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Subcamp Newsletter

 Poacher 2026

Welcome to your first subcamp newsletter!

You have been allocated the Americas subcamp as your home for the week at Poacher 2026! From Polar Bears to Penguins, From Pacific to the Atlantic, Team Americas subcamp is ready to welcome you to the adventure of a lifetime at Poacher 2026. Bringing you the sights, sounds, traditions and fun from the continent across the week. As we move closer we will look to give you a flavour of our programme, daytime activities and our night time nonsense to keep spirits up.

Over the next few newsletters (next one will come out near the end of April) we will explain exactly what will be on offer during the week, but rest assured we will try to support everyone and provide a variety of activities and spaces for all participants and leaders on our subcamp!



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!

Our team is here to make your Poacher experience as enjoyable, smooth and supported as we can. We have many poachers worth of experience on our team, understanding how to navigate the camp to maximise the fun. Being your first point of contact for all things Poacher we are focussed on answering, solving and avoiding the issues that come along. Being veterans of long jamborees, the kettle will always be on, with a quiet space to decompress, some lower adrenaline activities and some themed events to pass some time.

Here is your subcamp team



The America's subcamp leads are Lorna and Derek, returning after leading Carnival sub-camp 4 years ago. We are supported by a great team. Some will be recognisable from Carnival and Folk Fest (some go back much further), and some will be on a subcamp team for the first time. We are still in the process of dividing roles between the rest of the team, so watch out for more team announcements in the next few newsletters. We will be appointing a Head of Safeguarding, Head of International Liaison, Head of Activities and Deputy Subcamp Chiefs!

Hi, I'm Derek, I've been coming to Poacher since Jungle in 2008, through movie legends, gadgets and gizmos and pole to pole with groups and Carnival in 2022.

Hi, I'm Lorna! I've been coming to Poacher since 2004 as a Guide and then in varying roles on sub camp teams, working my way up from gofer to subcamp chief in 2022! I am very much looking forward to bringing the theme to life and helping everyone enjoy Poacher 2026 to the fullest. This will be the biggest subcamp we have managed, so please be kind and bear with us as we get to grips with how the role has changed since the last poacher.

We will be out and about across our subcamp all week as well as hanging out in the subcamp HQ marque so make sure you come and say hello!



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](#)

Team Americas hope your planning is going well. We know we will soon be on site but in the meantime if we can help, please contact the Poacher email address. Cannot wait to Welcome-Bievenido-Bienvenue-Bem-vindo- Tunngasusit you all to Poacher 2026.

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



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