

Scouts bound for jamboree, thanks to £1,000 Children's Fund donation

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SOUTH Holland Scouts have been given a helping hand by the Lincolnshire Free Press Children's Fund to attend a jamboree.

Holbeach and Spalding District Scout Council was given £1,000 to help with the cost of sending youngsters to Poacher 2008, a four-yearly international event at the Lincolnshire Showground in Lincoln.

The jamboree has the theme of Environments From Around the World and features activities such as mountain biking, go-karting and climbing, crafts and visits to places of interest.

The council wants to send 40 scouts and explorer scouts to the event from July 26 to August 2.

It costs around £180-£200 per scout, including camp fees and food.

Deputy district commissioner Sally Sneath said: "We are absolutely delighted with the donation. It has given us a big boost. It will be an excellent chance to meet up, camp next to and do activities with scouts from around the world."

"We think it is very important that our members have the opportunity to mix and learn about scout culture in different countries and expand their scouting experiences."

"The children will pay for some of it themselves. I don't expect them to go for free. But especially in an area like this where wages are quite low we really appreciate help."

The Children's Fund was set up by the Lincolnshire Free Press to help projects that benefit the lives of



Scout leader Sam Raines, deputy district commissioner Sally Sneath and scouts are delighted to receive £1,000 from the Lincolnshire Free Press Children's Fund towards Poacher 2008. Photo: 1403081g666

under-18s in our area.

Others to receive donations include Spalding and District Gymnastics Club and 16-year-old tennis player

William Mason.

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