

Ebenezer Baptist Church

Cub Scout Pack 67



BOBCAT

Merit Guide

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Cub Scout Rank Advancement Trail



Listed below are the ranks in the Cub Scout Program.



BOBCAT
Must Be Completed
Before Any Other Rank



TIGER
Boys Who Are In The
First Grade or Are
Age 7



WOLF
Boys Who Are In The
Second Grade or Are
Age 8



BEAR
Boys Who Are In The
Third Grade or Are
Age 9



WEBELOS
Boys Who Are In The Fourth Grade
or Are Age 10



ARROW OF LIGHT
Boys Who Are In The 5th Grade
and Are Under the Age of 11.



BOBCAT REQUIREMENTS

The first rank that EVERY new scout MUST earn when entering the Cub Scouting Program is the Bobcat rank. Also, the 1st month of every scouting year all scouts will have a Bobcat review.

1. Learn and say the Scout Oath, with help if needed.
2. Learn and say the Scout Law, with help if needed.
3. Show the Cub Scout sign. Tell what it means.
4. Show the Cub Scout handshake. Tell what it means.
5. Say the Cub Scout motto. Tell what it means.
6. Show the Cub Scout salute. Tell what it means.
7. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide—Bobcat Requirements*.

To earn the Bobcat rank the new Cub Scout must do the following:

1. Learn and say the BOY SCOUT OATH (or PROMISE)

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.

See pages 5&6 for explanation.



2. Learn and say the Scout Law

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

See page 7 for explanation.



3. Show the CUB SCOUT SIGN. Tell what it means.

a. MAKE THE SIGN WITH YOUR RIGHT HAND.

b. AND WITH YOUR ARM HELD 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; this means you are ready to listen to Akela. Give the Cub Scout sign when you say the Cub Scout Promise or the Law of the Pack.



4. Show the CUB SCOUT HANDSHAKE. Tell what it means.



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

5. Say the CUB SCOUT MOTTO. Tell what it means.

A motto is a guiding principle. It means that we should always give and do the best that we can.



6. Give the CUB SCOUT SALUTE. Tell what it means.



A salute is a way to show respect. We salute the flag to show respect to our country. For the Cub Scout salute, use your right hand. Hold your fingers as you do for the Cub Scout sign. Keep the two straight fingers together. Touch the tips of those fingers to your cap. If you are not wearing a cap, touch your right eyebrow.

7. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the booklet, How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse.

8. What does 'Akela' mean?

Akela means leader.

9. What does 'Webelos' mean?

We be loyal scouts

10. What is our pack's motto?

Pack 67's motto is '*Defending the promise*'.

We are defending the promise to observe our scouting values.

11. What are our pack colors?

Blue, gold and white



Explanation of Scout Oath

Before you pledge yourself to any oath or promise, you must know what it means. The paragraphs that follow will help you understand the meaning of the Scout Oath.

On my honor . . .

By giving your word, you are promising to be guided by the ideals of the Scout Oath.

. . . I will do my best . . .

Try hard to live up to the points of the Scout Oath. Measure your achievements against your own high standards and don't be influenced by peer pressure or what other people do.

. . . To do my duty to God . . .

Your family and religious leaders teach you about God and the ways you can serve. You do your duty to God by following the wisdom of those teachings every day and by respecting and defending the rights of others to practice their own beliefs.

. . . and my country . . .

Help keep the United States a strong and fair nation by learning about our system of government and your responsibilities as a citizen and future voter.

America is made up of countless families and communities. When you work to improve your community and your home, you are serving your country. Natural resources are another important part of America's heritage worthy of your efforts to understand, protect, and use wisely. What you do can make a real difference.

. . . and to obey the Scout Law; . . .

The twelve points of the Scout Law are guidelines that can lead you toward wise choices. When you obey the Scout Law, other people will respect you for the way you live, and you will respect yourself.

. . . To help other people at all times; . . .

There are many people who need you. Your cheerful smile and helping hand will ease the burden of many who need assistance. By helping out whenever possible, you are doing your part to make this a better world.

. . . To keep myself physically strong, . . .



Take care of your body so that it will serve you well for an entire lifetime. That means eating nutritious foods, getting enough sleep, and exercising regularly to build strength and endurance. It also means avoiding harmful drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and anything else that can harm your health.

. . . mentally awake, . . .

Develop your mind both in the classroom and outside of school. Be curious about everything around you, and work hard to make the most of your abilities. With an inquiring attitude and the willingness to ask questions, you can learn much about the exciting world around you and your role in it.

. . . and morally straight.

To be a person of strong character, your relationships with others should be honest and open. You should respect and defend the rights of all people. Be clean in your speech and actions, and remain faithful in your religious beliefs. The values you practice as a Scout will help you shape a life of virtue and self-reliance.

Note that the Boy Scout Oath has traditionally been considered to have three promises. Those three promises are delineated by the semicolons in the Oath, which divide it into three clauses. The three promises of the Scout Oath are, therefore:

- Duty to God and country,
- Duty to other people, and
- Duty to self

DUTY TO GOD AND COUNTRY: Your FAMILY and religious leaders teach you to know and serve God. By following these teachings, you do your duty to God.

Men and women of the past worked to make America great, and many gave their lives for their country. By being a good family member and a good citizen, by working for your country's good and obeying its laws, you do your duty to your country. Obeying the Scout Law means living by its 12 points.

DUTY TO OTHER PEOPLE: Many people need help. A cheery smile and a helping hand make life easier for others. By doing a Good Turn daily and helping when you're needed, you prove yourself a Scout and do your part to make this a better world.

DUTY TO SELF: **Keeping yourself physically strong** means taking care of your body. Eat the right foods and build your strength. **Staying mentally awake** means learn all you can, be curious, and ask questions. Being **morally straight** means to live your life with honesty, to be clean in your speech and actions, and to be a person of strong character.



Explanation of Scout Law

A Scout is **Trustworthy**.

A Scout tells the truth. He is honest, and he keeps his promises. People can depend on him.

A Scout is **Loyal**.

A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and nation.

A Scout is **Helpful**.

A Scout cares about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.

A Scout is **Friendly**.

A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He offers his friendship to people of all races and nations, and respects them even if their beliefs and customs are different from his own.

A Scout is **Courteous**.

A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that using good manners makes it easier for people to get along.

A Scout is **Kind**.

A Scout knows there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. Without good reason, he does not harm or kill any living thing.

A Scout is **Obedient**.

A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobeying them.

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 own way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

A Scout is **Brave**.

A Scout can face danger although he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threaten him.

A Scout is **Clean**.

A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He chooses the company of those who live by high standards. He helps keep his home and community clean.

A Scout is **Reverent**.

