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By 1967 I had been in scouts for many years beginning with Cub Scouts. I was proud to be a Boy Scout and for certain functions I wore my Boy Scout uniform to school and even to church. I had achieved Eagle Scout and received The Order of the Arrow.

At 16 I was a senior scout and became the scout leader for the older boys. As a group we continued the activities of scouting but with fewer, older boys. We had meetings and outdoor activities including camping trips. It was on one of these camping trips that first touched me.

This is the time in a young boy's, or girl's, life where their sexual identity is being formed. What did created a great deal of confusion in me. Was I a homosexual or heterosexual? This was at a time when homosexuality was less accepted than it is today and I felt I could not tell anyone or ask for help with the confusion I felt. I did not want to be labeled a "queer".

Not until many years later, during a psychotherapy session for another situation, did these feelings resurface. Through counseling, I was able to come to terms with what did to me and how the experience affected my life and adult relationships. In time, I came to accept that this was not my fault.





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