



ASIA

Subcamp Newsletter

 Poacher 2026

Welcome to your first subcamp newsletter!

You have been allocated Asia subcamp as your home for the week at Poacher 2026! We are thrilled to have you with us for this amazing Scouting and Guiding experience. This year, our theme is ASIA! A celebration of the diverse cultures, traditions, and adventure that this vibrant continent offers. We're excited to explore the sights, sounds, and stories of Asia together, and we can't wait to share this journey with you. Get ready for fun, friendship, and an unforgettable adventure as we discover new horizons. Let's make this a camp to remember!

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!

Our team is here to support, guide, and inspire you throughout your adventure. Expect a welcoming atmosphere, exciting activities based on our Asia theme, and plenty of opportunities for teamwork and learning. We'll ensure everyone feels included, challenged, and safe. We are your first port of call for all things!

Here is your subcamp team



Heading up the team are **Jo and Jenny**, both active members of Scouting and Guiding. Their combined experience ensures the subcamp will be inclusive and full of energy.



They are supported by **Fe and Fi**, who are both highly experienced Guiders, with several international jamborees under their belts. Their knowledge, practical skills, and enthusiasm will be invaluable in supporting campers and leaders throughout the event.

Our international teams will be liaising with **Alix**, who will be providing dedicated support and coordination to ensure all international participants feel welcomed, supported, and fully integrated into the Asia Subcamp community.

We are joined by a well-rounded and dedicated team of 15 additional volunteers, bringing together a wide range of experience from Scouting, Guiding, and international camp events. This team will support all aspects of subcamp life, including programme delivery, wellbeing, logistics, and creating a positive and inclusive atmosphere for all campers.



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.



Party Tents

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](#)

To help bring the subcamp to life, each group camping will have a country from the Asian Continent. We are asking that each group brings some Tibetan prayer flags designed with elements from their country to help decorate the Subcamp HQ. We'd also like each group to bring lanterns (no actual fire please!) and/or a cardboard box style float (e.g. a Chinese Dragon) - that can be as big or small as you'd like - as long as your participants can carry them for the opening/closing ceremony (tbc which!).

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



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