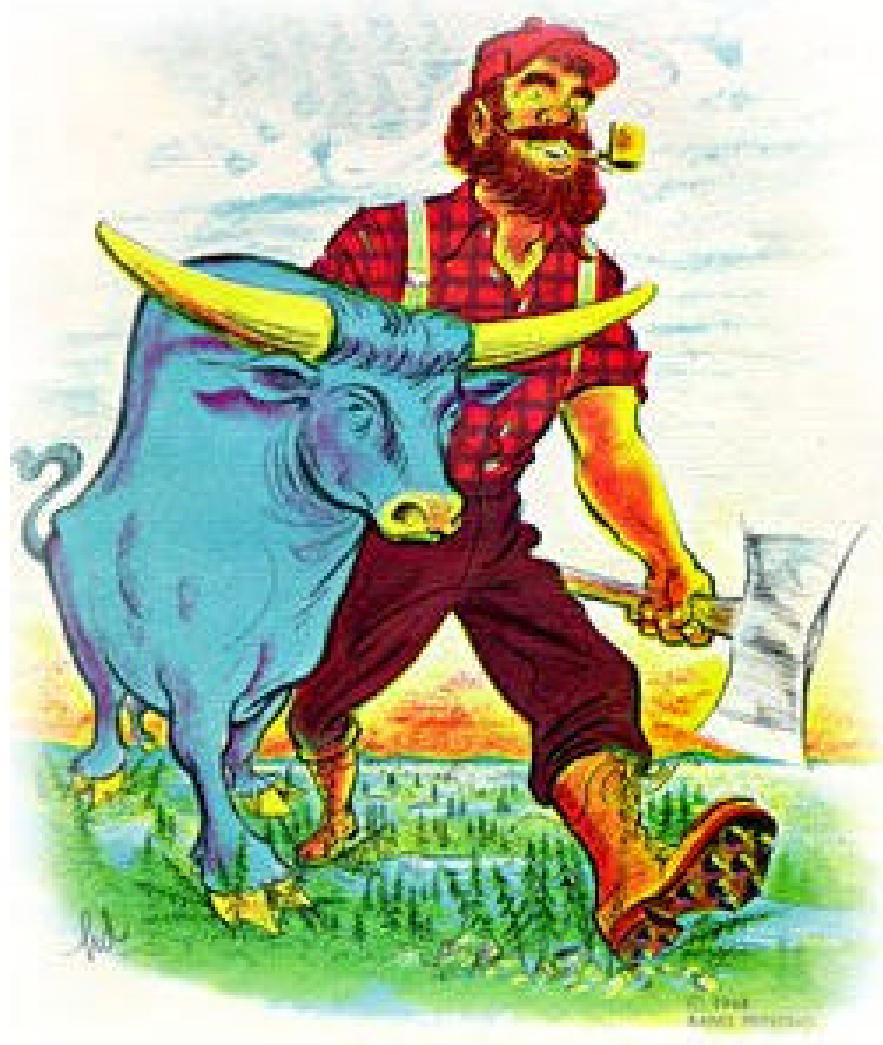


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Legends & Lore

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Focus. We all need heroes in our lives—whether they're the ones we live with day to day or the ones we idolize from afar. This month's theme gives us the opportunity to recall, focus in on, and celebrate some of the great legends and heroes of the past. It's good to be able to point to someone and say "I want to be just like that when I grow up!"

Pack Meeting Ideas

PreOpening Activities

American Folk Heroes

Another Word Find puzzle is in the back of this section. This one focuses on Western heroes, real and otherwise.

Who's That Hero?

Here is a "fill in the blanks" quiz to test your knowledge of American folk heroes. It's at the end of this section as well.

Who's Who?

Sorry I don't have the artwork here for you, but another fun pre-opening activity would be to post pictures of different hero-types on the wall with a number assigned to each one. Give out sheets of paper that have the names of the people in the pictures. Have everyone write the numbers from the pictures against the names on the sheets.

Opening Ceremonies

Cross America

CUB 1. I traveled across America and many legends I did meet.

CUB 2. I rode the Pony Express from Missouri to California.

CUB 3. I saw Daniel Boone in Kentucky.

CUB 4. Met Davie Crockett at the Alamo

CUB 5. Rode with Pecos Bill in New Mexico.

CUB 6. Hunted for the Lost Dutchman in New Mexico.

CUB 7. Walked with Bigfoot in the Northwest.

CUB 8. And rode Baba the Blue Ox across the Dakotas.

CUBMASTER. But tonight I'm going to meet the legends of tomorrow. Those legends are the Cub Scouts in Pack _____.

American Folklore Opening

By Dolly Forbes

CUB 1: American Folklore is more than just heroes, real and make-believe

CUB 2: It is about how the early settlers made clothing.

CUB 3: How they trapped for food.

CUB 4: How they worked.

CUB 5: How they played.

CUB 6: Folklore is about America.

CUB 7: Let's do an American thing.

CUB 8: Please stand and join us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Activities

Pecos Bill

Northwest District August 1975 Roundtable

Pecos Bill - Yippy yi-i-ay
Coyotes or Varmints - Howl
Horse or Widowmaker - Whinny
Indians - War hoop
Gun - Bang-bang
Toad - Hop-hop
Painted Desert - Swish-swish

Pecos Bill fell out of a wagon while travelling westward with his family. He was found by a bunch of coyotes and it wasn't long before Pecos Bill became one of them varmints.

One day a cowboy came by and told Pecos Bill that since he didn't have a tail like a coyote he figured that he was a human and that he should have a horse to ride. Now Pecos Bill had no idea how to get a horse.

A few days later a little strange horse wandered into the valley and Pecos Bill was able to save the life of the little horse. From that day on, Pecos Bill and Widowmaker stuck together like warts on a toad. After a few years, Pecos Bill and Widowmaker became known as the toughest varmints west of the Alamo.

Now once a tribe of painted Indians did a war dance. Pecos Bill took out his gun and started shooting up their game. Pecos Bill gave those Indians such a shakeup that they jumped out of their makeup and that's how the Painted Desert got its name.

Songs

Puff The Magic Dragon

Puff, the magic dragon lived by the sea
And frolicked in the autumn mist in a land called
Honah-Lee
Little Jackie Paper, he loved that rascal Puff
And he brought him strings and sealing wax and
other fancy stuff

chorus:
Oh Puff, the magic dragon lived by the sea

And frolicked in the autumn mist in a land called
Honah-Lee

Puff, the magic dragon lived by the sea
And frolicked in the autumn mist in a land called
Honah-Lee

Oh and together they would travel on a boat with
billowed sail
And Jackie kept a lookout perched on Puff's gigantic
tail
Noble kings and princes would bow when e'er they
came
Pirate ships would lower their flags when Puff called
out his name

chorus

A dragon lives forever but not so little girls and little
boys
Painted wings and giants' rings make way for other
toys
One grey night it happened, Jackie Paper came no
more
And Puff that mighty dragon, he ceased his fearless
roar

His head was bent in sorrow, green scales fell like
rain
Puff no longer went to play along the cherry lane
Without his life-long friend Puff could not be brave
So Puff that mighty dragon sadly slipped into his cave

chorus

Oh, Puff the magic dragon LIVES by the sea (present
tense!)
And frolics in the autumn mist in a land called
Honah-Lee
Oh, Puff the magic dragon LIVES by the sea
And frolics in the autumn mist in a land called
Honah-Lee

Land of Oden

In the land of Oden,
there lies a mountain,
Ten thousand miles, in the air
From edge to edge
This mountain measures,
Ten thousand miles square

A little bird comes a winging
Once every thousand years or so
Sharpens its beak on the mountain
And then he swiftly flies away

And when this mountain
has worn away
that in eternity will be
But one single day.

In the land of Oden,
There lies a mountain
Ten thousand miles in the air
In the air
In the air.

The Unicorn Song

A long time ago when the earth was green
There was more kinds of animals than you'd ever seen
They'd run around free while the earth was being born
But the loveliest of them all was the unicorn

There were green alligators
And long necked geese
Some humpy-back camels
And some chimpanzees
Some cats and rats and elephants
but sure as you're born, the loveliest of all was the unicorn

Now God seen some sinnin'
And it gave Him a pain
And He says, "Stand back!
I'm gone to make it rain."
He says, "Hey, Brother Noah,
I'll tell you what to do,
Build me a floating zoo.

And take some of them
Green alligators and long necked geese
Some humpy back camels and some chimpanzees
Some cats and rats and elephants
But sure as you're born
Don't you forget my unicorns."

Old Noah was there to answer the call
He finished up making the ark
Just as the rain started falling
He marched in the animals two by two
And he called out as they went through,
"Hey, Lord, I've got your green alligators,
And long necked geese
Some humpy back camels and some chimpanzees
Some Cats and rats and elephants
But, Lord, so forlorn, I just can't see no unicorns."

Then Noah looked out through the driving rain

Them unicorns were hiding, playing silly games
Kicking and splashing while the rain was pouring
Oh them silly unicorns

There was green alligators and long necked geese
Some humpy back camels and some chimpanzees
And Noah cried, "Close the door cause the rain is pouring
And we just can't wait for them old unicorns."

The ark started moving, adrift with the tides
Them unicorns looked up from the rocks and they cried
And the waters came down and sort of floated them away
And that's why you'll never see a unicorn to this very day

You'll see green alligators and long necked geese
Some humpy back camels and some chimpanzees
Some cats and rats and elephants
But sure as you're born, You're never gonna see no unicorns.
In A Book

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(Tune: She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain When She Comes")

Cub Scouts learn 'bout heroes in a book
Cub Scouts learn 'bout heroes in a book.
Cub Scouts learn 'bout heroes, oh they learn a lot
'bout heroes, oh they learn a lot 'bout heroes in a book.

You can climb the highest mountain in a book...

You can visit Mars and Venus in a book...

You can save the world from evil in a book...

You can solve the greatest myst'ry in a book...

Fight the dragon; save the damsel in a book...

Visit great people in history in a book...

Skits

The Unknown Folk Hero

Setting: The den is on stage and they're kinda murmuring to one another and finally one of them says loudly enough for the Pack to hear,

CUB #1 I hear the unknown folk hero is coming.

CUB #2 Have you seen him?

CUB #3 No

CUB #4 Couldn't be as strong as Paul Bunyan.

CUB #5 Couldn't be as brave as Casey Jones.

CUB #6 Couldn't be as good a shot as Davey Crockett

CUB #7 Couldn't be as wild as Pecos Bill.

CUB #8 Oh yeah! He's more than all those folks put together!

ALL: Here he comes!

Out comes another Cub Scout flexing his muscles and grinning!

Johnny Appleseed

CUB 1: Johnny Appleseed was a little man who wore a tin pot for a hat and a coffee sack for a coat. He carried his Bible tucked under his arm.

CUB 2: He never shot an Indian or killed a bear but John was the mightiest pioneer of all.

CUB 3: John believed that the Lord wanted him to plant seeds of love and charity as well as those of the apple tree.

CUB 4: John was friend to al the animals, Indians, and settlers.

CUB 5: He taught that, if you really love your neighbor, you should back it with honest labor.

CUB 6: Every where John went he left the shadow of his deeds behind and soon his apple trees stretched all across the frontier.

CUB 7: In that shadow, John left his gifts of love, faith, and the apple tree.

Please join in singing:

Oh, the Lord is good to me and so I thank the Lord for giving me the things I need—the sun, the rain, and the apple seed. Oh, the Lord is good to me.

Davy Crockett Skit

Characters: Announcer, 6 Cub Scouts in Davy Crockett costumes, 7th Cub Scout in dress clothes or Cub Scout uniform wearing a coonskin cap

Announcer: Tonight we bring you the story of a famous American, Davy Crockett—a brave, powerful man. Raised in the Woods of green Tennessee, he soon learned to know and name every tree

CUB 1: He learned to know the critters, from the possum to the bear. Wait until you hear what he did with just a stare!

CUB 2: He scared a coon right out of a tree with just a grin and a big old stare. He tried it on a bear, but the bear just wouldn't scare. So he challenged him to a fist fight and won it fair and square!

CUB 3: A streak of lightning Davy mounted; all the stars he named and counted. He caught the tail of a passing comet, and put a piece of sunrise in his pocket.

CUB 4: Davy was caught between a panther and a bearm so you see he couldn't use just a simple stare. He aimed Ol' Betsy at a rock between the two—the bullet split that rock and left a trail of blazing blue. One piece of rock killed the panther, the other demolished the bear. A mighty combination—Ol' Betsy and Davy's stare

CUB 5: Davy was a fighter, honest, brave, and true. But fighting it was told to me, always made him blue. A treaty was signed Davy helped to make the peace. And in that land, fighting did cease.

CUB 6: This is a fine country. It's worth fighting for. Guess I'll head for the fort called Alamo, where the Texans are fighting for liberty.

ANNOUNCER: Folks liked Davy's way of doing things. They thought Davy ought to be a Congressman and help run the country. The critters seemed to think so too. Even the crickets chirped "Crockett for Congress! Crockett for Congress!" In the nation's capitol, Congressman made a speech:

I'm Davy Crockett, fresh from the back woods. I'm half horse, half alligator, and a little bit tetched with snapping turtle. I got the fastest horse, the prettiest sister, the surest rifle, and the ugliest dog in Tennessee.

(If time allows and the boys know the song, have them sing "The Ballad of Davy Crockett.)

Special Ceremonies

Tiger Cub Graduation

From Scouts-L

Scouter Marilyn put this idea on Scouts-L and gave me permission to share it with my readers.

We condensed the Story of Akela & Mowgli from the Wolf Book and had a narrator read it while the Webelos acted it out as a skit. Then, the Cubmaster stood at one end of a bridge of candles as Akela and as each Tiger approached the other end, asked 'Who speaks for this Cub'? The Tiger's parents and the Tiger Group Coach said 'We do', then the Cubmaster asked the Tiger to approach. The parents accompany the Tiger across the bridge. On the other side, the Cubmaster presents the Wolf neckerchief saying something like 'This is the sign of the Wolf. Wear it with pride so that all may know you as a member of the pack'. Parent ties it on. Cubmaster presents the new Wolf to the pack, who howls greeting.

Marilyn Wright Gore

Painted Tiger Graduation

•Painted Tiger Cub Graduation Ceremony

Characters

Akela - Cubmaster

Baloo - Assistant Cubmaster

Bagheera - Tiger Cub Group Coach

Drummer - A Cub Scout Assistant

Material: Orange paint, Cub Scout Shirts, Yellow Neckerchief (already rolled), Neckerchief Slide (Drummer begins slow, rhythmic beat.)

Akela: Would the following Tiger Cubs and their parents please come forward. (Bagheera reads the names of the Tiger Cubs. They assemble in a line with the Tiger Cub in front, parents behind holding the boys' Cub Scout shirts.)

Akela: For the past several months, you and your family have explored new and exciting things and places. You have taken each part of the Tiger Cub Motto: Search, Discover, Share, and have used it in your home, school, and neighborhood. You and your adult partner have searched out, in your home and community, new activities that have shown you how people work together and have fun together. With orange paint, BALOO draws footprints on right cheek.)

Akela: You and your adult partner have discovered that by doing thing together with friends and family, you feel a sense of being a part of the family, community, and country. (With orange paint, Baloo draws an open hand on the left cheek.)

Akela: The thing you have searched out and shard with your family, and friends, and fellow Tiger Cubs, which let them learn about you and the things you saw and did. Now it is time to move along the Scouting Trail. In Cub Scouting, your family is important, just as it is throughout your whole Scouting experiences. Support in earning each badge comes from your family as well as from your den leader. Your parents will help you each step along the way. On behalf of our pack, I would like to welcome you into the next step of Scouting with your Cub Scout uniform shirt and the Cub Scout neckerchief.

(Parents put shirt on Tiger Cubs, over their Tiger Cub T-shirts.

Bagherra places the neckerchief around each Scout's neck and ties it with the neckerchief slide.

Akela, Baloo, and Bagherra then shakes each Tiger Cub's and his parents' hand.

Advancement Ceremonies

Honoring Our Heroes and Legends

[Note that this and other ceremonies should be reviewed and modified to suit the specific awards being giving at the meeting. This ceremony is written so that any particular award can be used or omitted without impacting the whole of the ceremony.]

Heroes are a wonderful and necessary part of our lives. Everywhere you look there are heroes. But the real heroes, the ones that last, are legends. They are not "a here today, gone tomorrow" thing. Cub Scouts are heroes who can become legends, too. They have what it takes to become legends. Tonight, we look at our own heroes right in the Pack.

(BOBCAT)

[Call boys receiving their Bobcat awards and their parents forward.]

All legends have a beginning. There is a reason why the story gets started. Sometimes, it's something that really happened, like John Henry's winning the race against a steam drill. Tonight we award these Cub Scouts for having earned their Bobcat badge. They are heroes for having stuck with it, getting through the requirements that are the foundation of Cub Scouting. Like John Henry, they didn't give up.

[Hand awards to parents to present to the boys. Congratulate them and call for a John Henry applause (Swing arms as if holding a sledge hammer and when the hammer hits its target, shout "BAM!").]

I have looked through a lot of text books and all over the internet, studying different heroes and there's one thing that is very different about American legends and heroes—they're not about gods or fairies, they're not about frogs or snakes—American legends are about people! In the United States, we celebrate people because they are

(WOLF)

And tonight we call upon some people who are fast becoming legends in Scouting as they move up the ladder of Cub Scouts. [Call up Wolf candidates and their parents.] These guys have been working hard and have earned their Wolf badge. In doing so they

have ridden cyclones across the southwest. Well, maybe not, but they have completed the 12 requirements that earn them the right to wear the Wolf badge!

[Hand awards to parents to present to the boys. Congratulate them and call for a Pecos Bill applause (Hang onto the reins, swing around wildly, and shout "Ye-Ha!").]

And legends can grow. When the lumber industry wanted to promote itself, what better way than to build the biggest, strongest lumberjack into the legend of Paul Bunyan?

(BEAR)

And grow, and grow. And speaking of growing, it's time to call up the Bear candidates. [Call up Bear Cubs and their parents.] Tonight we have some of the fastest growing legends here with us. These Cub Scouts (the only animals bigger than Babe, the blue ox) have finished their twelve requirements and have earned their Bear badge.

[Hand awards to parents to present to the boys. Congratulate them and call for a Paul Bunyan applause (Swing ax, stand back to look up as the tree falls and shout "Timmmmm-berrrrr!").]

But not all legends are bigger than life. They don't need to be. Our legendary Davy Crockett was as real as you and I. He walked this earth and helped people as he did it. He even served as a Congressman. He was a "real-life hero become legend."

(WEBELOS)

Just like our Webelos Scouts who have completed their requirements for the Webelos Badge. [Call up Webelos and their parents.] I have seen the stare on these guys faces sometimes, and I think they could do even what Davy Crockett wasn't able to do—frighten a bear out of a tree by staring at it! But they usually only have that look on their faces when they miss a meeting or don't get to a special Scouting event. But they are real, alive (boy are they alive) flesh and blood heroes. They have proven that they too can stick with it. They have begun to master the basics of Boys Scouting and they have completed some pretty tough activity badges. They have truly earned their Webelos badges.

[Hand awards to parents to present to the boys. Congratulate them and call for a Davie Crockett

applause (Grab your coonskin cap, toss it in the air, and shout "Hats off to you!").]

So you see, America is full of legends and heroes, but no more than what we have right in our Pack.

(ARROW OF LIGHT)

All that the Pack's Scouts have done is pretty tough act to follow, but then, so is the trail to the Arrow of Light. And tonight we are proud to award this highest Cub Scout honor to those who have followed the trail to the top. [Call forward AOL recipients and their parents.]

To the rest of us in the Pack you are the heroes and will be our newest legends. You have reached the top of a trail that very few finish. That's what makes a hero a legend. To be a hero is an honor; to be a legend takes something very special inside. You have shown us that you have that special something.

[Hand awards to parents to present to the boys. Congratulate them and call for a hero's applause (in absolute silence hold your hand up to them as they return to their seats).]

Closing Ceremonies

Good Deeds of Old

CUBMASTER: Tonight we have enjoyed recalling the days of old when brave men went forth doing good deeds. They carried their banners high, proud to show who they were. Tonight we would like one member from each den to come forward. (Either with the den flag or use the number on the sleeve.) (Line the boys in a row in front showing the den number.) Now as we look at the symbol which stands for our group let us all stand and sing "God Bless America."

After song:

CUBMASTER: Let us now go forth and be Proud of our Cub Scout uniform and try to live up to our Cub Scout Law and promise.

American Folklore Heroes

CUB #1: All of our American Folklore heroes were hard working people, You won't find a shirker in the bunch.

CUB #2: Campfire stories about them tell us so.

CUB #3: All were Americans trying to improve this young country of ours.

CUB #4: As we leave her tonight, lest us keep those hard working Americans in our mind.

CUB #5: Do the same as they did, so more than your share.

CUB #6: Help your parents whenever they ask and even when they don't.

CUB #7: Maybe some day, there will be a legend that tells about your great deeds.

Den Meeting Ideas

Places To Go & Things To Do

York City Walking Tour

Do you know why the Golden Tavern sign is what it is? Well, "back then" the average working-class person couldn't read so the Golden Plow indicated that the place was a tavern for the "working class." How do I know this? Because my family spent several Sundays doing bits and pieces of the York Historical Walking Tour. This is a great educational experience and really fun to boot. As long as we're doing heroes and legends, why not check it out.

Den Meeting Activity Ideas

Yesteryear's Folk Heroes

Invite an elderly person to your den meeting (or your den's adopted grandparent) and talk of the folklore heroes from his/her childhood.

Folk Songs

Invite a folk guitarist to a den meeting to teach some new folk songs to the den.

Tall Tales Contest

Have a Tall Tale Contest where each Cub Scout has to make up his own tall tale character and a story about the character.

Games

Huck Finn's LeapFrog

In Huck Finn's day, frog jumping contests were a regular thing. Today we still have the Celebrated Jumping Frog Of Caleveras County. Here's a take-off on that legendary game (for Cub Scouts!).

Divide the den into two teams. The teams line up on the starting line. On the "go" signal, the first boy in each team "frog hops" down to the turn-around point (about 20 feet away) and returns to his team. He tags the next frog, which again hops the trip. First team to have all frogs return home wins.

Steel Drivin'

One legendary figure we all know is that steel-driving John Henry. Here's a game to celebrate this hero's great efforts.

Materials:

- 2 4X4X12" beams
- 2 4X4X24" beams with 12d common nails sunk in 3/4 deep in the center area of the beam (at least one nail per team member)
- 4 22-oz. Framing hammers
- 12d common nails (at least one nail per team member and a few extras)

Setup:

You need four stations—two "drive it" stations, each with a hammer, nails, and empty beam and two "pull it" stations, each with a hammer and a pre-nailed beam.

Divide the den into two teams. On the signal "so," one person at a time from each team goes to the "drive it" station and hammers a nail into the beam. Then he goes to the "pull it" station and pulls a nail out of the beam. First team finished wins.

Folklore WORD SEARCH

This puzzle contains words and phrases related to Western Folklore heroes. See how many you can find.

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ROY BEAN
BRONCHO BILL
BILLY THE KID
KIT CARSON
CALAMITY JANE
CHEROKEE BILL
DAVEY CROCKETT
BUFFALO BILL
WYATT EARP

BAT MASTERSON
WILD BILL HICKOK
JESSE JAMES
PECOS BILL
PECOS PETE
PAT BUTRAM
TONTO
THE LONE RANGER
HOPALONG CASSIDY

ROY ROGERS
DALE EVANS
CISCO KID
PONCHO TRIGGER
TOPPER
SILVER
RED RIVER
GHOST RIDERS
SONS OF THE PIONEERS

NAME THAT HERO

Adopted from Orange County Council 1987 Pow Wow Book

Match the person with the sentence:

- _____ 1. Called a "Little Sure Shot" as a child, she grew up to star in the Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.
- _____ 2. He once rode a cyclone through four states. When he leaped off, his landing formed Death Valley, California.
- _____ 3. This character is not fictional. This mighty steel-driving man had a rock-drilling contest with a steam drill and won!
- _____ 4. An expert hunter, horsewoman a, sharpshooter, and scout, this colorful wild west character risked her own life to nurse smallpox patients back to health in Deadwood South Dakota.
- _____ 5. This mighty man of steel would stir molten pots of metal with his bare hands. When the steel mill he worked in became too small, he melted himself to make steel for a larger building.
- _____ 6. This boy and two of his friends outfitted a raft with supplies and floated into endless Mississippi adventures.
- _____ 7. He became the most famous lumberjack of all times. He and his pet ox, Babe, were used as advertising for the lumber industry.
- _____ 8. He killed a bear when he was only three. He was a true historical figure. He died in the Alamo.
- _____ 9. He lived on his father's hacienda in southern California. Hiding his identity behind a mask, he would ride to protect the cruel Governor's victims.
- _____ 10. He was a Christian missionary who planted apple orchards in the wilderness.

All -American Folk Hero

By Dolly Forbes, Pack 263, Northwest District

Start by reading the "fill in the blanks" story that follows these instructions to get a feel for where we're going with this activity. Once you've done that, come on back here to the instructions.

Note that this activity will take some advanced planning on your part, but the kids will love it. What you have to do is to copy the "answer lists (below) and cut them up, by number, and place them in envelopes or plastic bags so that the boys can pick their answers without knowing what they have.

Also, you need to copy the story—one copy for each boy. Finally, to get things going, give the boys their copies of the story and have them pick out their answers from the envelopes. Then they can start filling in the blanks. When they're finished, have them read their stories to the group. It'll be a blast for them and you.

1. Davey Crockett	2. tall & thin	3. Pioneer	4. bright red	5. green
1. Ichabod Crane	2. short & thin	3. Schoolmaster	4. straight	5. crossed
1. Johnny Appleseed	2. tall and fat	3. Planter	4. messy	5. two black
1. John Henry	2. skinny & weak	3. Steel driver	4. greasy	5. blood shot
1. Pecos Bill	2. skinny & weak	3. Cowboy	4. curly	5. red
1. Paul Bunyan	2. tall & strong	3. Lumberjack	4. stringy	5. swollen
1. Casey Jones	2. short & strong	3. Train Engineer	4. mangled	5. glassy
1. Stormalong	2. short & weak	3. Sailor	4. no	5. puffy

6. Curly	7. crooked	8. open	9. small	10. orange	11. torn	12. bright red
6. Messy	7. broken	8. smiling	9. dirty	10. striped	11. knee-high	12. holy
6. Greasy	7. long	8. yelling	9. smelly	10. polka dot	11. dingy	12. high top
6. Shaggy	7. hooked	8. pouting	9. big	10. flowered	11. smelly	12. smelly
6. Thin	7. pointed	8. crooked	9. ripped	10. work	11. greasy	12. wool
6. Long	7. red	8. quiet	9. patched	10. denim	11. high-water	12. orange
6. Short	7. Roman	8. straight	9. torn	10. cowboy	11. tight	12. black
6. Pointed	7. short	8. grinning	9. holy	10. high-necked	11. baggy	12. no

13. Cowboy	14. Stetson	15. rifle	16. skinny	17. prairie dog	18. yelled
13. Lumberjack	14. stocking cap	15. hammer	16. tall	17. ox	18. stared
13. Slippers	14. coonskin cap	15. car	16. sway back	17. girl	18. smiled
13. Hiking	14. sombrero	15. knife	16. frisky	17. snake	18. jumped
13. Spurred	14. 3-cornered cap	15. ax	16. fat	17. train	18. faced down
13. High top	14. engineer's cap	15. rope	16. lame	17. boat	18. danced
13. Work	14. cooking pot	15. Bible	16. sad	17. bear	18. whistled
13. Black	14. sailor's cap	15. ship	16. tired	17. cougar	18. sang

MY HERO!

BY: _____

Once upon a time there lived an American Folklore hero who was named (1)_____. He was a (2)_____ , (3)_____ with (4)_____ hair, (5)_____ eyes, (6)_____ beard, (7)_____ nose, and a mouth that was (8)_____ all the time. He always wore a (9)_____ _____, (10)_____ shirt, (11)_____ trousers, (12)_____ socks, and on his feet he wore (13)_____ boots. He was best known for his hat, which was (14)_____. He never went into the wilderness without his trusty (15)_____ _____ by his side. He rode his (16)_____ horse into town one day. On his way he met a (17)_____. It frightened him so much he (18)_____ to make it move out of his way. The whole town cheered. After all, he was their hero!

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