

# **11<sup>th</sup> Andover Scout Group**

## **Admissions Policy**

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## 1. Admissions

Youth Membership of 11<sup>th</sup> Andover (St. Michael's) Scout Group is at the discretion of the Group Scout Volunteer (as outlined in The Scout Association's Policy, Organisation and Rules (POR))

- 1.1. At the 11<sup>th</sup> Andover, we will admit young people whose ages match those prescribed in POR subject to the limits on the size of a section that we can accommodate. The Scout Association has not defined a maximum size for Troops, but due to the size of our premises and the mandated leader-to-scout ratios, we cannot accept more than 20 young people per section.
- 1.2. We will record interest for places, whilst maintaining contact with the parents of these children and will endeavour to allocate places based on;
  - existing membership of the Scout Movement;
  - child of Adult Volunteer;
  - the age of the child;
  - the willingness of parents to offer regular support to the section;
  - the length of time they have been on the list.
- 1.3. Requests for places may be made by making contact with the relevant section leader whose email address may be found on the 11th Andover Group website at <https://www.11thandoverscoutgroup.org/#home-contact>
- 1.4. Transfers from other groups will be given serious consideration, including temporarily increasing the maximum size of the section subject to maintaining mandatory adult ratios..
- 1.5. Membership is subject to payment of the monthly membership fee in accordance with the 11th Andover subs payment policy.
- 1.6. Payment shall commence at the start of the month following the investiture of the member.
- 1.7. There is no charge to try (i.e. 2 sessions before investiture).
- 1.8. Section leaders shall aim to complete all investitures within 4 weeks of joining.
- 1.9. Cases of financial hardship requiring economic assistance shall be made via the Section Leader or to the Group Lead Volunteer directly who will discuss, in strict confidence, a partial reduction for a set period before a review of circumstances is made in line with the Group's Economic Assistance policy..

- 1.10. Membership is fully open to all young people aged between 6 and 14 and Young Leaders up to the age of 18. We do not discriminate based on gender, sexual orientation, race, religion, or disability.
- 1.11. Membership is subject to completion of a full membership form at ;  
[https://prod-cms.scouts.org.uk/media/12467/vo-young-person-form-may2019\\_final.pdf](https://prod-cms.scouts.org.uk/media/12467/vo-young-person-form-may2019_final.pdf)
- 1.12. Trial membership requires a smaller form to be completed (available from a Section Leader or Group Lead Volunteer).
- 1.13. Membership requires a uniform as per the 11th Andover Group Uniform policy.
- 1.14. Continuation of membership requires adherence with the 11th Andover Group behaviour policy.