

James William Froehlig

James William Froehlig, DOB 11/08/44, was a Scoutmaster in Minneapolis, Minnesota, who was accused of sexually abusing Boy Scouts on camping trips in 1981-82 in Minnesota and Wyoming. Froehlig was convicted of 2nd Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct in 1983. He was placed in the Boy Scouts' [Confidential Files](#), making him an ineligible volunteer, in 1983.

Froehlig was Scoutmaster for Troop 179 (Viking Council) in Minneapolis. He was involved with Troop 179 and Pack 179 from approximately October 31, 1970 to July 19, 1972. On July 12, 1982, the Boy Scouts Viking Council received reports from multiple Boy Scouts regarding incidents of sexual abuse by Froehlig during Boy Scout activities. One of the reports involved a camping trip to Many Point Camp in northwestern Minnesota in 1981. Troop 179 and Troop 405 attended Many Point Camp together on that trip, during which Froehlig was reported to have held and cuddled a boy believed to have been a Webelo, and to have taken the boy and another Scout to camp at another location. On various occasions, Froehlig was observed touching boys inappropriately. During another trip to Many Point around Memorial Day 1982, Froehlig was reported to have grabbed a Scout's penis.

Troops 179 and 405 went together on a trip to Buffalo, Wyoming, from July 1, 1982 to July 10, 1982. One of the Scouts on the trip stated he did not want to sleep in Froehlig's tent because he was afraid of Froehlig because of the way Froehlig had touched him. It was reported that Froehlig insisted that his scouters sleep in the nude or, if wearing pajamas, not wear underpants. A Troop 179 Scout reported that "touching" of boys had happened with other boys in the troop. On July 15, 1982, adult Boy Scout leaders discussed the allegations with Froehlig. During the discussion, Froehlig admitted that the allegations were true. Froehlig was then told not to have any contact with Troop 179. The abuse incidents were reported to Hennepin County (Minnesota) Child Protection authorities.

Froehlig was subsequently charged with 2nd Degree Criminal Sexual Conduct in Hennepin County District Court. On March 30, 1983, he pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to 21 months in prison. The sentence was stayed for 10 years and Froehlig was placed on 10 years probation. Froehlig was in his late 30s at the time of these incidents and lived on Queen Avenue North in Minneapolis. His listed occupation was Public Health Department maintenance worker. He is believed to have resided at multiple addresses in Minneapolis between 1986 and 2013.

If you were abused by James William Froehlig or someone associated with the Boy Scouts of America, we want to help you. If you call us you will have an opportunity speak to an experienced sexual abuse lawyer to discuss an action for compensation and justice. We also want you to know that if you decide to take action your privacy will be respected and your confidentiality will be a paramount concern throughout the entire process.