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Hello Elmer:

Thank You for your "certified" letter of September 10, 1986 concerning your Scouting reputation and name. You have certainly asked a tough question -- but an answer is your right. Please know that I will be very honest with you in several points that you will need to understand clearly.


Registration (membership) at any level - but certainly at the adult level is a private role and responsibility of the Boy Scouts of America. We, like many organizations, have "rules" to our membership (i.e.; age, U.S. Citizen, Duty to God concept, etc.) that must be met. In this day and age of a "high awareness of child abuse", the Boy Scouts of America has increased its watchfulness of its adult membership. We simply cannot afford Scout leaders giving leadership to young men that have any type of record of present actions of child abuse -- of any type.

Since the above is true and since a record was filed with the Boy Scouts in 1968 and a letter of probational status membership was given to you in 1978 -- then you know that the Boy Scouts are within their rights as a private organization to restrict its membership to you.

However, your record from 1978 indicates no negative comments and you may, still at a probational status, remain registered in the Scouting movement. That is given as a privilege -- that I know you understand. So you may register at any level of unit Scouting -- as long as approval is given by the appropriate individual.

Again, Thank You for your letter and for your concerns -- hope this at least answers you some.

My best,


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Senior District Executive

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