

4th BRAMHALL (St MICHAELS) SCOUT GROUP

ADMISSIONS POLICY

1. 4th Bramhall (St Michaels) Scout Group aims to be a vibrant, active group. We presently have more young people wishing to join the group than there are places available; consequently we have a waiting list. This document outlines our policy for the allocation of places to Young People within the various sections of the group, and explains our waiting list application process. The policy has been evolved over a number of years to ensure the Group continues to provide high quality scouting for the Young People within our local community.
2. Admission to any section within the Group is at the discretion of the Group Scout Leader. Our policy is to try to balance the criteria given below, and offer places that will maximise the benefits both to those joining the Group and existing members. Availability of places is decided on total numbers in each Section and also on numbers in each year group.
3. The group is fortunate to have a large team of enthusiastic adult leaders able to deliver a modern, balanced and fun program of activities. To sustain and further develop the group, we are always looking to recruit volunteers to be new uniformed adult leaders. Consequently places within the group are prioritised for the children of uniformed leaders.
4. Scouting at 4th Bramhall is run entirely by volunteers; therefore it is our expectation that parents of our young members should fully engage in supporting the leadership team, with the organisation and delivery of activities and fundraising events.
5. The group is open to both boys and girls, in line with the Scout Association's Equal Opportunities Policy. Occasionally it may be necessary to be selective, in order to maintain a healthy mixed sex balance within all sections of the Group.
6. We are more than happy to take Young People with special needs in line with the Scout Association's Equal Opportunities Policy. Admission will be subject to a Needs Assessment to ensure that we are able to meet all needs, and at the discretion of the Group Scout Leader and Section Leader. It may be subject to the provision of additional adult supervision and on the basis of a trial period.
7. Whilst we are normally always able to offer places in Scouts and Explorers to our existing Group members, it should be noted that the offer of a place in Cubs does not guarantee the offer of a place in one of our Scout Troops. Similarly a place in Scouts does not guarantee the offer of a place in our Partnered Explorer Scout Unit.
8. The Group is a part of the Ladybrook Valley Scout District; therefore places will be given to Young People permanently residing in Bramhall, Woodford and the bordering area of Cheadle Hulme.
9. The selection of which particular Cub pack (Monday/Wednesday) or Scout Troop (Tuesday/Thursday) a Young Person is allocated to, when moving up a section, will be determined by the relevant Section Leaders.
10. The length of time on the waiting list will be taken into consideration in allocation of a place in the Group, but will not be the sole or deciding factor, as explained above.

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SECTION SPECIFIC ADMISSION CRITERIA

Beavers

- Places will be given in accordance with the admissions policy to those on the waiting list, providing they will have at least a year in Beavers before reaching Cub age.

Cubs

- Priority will be given to young people moving up from 4th Bramhall Beaver Colonies.
- Places not taken up by 4th Bramhall Beavers will be given in accordance with the admissions policy to those on the waiting list, providing they will have at least a year in Cubs before reaching Scout age.

Scouts

- Priority will be given to young people moving up from 4th Bramhall Cub Packs.
- We do not maintain a waiting list for Scouts as the availability of spare places is very limited. Any places which do become available will be allocated at the discretion of the particular Scout Troop Leader in consultation with the Group Scout Leader

Explorers

- Priority will be given to young people moving up from 4th Bramhall Scout Troops and 4th Bramhall Girl Guides.
- We do not maintain a waiting list for Explorers as the availability of spare places is very limited. Any places which do become available will be allocated at the discretion of the Explorer Scout Unit Leader.

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WAITING LIST APPLICATION PROCESS

To place your child on our waiting list, please complete a waiting list application form. Completed forms should be either emailed to alison.marsden1@googlemail.com

Or posted to:

4th Bramhall Waiting List Secretary
C/O 11 Southpool Close,
Bramhall,
Stockport
SK7 3PU

Telephone No 0161 439 7347

- Once we receive your form we will confirm receipt by either email or telephone. Please contact the Waiting List Secretary if you have not received confirmation within 14 days from submission.
- If your contact details should change, please don't forget to let the waiting list secretary know, so that your entry can be updated.
- When a place becomes available for your child, the waiting list secretary will contact you, usually by telephone. If there is no reply an email will be sent. If no reply is received after 14 days the place will be offered to the next eligible child on the waiting list.
- Please don't contact the Beaver or Cub Section Leaders or the Waiting List Secretary to ask where your child is on the list or when they are likely to be offered a place. This is an unknown and is dependant upon a number of variables; the simple answer is as soon as a place becomes available you will be contacted.
- Finally please note we only accept applications to join our waiting list using the official application form. This is to ensure we have a paper record of your contact details and the date of submission from parents, so as to avoid any misunderstandings.