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The first rank that EVERY boy earns when entering the Cub Scouting Program is the Bobcat rank.

These requirements are meant to demonstrate that the boy is making a commitment to participating in the scouting program. To earn the Bobcat rank the new Cub Scout completes the following:

1. Learn and say the **CUB SCOUT PROMISE**:

   I .....(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. "

   Meaning of the Cub Scout Promise:

   Duty to God: Put God first. Do what you know God wants you to do.
   And my country: Do what you can for your country. Be proud that you are an American.
   To help other people: Do things for others that would please them.
   Obey the Law of the Pack: Be a good Cub Scout. Be proud that you are one.

   When you can say the Cub Scout Promise, fill in my track.

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   Akela's OK Date Recorded by Den Leader

2. Say the **LAW OF THE PACK**. Tell what it means.

   "The Cub Scout follows Akela. The Cub Scout helps the pack go. The pack helps the Cub Scout grow. The Cub Scout gives goodwill."

   Meaning of The Law Of The Pack:

   The Cub Scout follows Akela (say Ah-KAY-la)
   Akela is a good leader. Your mother or father is Akela. In the Pack, your Cubmaster is Akela. 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.

   The Pack helps the Cub Scout grow:
   You can have fun when you are a part of the Pack. Learn things from others. Do things with them.

   The Cub Scout gives goodwill:
   Smile. Be happy. Do things that make others happy. They don't have to be big things. Little things help too.

   When you can say the Law of the Pack, fill in my track.

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3. Tell what **WEBELOS** means:

"**WE**'ll **BE Lo**yal **S**couts". Being loyal means that you will keep the Cub Scout Promise.

When you know what Webelos means, fill in my track.

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4. Show the **CUB SCOUT SIGN**. Tell what it means:

Make the sign with your right hand and with your arm straight up in the air.

The two fingers stand for the two parts of the Cub Scout Promise "To help other people" and "To obey." They look like wolf's ears ready to listen to Akela.

Give the Cub Scout sign when you say the Cub Scout Promise and/or the Law of the Pack.

When you can give the sign and tell what it means, fill in my track.

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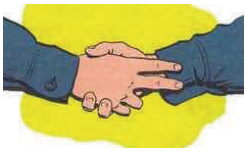
5. Show the **CUB SCOUT HANDSHAKE.** Tell what it means:

Using your right hand, place your first two fingers along the inside of the other boys wrist.

This means that you help and that you obey the Law of the Pack.



When you can shake hands as a Cub Scout, fill in my track.

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6. Say the **CUB SCOUT MOTTO**

"Do Your Best": is the Cub Scout Motto

When you play a game, do your best to help your team win. 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.

When you can say the Cub Scout Motto and tell what it means, fill in my track.

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7. Give the **CUB SCOUT SALUTE**. tell what it means:

Point your first two fingers of our right hand out straight and close together. Touch the tips of the fingers to your cap or if not wearing a cap then to your eyebrow.

A salute is a way to s how respect. When you salute a leader (either an adult or other scout), you show him or her that you respect their position. When you salute the flag, you show that you are proud of your country.

When you can give the Cub Scout Salute and tell what it means, fill in my track.

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8. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in your booklet, ***How To Protect Your Children from Child Abuse.***

When you have completed the exercises with your parent or guardian, fill in my track.

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"The sport in Scouting is to find the good in every boy and develop it." - Baden-Powell