CREATING A SCOUTING LEGACY R. Bruce Abernethy

Scouting has a special place in Bruce Abernethy's heart. Bruce's Scouting story began in 1947 as a Boy Scout in Nebraska. Camp Cedars, near Fremont, Nebraska, was Bruce's summer home. Over the next twelve summers, Bruce grew from a first year camper to an Aquatics leader, formed brothers through the Order of the Arrow and earned the rank of Eagle Scout.

For many Scouts, as time passes, meetings replace hikes and campfires are replaced with gas fireplaces. Scouting only remains as treasured memories from the past.



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However, Bruce remained dedicated to Scouting even during his service to our country. As a Signal Corps Officer from 1959 - 1965, Bruce continued to volunteer in the Scouting program wherever he was stationed. Even in his twenties, he was ensuring the Scouting program could be delivered to others.

Scouting has been a consistent thread through Bruce's life fueling his passion for service and the outdoors. Today, Bruce enjoys seeing the fire of excitement in young Scouts as he teaches them his knowledge and love of rock climbing. Incredibly, Bruce's dedication, involvement, and love for Scouting has remained active for his entire life.



How will Bruce continue his Scouting legacy for future generations?

Bruce was able to turn his legacy of Scouting memories into a financial legacy, providing for the future of the Cornhusker Council. Several years ago, Bruce created a charitable gift annuity to provide for the future of the Cornhusker Council as well as provide personal income. He has been so pleased with the outcome, Bruce has since created several more annuities.

In 2011, Bruce created the R. Bruce Abernethy Endowment Fund to benefit the Cornhusker Council. Bruce's Scouting legacy will continue long after he passes as the proceeds from the charitable gift annuities will become part of this endowment. The endowment ensures Scouts for generations will have the strong Scout morals, ideals, and memories Bruce has held dear for more than 70 years.

To pass the Scouting tradition from your family to others, contact the Boy Scouts of America Foundation to help continue your Scouting legacy.



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