

# Robert James Sykes

Robert James Sykes was a Boy Scouts of America (BSA) adult volunteer in Minnesota and Michigan who was placed in the BSA [Confidential Files](#) in 1966, making him an ineligible BSA Volunteer. Sykes was recommended for placement in the Confidential File after he “admitted to indecent liberties” with minors on a Scouting trip, according to Sykes’ Confidential File.

Sykes served as an Assistant Scoutmaster with an unidentified troop in Burnsville, Minnesota, between July 1965 and March 1966, according to the Confidential File. Sykes went on to become an Assistant Scoutmaster with Troop 158 at Kinchloe Air Force Base in Michigan in September 1966. That same month, he was accused of, and admitted to, “indecent liberties with minors while on a Scout outing at St. Ignace” in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula on Labor Day weekend, according to the Confidential File. Sykes was a U.S. Air Force airman at Kinchloe Air Force Base at the time. The matter was investigated by military authorities. Sykes, 19 at the time, stated that “this same type mess occurred in a previous troop that he belonged to,” according to the Confidential File.

Troop 158 was a member of the Chippewa District of Hiawathaland Council, BSA.

If you were abused by Robert James Sykes or someone associated with the Boy Scouts of America, we want to help you. If you call us you will have an opportunity to 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.