

A real life saver

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For 11-year-old Andrew Jones of Streetsville, saving the life of a 5-year-old boy who had fallen into the frigid waters of Lake Simcoe was just no big deal.

"I just did what I had to do. I didn't want to get a big award," Jones said after receiving a big award recently at the Port Credit Yacht Club.

Jones, a member of the 1st Streetsville Scouts, received the Certificate for Meritorious Conduct award from Scouts Canada. Only about five of these awards are handed out across the country each year.

The incident happened over a year ago at the Jones family cottage.

"We were playing with water guns and he just backed off the end of the dock," said Jones, a Grade 6 student at Ray Underhill elementary school. "I just walked over, put my hands under the water and lifted him up.

"I wasn't thinking about it. I just

knew I had to get him out of the water."

After pulling young William Smith out of the water, Jones pushed on the younger boy's stomach to force out the water. Jones cried for help, then carried Smith up to his parents.

The Smith boy said at the award ceremony that he was never scared — he was just cold.

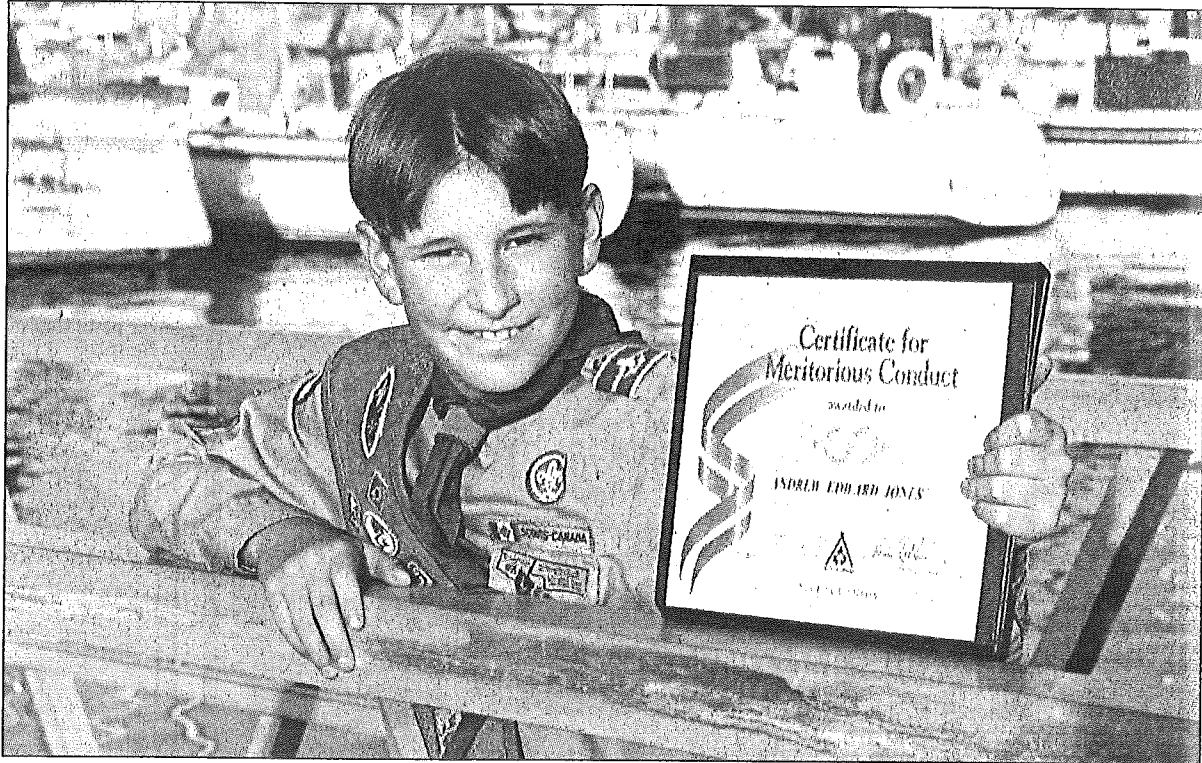
His parents, Peter and Sandy Smith, were plenty scared.

"If Andrew hadn't been there, I don't know what would have happened," said dad, Peter.

Troop scouter Lorraine Treanor was on hand to present Jones with his award.

"I'm more proud about the fact that he didn't want any big show about it," said his mother, scout leader Patti Jones. "You do what you do and you get on with your life."

Sandy Smith said the kids are always required to wear a life jacket near the water, but the rule was forgotten that day amidst all the excitement over getting the cottages ready for the summer.



Staff photo by Rob Beintema
Streetsville's Andrew Jones, 11, received the Certificate for Meritorious Conduct award from Scouts Canada. Jones saved the life of a 5-year-old boy who had fallen into the frigid waters of Lake Simcoe.

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