

The John H. McConnell Good Scout Award

The values found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law includes trustworthiness, loyalty, kindness, and helping others. These attributes were at the cornerstone of the life that John H. McConnell stood for. Mr. John H. McConnell (May 10, 1923 – April 25, 2008) was founder of Worthington Industries and the Columbus Blue Jackets. Mr. McConnell believed in The Golden Rule: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. A former Boy Scout and a Life Board Member of the Simon Kenton Council, Mr. McConnell believed in doing the right thing and giving back to the central Ohio community. His charitable contributions led to the McConnell Heart Hospital at Riverside Hospital, which provides treatment and prevention services for heart-related illnesses. In addition he established the Columbus Blue Jackets Foundation to help improve the lives of central Ohioans.

As a Scout you are held to a higher standard and learn important values and leadership skills that will help you be successful in life. Like Mr. McConnell did during his lifetime, you also exhibit these qualities and give back to your community. This special award in honor of John H. McConnell is a testament to his legacy and an opportunity for you to pay it forward.

Requirements:

- 1) Provide 10 hours of community service in your local community including the local "Scouting For Food" drive that will help others in need. This must be completed in a 6 month time frame. Track your hours and when completed.
- 2) Serve in a leadership capacity in your Troop for at least 6 months.
- 3) Organize a Troop philanthropy event to raise money for a good cause other than Scouting. This could be in support of a church, local food pantry, or humane society in need of funding support. Report your results to your local community newspaper.
- 4) Show good fitness by participating in one of the five fitness related merit badges; "Personal Fitness", "Swimming", "Hiking", or "Cycling."
- 5) Earn the "American Business" and "Citizenship in the Community" merit badges.
- 6) Learn about John H. McConnell through research or by reading his book, the "Golden Rule".
- 7) Write a two page essay to include the following; How has Scouting affected your personal, family, and community life? What lessons can be learned from how Mr. McConnell lived his life?

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Recognition:

A special limited "John H. McConnell Good Scout Award" Gold Medal to be presented during the Columbus Blue Jackets "Scout Night" on February 24, 2011. Admission to the game is included for Scout receiving the award and two adults.

Award Application:

Name _____ Rank _____ Troop # _____

Address _____

Phone _____ e-mail _____

Scoutmaster Approval _____ Date _____

Submit form to:

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