

Den # ____ Boy's Name: _____ Date: __/__/20__

Pack 163 • Glenview, IL



BOBCAT REQUIREMENTS

Welcome to our Pack and the Bobcat Trail!

When a boy joins Cub Scouting no matter what age, he must complete the Bobcat Trail as the first step in his Cub Scouting adventure *before* he can become a Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelo.

In Rudyard Kipling's story, The Jungle Book, the black panther Bagheera is the mighty hunter that teaches the cubs the skills of the jungle. In Cub Scouting we use the symbol of the Bobcat.

1. LEARN AND SAY THE CUB SCOUT PROMISE:

"I (your name) promise to do my best

To do my duty to God and my country,

To help other people, and

To obey the Law of the Pack."

... AND COMPLETE THE HONESTY CHARACTER CONNECTION.

a. **Know:** Discuss these questions with your family. What is a promise? What does it mean to "keep your word?" What does honesty mean? What does it mean to "do your best?"

b. **Commit:** Discuss these questions with your family. Why is a promise important? Why is it important for people to trust you when you give your word? When might it be difficult to keep your word? List examples.

c. **Practice:** Discuss with family members why it is important to be trustworthy and honest and how can you do your best to be honest when you are doing the activities in Cub Scouting.

2. SAY THE LAW OF THE PACK:

"The Cub Scout follows Akela.

The Cub Scout helps the pack go.

The pack helps the Cub Scout Grow.

The Cub Scout gives goodwill. "

WHAT IT MEANS...

The Cub Scout follows Akela (say Ah-KAY-la).

- Akela is a good leader.
- Mother, father and other adult members of your family are Akela.
- In the Pack, your Cubmaster is Akela.
- In the Den, your den leader is Akela
- At school, your teacher is Akela

The Cub Scout helps the pack go.

- Come to all the meetings.
- Do what you can to help.
- think of others in the Pack.
- In the Den, your den leader is Akela

The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.

- You can have fun when you are part of the pack.
- Learn things from others.
- Do things with them.

The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

- Smile.
- Be happy.
- Do things to help others.
- Little things make a big difference.

3. TELL WHAT "WEBELOS" MEANS.

WHAT IT MEANS...

"WE'll BE LOyal Scouts"

4. SHOW THE **CUB SCOUT SIGN**.



- MAKE THE "V" SIGN WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND.
- AND WITH YOUR ARM HELD STRAIGHT UP.

WHAT IT MEANS...

The two fingers stand for the two parts of the Cub Scout 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" and the "Law of the Pack."

5. SHOW THE **CUB SCOUT HANDSHAKE**.



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 BOYS WRIST.

WHAT IT MEANS...

The Cub handshake means that you "*HELP*" and that you "*OBEY*" the Law of the Pack.

6. SAY THE **CUB SCOUT MOTTO**. (A MOTTO IS A RULE)

The MOTTO is: "**DO YOUR BEST**"

WHAT 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.

7. GIVE THE CUB SCOUT SALUTE.



1. SALUTE WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND.
2. HOLD YOUR FINGERS AS YOU DO FOR THE CUB SCOUT SIGN.
3. KEEP THE TWO STRAIGHT FINGERS CLOSE TOGETHER.
4. TOUCH THE TIPS OF THOSE FINGERS TO YOUR CAP.
5. IF YOU ARE NOT WEARING A CAP, TOUCH YOUR EYEBROW.

WHAT IT MEANS...

A salute is a way to show respect to your leaders. It shows that you look up to them and respect them. We salute the flag to show respect to our country.

8.

Tiger Cubs: With your adult partner, complete "A Bobcat Requirement" in front of the Contents pages of your handbook.

Wolf and Bear Cubs: With your adult partner, complete the exercises in the booklet, *How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse* found in the beginning of your handbook.

Webelos: With your adult partner, complete the Bobcat Requirements section of "*How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide*". The guide is a pull-out section that came in the front of your handbook.