

68th Doncaster (Hatfield) Scout Group

Admission Policy



Introduction

The 68th Doncaster (Hatfield) Scout Group ('The Group') is a registered charity dedicated to promoting the development of young people and enabling them to achieve their potential intellectually, socially and spiritually as individuals, as responsible citizens and as members of their local community within the Scout Association Policy, Organisation and Rules.

Selection

1. Admission to the Group is open to all children aged between 6 years and 14 years living in the area of Hatfield.
2. Entrants will be drawn from a waiting list maintained by the Group Scout Leader.
3. We will use reasonable endeavours to prioritise:
 - a. Family members of active members of the Group's leadership team;
 - b. Transfers from other Scout Groups following relocation to our local area;
 - c. Family members of existing members within the Group who have been members for at least 6 months
4. Levels of priority for admission will be allocated to children living in the following areas:
 - a. Hatfield, Hatfield-Woodhouse, Lindholme, Duncroft and Dunsville (see note ** below)
 - b. Other areas in the vicinity of Hatfield (e.g. Stainforth)

We will always sign-post requests from areas outside our local area to other groups in the vicinity, e.g Thorne, Barnby Dun etc

** Note – the areas listed above is in keeping with that defined by Hatfield Town Council

Waiting Lists

1. Applications for membership are to be made on the Young Person Information form (<http://www.68hatfieldscouts.org.uk/downloads.html>).
2. All applicants will be notified when a place becomes available.
3. If an application is unsuccessful at the age of entry to a Section, information will be provided about other local Scout Groups.
4. All applicants have the right to remain on the waiting list even after being directed to different Scout Groups.

Memberships

All children will be expected to attend and pay a subscription fee (refer to <http://www.68hatfieldscouts.org.uk/subs.html>). In the event of absence the Section Leader is to be informed of the reason as soon as practically possible. If a member misses more than THREE consecutive meetings without informing the Group it will be assumed that they will no longer be attending and their place will be forfeit. Violent, disruptive or unruly behaviour will not be tolerated. Members of the Group not acting in a safe and responsible way will be asked to leave the Group. This is to ensure the safety and well being of all other members.

Joining the Group

On being allocated a place within the Group, a trial period of two weeks will follow. All applicants agree to abide by the rules and philosophy of Scouting.

Parent help and support

All the Group's leaders are volunteers. We would like all parents to offer support, as a minimum to take an active part on the parent rota.

Equality, Diversity and Discrimination

We wholeheartedly agree and comply with the policies of the Scout Association with regard to Equal Opportunities and to the Equality Act 2010 and subsequent amendments.

Personal Information

Refer to our Data Policy on the web site www.68hatfieldscouts.org.uk/datapolicy.html