

## Bobcat Ceremony Script

Tonight, we are honored to have among us some boys who have completed the requirements for the Bobcat badge. The Bobcat badge is an important part of the Cub Scout Trail: it is the foundation upon which a boy begins his trek toward the Arrow of Light.

Boys, you've accomplished the first step in Cub Scouting. In all things, there is always a first... the first stone laid in a new building, the first step across a bridge. The first is sometimes the hardest, but that's because it lays the foundation or the strength for what follows. The Bobcat badge is your foundation. The trail of Scouting lies ahead of you, but don't be afraid. You won't have to do it alone. You'll have lots of help from your Akela. Akela can be your parents, your den leader, and even your cubmaster. All will help you along the trail, helping you become successful.

As a symbol of your achievement and becoming a member of this pack, I ask my assistant to give you the Colors of Cub Scouting.

[Assistant cubmaster or den leader puts blue and yellow paint stripe on each boy's cheek.]

The Blue on your right cheek stands for truth, loyalty, and the sky above. It is the spirit of the Bobcat, and it will remind you to **do your best** on the Cub Scout Trail.

The Yellow on your left cheek symbolizes the light of the Cub Scout Trail, the bright spirit of Cub Scouting, happiness, and good cheer.

Your parents stand here with you as an example to show they are proud and that they are there to help you, just like they helped you earn the Bobcat badge. I am presenting your Bobcat badge to your parents who in turn will present it to you.

[Award badges to parents who in turn present badges to boys.]

Scouts, parents, and guests of Pack 1127, please join me in congratulating these boys in their achievement.