

Painted Bobcat Ceremony

CUBMASTER: The Bobcat adventure is the first adventure required for each and every Cub Scout Rank, it represents a first step for each Cub Scout, each Den and Patrol, and for the Pack – a first step on the journey that is a new Cub Scout year.

The Bobcat Adventure teaches us about character and leadership—how we can do our best, work together, and help our den, patrol, pack, and community. Tonight, we're going to celebrate each den and patrol that makes up Pack [number] as we take this important first step along the Cub Scout advancement trail!

Lions, will you and your Adult Partners and Den Leaders please come forward?

- Lions, the Bobcat adventure asked you to share a time you did your very best. The white star on your nose reminds you to Always Do Your Best. Adult Partners, please paint a white star on your Scout's nose.
- The Scout Law has 12 points, but Lions focus on one: Friendly. The yellow lines under your eyes remind you to always be friendly. Adult Partners, please paint yellow lines under your Scout's eyes.
- During this adventure, you got to know the members for your Den. For our Lion Den, that includes both the Cub Scouts and their adult partners. Remember, you and your Adult Partner are a team. Lions, please paint a yellow line under your Adult Partner's eyes to show you are in this together.
- In Cub Scouts, all parents are part of the Pack, too! Den Leaders, please paint a blue line down each parent's nose to remind us that together, we all help the Pack succeed.
- Earning the Bobcat Adventure is the very first step on the Cub Scout Trail. And remember—no Scout ever hikes the trail alone. You are part of a Den and a Pack that will always support you. The blue paw print on your forehead is a reminder of the Pack that walks beside you on your journey. Parents, please paint a blue paw print on your Scout's forehead.

Lions and families, let's give a loud lion roar! (*Pause for roar.*) Thank you. Please return to your seats.

Tigers, will you and your Adult Partners and Den Leaders please come forward?

- Tigers, the Bobcat adventure asks you to learn the Cub Scout Sign, Salute, and Handshake. The two black stripes on your cheeks remind you of the two fingers used in all of these. Parents, please paint two black stripes on your Scout's cheeks.
- The Scout Oath takes time to memorize, but as Tigers, you are learning to say as a group. The orange lines under your eyes remind you of the Scout Oath. Parents, please paint orange lines under your Scout's eyes.
- As Tigers, your Adult Partners remain an essential part of your Den. By playing games and working together on this adventure, you have gotten to know the other Scouts and adults in your Den. Tigers, paint an orange line under your parent's eyes to represent their important role in the Den.
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Tigers and families, let's give a terrific tiger roar! (*Pause for roar.*) Thank you. Please return to your seats.

Wolves, Wolf Den Leaders, and Parents, will you please come forward?

- Wolves, the Bobcat adventure asks you to create a Den Code of Conduct. The red stripes under your eyes remind you to follow the Code you made together. Den Leaders, please paint red stripes under your Scouts' eyes.
- The Scout Law has 12 points. Each one teaches us how to live as good Scouts and good people. As Wolves, you are learning more about what each point means. The black line on your chin is a reminder of the Scout Law and how you are beginning to understand it more deeply. Den Leaders, please paint a black line on each Scout's chin.
- The Bobcat Adventure reminds us to get to know everyone in our Den. As Wolves, you don't need an adult partner at every meeting anymore, but you still look to your parents for guidance. Remember—all parents are part of the Pack, too! Wolves, please paint a blue line down your parent's nose to show that families are always an important part of the Pack.
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Wolves and families, let's give a wild wolf howl! (*Pause for howl.*) Thank you. Please return to your seats.

Bears, Bear Den Leaders, and Parents, will you please come forward?

- Bears, the Bobcat adventure asks you to learn about the Denner position and what it means to lead. The blue stripes under your eyes remind you of the responsibility of leadership. Den Leaders, please paint light blue stripes under your Scouts' eyes.
- The white triangle on your face reminds you of the three parts of the Scout Oath. Den Leaders, please paint a white triangle on your Scouts' faces.
- The Bobcat Adventure reminds us to get to know everyone in our Den. As Bears, you don't need an adult partner at every meeting anymore, but you still look to your parents for guidance. Remember—all parents are part of the Pack, too! Bears, please paint a blue line down your parent's nose to show that families are always an important part of the Pack.
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Bears and families, let's give a bold bear growl! (*Pause for growl.*) Thank you. Please return to your seats.

Webelos Scouts, Webelos Den Leaders, and Parents, will you please come forward?

- Webelos, the Bobcat adventure asks you to know the Scout Oath and Law, plus the Sign, Salute, and Handshake. The white dots on your temples remind you of the knowledge you carry. Den Leaders, please paint white dots on your Scouts' temples.
- Webelos help lead the Pack. You set the example for the younger Scouts to follow. The green stripes under your eyes remind you of the Den you've built together and the leadership skills you are growing every day. Den Leaders, please paint green stripes under your Scouts' eyes.
- The Bobcat Adventure reminds us to get to know everyone in our Den. As Webelos, you are taking on more responsibility and leadership, but you still look to your parents for guidance. Remember—all parents are part of the Pack, too! Webelos, please paint a blue line down your parent's nose to show that families are always an important part of the Pack.
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Webelos and families, let's give a wonderful Webelos cheer! (*Pause for cheer.*) Thank you. Please return to your seats.

Arrow of Light Scouts, Arrow of Light Adult Leaders, and Parents, will you please come forward?

- As Arrow of Light Scouts, you are preparing to join a Scouts BSA Troop. You are learning about the Patrol Method and working as a team. The gold arrow across your face reminds you of your journey forward. Den Leaders, please paint a gold arrow across the patrol leader's face. Then, the patrol leader will paint a gold arrow across each of their fellow scout's faces.
- As a Patrol, you have learned the Scouts BSA sign, salute, handshake, motto, and slogan. These are important skills that prepare you for the next step in Scouting. The green dot on your chin is a reminder of these elements of Scouts. Arrow of Light Scouts, please paint a green dot on the chin of the Scout standing next to you.
- The Bobcat Adventure reminds us to get to know the members of our Patrol. As Arrow of Light Scouts, you are almost ready to take the lead and guide yourselves. But remember—the adults who have helped you along the way are still important. They will always be there for you, even as you begin to walk your own path. Arrow of Light Scouts, please paint white stripes under your parent's eyes to remind you that they are always watching over you and supporting you.
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Arrow of Light Scouts and families, let's give an awesome Arrow of Light cheer! (*Pause for cheer.*) Thank you. Please return to your seats.

Tonight, we have seen that everyone here is part of our Pack. Each of us carries the pride of our own achievements and the strength of our Den, Patrol, and Pack. Together, we will keep learning, growing, and supporting one another this year.

Scouts, by earning the Bobcat Adventure, you have taken your very first step on the Cub Scout Trail! This is just the beginning of your journey. May you always remember the Scout Oath and the Scout Law as you climb higher, go farther, and grow stronger on the trail of Scouting. And always Do Your Best. Congratulations, Scouts—your adventure has begun!