



Build My Own Hero

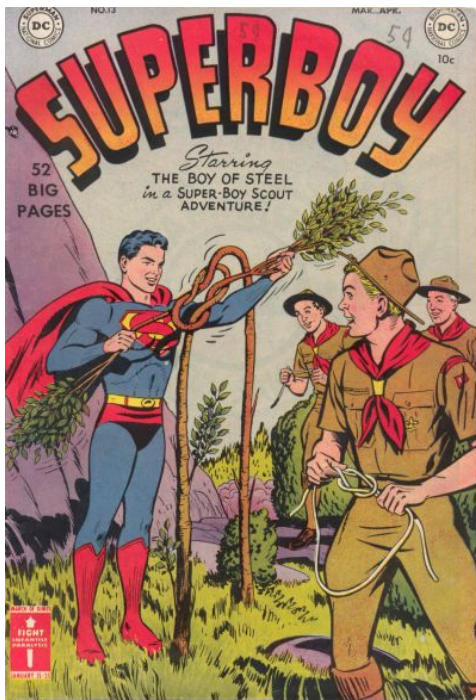
3 Den Meetings to complete

Takeaways

- Heroes can be found anywhere and are usually people just like us.
- Following the 12 points of the Scout Law can help us face challenges and be heroes in our own communities.
- A Scout is brave

Do these:

1. Discover what it means to be a hero. Invite a local hero to meet with your den.
2. Identify how citizens can be heroes in their communities.
3. Recognize a hero in your community by presenting him or her with a "My Hero Award."
4. Learn about a real-life hero from another part of the world who has helped make the world a better place.
5. Learn about a Scout hero.
6. Create your own superhero.



Through this adventure, Webelos Scouts will discover what being a “hero” means to them as well as the community they live in. Boys will meet local heroes and learn about everyday heroism around the world. Each Scout will also imagine his own superhero and create a story of how that hero helps others.

Requirement #1 – Invite a local hero to meet with your den

Before starting this adventure, have a brainstorming session with the Webelos Scouts to choose at least one local hero they can invite to the first meeting. Possible guests include teachers, doctors, nurses, police officers, firefighters, servicemen, and servicewomen. Once the Scouts make their choice, they should write down a few questions to ask (e.g., if a guest was involved in Scouting as a youth, ask how it influenced his life). Review the questions before the meeting to ensure all are appropriate, and write a brief introduction once you know a guest is coming. Have the Webelos sign thank-you cards to be presented after the meeting.

Requirement #2 – Identify how citizens can be heroes in their communities

Pick three people the Scout thinks is a good citizen hero. Have them observe their activities for a week. Record in a notebook the things they do that exemplify the Scout Law.

Requirement #3 – Recognize a Hero in your community

The hero you invited to speak to the den is a great candidate. If the boys have other candidates, then they should nominate each one. Make a special presentation of the award to the local hero.

Requirement #4 – Learn about real life heroes who have truly made the world a better place.

These are historical figures and world leaders. Pick ones that you can easily find examples on. You may want to avoid current leaders, as there may be some controversy.

Requirement #5 – Learn about a Scout hero

A TRUE STORY OF **SCOUTS IN ACTION**

They Saved The Baby From The River!

John Fitzgerald, 9, Christian Nanson, 11, and other members of Pack 100 and Troop 100 were swimming in Nebraska's Platte River when Christian spotted a baby floating facedown in the water.

Christian alerted everyone to the situation. John's father, Matt Fitzgerald, noticed that John was the only one close enough to save the child, so he told John to grab her and hold on.

Christian helped John pull the baby from the river before Mr. Fitzgerald took over.

Mr. Fitzgerald sent some Scouts from Troop 100 upstream to find the child's parents.

Another group of Scouts found a woman with a cell phone who called 9-1-1.

That woman's daughter, a nurse, gave first aid to the baby.

As EMTs arrived, the Scouts directed them to the scene. The child was treated for hypothermia at a local hospital before going home.

Webelos Scout John F. Fitzgerald, a member of Pack 100, chartered to St. Cecilia's Catholic Church, Omaha, Neb., received a Heroism Award for his actions. Scout Christian M. Nanson of Troop 100 received a Medal of Merit.








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*"Scouts In Action" subjects come from the National BSA Court of Honor. If you know of an act of heroism that should be recognized, contact your local BSA council office for a lifesaving or meritorious award application.
Note: Consult approved safety guidelines as actions depicted here may not precisely follow standard procedures.*

Lifesaving Awards

The first Honor Medal recipient was Charles Scruggs of Cuero, Texas, who received a bronze medal in 1911.

Honor Medal With Crossed Palms



The Honor Medal With Crossed Palms may be awarded in exceptional cases to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism and extraordinary skill or resourcefulness in saving or attempting to save a life at extreme risk to self.

Awarded in 2013: 11

Cumulative awards since 1924: 288

Honor Medal



The Honor Medal may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has demonstrated unusual heroism and skill in saving or attempting to save a life at considerable risk to self.

Awarded in 2013: 98

Cumulative awards since 1923: 2,452

Meritorious Action Awards

Medal of Merit



The Medal of Merit may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has performed some outstanding act of service of a rare or exceptional character that reflects an uncommon degree of concern for the well-being of others.

Awarded in 2013: 249

Cumulative awards since 1945: 6,478

National Certificate of Merit

The National Certificate of Merit may be awarded to a youth member or adult leader who has performed a significant act of service that is deserving of special national recognition.

Awarded in 2013: 86

Cumulative awards since 1989: 1,784

Requirement #6 – Create your own superhero

Everybody loves superheroes! Create your own!

Pass out paper, pencils, pens, markers, crayons, etc. and have the boys create their own superheroes. Before they start drawing their heroes, they need to think of a few things first...

What does their superhero look like?

Is he big and muscley? Is he regular sized? A kid? It's up to them.

What's his super power(s)?

A good superhero has a primary power that fuels or aids his other powers. Think about this as you create your own hero.

How did he get his super powers?

Was he bitten by a radioactive spider? Is he a strange being from another planet? Did he train himself to superhuman levels?

What's his secret identity?

Is he a reporter? Photographer? Lawyer? Billionaire philanthropist? Test pilot? What's his name?

What's his superhero name?

A hero should have a name that fits with his powers, but also with his purpose.

Check off the points of the Scout Law this hero exemplifies.

- Trustworthy
- Loyal
- Helpful
- Friendly
- Courteous
- Kind
- Obedient
- Cheerful
- Thrifty
- Brave
- Clean
- Reverent



HERO NAME: _____

SECRET IDENTITY: _____

SUPER POWERS: _____

ORIGIN: _____

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