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What's this?

## Scouting for fun at Poacher 2008

Tuesday, 2.30pm: SCOUTS and Guides from all over the County, the UK, and - the World have come together for Lincolnshire's biggest International Scout and Guide camp.

POACHER 2008 is midway through and the excitement at the Lincolnshire Showground will reach fever pitch on Friday when Chief Scout Peter Duncan, the ex-Blue Peter presenter, joins in.

In excess of 3,300 young people are taking part, accompanied by around 2,000 leaders and helpers, who have all openly volunteered their time to make this 2008 camp a great success.

In sweltering temperatures, youngsters from all nationalities and races are joining together to take part in a week of exciting, adventurous activities including Climbing, Abseiling, Mountain Biking, Roller Disco, Go-Karting, Gliding, Parascending, Ten Pin Bowling, Sailing, Canoeing, Horse Riding and the list really does go on . . . !

Also on site is a 'Poacher's Got Talent' area where young people can demonstrate their own special talent, be it singing, juggling, acting, or literally anything else!

These adventures are coupled with loads of craft activities and visits to local places of interest makes for a non-stop rollercoaster of fun for all the participants.

Not to be left out, the younger members in Scouting have been invited along for two special 'Taster Days' on Sunday and Wednesday where the Beavers and Cubs will have an opportunity to sample just what it is that their older mates' are enjoying doing!

The main camp is divided into several sub-camps, which ensure that all young people are located with people they know, and each sub camp will provide it's own catering facilities. These sub camps will be set up around this year's theme of "Around the World in Seven Days".

However, by use of a 'Passport' scheme, young people are encouraged to make friends with Scouts and Guides of other nationalities at the camp.

• Adventure is at the core of Scouting, and the Association passionately believes in helping their members fulfil their full physical, intellectual social and spiritual potentials by working in teams, learning by doing and thinking for themselves.

• Over 200 activities are offered by Scouting around the UK, made possible by the efforts of

100,000 voluntary adult leaders. This has helped make Scouting the largest co-educational youth Movement in the country.

• One of the challenges that the Scout Movement faces is finding more volunteers to plug the

current gap. At present there are nearly 30,000 young people on waiting lists.

• Adults working in Scouting contribute in excess of 364 million hours of voluntary work each year to their local communities.

• The number of volunteers working for Scouting is bigger than the combined workforces of the BBC (24,000) and McDonalds (67,000) put together.

• Worldwide Scouting has 28 million members both male and female and operates in nearly every country in the world.



Thousands of Scouts and Guides have descended on the Showground for Poacher 2008

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