



*Learning the Cub Scout Bobcat requirements is the first step that new Cub Scouts (except Lions) do before working on anything else. **Bobcat requirements can be completed very quickly** and while this may seem like a lot to learn, since younger scouts don't have to memorize the Scout Oath and the Scout Law (they can have help), every new Cub Scout will earn a rank badge shortly after joining – often in just one or two den meetings.*

To earn the **Cub Scout Bobcat** rank, Scouts must:

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

*“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.”*

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

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

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

The Cub Scout sign is made by holding up the index and middle fingers of your right hand. Your thumb holds down the ring finger and pinkie finger. Hold your arm straight up, not bent at the elbow.

Your two raised fingers stand for the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. They also symbolize the two alert ears of the wolf.

You should give the Cub Scout sign when you're repeating the Scout Oath or Law.

Scouts also give the Cub Scout sign to show that they're ready to listen to Akela, which means “good leader.” Akela can be a parent, den leader, Cubmaster, or teacher.

When Akela wants the attention of the Cub Scouts, he or she should give the Cub Scout sign then stand quietly until all the Scouts are paying attention.

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

To do the Cub Scout handshake, put the index and middle fingers of the right hand against the other person's wrist when shaking hands.

The Cub Scout handshake is used by Cubs and leaders to show that those who use it help others and obey the Scout Oath and Law.

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

*“Do Your Best.”*



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

To make the Cub Scout salute, the Cub Scout joins the index and middle fingers of the right hand (holding the other fingers with the thumb) and touches the extended fingers to the cap visor or forehead.

The Cub Scout salute is used to salute the flag when in uniform and to show respect to den and pack leaders.

Cub Scout uniforms can be either Class A uniforms (also known as field uniforms) or Class B uniforms (also known as activity uniforms). Class A is the official Cub Scouting shirt, and Class B is a scouting-related t-shirt.



7. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide* pamphlet is found in the front of all of the Cub Scout handbooks. If your pamphlet is missing, you can use [this pdf version](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/ypt/pdf/100-014.pdf).

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## THE OUTDOOR CODE

As an American, I will do my best to—

- ◆ Be clean in my outdoor manners,
- ◆ Be careful with fire,
- ◆ Be considerate in the outdoors, and
- ◆ Be conservation minded.