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Scouting's International Outdoor Challenge

Scouts from West Hull will be taking part in this year's Jamboree On The Trail, an annual event held on the second Saturday of May each year. Scouts, whatever their age and wherever they may be in the world, get outdoors and hike in the same direction; 'towards a better future through Scouting'.

Originally started in Canada, the challenge is simple - to get as many Scouts as possible from all around the world to hit the trails on the same day. The younger Scouts could visit a local park and the older Scouts might check out a hiking trail or even make a Service Project out of restoring or maintaining a hiking trail for example.

Joe Hunter, a participating local leader says, "The theme 'hiking towards a better future through Scouting' is a fantastic goal for participants, as it pulls the worldwide Scouting family together, and brings positive aspirations to all. Scouting gives young people the opportunity to experience things they otherwise would not have the opportunity to do, and people do more activities with Scouting, than with any other organisation. This includes challenging themselves with exciting activities and adventures, meeting new friends throughout the world and creating a real difference in their communities."

The young people gain not only a positive and respectful mindset from this event, but more importantly, have a great time together. The event has been running for 11 years and is the only annual international Scouting event for members of all ages, and what makes it better? It doesn't cost a penny to get on the move!

Lily, a Scout aged 11 added, "It doesn't matter if it's sunny or rainy, because it's always great fun to meet new people from other groups and to make friends with them whilst taking part in fantastic activities."

For more information about this and other Scouting opportunities visit www.scouts.org.uk and you too could soon be experiencing the adventure.

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Editor's Notes

- Scouting is the world's largest co-educational youth organisation with over 28 million members, boys and girls, across 216 countries and territories.
- The aim of Scouting is to promote the development of young people in achieving their full physical, intellectual, social and spiritual potential through the provision of exciting and adventurous activities.

More Information

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Pictures...



'A snap shot of three Scouts during an evening challenge hike'.