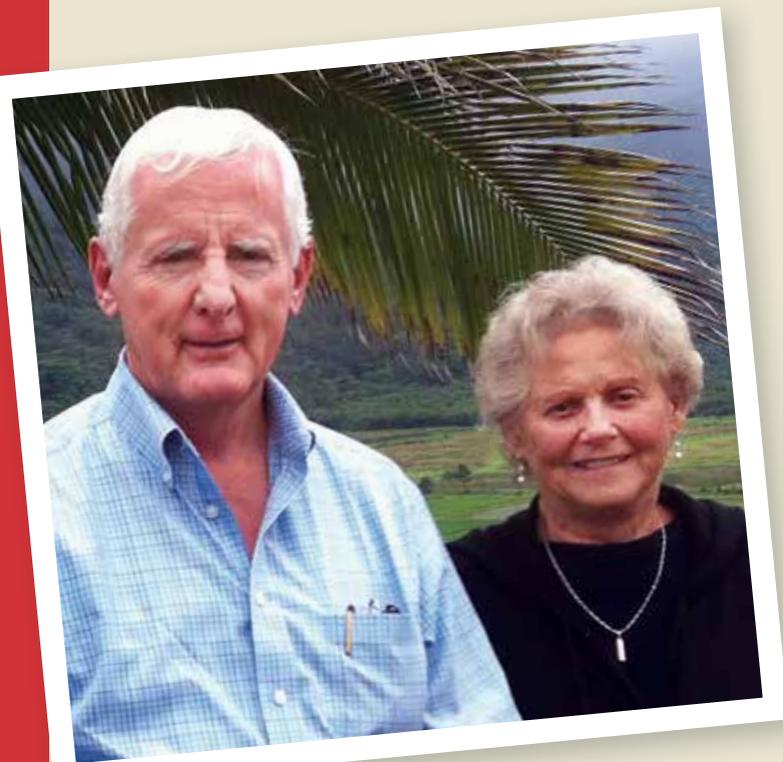


# Frank & Marcia McAllister

## Challenging Scouts to be their best.



**F**rank McAllister will never forget his first exposure to Scouting, at age 4, when his Scoutmaster father had his troop meet in the McAllister backyard. "I was the dummy they used to practice first aid on," McAllister recalls. "I figured I'd joined Scouts at 4."

McAllister officially became a Scout at 11, when he joined Troop 119 in Providence, Utah. It was the beginning of life-shaping events, including becoming only the second Eagle in his troop and attending the 1957 National Scout Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa. "Those were the years that I decided I was going to be a Scout the rest of my life," McAllister says.

He lived up to that decision, becoming a Scoutmaster during his time in college. While pursuing a mining career, he led a troop from Short Hills, N.J., on many adventures, including viewing the 1976 bicentennial fireworks from Battery Park in New York Harbor. He also hiked alongside them on several 50-milers on the Appalachian Trail. "I wanted the boys to understand what they could do and could make of themselves," he says.

One of his most memorable Scouting experiences

came on one of those 50-milers. The hike was in the summer heat, and on the 20-mile day he constantly reminded the boys to drink water but neglected his own hydration. Dehydration set in, and he began lagging far behind. Two Scouts, including his son, left their packs, came back for him and volunteered to carry his pack so he could catch up. It turned out he had fallen 5 miles back and would've been in considerable danger without the Scouts' help. "Those boys remember that, and I do, too," he says today.

As he moved around the country for work, McAllister became engaged at ever-higher levels in Scouting, including stints as Catalina Council president in Tucson, Ariz., regional board member and Northeast Region president. Ultimately he joined the National Executive Board, where, among other roles, he chaired the National BSA Conference on Sustainability.

Professionally, McAllister spent most of his career with ASARCO, a century-old mining and refining company, eventually becoming its chairman and CEO. Later he held a similar position with Stillwater Mining

Co., the nation's only miner of platinum and palladium, and has occupied high-level positions on numerous industry boards and associations. Most recently he helped champion the exciting new Mining in Society merit badge that launched in early 2014.

As an adult Scouter, McAllister attends jamborees with his wife, Marcia, and relishes placing challenges before Scouts and encouraging them to see what they're made of. Both of the McAllisters' sons are Eagle Scouts, and Frank is watching with interest while they introduce his grandsons to the movement that has given so much to his family. "I hope they'll have some of the same passion that I have and their fathers have for Scouting," he says.

When Marcia talks about Scouting, she recalls being a den leader when her sons were small and going to jam-

borees with her husband. "I do the fun things," she says. "He does the hard things." In addition to fostering fun, Scouting helps instill the kind of values Marcia wants for her family. "The values are exactly the same," she says.

The McAllisters' support of Scouting includes financial contributions for specific projects such as the McAllister Family Sustainability Challenge Trail at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve.

Their involvement with Scouting has generated similarly well-rounded rewards for them, their children and other kids. They hope the McAllister Family Sustainability Challenge Trail will encourage many other youth to pursue comparable tracks. "Challenging them to do something good in their life," Frank says. "That's what this trail is all about."



Isaac Manning (left), president of the sustainability-focused development firm Trinity Works, gives Frank McAllister a tour of the Sustainability Treehouse at the Summit Bechtel Reserve during its construction.



A new trail at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve will challenge Scouts while encouraging them to reflect on sustainability, a value of high priority to Frank and Marcia McAllister. Frank (second from right) stands with fellow Scouting supporters (from left) Perry Cochell, Jack Furst, Warren Hylton, Wayne Perry and Wayne Brock.

## WHY WE GIVE To keep moving down Scouting's trail

**ONE OF THE LONGEST TRAILS** at the Summit Bechtel Reserve will be the McAllister Family Sustainability Challenge Trail, a 5-mile route that winds from the base camps up to Garden Ground Mountain, SBR's highest point. Along the trail will be points where hikers pause and reflect about what the Scout Oath or Law means to them, or about sustainability, one of the McAllisters' special interests.

Frank McAllister has traversed the trail himself many times. "It's difficult, and yet it's doable by almost anybody," he says.

The point of the trail is to get hikers to think about things that are long-term, even when confronted with a challenge that tends to focus them on the here and now.

"Along the trail the pause points will have thoughts about Scouting and sustainability for the hikers to ponder," he says. Some will suggest Scout-related traits, such as trustworthiness and friendliness. Some will be more general: "What was the world population when you were born?"

Sustainability plays a large role on the trail, as it does at the Summit Bechtel Reserve itself. That fits well with

McAllister's concerns of looking to the future, which he says is all about 1) people, 2) the things people must have (natural resources) and must care about (the natural environment), 3) continuing innovation, 4) people getting along with each other and 5) a world at peace. "Essentially, we must ensure sustainability for those who follow in our footsteps," he says. "What we're talking about is the future."

