

Waiting List Policy

8th Burgess Hill (St Edward's) Scout Group has three Sections: Beavers, Cub Pack and Scout Troop. Currently, all Sections are full, but we run a waiting list system to enable parents to register that their young people wish to join a Section. This policy attempts to explain how we match places, as they become available, with young people on the list.

General notes:

- For a young person to be added to the waiting list, the following details **MUST** be supplied: full name, date of birth, address + postcode, and phone and email contact details of at least one parent/guardian.
- Young people approaching the Beavers joining age (6 years) may only be added to the list from age 5.
- If a young person waiting for a particular Section does not obtain a place in time to join that Section, then they will remain on the list for the next Section up.
- Our Group relies on the efforts of our adult volunteers (Leaders, Assistants, Executive Committee etc), without whom it would simply not continue. We always need more adult volunteers. Therefore, we give a high priority to those on the waiting list who have an adult family member who is willing and able to take on a Role within the Group.
- The age ranges for the Sections are: Beavers: 6 to 8 years, Cubs: 8 to 10½ years, Scouts: 10½ to 14 years.
- Scouting is open to all young people (irrespective of gender, faith, ability, sexuality, or any other factors). If a young person needs additional support in order to participate in scouting, this should be discussed with the leaders, who will work with parents to establish a plan of action.
- The school that a young person attends is NOT a factor in deciding the priority for allocation of places. Although our scout hut is located close to The Gattons Infant school and Southway Junior School, we welcome young people from the whole of the general area, regardless of school attended.

Priorities when allocating places

The following is a list of criteria that we use when allocating places to young people – in **approximate order of priority (highest priority first)**. Nevertheless, please note that allocation of all places is at the discretion of Section Leaders and the Group Scout Leader:

1. The young person is already a member of 8th Burgess Hill (St Edward's) Scout Group and is moving up from the section below (i.e. Beavers to Cubs or Cubs to Scouts).
2. A parent or other adult family member commits to volunteering in one of the following uniformed roles: Leader, Assistant Leader or Section Assistant.
3. The young person is already a member of The Scout Association at a Group outside of Mid Sussex District and has recently moved to a new house to Burgess Hill.
4. The young person has a sibling who is already a member of 8th Burgess Hill (St Edward's) Scout Group.
5. If allocated a place, the young person will have at least one year within the Section being joined before reaching the age of moving up to the next Section.
6. After all the above have been considered, the amount of time spent on the waiting list will be considered as a factor.

Further considerations

- A young person wishing to transfer from another Group within Burgess Hill to 8th Burgess Hill is given no special priority.

Enquiries

To request the addition of a young person onto our waiting list, or to discuss volunteering opportunities or our Admissions Policy, please contact the Group Scout Leader, Leanne Penfold:

- by email: 8thbh.groupscoutleader@gmail.com