



ADVENTURE WORKSHEET

Bobcat

Cub Scouts · Required · Arrow of Light rank

Name

Started

Completed

Bobcat starts your Arrow of Light year by turning your den into a patrol, just like in a Scouts BSA troop. You'll choose a name and a leader, learn the Scouts BSA sign and motto, and visit a troop. It's your first taste of what's next.

Requirements

Every official requirement, in plain language. Check the official wording when you sign off (scouting.org/cub-scout-adventures/bobcat-aol/). Tips and examples are ideas, not extra requirements.

- ☐ **1** Show how the patrol method works: pick a patrol name and elect a patrol leader; talk about why the patrol method helps

Tip: Brainstorm patrol names together and vote. Talk about why scouts leading scouts works well.

Example: The patrol method means Scouts lead Scouts. Your patrol might pick a name like the Hawks, vote for a patrol leader for a few months, and talk about why deciding things yourselves helps you learn faster.

- ☐ **2** Get to know the members of your patrol

Tip: Play a game where everyone shares a favorite hobby, food, or summer memory.

- ☐ **3** With your patrol, say the Scout Oath and Scout Law

Tip: Practice the Oath and Law together at each meeting until everyone knows them.

☐ **4** Make a Code of Conduct together with your patrol

Tip: Work together on rules like listening and helping each other, then have everyone sign it.

Example: A patrol Code of Conduct might say: we listen when someone is talking, we include everyone, we try before asking for help, we clean up together, and we follow the Scout Law.

☐ **5** Demonstrate the Scout sign, salute, and handshake used in Scouting America; show how each is used

Tip: Practice the Scouts BSA sign, salute, and handshake with a buddy and talk about when to use each.

☐ **6** Learn the Scouting America motto and slogan

Tip: Learn the motto and slogan, then share a time you were prepared or did a good turn.

Example: The motto is "Be Prepared" and the slogan is "Do a Good Turn Daily." Share a time you were ready for something, like bringing a jacket when it got cold, and a good turn you did for someone.

☐ **7** Visit a Scouting America troop with your patrol or your parent or legal guardian

Tip: Ask your leader to set up a visit to a troop meeting. Bring questions for the older Scouts.

Example: At a troop visit, watch who runs the meeting. Ask the Scouts: What's your favorite campout? What do new Scouts do the first year? How do patrols work here?

☐ **8** At home with a parent or legal guardian, complete the activities in the Parent's Guide youth protection booklet on protecting children from abuse

Tip: Set aside a quiet evening with a parent or guardian for the Parent's Guide activities.