

ADMISSIONS POLICY



Scouting exists to actively engage and support young people in their personal development, empowering them to make a positive contribution to society.

At the 11th/9th Cambridge Scout Group we want to provide the opportunity to take a full and active part in Scouting to as many young people as possible. As we rely on recruiting volunteer leaders, there are limits on the number of children we can support and it may not always be possible to accept everyone immediately. Should this happen, our admissions policy describes how we allocate priority on the waiting list.

Age ranges

The core age ranges for the sections are:

- Beavers 6 - 8
- Cubs 8 - 10½
- Scouts 10 ½ - 14
- Explorers 14 - 18

In all cases there is six month's flexibility in the starting age (e.g. children may start in Scouts between their 10th and 11th birthdays). The only exception to this is Beavers, who are only eligible to start in the Colony when they are 5¾.

Waiting list priority

In the event a section is full, a child may join the waiting list once he/she has reached the minimum age. Priority on the waiting list will be determined according to the following groups. Within each group, the order will be determined by length of time on the waiting list.

1. Children of adults who demonstrate a serious commitment to the Group by becoming leaders or administrators etc.
2. Children moving up within the Group (e.g. a Cub moving up to Scouts).
3. Children transferring in from another area who were invested.
4. Children who have siblings within the Group.
5. Any other children who wish to join.

Notes

- If in the opinion of the section leader the child at the top of the list is deemed too old to benefit from joining the section they will not be offered a place.
- The Group is happy to provide contact details for other Scout Groups that may have capacity for more young people.
- Responsibility for interpretation of this policy lies with the relevant Section Leader. Any comments or complaints should be directed to the Group Scout Leader in the first instance.

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