



AFRICA

Subcamp Newsletter

❖ Poacher 2026

Welcome to your first subcamp newsletter!

Jambo, welcome to Africa subcamp, you have been allocated this subcamp as your home for the week at Poacher 2026, as the specific 14 -17 subcamp! We can't wait to meet you, but beware of the 'animals' guarding the gate!

You will start to receive regular communications via your subcamp newsletter, so please do keep an eye out for them. The next one after this is due out near the end of April.



What is a subcamp?

Your subcamp is where you and your group will be camping for the week, and setup camp with your sleeping tents, kitchen and mess tents and anything else you

require. On each subcamp there are around 2,000 participants from not just all over the UK, but across the globe. Each subcamp will have its own theme!

The subcamp team is here to help and to make sure that you have the experiences and memories of a lifetime, most of the team have not really grown up themselves! So strap yourselves in and prepare for the Safari of a Lifetime!

Here is your subcamp team

- **Martin & Tracy** are our very own Tarzan & Jane, King and Queen of the sub camp, they are our Chiefs.
 - **Carol & Beth** will look after your pastoral care, safeguarding, providing you with a place to chill out when the excitement gets too much.
 - **Duncan**, he might be the most sensible (might be?) which is why he's in charge of our safety and First Aid.
 - **Tash & Carl** are on media, we'll be there with the cameras catching the fun, recording the memories while you're on 'safari'.
 - **Chloe & Jorja** will be your International guides. No passports needed while on this Safari, but for those from outside the UK, these two will point you in the right direction.
 - **George** is another contender for the most sensible of the team, which is why they are on Admin, making sure everything's right and where it should be.
 - **Karin & Tom (Tank)**, these two will probably be your favourites.... Their role is sorting the activity tickets.
 - **Mark, Jamie & Tom (Frodo)** are our nightwatch, when the sun goes down, and it's time for bed, these guys are out and about as our night team.
 - **Andy** is our 'member without portfolio', the 'gophur', where help is needed, he'll be there.
 - **Claire, Andrea, Amelia & Jack** are arguably some of the most important members of the team that you may see around, as they are the ones keeping your sub team members well fed and watered.
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Setting up on Friday

Group Leaders will be able to set up their camping area on Friday 31st July, from 3pm to 9pm. These will include setting up your central tents i.e cooking and eating tents. No sleeping tents should be set up as these should be done on Saturday with the participants.

No camping will be allowed on Friday night, and all leaders must be scanned off-site by 9pm.

Equipment from external suppliers such as marquees, ovens etc can only be delivered during this window - and you must be there to direct them on installation.

[Read more here for additional information](#)



Your group gateway

Poacher has a great tradition of camp gateways - they're a brilliant way to welcome visitors to your site, make friends, and showcase your design and building skills!

However, it's really important to remain safe during the construction of your gateways. Read our guidance to find out how.

[Safety information is here](#)

[Join our group virtual call](#)



Virtual Calls

We will be holding two virtual calls for group leaders on Monday 23rd March 19:30 - 20:30 or Wednesday 15th April 19:30 - 20:30.

Both calls have the same content - to sign up to your preference of date, please click on the link below.

Sign up for the virtual call here



Party Tents

The showground is very open and susceptible to high winds so Party Tents/ Gazebos are very easily damaged. If your group needs one, then extra ratchet straps to secure it are essential.



Morning Fitness

We are looking for someone to run the morning fitness session (0730-0800) to wake the participants up and get them ready for the day ahead. If you are able to help please contact: conor.thompson-hayes@poacher.org.uk



Gas

Please note that we will not have gas available on site to purchase. Therefore, if you require gas, please find stockists in the area here:

Flogas - [stockists](#)

Calor - [stockists](#)

Tutaonana hivi Karibuni, see you soon :) If you have any questions, head over to the [FAQs](#) or email bookings@poacher.org.uk



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