



Farsley Scout Group



Joining and Waiting List Policy

Our aim at Farsley Scout Group is to do our very best to ensure that every young person who would like to, is able to enjoy the opportunities of gaining Skills For Life through Scouting. However, like every Group and organisation we have logistical constraints, which limit the size of our six sections.

Managing our waiting list:

When a new member joins our waiting list for any of the six of our sections, we will examine our current section membership and our projected future membership (from those already on the waiting list and those moving up from a younger section at Farsley Scout Group).

Priority is given on our waiting list in the following order:

1. Children of our registered Leaders/active Volunteers. Without our volunteers we would not have a Group!
2. Young People due to move up from the section below (e.g. Beavers moving to Cubs and Cubs moving to Scouts).
3. Siblings of Young People in our Group.
4. Young People already in Scouting in a Group from outside Central Yorkshire County who wish to transfer to Farsley Scout Group.
5. Young people on the waiting list who are within the appropriate age bracket and live within the locality of the Group.

Linking Between Sections

To support us in managing the section sizes, young people will link between sections as follows. Special requirements will be considered on an individual basis.

Lakeland Beaver Colony → Swallows Cub Pack → Dragon Scout Troop
Woodland Beaver Colony → Amazon Cub Pack → Phoenix Scout Troop

Joining the Group

If your young person is due to start, we will contact you by e-mail, with joining information, before they are due to start.

Due to the capacity of our sections currently being full, we ask you to contact us via www.farsleyscouts.org.uk. When your young person reaches the age within 12 months of the applicable section starting age (see below), please complete the request to join form at <https://forms.office.com/e/qsMr6a5qrr>. We can then assess the capacity of the sections and communicate with you appropriately as to whether there is space for your young person to join.

The applicable ages for joining the waiting list are:

Beavers – 5 years to 6 years

Cubs – 7 years to 8 years

Scouts – 9 ½ years to 10 ½ years
(In due course) **Squirrels** – 3 years to 4 years

We cannot guarantee a place for your young person within the Group, even if they are on the waiting list. However, we are continuously monitoring the Group to ensure the waiting list is as realistic as possible to fill places.

If your young person is not within applicable age ranges (above), is unlikely that we will be able to offer a place to you, due to existing high capacity within the Group. In this case, we suggest that you explore other local Groups who may have capacity to offer your young person a place. You can find more information about local Groups by following this link:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/groups>