

## Bobcat Advancement Ceremony

CM: Tonight, our Pack has some cubs who have worked hard since joining. As I call your name, please come forward with your Akela.

CM: Scouts, with the help of your Den Leader and your Akela, you have passed the first test of Cub Scouting. You have attained the rank of Bobcat.

CM: There are many benefits to be gained from belonging to Cub Scouting. You will learn a great deal, you will have a chance to help others, you will be rewarded for your efforts, and you will have a lot of fun. The Scout Oath is the basic principal of Scouting. Will you repeat it with me?

(Cubmaster gives Cub Sign and begins Oath. Candidates join him)

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.

CM: Just as the Scout Oath is the basic principle of Cub Scouting; the Scout Law is the goal for each Cub Scout to live by as we "Do Your Best". Please repeat the Scout Law with me.

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

I will now ask the painters to assist in the ceremony that recognizes your accomplishment.

CM: The blue is from the sky. The blue paw print of the Bobcat on your forehead is the spirit of the bobcat, and to remind you to do your best on the Cub Scout Trail. (Paint a small circle and 3 dots on his forehead.)

CM: The yellow is from the sun. The yellow marks under your eyes will help you see the light of the Cub Scout Trail, and symbolize the bright spirit of Cub Scouting. (Paint a yellow U under each eye.)

CM: The white on your nose is for purity and to help you know right from wrong as you go along the Cub Scout Trail. (Paint a white vertical stripe on his nose.)

CM: The red mark on your chin is stands for fire so that you have a burning desire to explore new areas. (Paint a vertical stripe on his chin.)

CM: Finally, the green mark on each cheek symbolizes the spirit of nature to guide the Cub Scout in living in harmony with the great outdoors. (Paint a green stripe on each cheek.)

CM: (Hand out badges) Parents, please pin the Bobcat Badge upside down to your scout's left pocket. This badge is to remain upside down until your scout does their first good deed. At that time the Bobcat Badge can be turned over and permanently sewn on.

CM: (Hand out pins) Parents, you too have earned badges which represent the support you have given your scouts. Please wear them proudly, just as we know your cub will wear theirs proudly.

CM: Remember your marks, Bobcats. Have fun along the cub Scout Trail.

CM: Congratulations and good Cub Scouting to you all. – *Round of Applause*

CM: Parents and new Bobcats, you may return to your seats.

CM: Congratulations new Bobcats!!!!

Sample Bobcat face painting:

