

TENDERPAW

The Tenderpaw is the first progress badge in the Cub Scout Personal Progressive Scheme and is done by ALL Cubs regardless of the age at which they join the pack. This badge is split into two sections namely the Membership Badge and the Tenderpaw Badge. When all the Membership Badge requirements are met, the new Cub is ready for the investiture. It does not matter if the Tenderpaw requirements are still not completed. The Cub may be invested but he/she must complete the Tenderpaw requirements before starting the Bronze Arrow.

The Tenderpaw is an introduction to Cubbing. The requirements listed below may be covered in any order. It is important to remember that we are asking the children individually to “Do their Best” and not to conform to any standard.

The Tenderpaw is designed to help the new Cub integrate into the Pack as smoothly as possible. As this is the new member’s first experience of Cub Scouting, care should be taken in covering the requirements with them. The main objective of the badge is to allow the new Cub to feel comfortable in the new surroundings. Apart from the requirements highlighted hereunder, it is also important to discuss items regarding the pack system (eg. campings, hikes, the sixes, the leaders etc).

The Membership Badge Requirements

- The Promise
- The Law
- The Motto
- The Scout Sign and Salute
- The Handshake
- How to stand – Alert, At Ease

THE MEMBERSHIP BADGE

The Cub Scout Law and Promise both refer to the Motto “Do Your Best”. This is the basis of cub training and should be referred to in all contexts of the cub’s daily living: home, school, play, sports and last but not least Cubbing. In other words, the Cub Promise is applicable to all spheres of life. When discussing these the Leader should dissect the Law and the Promise and get the Cub to think about what he/she feels each part means to him/her. Note that the promise is a personal promise taken by the individual Cub.

The Tenderpaw Badge Requirements

- The Jungle Story and Characters
- The Grand Howl
- Good Deeds
- National Anthem
- National Flag



Malta Membership Badge



WOSM membership Badge





THE PROMISE

Nwiegħed li nagħmel ħilti
Biex naqdi dmiri lejn Alla w' Art Twelidi
Biex ngħin lil ħaddieħor f'kull ħin, u nobdi l-liġi tal-Cubs

I promise that I will do my best
To do my duty to God and to my Country
To help other people and to keep the Cub Scout Law

I promise that I will do my best - emphasise that a promise once made should not be broken. Discuss the different promises that the members might make during their lifetime. Here we are promising to 'do our best'. It is important that they realize that nobody should be forced to make a promise against their will and that nobody should expect a Cub to promise not to tell something to their parents or friends. Cub Scouting is not a secret.

To do my duty to God – What does 'To do my duty to God' involves? For example: observing religious beliefs and respecting those of others; respecting anything which has to do with God. Where can we find God? What has God made? Leaders should be aware that different denominations and religions do have different beliefs.

And to my country – Ask what the country means to the citizens. What has it given to us – Food, clothing, employment, health care, housing etc. How can we do our duty towards it?

Observing laws and those who make and enforce them i.e. The Government and Police Authorities. Placing your vote each time a referendum/election is scheduled.

Consider what the country would be like without laws: for example, if it was optional on which side of the road one drives, everybody would try to go in different directions at the same time.

Respect our country – pollution, litter, environment etc.

Respect the National Flag; respect for other countries and their customs too.

Suggestions:

The concepts of the promise should take the form of a discussion with the cubs, giving them examples from our everyday life. The Promise should also be the guiding principle in the pack activities.

THE LAW

Cub Scout jagħmel ħiltu
Jaħseb għal ħaddieħor qabel għalih innifsu
U jagħmel xi ħaġa tajba kuljum

Cub Scouts always do their best,
think of others before themselves
and do a good turn every day.

Cub Scouts always do their best – draw attention to the word always and discuss what this means (i.e. no matter if they are in uniform or not, they are still cubs). Remember that each Scout is an individual and the do your best is a personal standard.

Think of others before themselves - what does this mean? Who are these “others” – parents, brothers, sisters, teachers, friends and strangers. Discuss “consideration” – consider letting older or disabled people sit down on a bus; helping at home when there is a favourite T.V. programme.

And does a good turn every day - stress the fact that a good turn is something which is done voluntarily. Offer before you are asked and not to expect anything in return. Discuss the idea of recording the good turns, but explain that even if they are not recorded they should still be done.

To help other people – refer to thinking of others before oneself, besides doing good turns. Respecting other people can also mean keeping quiet and listening in class.

And to keep the Cub Scout Law – encompass all of the above.

Suggestions:

Apart from discussing with the cubs and giving them everyday examples, the diary of good deeds in the Tender Paw (Cub Book pg6) covers in practice the principles of the Law and Promise.

THE MOTTO

AGĦMEL ĦILTEK - DO YOUR BEST

This can be a useful point to include in stories and it links back to the Cub promise. Note ‘your best’ is a personal best and it does not matter if it is not as good as someone else’s as long as it is really one’s best.

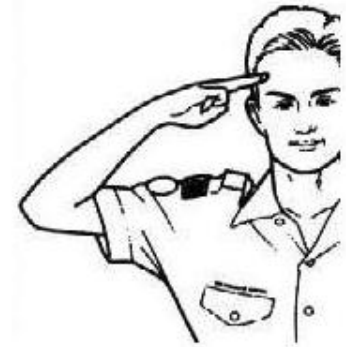




THE SCOUT SIGN

The Scout Salute

In the salute the tips of the three fingers are brought smartly to the right temple and lowered (in front of the ear), whereas when making the sign the hand is brought up at shoulder height. The scout salute is used during investitures and during flag breaks when we salute the flag.



The Scout Sign

The Cub Sign is made with the right hand as shown in the figure. The sign is common to Scouting movements all over the world. The three fingers are symbolic of the three parts of the promise. The thumb is over the little finger as a symbol that the strong protect the weak.

The scout sign is used during investitures and whenever we say the Promise; for example The Grand Howl.

When a Scout or Scouter raises the Scout sign, all Scouts should make the sign, too, and come to silent attention.



The Handshake

Scouts across the world all greet each other with a left-handed handshake. It is a sign of trust and friendship. But why and how did Baden Powell come to decide to use it when he formed the Scout Movement?

There is a story that when Baden Powell entered Kumasi, the capital city of the Ashanti he was met by one of the Great Chiefs of the Ashanti, he saluted them and then offered his right hand out as a sign of friendship, but the Chief transferred his shield which he held in his left hand to his right which contained his spear and offered his left hand as a sign of friendship. When asked why, Baden Powell was told that by offering his left hand which traditionally was used to hold a shield for protection, he was showing his trust to his enemy or friend, for without the shield for protection, he was open to attack.



Pack Signals and Standing

1. Standing Alert and At Ease
2. Horse Shoe formation call
3. Circle formation Call
4. By Sixes Call
5. Tallest on the left/right (depending where your arms are higher)
6. Scout Sign – to draw attention and silence

