

Howling Bobcat

Equipment: "Campfire"

Setting: Campfire is turned on or lit; other lights are dimmed. New Bobcat(s) are outside the room with an Assistant Cubmaster or Den Leader. They give the howl of the Bobcat, a long drawn-out wail.

Akela: I hear the calling from beyond our Pack council. It sounds like a Bobcat! Shall we answer with the call of the Pack?

(Pack howls like wolves. This is the Baloo's cue to enter with the Bobcat.)

Akela: Who comes here?

Baloo: _____, hunting for the fun and companionship of Cub Scouting.

Akela: But whom do you seek?

Baloo: Akela, the Great Spirit of the Cub Scout.

Akela: Is he wise in the ways of the Bobcat?

Baloo: He is, Akela.

Akela: Show me.

Baloo: Show Akela what you have already learned. Raise your arm in the Cub Scout Sign and say the Cub Scout Promise.

(They do.)

Akela: I can now call you a Cub Scout because you have completed the requirements necessary for your participation in this great Brotherhood we call Cub Scouting. Tonight you have repeated before me the Cub Scout Promise. You have assumed a very important responsibility. You have agreed to "do your best" and to "do your duty to God and your country", "to help other people" and "to obey the Law of the Pack". These are things that are not always easy, but I think you will enjoy them. All that we ask is that you do your best. Do you agree to do your best?

(Wait for answer)

Akela: Good! Please let your parents pin your bobcat badge on your uniform.