



# Bear Cub Scouts



**Have you added new members to your Bear Cub Scout den?** If any new boys join your den this year, make certain they complete the requirements to earn their Bobcat badge. Tell the parents they must complete at home Bobcat Requirement 8, using “How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide,” in the front of the *Bear Handbook*. Distribute the Family Talent Survey Sheet to the parents of new boys, asking them to complete and return it to you at the next meeting. (The sheet can be found at [www.scouting.org/CubScouts/CubScoutingForms/forms](http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts/CubScoutingForms/forms) and on the CD in the Resources folder on the main menu.)

## Helpful Hints for Den Leaders

The tone you set at the first meeting will determine, to a large extent, the success of your year. Wear your adult uniform to all meetings and remind boys to wear their uniforms. Be completely organized before the start of the meeting. Clearly explain or remind the boys about the behavioral expectations at den meetings. You may wish to use the “good conduct candle” approach (*Cub Scout Leader How-To Book*). Be friendly but firm with the boys.

Ask your assistant den leader (or parent helper) to arrive at least 15 minutes before the starting time of the meeting. He or she can help you with final preparations before the boys arrive.

A snack at den meetings is optional. Set the example with healthy, nutritious snacks. Be aware of any food allergies of den members and communicate these to parents who may be assisting with the snacks.

You may wish to distribute a family information letter at the conclusion of each meeting. The letter tells parents what was completed at each meeting and provides information on upcoming den and pack meetings and activities. (A sample family information letter can be found at [www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Resources](http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Resources) and on the CD in the Resources folder on the main menu.)

At least two weeks before any field trip, a local tour permit should be filed with the council service center. A permission slip (informed consent agreement) should also be secured from the parent or guardian of each Cub Scout.

Encourage the boys to earn the religious emblem of their faith. Talk about earning the National Summertime Pack Award pin, the Cub Scout Outdoor Activity Award, the Cub Scout World Conservation Award (if not already earned as a Wolf Cub Scout), and Cub Scouting’s Leave No

Trace Awareness Award during the year. Distribute and review the Leave No Trace frontcountry guidelines before any field trip to a park or playground. (The guidelines can be found at [www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Resources/leavenotrace](http://www.scouting.org/CubScouts/Resources/leavenotrace) and on the CD in the Resources folder on the main menu.)

Open each den meeting by saluting the U.S. flag and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Then, while showing the Cub Scout sign, recite the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack. See *Cub Scout Ceremonies for Dens and Packs* for detailed guidelines and ceremony examples.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America  
And to the republic for which it stands,  
One nation under God, indivisible,  
With liberty and justice for all.

### **Cub Scout Promise**

I, *(name)*, 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.

### **Law of the Pack**

The Cub Scout follows Akela.  
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.  
The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.  
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.