



Bobcat Requirements- At home portion- Step by Step Guide

This final requirement for achieving your Bobcat Badge is to be completed at home between the Scout and their parent or legal guardian.

- All Scouts regardless of Rank as part of the Bobcat Requirements must at home, with their parent or legal guardian, complete the final requirement. This is due to the sensitive nature and content that this requirement requires.
- **Step 1:** Parent/Legal Guardian reads through the “How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide.” Booklet (**Link to Access the Booklets:** [Parent Booklet-English](#) or [Parent Booklet- Spanish](#))
 - Note: If you have completed the Safeguarding Youth Training already this will be a review and likely you can progress to Step 2.
- **Step 2:** With your Scout cover the five important topics to minimize child abuse that are outlined in the booklet.
 - This portion begins on page 19 and there are various activities outlined on pages 20-26 to help your Scout understand these focus areas and what they mean.
 - Completing this portion of the booklet with your Scout(s) fulfills the requirements for your Cub Scout to earn their Bobcat badge.
 - As we understand that depending on your Scouts age these focus areas may be a bit over their head so, please feel free to adjust the conversation as needed to meet your Scout where they are at developmentally.
 - The five focus areas outlined in the booklet are intended to help minimize the chances of abuse for your child.

The five focus areas/points are:

- Check with a parent first
- Have a buddy with you at all times
- Maintain your personal space
- Avoid secrets
- Know who your trusted adults are

- **Final Step:** The goal is that after completing the exercises/activities outlined in the booklet is that your Scout should be able to answer the following questions: *Note: The ability for a Scout to be able to answer these questions will vary based on age and developmental level. Remember meet them where they are at!*
 - Why should I check with a parent first?
 - What are my personal boundaries?
 - How do I talk about touches and private parts?
 - Who are my trusted adults?
 - What if someone asks me to keep a secret?

Its important to point out that there is no “test” or review of the above questions or requirement by the Pack or Den Leaders. We encourage all parents/legal guardians to adjust the content to what your feel is most appropriate for your Scout(s). If you feel its not appropriate to review certain focus areas with your Scout at this time, that is your personal decision as their parent or legal guardian, and we ask you to do what you feel is best. The booklet is intended to be a guide and does not always fit each Scout where they are at currently so make the best choice for your Scout. The goal is to help our Scouts minimize their risk of abuse wherever we can and having these sometimes uncomfortable conversations is an important part of this.

If anyone is unsure on how to start these conversations or what may be appropriate for your Scout, please feel free to reach out your Scout’s Den Leader, our Pack Cubmaster or Assistant Cubmaster or our Pack Committee Chair. We are all hear to support you in any way we can so don’t hesitate to reach out with questions, comments, concerns, etc.