Session 2

Preparation and Materials needed The posters, American Flag, and Positive Den material are standard material. They will not be included after this session in the program guide, but they should always be present at every scout session.	 ✓ Materials needed for this session: Oath and Law poster, American flag, Code of Conduct Poster, Material to do your "Positive Den Management", Scout Law matching sheet, Cootie Catcher sheet, Scissors, Markers, Wooden Clothes Pins (1 for each scout), large balloons (at least 2 per scout), Bobcat requirement strips, a soft hand ball or object to throw ✓ Set up the room to allow the boys to sit and do their Scout Law matching sheet or make their Cootie Catcher and an area to play Hot Potato ✓ Have the Scout Oath and Law visible (after Gathering activity) ✓ Have the attendance sheet out and ready ✓ Review the session to be prepared to lead the discussion. Do not read it to the scouts, be prepared ahead of time to smoothly lead the session. ✓ Make sure you reviewed the Positive Den Management section of the 2016/2017 Program Guide to prepare for this session.
Gathering	Scout Law matching worksheet (option 1) Cub Scout Cootie Catcher (option 2)
Opening	Pledge of Allegiance, Boy Scout Oath & Law
Talk Time	 The Code of Conduct, Positive Den Management System, Pack Duty chart Review the Positive Den Management section of the 2016/2017 Program Guide. Choose what behavior tracker you will use. Make sure you can do this consistently all school year. Make sure you have all of the material needed for your chosen tracker.
Activity	Bobcat Balloon Race (option 1) Bobcat Hot Potato game (option 2)
Closing	 ✓ Have the boys officially demonstrate the Bobcat requirements. ✓ Point out positive behaviors and activities shown during this session. ✓ Tell the scouts what next session will be. ✓ Have the scouts clean up the room
After the meeting	 ✓ Enter the advancements per rank. Lion – Lion's Honor 1-4 Tiger – Bobcat & Team Tiger 2 Wolf – Bobcat & Council Fire 2 Bear – Bobcat Webelos – Bobcat Arrow of Light – Bobcat ✓ Enter attendance ✓ Make the Pack Duty Poster – Check with the office if you need any supplies. Make sure the Pack number is on the top of the Poster. ✓ Complete the Rank Advancement form for all boys completing the Bobcat ✓ Turn in any needed documents into the district/council ✓ Call, text, or e-mail 2 parents to share something positive about their scout. Make sure every scout has a positive comment before you return to these scouts.

Gathering Option 1: Scout Law Matching Worksheet

Welcome the boys as they enter the meeting room.

How to play:

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- Divide the boys into teams (no more than 15 boys per team), trying to balance the ranks between each team.
- Put one set of game strips for each team in a box at one end of the game area.
- One boy from each team will pull a strip from the box and put it on the correct sheet, in the correct order.
- The pieces can be rearranged as the game is played.
- Once all of the strips are put on the game board, one player at a time can make changes.
- The game is over when all strips are put in the correct order.

Gathering Option 2: Cub Scout Cootie Catcher

The sheets and scissors should be at seats for the boys as they come into the meeting room.

- Welcome the boys as they enter the meeting room.
- Instruct the boys to start making their own Cub Scout Cootie Catcher.
- Instructions are written on the sheet. For nonreaders either give instructions verbally or pair them up with older boys that can help them.
- Allow the boys to play with the cootie catcher.
- Walk around with the pairs and help them answer the questions, compliment correct answers.

<u>Opening: Pledge of allegiance, Boy Scout Oath & Law</u> (This is standard opening and the instructions will not be included to the Program Leader instructions after this session. Do this automatically)

Pledge of Allegiance

- ✓ Pick 2 scouts to hold the flag These boys should be demonstrating good behavior
- ✓ Explain the two scouts will be holding the flag this week and two new boys will be picked every week.
- ✓ Holding the flag is an honor
- ✓ Explain the scouts in uniform have to salute the flag, those not in uniform put their right hand over their heart. Have everyone demonstrate the salute.
- ✓ Make sure the flag holders hold it up high to keep it off the ground, pull it tight, and hold it with both hands.
- ✓ Ensure all of the scouts are focused and ready to begin
- ✓ Lead the Pledge of Allegiance
- ✓ Explain the flag holders now get to fold the flag.
- ✓ To keep the group engaged ask them to guess how many folds it will take to fold the flag properly.
- ✓ Lead the flag holders in folding the flag counting out loud with every fold.

Boy Scout Oath

- ✓ Make sure the Oath and Law posters are visible
- ✓ Pick 1 boy to lead the Boy Scout Oath this boy should be demonstrating good behavior
- ✓ Make sure the boys have the Boy Scout Sign, are quite, and focused before the boy starts the Oath.

Boy Scout Law

- ✓ Pick 1 boy to lead the Boy Scout Law this boy should be demonstrating good behavior.
- Make sure the boys have the Boy Scout Sign, are quite, and focused before the boy starts.

Thank all of the boys for being leaders today.

Talk Time: Code of Conduct, Positive Behavior Management system, & Pack Duty Chart

(Review the Positive Den Management section of the 2016/2017 Program Guide to conduct this section)

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BOBCAT

Code of Conduct: Today we are going to write our own code of conduct. This is how we will talk and act toward each other during our meetings. We all make this together. The only rule is we have to use positive words. So instead of saying, "no talking" we would say, "be quiet" or "be respectful". What do you think our code should say?

Allow all of the boys respond. Encourage any positive responses. Summarize the list of behavioral expectations. Make sure the list includes the 3 R's: Respect for others, Responsibility for yourself and your things, and Reasonable behavior. Boys should sign the code of conduct, and it should be displayed at every meeting.

Behavior Management System/Behavior Tracker: Now that we know what is expected during our meetings, we have to keep track of our behavior. This will help us make sure we are doing our best every day. I will be using this tracker to help me to tell you and your partnering adult how great you are.

Explain which behavior tracker you will be using.

Pack Duty Chart: Every time we meet there are chores or jobs have to be completed. We are calling those jobs are duties. Some of the important duties are hold the American flag, lead the pledge of allegiance, lead the Scout Oath, & lead the Scout Law.

If your behavior tracker need a person to do something like move a clip or add a marble into the jar add this to the list of duties.

What other duties should be added to the list for us to do every time we meet. Write these on a sheet to be posted. Some duties may be line leader, line tail (the last person to keep everyone together), Pack tracker (this person count the number of scouts at the meeting and makes sure everyone is in the room or out of the bathroom), cleaning crew, etc. let the boys create the duties.

To keep track of who is doing what duty every meeting I will make a poster with each duty on it. All of you have to decorate or at least put your name on a clip. At each meeting I will put your clip on your duty of the day.

Activity Option 1: Bobcat Balloon Race

The purpose of the game is to practice the Bobcat requirements in a fun way.

Materials: balloons blown up with a different Bobcat requirement inside (Scout Oath, Scout Law, Cub Scout Motto, Cub Scout Sigh, Cub Scout Handshake, Cub Scout Salute). Have at least 2 balloons for each boy.

How to play:

- Divide the boys into 2-4 teams, trying to balance the ranks between each team.
- Put all of balloons on the floor in one area.
- One boy from each team will run to the pile, grab a balloon, run back to the group, and sit on the balloon to pop it
- If the boy can answer the question without help, the team gets 3 points. If the boy needs help from his team, the team gets 1 point.
- Continue until all balloons are popped.

Activity Option 2: Bobcat Hot Potato

Purpose of the game is to practice for the Bobcat in a fun way.

The leader has to know and sing the "Trustworthy Tommy Song" to play this game.

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Have the boys stand up in a circle. Explain to the boys they are to pass the object (can be a ball, a balloon, anything that can be easily passed around) as quickly as possible until the song ends. Whoever is holding the object when the song ends they have to do a part of the Bobcat. The leader will sing the song, but the boys should join the song as soon as they learn it.

The game ends when the boys start getting squirrely.

Closing: Officially earn the Bobcat

We have practiced and played with the Boy Scout Oath, Law, Sign, Handshake, Motto, and the salute, now we are going to do it for real to earn your first rank.

Line all of the boys up in front of the leader like a platoon



Have the scouts do the following (with help if needed):

- 1. Say the Scout Oath
- 2. Say the Scout Law
- 3. Show & Explain the Cub Scout Sign (2 fingers up in the air. They are Akela's listening ears so all mouths are quiet.)
- 4. Show & Explain the Cub Scout Handshake (Left hand because it is closer to the heart, 2 fingers out for the Oath & Law). The leader should shake every boys hand.
- 5. Say & Explain the Cub Scout Motto
- 6. Give & explain the Cub Scout Salute (2 fingers of the right hand to the brow to show respect)

Congratulations, you have earned your Bobcat. Remember you will be asked to do these things over and over again, so never forget your Bobcat!