**

Saying "On my honor" is like saying "I promise." It means that you will do your best to do what the Scout Oath says.

The Scout Oath has three promises.

### **To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law:**

A duty is something you are expected to do. At home, you might be expected to make up your bed or take out the trash. You also have a duty to God and to your country. You do your duty to God by following the teachings of your family and their religious leaders. You do your duty to your country by being a good citizen and obeying the law. You also promise to live by the 12 points of the Scout Law.

### **To help other people at all times;**

Many people need help. A friendly smile and a helping hand make life easier for others. By helping other people, you are doing a Good Turn and making our world a better place.

### **To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.**

The last part of the Scout Oath is about taking care of yourself. You stay physically strong when you eat the right foods and get plenty of exercise. You stay mentally awake when you work hard in school, learn all you can, and ask questions. You stay morally straight when you do the right things and live your life with honesty.

# Bobcat Requirements continues....

2. Learn and say the Scout Law, with help if needed.

## Scout Law

**A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.**



The meaning of the Scout Law

The Scout law has 12 points. Each is a goal for every Scout. He does his best to live up to the Law every day. It is not always easy to do, but a Scout always tries.

A Scout is **Trustworthy** .

A Scout tells the truth and keeps his promise. People can depend on him.

A Scout is **Loyal** .

A Scout is true to his family, friend, Scout Leaders, school, and country.

A Scout is **Helpful** .

A Scout volunteers to help others without expecting a reward.

A Scout is **Friendly** .

A Scout is a friend to everyone, even people who are very different from him.

A Scout is **Courteous** .

A Scout is polite to everyone and always uses good manner.

A Scout is **Kind** .

A Scout treats others as he wants to be treated. He never harms or kills any living thing without good reason.

A Scout is **Obedient**.

A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and pack. He obeys the laws of his community and country.

A Scout is **Cheerful** .

A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

A Scout is **Thrifty** .

A Scout works to pay his way. He uses time, property, and natural resources wisely.

A Scout is **Brave** .

A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He stands for what is right even if others laugh at him.

A Scout is **Clean** .

A Scout keeps his body and mind fit. He helps keep his home and community clean.

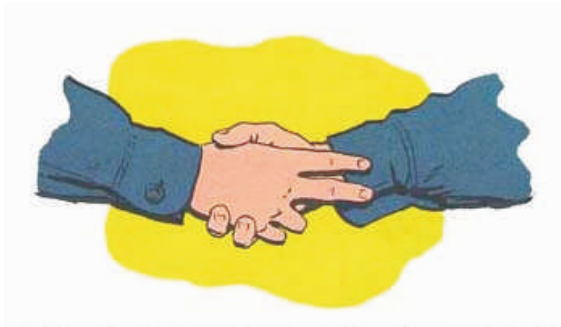
A Scout is **Reverent** .

A Scout is reverent towards God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

# Bobcat Requirements continues....

## 3. Show the Cub Scout sign. Tell what it means.

Make the sign with your right hand. Hold your arm straight up. The two raised fingers stand for the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. The fingers look like the sharp ears of the wolf ready to listen to Akela! Remember that Akela means “good leader” to a Cub Scout. Your mother or father or guardian is Akela. So is your Cubmaster or den leader. At school, your teacher is Akela.



## 4. Show the Cub Scout handshake. Tell what it means.

When you shake hands with another Cub Scout, do this: Hold out your right hand just as you always do to shake hands. But then put your first two fingers along the inside of the other boy's wrist. This means that you help each other to remember and obey the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

## 5. Say the Cub Scout motto. Tell what it means

### The Cub Scout motto is “Do Your Best”

A motto is a guiding principle and a rule for living. Do Your Best means trying your hardest, not just a little bit. Do your best all the time. Do your best in school and at home. Do your best when you play a game and help your team. Do your best as you work on your rank adventures!



## 6. Show the Cub Scout salute. Tell what it means.

Salute with your right hand. Hold your first two fingers close together. Touch your finger tips to your cap. If you aren't wearing a cap, touch your right eyebrow. You salute the flag to show respect to our country. Always use the Cub Scout salute when you are in your Cub Scout uniform, both indoors and outdoors. If you are not in uniform, you salute the flag by placing your right hand over your heart.

## 7. With your parents or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Child From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide.*