

Cub-L Subject: Re: Bobcat and Tiger

There was a blurb in the 2005 Edition of the Cub Scout Leader handbook, **SECOND PRINTING** noting that, after June 1, 2006, Tigers use the Cub Scout motto.

This is clearly set out in the **NEW Coil bound Tiger Cub book** that recently came out, but it wasn't clearly set out in any prior edition, as those were all printed to early back in 2005 to reflect the changes. As I noted earlier in connection with the Bobcat change, the correct information is contained in the official BSA Publications shown below, just not as well as many of us would have preferred it be set out in order to enhance the clarity of it all.

Cub Scout Leader Handbook 2005 Edition, **SECOND PRINTING**

(Contains multiple references to Bobcat needing to be earned first effective June 1, 2006 and at least one reference to Cub Scout Motto replacing Tiger Cub motto effective June 1, 2006) These references were apparently not in the first printing but were definitely in the 2005 Edition, **SECOND PRINTING**, making the Cub Scout Leader handbook being the first word out on the subject, and I remember it confused a bunch of us back then because so few had seen there even as a **SECOND PRINTING** of the 2005 edition.

Tiger Cub Leader Fast Start

(online version, see www.olscouting.org - under Cub Scout Leader Fast Start, requires log-in.) This has been out since either winter or early spring of 2006 if I recall right, and it's worth a look through, even if you are not a Tiger leader, to help get up to speed so you can help Tiger leaders in your unit, district and online. Tiger Cub Handbook, Spiral Bound Edition aka to me as the latest of the latest word there is.

I purchased this spiral bound handbook on June 29 of this year. My copy has a sticker added over the pre-printed UPC info. The sticker says, in full, **CAT# 32552 Book Coil Tiger Cub Handbook [This is the location of the UPC Bar code 30176 32552]**

This **Spiral Edition handbook** is **ABSOLUTELY DIFFERENT** from the 2005 edition. I've gone through the book and there are changes everywhere there should be a change about the Bobcat badge being earned before the Tiger Cub rank badge now and how Tigers now use the Cub Scout motto.

Here are some of the examples:

Page 3 & 10, **spiral bound version** TC Handbook On these pages the text notes that Search Discover Share is the Tiger Cub **CONCEPT** or **IDEA** (emphasis mine. There is no mention in the handbook of a separate Tiger Cub motto, as Search Discover Share is no longer the motto, for they now use the Cub Scout motto.

The old TC motto simply goes the way of the old Tiger Cub Promise, an idea needed for when TC's were a separate program, but which were held onto for far far too long once

we integrated Tigers into the pack. For Eric's other question, when to award the Immediate Recognition Emblem, let's see what's in that new handbook:

Page 14, **spiral bound version** of the TC Handbook: No matter what age or grade a boy joins Cub Scouting, he must earn his Bobcat badge before he can be awarded a Tiger Cub Badge, Wolf badge, Bear badge, or Webelos badge.

Page 16 of this Book, talking about the Tiger Cub Immediate Recognition Emblem * Learn the Cub Scout motto: Do Your Best. * Learn the Cub Scout sign (see page 156) * Learn the Cub Scout salute (see page 158) (Again, no mention of the now former motto of Search, Discover, Share in relation to the fob, and that used to be a part of earning the Immediate Recognition Emblem.)

Page 25, **spiral bound edition**, TC Handbook: You must earn your Bobcat badge before you can work on your Tiger Cub badge. You will work on your Wolf badge next year, when you are in a Wolf den.

Ok, this would suggest that a Tiger Cub must finish Bobcat before beginning to earn his Tiger Cub rank or his Immediate Recognition Emblem. But hey, guess what, once he has learned the cub motto, sign and salute, the Immediate Recognition Emblem is already earned, it's a done deal except for the presentation. So even if the law of the pack or the promise that's a bit longer, the Immediate Recognition Emblem requirements are in fact already done. Applying a bucket of common sense, and as we favor instant recognition in Cubs, I would say go ahead and do the Immediate Recognition Emblem either that day in the den meeting, or at the latest the next pack meeting, even if Bobcat is not yet completed. I won't sic the uniform cops on anyone, I promise.

An alternative view, which I also won't quibble with, because it's at least equally right and perhaps a tad more so, is this: the Scout must earn Bobcat first, so the pack recognizes the fob requirements are inherent in the Bobcat, but elects to not present the Immediate Recognition Emblem until the Bobcat is fully earned, similar to how arrow points get worked on but not awarded before Wolf badge, and how tiger tracks get worked on, but not awarded until Tiger rank badge is complete. My take, unofficial as it is, says pick either one of those, use it in your pack, stay with it until there is something else by BSA in print, and don't spend a lot of time fretting over the decision because both are reasonable in the outcome.

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