

Quick Facts

Hero:

Christian Zaverl

Age:

Learned Skill: Cub Scouts

Saved:

His friend, Jason Bailey

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NurseErikson

EVERYDAY HERO STORIES:

Cub Scout to the Rescue

Nine-year-old Christian Zaverl was turning in a test at school when he noticed his friend Jason Bailey choking on a peppermint.

Christian asked Jason if he was choking, then asked him, "Do you want me to do that *thing* we learned?"



Jason Bailey and Christian Zaverl

That thing was the Heimlich Maneuver!

Christian and Jason are both members of Cub Scout Pack 105 where they learned the maneuver together.

Nancy Erikson, the Registered Nurse who led Pack 105's instruction, said kids should know life-saving skills like the Heimlich.

"When I was teaching all of them, they were so attentive. I'm so proud of all the scouts," said Nancy. "To be able to have 9 and 10-year-old boys sit and listen is great. They were so mature and interested. It just goes to show how kids can really step up when they're needed."