

# Bequest Language

Planning for the future and creating the legacy you wish to leave is one of the most effective ways to ensure a lasting impact. Making a gift in your will or living trust, known as a bequest, can guarantee that your legacy endures. Your gift may be a specific dollar amount, a percentage of your estate or the remainder after all other provisions are specified.

**W. D. Boyce Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc.** federal tax ID number is: **37-0661188**

Below is suggested language to use when drafting your bequest.

## SAMPLE LANGUAGE

### 1. SPECIFIC BEQUEST

If you are considering making an outright bequest to W. D. Boyce Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc., we recommend the following language:

#### **Bequest of a Specific Dollar Amount**

I hereby give, devise and bequeath \_\_\_\_\_ and No/100 dollars (\$DOLLARS) to W. D. Boyce Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc., a nonprofit organization located at 614 NE Madison Avenue, Peoria, IL 61603, Federal Tax ID #37-0661188 or any successor council, for general council use and purpose.

#### **Bequest of Specific Personal Property**

I hereby give, devise and bequeath DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY to W. D. Boyce Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc., a nonprofit organization located at 614 NE Madison Avenue, Peoria, IL 61603, Federal Tax ID #37-0661188 or any successor council, for general council use and purpose.

#### **Bequest of Specific Real Estate**

I hereby give, devise and bequeath all of the right, title and interest in and to the real estate located at ADDRESS OR DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY to W. D. Boyce Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc., a nonprofit organization located at 614 NE Madison Avenue, Peoria, IL 61603, Federal Tax ID #37-0661188 or any successor council, for general council use and purpose.

## 2. PERCENTAGE BEQUEST

If you are considering making a bequest of a percentage of your estate to W. D. Boyce Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc., we recommend the following language:

I hereby give, devise and bequeath \_\_\_\_ percent (\_\_\_%) of my total estate, determined as of the date of my death, to W. D. Boyce Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc., a nonprofit organization located at 614 NE Madison Avenue, Peoria, IL 61603, Federal Tax ID #37-0661188 or any successor council, for general council use and purpose.

## 3. RESIDUAL BEQUEST

I hereby give, devise and bequeath to W. D. Boyce Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc., a nonprofit organization located at 614 NE Madison Avenue, Peoria, IL 61603, Federal Tax ID #37-0661188 or any successor council, ALL OR A PERCENTAGE of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to be used for general council use and purpose.

## 4. CONTINGENT BEQUEST

If (primary beneficiary) does not survive me, then I hereby give, devise and bequeath to W. D. Boyce Council at 614 NE Madison Avenue, Peoria, IL 61603, Federal Tax ID #37-0661188 or any successor council, DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY to be used for general council use and purpose.

### **Restricted Bequests**

If you are considering a bequest but would like to ensure that your bequest will be used for a specific purpose, please let us know. We would be happy to work with you and your attorney to help you identify ways to give and meet your charitable objectives. We will also work with you and your attorney to craft language to accomplish your goals.

If you are making a restricted bequest, we recommend that your attorney include the following provision to give W. D. Boyce Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc. flexibility should it no longer be possible to use your gift as you originally intended:

If, in the judgment of the Executive Board of W. D. Boyce Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc. or any successor council (the Council), it shall become impossible for the Council to use this bequest to accomplish the specific purposes of this bequest, the Council may use the income and principal of this gift for such purpose or purposes as the Board determines is most closely related to the restricted purpose of my bequest.

If you have named W. D. Boyce Council, Boy Scouts of America, Inc. in your will or trust, please let us know so we can ensure that your gift is used according to your wishes. Notifying us of your plans will enable us to plan for the use of your future gift. However, if you prefer to remain anonymous, we will keep your name and gift in strict confidence.

Please contact **Ben Blumenberg, Scout Executive/CEO**, at office phone (309) 570-1588 or [ben.blumenberg@scouting.org](mailto:ben.blumenberg@scouting.org) for more information.