

# James W. Brown

In 1956, James Brown joined Troop 4 in Cape Girardeau, Mo. As a young Eagle Scout, he took his first Philmont trek in 1960 on the way to the National Jamboree in Colorado Springs, Colo. He trekked with his son in 1993 and has been back numerous times for adult training.



Photo by Roger Morgan

Since 1956, his camera has been ever present. Brown graduated with a B.A. in Cinema and Photography from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale and went on to earn the M.B.A. and Ph.D. from Indiana University. He began his teaching career at the University of Minnesota where he was director of the photojournalism sequence of the School of Journalism and Mass Communication.

Brown joined the faculty of the Indiana University School of Journalism in 1982 and was the founding executive of the School's Indianapolis program. He pioneered education in computer-assisted reporting by holding the first national conference to teach reporters how to interview data. After 37 years of teaching, he is professor and executive dean emeritus, Indiana University.

Brown serves on the founding faculty of the BSA Visual Storytelling Workshops.

While a Scout, Brown became interested in Delaware Indians. This interest resulted in a 400 page award-winning book with 90 of his photographs entitled, *Long Journey Home: Oral Histories of Contemporary Delaware Indians*. His photography and public service

have earned recognition including being named a Distinguished Hoosier by Governor Mitch Daniels and inclusion in the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame. The Hoosier State Press Association has named an innovation award after Brown. He is on the board of the National Press Photographers Association and directs its scholarship program.

Brown made his picture of the "Tooth of Time" in October, 2011. It was selected by Canon from a number of pictures made at the first Philmont Photographic Workshop to be printed in a limited edition of 100. Proceeds from the sale of the picture are donated to Philmont Scout Ranch.

Brown lives with his wife Becky in Fishers, Ind. Their son, Brian, is an Eagle Scout and computer scientist working in Huntsville, Ala. Their daughter, Jennifer, is a public health veterinarian living in Denver, Colo.

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