

**SCOUTS-L**

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**FRAUD**

**Date:** Thu, 3 Oct 1996 08:48:05 -0700  
**Reply-To:** nelsonb@aztec.asu.edu  
**From:** BILL NELSON <nelsonb@aztec.asu.edu>  
**Subject:** Warning: 809 Debt Collection Notices  
**To:** Multiple recipients of list SCOUTS-L <SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU>  
**Status:** RO  
**X-Status:**

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Tuesday, October 1, 1996

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**CREDIT. YOU CANNOT BE REQUIRED TO MAKE A PAY-PER-CALL.** For more information on your rights in debt collection, see the web page: <http://www.fraug.org>. If you would like to report an incident, please call the National Fraud Information Center at 1-800-876-7060.

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Bill Nelson, Assistant District Commissioner, BSA

Grand Canyon Council, Phoenix, AZ

From <@pucc.PRINCETON.EDU:owner-scouts-l@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU> Thu  
Oct 3 11:56:35 1996

Return-Path: <@pucc.PRINCETON.EDU:owner-scouts-l@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU>

Received: from pucc.PRINCETON.EDU (smtpd@pucc.Princeton.EDU  
[128.112.129.99]) by cap1.CapAccess.org (8.6.12/8.6.10) with SMTP id  
LAA10651; Thu, 3 Oct 1996 11:56:35 -0400

Received: from PUCC.PRINCETON.EDU by pucc.PRINCETON.EDU (IBM VM  
SMTP V2R2)

with BSMTP id 5848; Thu, 03 Oct 96 11:51:26 EDT

Received: from TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU (NJE origin MAILER@TCUBVM) by  
PUCC.PRINCETON.EDU (LMail V1.2a/1.8a) with BSMTP id 9140; Thu, 3 Oct  
1996 11:50:40 -0400

Received: from TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU (NJE origin LISTSERV@TCUBVM) by  
TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU (LMail V1.2a/1.8a) with BSMTP id 6307; Thu,  
3 Oct 1996 10:51:02 -0600

Received: from TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU by TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU (LISTSERV  
release 1.8b)

with NJE id 6299 for SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU; Thu, 3 Oct  
1996

10:50:16 -0600

Received: from TCUBVM (NJE origin SMTP@TCUBVM) by  
TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU (LMail

V1.2a/1.8a) with BSMTP id 6298; Thu, 3 Oct 1996 10:50:15 -0600

Received: from post3.inre.asu.edu by tcubvm.is.tcu.edu (IBM VM SMTP  
V2R2) with

TCP; Thu, 03 Oct 96 10:50:11 CST

Received: from smtp1.asu.edu by asu.edu (PMDF V5.0-6 #7723) id  
<01IA780JOARK8WZ158@asu.edu> for SCOUTS-

L@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU; Thu, 03

Oct 1996 08:48:07 -0700 (MST)

Received: from aztec.asu.edu (aztec.ASU.EDU [129.219.129.219]) by  
smtp1.asu.edu

(8.6.12/8.6.12) with SMTP id IAA19918 for

<SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU>; Thu, 03 Oct 1996 08:46:36 -0700

Received: by aztec.asu.edu (4.1/SMI-4.1) id AA28051; Thu, 03 Oct 1996  
08:48:05

-0700 (MST)

Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

Message-ID: <9610031548.AA28051@aztec.asu.edu>

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**Sender:** SCOUTS-L - Youth Groups Discussion List  
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