

Requirements for the Cub Scout Bobcat Rank

Every Cub Scout must earn the Bobcat rank and should do so as quickly as possible. When he is ready to test, let an adult leader know before the meeting begins. If the leader agrees that he is ready, the Cub will be asked to lead that meeting's opening, during which he will be asked about the requirements below.



1. Learn and say the **Scout Oath**, with help if needed.
The Scout Oath or Promise is a pledge to help our community, our world, and ourselves.
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** in correct sequence, with help if needed.
The Scout Law consists of twelve points intended to guide the behavior and decisions of Scouts and adult Scouters. The Scout Law is:
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 with the right arm held high with two fingers making a "V". The two fingers stand for the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. They also look like the two alert ears of a wolf ready to listen to "Akela" (ah-KAY-lah), the name we give to any good leader.
4. Show the **Cub Scout handshake**. Tell what it means.
The two extended fingers of the handshake mean that you will 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**.
Do your best means trying your hardest. Do your best at home, at school, playing a game, and working on rank advancement.
6. Show the **Cub Scout salute**. Tell what it means.
During a flag ceremony salute the American flag with two fingers of the right hand to show respect for our country. If you're wearing a hat, touch the hat brim. If no hat, touch the tip of your eyebrow at the end closest to your ear. The two fingers stand for the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. Salute the American flag only when in uniform. If not in uniform put your right hand over your heart.
7. With your parent or guardian, **complete the exercises** in the pamphlet "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse." The pamphlet is pasted into the front of each Scout handbook. A copy in PDF format can also be downloaded from:
<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/46-014.pdf>