

Superhero Squad Patch Program: Boy Scouts and *America's ToothFairy®*

The **Superhero Squad Patch Program** allows both Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts to learn about oral health, become advocates for access to quality dental care, and develop leadership skills. To earn a **Superhero Patch**, a Cub Scout or Boy Scout participates in at least one activity from the following three categories.

Learn

- Research any topic on oral health. You might consider learning about tooth structure, proper brushing and flossing technique, dental cavities, braces, dental implants, or healthy oral habits across the lifespan. Share what you learned with family, friends, or your troop.
- There are so many excellent career opportunities in dentistry! Select a career to research and learn about education and schooling requirements, what a "typical day" look like, and why someone might choose the career. Prepare a poster and share your findings with family, friends, or your troop.
- People around the US and around the world experience different standards of oral health. Select any geographic area and learn about the oral hygiene habits of people who live there, access to quality care, and challenges that exist. Share what you learned with family, friends, or your troop.

Act

- Host or participate in an *America's ToothFairy®* Smile Drive. Collect "Tools for Teeth" (such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, mouthwash, and floss). Identify a local group or organization that can distribute the donations to underserved children.
- Advocate for fluoridated water in your community. Research the benefits of fluoridated water, prepare a poster or presentation, and share your findings with community members.
- Using the Oral Health Community Education Kit from *America's ToothFairy®*, volunteer to teach a lesson on oral health to a young audience using the Kit. You might consider a local daycare or elementary or middle school.



Make Connections

- Interview an adult who has children. Ask them about their oral hygiene habits and what they do to instill good oral health behaviors in their children.
- Contact a local dental practice. Visit the practice or ask the dental professional to speak to your troop. Write-up a brief report on your experience and share it with your troop and *America's ToothFairy®*.
- Write a Thank You letter to someone who taught you about or helps you maintain good oral health habits. Tell them why you are thankful.

Order Patches!

<http://www.ncohf.org/our-programs/registered-users/girl-scouts-boy-scouts/scout-patch-form>

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