


# Bobcat Rank Activity Plans for Parents + Leaders

	<p>Here are two <u>Den Adventure Plans</u> to use as “First Activities” for your Den when you start up a new Program Year (at a Den Meeting or fun event) ...</p> <p>... to learn and earn (or review) the Bobcat Rank</p> <p>Share with attending parents ... get their help!</p>
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**From the Den Leader Guides:**

## **THE FIRST RANK FOR ALL –BOBCAT**

The Bobcat rank is the first badge awarded a new Cub Scout (2018: except Lions). As a new member, a scout may work on the Bobcat rank requirements while simultaneously working on the next rank as well. A scout cannot receive the Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos, or Arrow of Light badge until the scout has completed Bobcat requirements and earned the Bobcat badge. **Scouts can normally earn their Bobcat badge well within the first month of becoming a new Cub Scout** (2018: except Lions).

Here’s how you can help! Practice the requirements with your scout and the other scouts at a den activity, and encourage them to work on the requirements with their families also. Requirement 7 is a home-based requirement. The requirements are found in each of the youth handbooks as well as listed below:

### **Bobcat Requirements:**

- 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*. See [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/100-014 WEB.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/100-014_WEB.pdf)**

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Den Leader Guides for Tiger, Wolf, Bear, Webelos/Arrow of Light assume that Cub Scouts will earn the Bobcat Rank ... but those Guides don’t give ideas about “how” to do it or how to have fun doing it. (Most of Bobcat is in the Lion Handbook and Leader Guide, but in 2018 it says not to award Bobcat until after Lion is earned.)

In the attached, we’re providing you with some ways to make earning the Bobcat Rank fun, so that (1) scouts can earn the Rank and (2) all parents attending help lead these Den activities. Every attending parent can take on a role and succeed with the Scouts by using these simple “first meeting” plans.

### **I have a Better Idea or a Correction ... who can I contact?**

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