



EUROPE

Subcamp Newsletter

 Poacher 2026

Welcome to your first subcamp newsletter!

You have been allocated the Europe subcamp as your home for the week at Poacher 2026! Welcome to Europe subcamp at the fantastic Poacher International Jamboree! We're delighted to welcome you to Lincolnshire for a week celebrating the theme of **Europe** — its cultures, languages, traditions and teamwork.

Get ready for our exciting **Euro sporting events**, where you'll represent your nation and compete in true European spirit. Each day our Subcamp team national language will change so be prepared to say *Bonjour, Hola, Ciao, Hej, Ahoj* and even *Përshëndetje*.

Inspired by the Eurovision Song Contest, we'll also invite you to show us your talent on our subcamp stage.

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!

Expect a warm, organised, slightly chaotic in the best way subcamp team where a smile is always guaranteed. We are here to support everyone on Europe from the moment you arrive until after the last group has left. We'll solve problems fast, share knowledge freely, and create a friendly camp culture that makes Poacher 2026 smoother, safer, and more fun.

Here is your subcamp team



Simon – Hi there, I'm Simon, your Scout subcamp Team Leader and this is my 3rd Poacher, together with Vickie, I'm looking forward to you joining us on the best Subcamp at Poacher 2026.

Vickie - Hi, I'm Vickie, your Guide subcamp Team Leader, and this will be my sixth Poacher. Alongside Simon and the team, I'm really looking forward to welcoming you to Europe subcamp. We can't wait to share an unforgettable week of adventure, friendship and fun together.

Becca - Hi, I'm Becca, this is my first Poacher and I'm taking on the role of Deputy Guide Lead

James - Hi, I'm James, one of the Deputy subcamp leads and lead for health and safety. This will be my 3rd Poacher, with many other jamborees and national events under my belt too. Looking forward to meeting you all!

Hannah - Hi I'm Hannah. I'm a crafty crazy person who's done Poacher since 2008. I'll be doing all things Admin and scooting around

Ang - Hi, I'm Ang, and will be travelling from Wales to be your subcamp international lead. I'm looking forward to working with friends old and new, and seeing all the young people experience a great jamboree!

Allie - Hi I'm Allie I wear horns at camp. I'll be looking after safeguarding.

Rachel - Hi I'm Rachel looking forward to meeting everyone and will be looking after the Activity Swap Shop team.

Ash - Hi I'm Ash looking forward to being at poacher for yet another year and have many things to swap along the way

Amanda - Hi I'm Amanda, I'm new to Poacher, I'd class myself as a Gopher, I go for this and go for that.

Lizzie - Hi I'm Lizzie, I do all things Guiding and this is my first Poacher.

Katie - I'm Katie, this is my first poacher, and I am excited to get involved and meet everyone!

Alice - I'm Alice coming over from Leicestershire to be a general dogsbody. It will be my second Poacher looking forward to meeting new people and catching up with a few I haven't seen in years!

Amy - Hi, I'm Amy! I loved my first Poacher in 2022 and I can't wait for all the fun that Poacher 2026 has to bring!

Ted is also very excited to meet new bears, and people too!



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](#)

We invite you to experience Europe for yourself—our cities, cultures, and quiet moments between. Travel with curiosity across the continent, return home with stories, and let the Poacher journey linger.

Let's all have an amazing week of friendship, fun and adventure!

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



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