



Investing a Cub

Example promise ceremony

Remember, this is only one example of how a promise ceremony might be done. There are many other ways to carry out the ceremony – Cubs just need to be welcomed, make their Promise, and be given their scarf.

1. Two new Cubs are brought forward by their Sixers. Their Sixer introduces them to Akela, the leader running the Promise ceremony.
2. Akela asks the Cubs whether they're ready to become Cub Scouts. They say yes.
3. Akela asks the Cubs whether they've thought about the Promise they want to make, and whether they understand it. They say yes.
4. Akela gives the Cubs their scarves by placing them around their necks. The scarves show that the Cubs are part of the worldwide Scout family, and the colour of the scarves shows that they're part of their Group.
5. Another (older) Cub Scout has the section's flag. They step forward, present the flag, and lower it so it's horizontal in front of Akela and the new Cubs.
6. Akela tells the new Cubs to make the Scout sign with their right hand, and put their left hand on the flag.
7. The new Cubs say their Promise. Akela helps by saying each line out loud first, for the new Cubs to repeat. They don't have to say the same Promise, if different Promises are right for them.
8. Akela gives the new Cubs their certificates and badges. They shake hands with their left hands – a symbol of trust in Scouts.
9. The new Cubs return to their Six, and everyone welcomes them.