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## Heroes in History

### Pack Committee

**Why Heroes in History for the Core Value Honesty.** Honesty is paired with heroes because throughout history heroes have distinguished themselves as honest people. They gained the respect and admiration of others through their vision of how the future could be changed without using dishonest means to achieve their goals.

### BEFORE THE MEETING

Be sure to have name badges ready for the gathering game and den display tables set up. Prepare advancement ceremony equipment and materials.

For the gathering game, write the name of a hero in history on a name badge. On another name badge, write something that person did that made him or her a hero. Use a different name and heroic deed for each pair of badges. Make sure you create enough for everyone who will attend.

### GATHERING

#### *I Am a Hero Game*

Have greeters hand out the name badges and explain the game as pack members and their families enter. Each participant will look for the person whose name badge matches his or hers. Each pair of name badges has a name on one badge and a heroic deed on the other. (Be sure to hand out the badges in random fashion and that each has a match.) This game is particularly good for helping newcomers meet others.

Suggested heroes and their heroic deeds:

Ben Franklin	Inventor who attracted lightning with his kite
Neil Armstrong	First human to step on the moon
John F. Kennedy	Naval hero in World War II who was elected U.S. president in 1960
Thomas Edison	Inventor of the light bulb
John Hancock	First signer of the Declaration of Independence
Christopher Columbus	Sailed to America as an explorer in 1492
Martin Luther King Jr.	Led protest marches to advance the rights of African Americans
Alexander Graham Bell	Invented the telephone
Mother Teresa	Worked with ill and poor people in Calcutta, India
Johnny Appleseed	Planted apple orchards on the early frontier of America
Paul Revere	Rode his horse through areas surrounding Boston to warn "the British are coming!"
Davy Crockett	The "king of the frontier" who fought and died at the Alamo
John Paul Jones	Naval officer who said, "I have not yet begun to fight!"





## **OPENING**

The preassigned den presents the flags.

### ***Heroes in History Speak Honestly***

The preassigned den members enter, either dressed as the character they are portraying or carrying pictures of them.

CUB SCOUT 1: They used to call me “Honest Abe.” I once wrote, “The fact is truth is your truest friend, no matter what the circumstances are.” I served as the 16th president of the United States. I am Abraham Lincoln.

CUB SCOUT 2: My country’s national proverb is “Honesty is the best policy.” I was England’s prime minister during World War II. I am Winston Churchill.

CUB SCOUT 3: There is a legend that when I was a boy, my father asked who chopped down our cherry tree, and I said, “I cannot tell a lie, I did it with my hatchet.” I was the first president of the United States. I am George Washington.

CUB SCOUT 4: I said, “Honesty is the first chapter in the book of wisdom.” I drafted the Declaration of Independence and was the third president of the United States. I am Thomas Jefferson.

CUB SCOUT 5: I wrote, “Honesty is the best policy. If I lose mine honor, I lose myself.” I was a famous playwright in England in the 16th century. I am William Shakespeare.

CUB SCOUT 6: Honesty is one of the 12 core values of Cub Scouting. I was the founder of Scouting. I am Lord Baden-Powell. Please join us in the Cub Scout Promise.

### ***Prayer (Cub Scout or Leader)***

#### ***Johnny Appleseed Prayer***

Oh, the Lord is good to me, and so I thank the Lord,

For giving me the things I need, the sun and the rain and the apple seed.

The Lord is good to me.

Amen

### ***Welcome and Introductions***

The Cubmaster welcomes everyone, introduces special guests, and thanks those who helped prepare for and plan the pack meeting. He or she explains the theme of this month’s meeting and asks everyone who found their match in the game to stand. The Cubmaster then leads the group in the Hero cheer: Hoorah, hooray, heroes save the day! *(Raise the left arm, then the right arm, then both arms while saying the words.)*

## **PROGRAM**

### ***Audience Participation***

The preassigned den leads a song:

“Heroes in History” (Sung to the tune “When Johnny Comes Marching Home”)

*We’ve had heroes throughout our history, hoorah, hoorah!*

*They were honest and true and got things done, hoorah, hoorah!*

*They brought us things we had only dreamed, they did it because it was honest and true*

*And we’ll all try hard to be honest heroes too, honest heroes too!*

(Repeat twice.)



## RECOGNITION

### ***American Heroes in History Advancement Ceremony***

If desired, use a flannel board to place silhouettes of presidents as they are mentioned during the ceremony.

CUBMASTER: We are proud of the outstanding heroes in the history of our great nation. We are equally proud of those Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts who are learning new skills and practicing ideals like honesty that will help them later in life.

The first rank in Cub Scouting is the Bobcat. We are representing this badge with the first general of the United States, who led our troops to victory during the Revolutionary War. Just as the Bobcat rank is important in getting a boy started on his Cub Scout trail, our first president, George Washington, was important in getting our country started. *(Call forward those Cub Scouts and Webelos Scouts, along with their parents or guardians, who have earned their Bobcat badge.)* Congratulations!

Next is the rank of the Wolf. We symbolize this with Abraham Lincoln, who started as a poor boy in a log cabin and became one of our most beloved and heroic presidents. The following boys have worked their way up from Bobcat to Wolf. *(The Cubmaster calls forward those Cub Scouts, along with their parents or guardians, who have earned their Wolf badge.)* Congratulations!

When a Cub Scout reaches Bear rank, he has learned much from the challenging projects he has completed. We use Teddy Roosevelt to symbolize the Bear rank. President Roosevelt accepted many challenging projects as well, including the establishment of five national parks. He is a hero to many. *(Call forward those Cub Scouts, along with their parents or guardians, who have earned their Bear badge.)* Congratulations!

As a Webelos Scout progresses toward becoming a Boy Scout, he attains the Webelos rank by earning activity badges and understanding more about becoming a Boy Scout and a citizen. We symbolize this rank with President Gerald Ford, who was the first president to have earned his Eagle Scout rank as a youth. *(Call forward those Webelos Scouts, along with their parents or guardians, who have earned their Webelos badge.)* Congratulations!

## CLOSING

### ***Cubmaster's Minute***

There are so many heroes in our history. We are grateful to them all. When Columbus sailed for the New World, he had a goal and was determined to reach it. He ignored the pleas of his crew to turn back. His words "Sail on, sail on" became famous. As Cub Scouts, we must stick to the things we know are right and ignore the pleas of others who might lead us in the wrong direction. We can be heroes each day by being honest with ourselves and others.

## CLOSING CEREMONY

The preassigned den retires the flags.

## RESOURCES

### ***Cheers***

Henry Ford cheer: Stand, pretend you are turning the crank on a Model T car (make chugging noises), then let out a big engine "ROAR" and sit down. Take the steering wheel and drive, blowing the horn with one hand and saying, "Aah-oo-gah!"

Paul Bunyan cheer: Divide the audience into two groups, the Chips and the Chops. As you point to each group, they yell in unison either "Chip!" or "Chop!" Repeat faster and faster until the tree is chopped down, then all holler, "Timber!"

Casey Jones Railroad cheer: CHOO, CHOO, CHOO, CHOO, CHOO, CHOO! WHOOOO! WHOOOO!

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Grand Salute cheer: Slap your knees five times and count, "1-2-3-4-5," then stamp your feet five times as you count, then stand up and salute.

Hero cheer: Hoorah, hooray, heroes save the day!