

BOBCAT KEY TO SCOUTING CEREMONY

Required:

Very large key cutout painted gold with "Scout Spirit" written on it.
Old key on a string.

CUBMASTER:

I would like [name of scout] and his parents to please come forward.

The Cub Scout program faces you with many challenges. Before you lie the paths of the Wolf and the Bear, then you will learn to walk in the path of the ancient tribe called Webelos. In order to achieve the highest rank in Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light, you must set your goals and work to fulfill them. Many times you may get discouraged because the Cub Scout Trail seems steep and hard to climb.

There is a key to achieving all of the goals you set for yourself. The key to Cub Scouting. Do you know what that key is?

(wait for scout to answer. Then, display the large gold key.)

The key to Scouting is "Scout Spirit." Scout Spirit includes teamwork. It includes fair play and good sportsmanship. It includes that something special that makes Scouts want to be the best they can be at everything they do. This key will unlock the door of achievement, both in scouting and in your everyday life.

Remember, with this key to Scouting - "Scout Spirit" - you can hike up the Scouting trail. This smaller key is a reminder of the Key to Cub Scouting. Let it remind you that doing your best will open many doors. (hang key around his neck.)

Please make the Cub Scout sign. What does the Cub Scout sign mean?

You have recently reached an important goal along your scouting path. I am happy to recognize you for earning your Bobcat rank. I will present this award to your parents in token of the help they have given you. They will then pin it on your uniform.

(Wait for parent to attach patch.)

Pack, please stand. Join me in congratulating our newest Bobcat

Bobcats are Hard to Find

Try this one! This one was done at my older son's ceremony a few years ago.

Bobcats are small wildcats, about 3 feet tall or shorter. Bobcats are hard to find, especially between the hours of 3 to 5 p.m., when it is time to take out the trash, cut the grass or take a bath. They hide behind trees, under beds or behind imaginary tanks or trucks, waiting for the enemy to pass. They feed on hamburgers, hot dogs, tacos, pizzas, cakes and candy and hunt for food wherever they can find it. Bobcats can be found in trees, mud puddles, under leaves, in old rain barrels, on the roof or wherever girls aren't. They can be found as far away as the school playground or as near as the neighbor's yard, pulling the cat's tail. The Bobcat's ability to run, jump and hide is legendary. T.V. movies, Walt Disney and John Wayne have been known to be able to lure these wild creatures in close for the catch. Many a mighty and crafty hunter has been foiled in his attempts to tame these strange creatures.

But here now if you are ready -- but stand back because they are unpredictable -- I present to you some Bobcats; tamed, washed, combed and about as lovable as they can be -- each probably with a frog in his pocket.

King Arthur and his Knights

Cubmaster dresses up as King Arthur, with a _big_ sword, robe, crown, and maybe even throne. All the boys receiving awards are "Knighted" by King Arthur.

Jungle Book Theme

We take the first chapter of [Kiplings Jungle Book](#) and read it as a radio play at the end of the pack meeting. We usually use it only once during the year. When it comes time for Baloo and Bagheera to speak, the new Bobcat recipients and their parents are called to the council fire to be named and viewed by the pack. This story and many others are in the archives.

Cub Scout Spirit Bobcat Ceremony

People Required:

- Akela (Cubmaster)
- Baloo (Asst. Cubmaster)

Props:

- Campfire
- Badges (with tape affixed to the card the badge is on)

Akela: The spirit of Cub Scouting burns here as it does in the hearts of Cub Scouts everywhere. The Cub Scout spirit is like our campfire. We must add wood to the fire or it will go out. In the same manner, we must add new boys to our pack, or the Cub Scout spirit will go out.

Baloo: We have (number) boys who have will join our pack.

Akela: Are they ready to join in the Cub Scout spirit?

Baloo: Yes, and they have learned the ways of our tribe. They have learned the Cub Scout Promise, the Law of the Pack and the Cub Scout Motto and their meanings. They have also learned the meaning and proper use of the Cub Scout Sign, Salute and Handshake. They know the meaning of Webelos. Will the following scouts please come forward with their parents to join in the Cub Scout spirit?

(Baloo lists the boys who are to receive the Bobcat badge.)

(Both Akela and Baloo hand the badge to parents and congratulate the Cubs with the Cub Scout handshake.)

Akela: Parents, would you please present the Bobcat badge to your son? Attach the badge to his uniform upside down with the tape. Once a good deed is done, the badge may be permanently attached right side up. The pin is for you as a reminder that Scouting is a family activity.

Baloo: Parents, you may sit down while these Bobcats stay with Akela and me by the campfire.

Akela: Will the new Bobcats join Baloo and me in saying the Cub Scout promise?

All:

I, _____, 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.

Akela: Baloo will place your headband on your head with feathers indicating your new rank. As you continue on in our pack, you will receive more feathers to show your achievements. Pack (number) , let's give them a big hand as they rejoin their den.

Bobcat Ceremony Trail to Arrow of Light

People Required:

- Akela (Cubmaster)
- Baloo (Asst. Cubmaster)
- One Webelos Scout
- One Bear Scout
- One Wolf Scout

Props:

- Oregon Trail scenery
- Badges (with tape affixed to the card the badge is on)

(Before the ceremony, Baloo explains to the Bobcats that when indicated, each will walk to the line of Scouts and Cubmaster and shake each person's hand. Akela is standing in front. Next to him are the Webelos Scout, the Bear Scout and lastly the Wolf Scout.)

Baloo: Will the following boys please join me in front?

(Baloo lists the names of the boys who are to receive their Bobcat badge.)

Akela: As settlers moved west along the Oregon Trail, they followed a trail blazed by others who came before them. Just as those settlers followed others on the Oregon Trail, our Cub Scouts too follow others on the Cub Scout Trail.

(Baloo starts first Bobcat along the trail of Cubs.)

Wolf Cub: I have earned my Wolf Badge. Now I'm working toward earning my Bear badge. (Wolf Cub shakes Bobcat's hand using the Cub Scout handshake.)

Bear Cub: I have earned my Bear Badge. Now I'm working toward earning my Webelos Badge. (Bear Cub shakes Bobcat's hand using the Cub Scout handshake.)

Webelos: I have earned my Webelos Badge. Now I'm working on earning my Arrow of Light. (Webelos Cub shakes Bobcat's hand using the Cub Scout handshake.)

Akela: Welcome to the Scouting campfire. (Akela shakes Bobcat's hand using the Cub Scout handshake.)

Akela: These Cub Scouts represent the trail toward the Arrow of Light, the highest rank in Cub Scouts. No matter where they started their journey, they all started with the Bobcat. You may be called on to travel a trail that other Cubs in our pack haven't yet traveled. When the settlers traveled such a trail, they looked for help from the Indians. When you travel such a trail, your parents and leaders will be there to help you.

Baloo: Will the parents of these new Bobcats please join us at the fire now? I would like to thank the Cub Scouts who have welcomed these Bobcats.

They may return to their dens now.

(Hand a Bobcat badge to each set of parents.)

Akela: Please attach the Bobcat badge, upside down, to the left pocket of your son's uniform. Once he performs a good dead, the badge may be attached to his uniform right side up. Pack (number) , let's congratulate these Bobcats with a hearty cheer!

Bobcats Joining The Brotherhood Of Scouting

These Bobcat candidates have indicated their desire to join our Pack by learning that which is required to become Cub Scouts; the Cub Scout Promise, The Law of the Pack, the meaning of Webelos, the Cub Scout sign and salute, and the Cub Scout handshake.

They have proven themselves worthy by passing the tests for acceptance by the Cub Scouts of America and our Pack.

Since Cub Scouting is a family-oriented organization, I wish to ask the parents of our Bobcat candidates these questions:

Will you accept the challenge of working with your son to help him complete the achievements required for advancement? If so, answer "I will".

Will you be faithful in your attendance at Pack meetings and other functions with your son? If so, answer "I will".

Will you assist when called upon to help our pack, in whatever way you are able? If so, answer "I will".

Bobcat candidates, you have heard your parents promise to assist you on the Cub Scout Trail.

Now, will the candidates please answer these questions:

Will you do your best to live up to the Cub Scout Promise? If so, answer "I will".

Will you always remember and abide by the Law of the Pack? If so, answer "I will".

Will you also be faithful in your attendance at Pack meetings, den meetings, and other functions? If so, answer "I will".

Will you help your parents help you along the Cub Scout Trail? If so, answer "I will".

Members of Pack, you have heard our Bobcat candidates and their parents answer the questions I have asked of them. They have been found worthy of joining our Pack and the fun and fellowship of Cub Scouting. Do you accept them as fellow member of Pack? If so, Cub Scouts and parents, please answer "We do".

(Light Candle) Bobcat candidates, the candle I am now lighting represents the Spirit of Cub Scouting.

May it ever burn in your hearts and shine from your eyes.

With the help of our Webelos leaders and your parents we will now induct you as Bobcats in Pack _____. Welcome to Cub Scouting and to our Pack.

Parent's Promise

PERSONNEL

Cubmaster, Bobcat candidates, parents.

EQUIPMENT

Bobcat badges and safety pins.

ARRANGEMENT

The candidates line up, facing the audience, their parents standing behind them. The boys give the Cub Scout sign and recite together the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack. The Cubmaster leads the ceremony in a loud voice so that all the boys can hear him. Before starting, he asks the Cub Scouts to speak loudly.

Then all the Bobcat parents give the Cub Scout sign and repeat the following, one line at a time, after the Cubmaster:

As a parent of a Cub Scout,
I will do my best
To help my boy
Live up to the Cub Scout Promise
And obey the Law of the Pack.
I will work with my boy
On his achievements and projects.
I will attend the pack meetings
And help as needed
To make the pack go.

The Cubmaster then gives each boy the Cub Scout handshake and hands the Bobcat badges to the parents. The parents pin the badges on their sons' shirts.

The Bobcat Cub Scouts are dismissed, and other boys receiving recognition are called forward. The Cubmaster proceeds in the same way as he did with the Bobcat Cub Scouts, or he may omit the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack, depending on the available time. The parents of these boys repeat the following:

We will continue
To do our best
To help our boys
Along the achievement trail
And share with them the work and Fun of Cub Scouting.

The Cubmaster then presents the badges to the parents, who present them to their boys.

NOTE: The parents' promise may be typed on a small card for the Cubmaster.

Mountains Of America

EQUIPMENT: Pictures of mountains or a drawing of a mountain with a winding trail

NARRATOR: Mountain climbing is a very popular - challenging sport in various places in the United States. The goal of a mountain climber is the same as that of a Cub Scout — To make it to the top. And of course that is the Arrow of Light. The first part of the trail to the top is to climb to the Bobcat.

Tonight we have a scout who has completed the first part of the trail. Call Bobcat candidate and parents forward. Comment about the achievement. (If a mountain drawing is used, attach the badge on the lower portion of the trail and have the Scout remove his badge from the trail).

The second step in the trail is the Wolf. Continue to the Arrow of Light.

As I mentioned, the goal of a mountain climber is to make it to the top. The goal of a Cub Scout is to earn the Arrow of Light. Tonight we have a Scout who has climbed the trail to the top and has earned the Arrow of Light.

(Each step could be detailed - Bobcat must follow the 7 steps in the trail. The Wolf climber has to complete the 12 achievements. The Bear has a little more of a challenge. The Bear must complete sections of 12 of the 24 achievements. The Webelos works on activities in the book and experiences a lot of new things which includes outdoor activities)