



1st Wellesbourne Scout Group

Admission Policy

Background: The Scout Association aims to provide an ongoing scouting experience to all children irrespective of gender, religion or ethnicity, starting with Beavers at age 6, moving through Cubs, Scouts and into Explorer Scouts at age 14. It is the policy of 1st Wellesbourne Scout Group to deliver these aims as fully as it can.

Expression of Interest: A parent or guardian can register an “Expression of Interest” in joining any section at any time, however they will not be placed on a “Waiting List” until they reach the age required to join the relevant section. Both the Expressions of Interest and any resultant waiting list will be managed by the Group Executive Committee on behalf of the individual Sections. If a child is within 1 year of the maximum age of the Section they have expressed an interest in, they may be removed from the Waiting List and be considered to have an “Expression of Interest” in the following Section.

The age range for the individual Sections are as follows: 6-8 years old for Beavers, 8-10.5 years old for Cubs and 10.5-14 years old for Scouts. It is however possible for a 6 month extension either way at the discretion of the Section Leader.

An “Expression of Interest” should be made through the form available for download from the 1st Wellesbourne Scout Group web site (URL Here) and emailed to the appointed person from the Group Executive.

Priority: With regard to Beavers, places will be offered on an age related basis and will not relate to the length of time a child has had a registered Expression of Interest. Before the start of each term, a list of Beavers ready to move up to Cubs will be given to the Cub Scout Leader, and from Cubs to the Scout Leader. The Beaver Colony will then be filled up from the Beaver Waiting List of those oldest enough to join. If the Cub Pack has places after receiving the oldest Beavers and sending the oldest Cubs to the Scout Troup, then they should take the eldest child(ren) from the Cubs Waiting List. The same will apply to Scouts receiving the eldest Cubs and sending the eldest Scouts to the District Explorer Group. The Section Leader has the right to not accept children into their Section if they are within 1 year of the stated maximum age (8.5 for Beavers, 10.5 for Cubs and 14 for Scouts) for that Section, when they will be considered as having Expressed an Interest in the next Section.

Adult Helpers & Siblings: Priority will be given to children of those parents who are willing to help regularly with the Group’s activities. For those parents who are prepared to take a uniformed position, a place will be found within the relevant section at the earliest opportunity. For those parents who are willing to either help as a non-uniformed leader or serve on the Executive Committee, preference will be given when considering Section entry from Expression of Interests or from a Waiting List. Consideration will also be given to siblings of existing members, however no guarantee can be given in this regard.

Policy Review: This policy will be reviewed and updated from time to time (generally annually) by the Group Executive Committee and will be published on the Scout Group Web site. If appropriate the executive will endeavour to have this policy endorsed at District or County level.

Exceptions:

a. Scout Association Rules state that existing members moving into the Group’s catchment area must be given priority over those on the Waiting List.

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Group Scout Leader

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