



The Subcamps and KIST Hubcamp

FOREST

Welcome to Forest Subcamp! I'm Dan, your Forest Subcamp Lead. I've been involved in Scouting for many years, often helping with large-scale events in the Medway District and at Buckmore Park Scout Campsite in Kent.

This week will be fun, action-packed, and unforgettable. My amazing team and I are here to help you enjoy the ultimate Scouting and Guiding festival!

Joining me is my brilliant Deputy Lead, Kelly (aka Artemis), alongside a fantastic team of experienced Scout volunteers. Many of us have been involved with KIJ before, so we understand the flow of camp life. Whether it's helping you find your way or tackling an unexpected challenge, we're here to support you every step of the way.

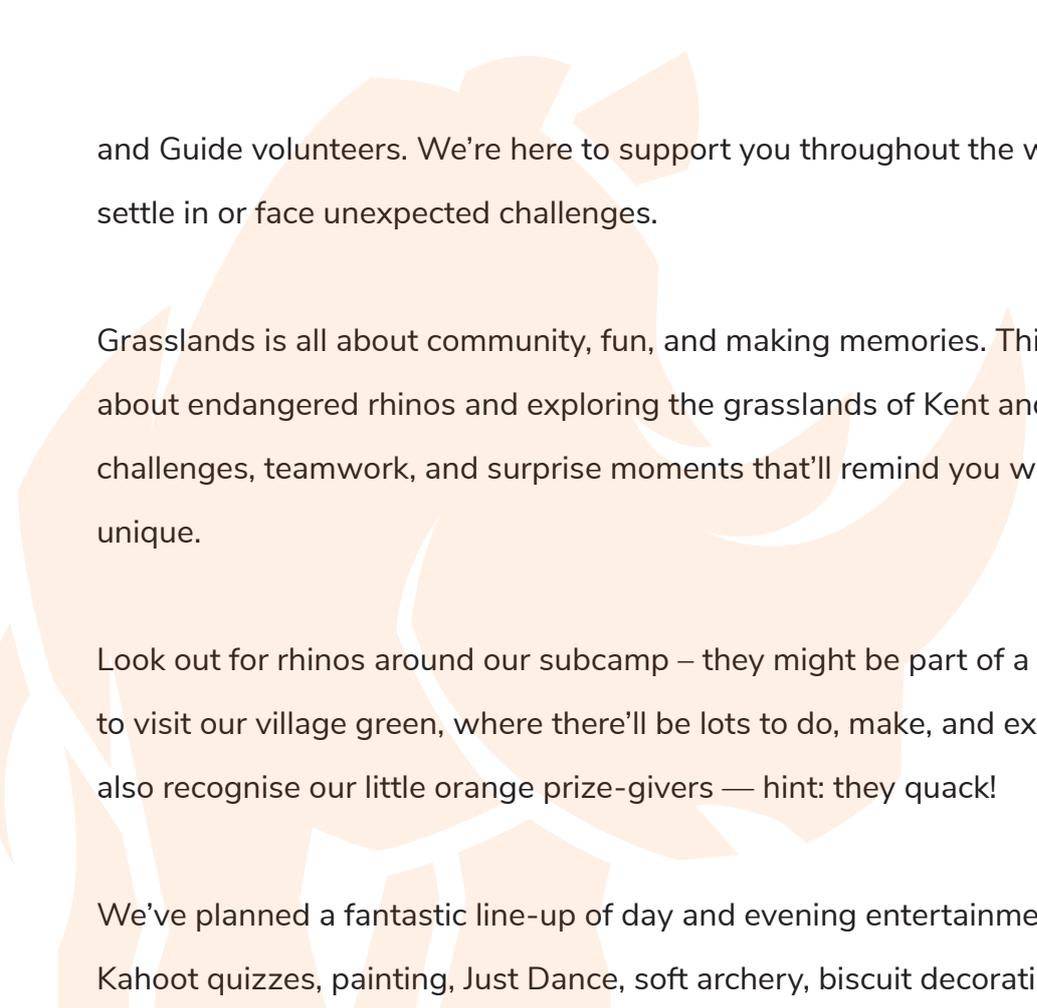
On Forest Subcamp, we want to shine a light on how vital forests are to our planet. Their destruction is accelerating climate change and impacting ecosystems globally. This will be reflected in some of our themed activities throughout the week.

Visit us at our vibrant Forest Green! From crafting to silent discos, talent shows, line dancing, quizzes, games, music, and selfie moments with our mascot — there's something for everyone. Let's celebrate what makes The Festival of Scouting and Guiding so special!

GRASSLANDS

Welcome to Grasslands Subcamp! I'm Beth, your Subcamp Lead. I'm an Explorer Leader, a 14–25 Team Lead, and a trainee secondary school teacher — but most importantly, I'm here to help you have an incredible festival experience.

I'm joined by amazing Deputy Leaders — Ange, Paul, and James — and a fantastic team of Scout



and Guide volunteers. We're here to support you throughout the week, whether that's helping you settle in or face unexpected challenges.

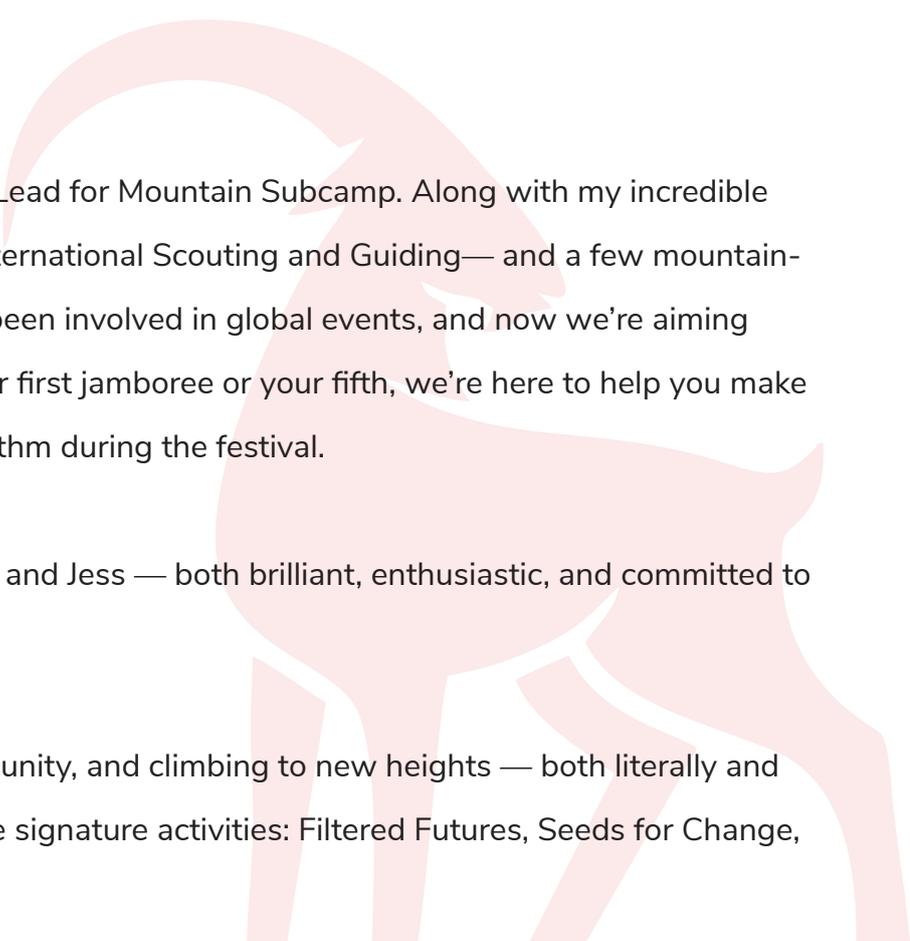
Grasslands is all about community, fun, and making memories. This year, we're raising awareness about endangered rhinos and exploring the grasslands of Kent and beyond. Expect themed challenges, teamwork, and surprise moments that'll remind you why Scouting and Guiding is so unique.

Look out for rhinos around our subcamp – they might be part of a secret challenge! Don't forget to visit our village green, where there'll be lots to do, make, and explore. Returning campers might also recognise our little orange prize-givers — hint: they quack!

We've planned a fantastic line-up of day and evening entertainment: inflatable laser tag, bingo, Kahoot quizzes, painting, Just Dance, soft archery, biscuit decorating, and more! We're also hosting inspiring talks, including from the head vet at Howletts & Port Lympne Zoo and the Kent Wildlife Trust.

We can't wait to welcome you to our subcamp. Bring your energy — The Festival is going to be one to remember!

MOUNTAIN



Hello! I'm Liam, and I'm delighted to be the Lead for Mountain Subcamp. Along with my incredible team, we're ready to bring the spirit of international Scouting and Guiding— and a few mountain-themed puns — to life. Many of us have been involved in global events, and now we're aiming high for The Festival. Whether this is your first jamboree or your fifth, we're here to help you make memories, new friends, and find your rhythm during the festival.

Supporting me are Deputy Leads Harvey and Jess — both brilliant, enthusiastic, and committed to making your week unforgettable.

Our subcamp celebrates creativity, community, and climbing to new heights — both literally and metaphorically. We're excited to run three signature activities: Filtered Futures, Seeds for Change,

and Prayers on the Wind — all themed around resilience, resources, and reflection in mountainous regions.

Back at camp, you'll find lawn games, human table football, zorbing, drone and RC cars, our Mountain Moments photography challenge, and much more. Whether you're here for calm, chaos, or something in between, there's space for you on the Mountain.

POLAR

Greetings, adventurers! I'm Dawn, your Polar Subcamp Lead. With 30+ years of Scouting experience, I currently volunteer as County Lead in Somerset and have led both Scout and Explorer units. I'm joined by a brilliant team of skilled volunteers, and we're thrilled to welcome you to Polar!

Get ready to explore the icy realms of the Arctic and Antarctic. Enter through our snowy gateway to find igloos, the Northern Lights, and a world of polar-themed fun. From learning about wildlife and indigenous cultures to embracing the silly side of camp with pop-up penguins and cheesy jokes — we're doing it all!

You may have "Bobbed Along on an Iceberg," but at our Festival Day lunch, you might finally answer: "Have You Ever Seen a Penguin Come to Tea?" There'll be plenty of singalongs, movies, and themed fun to enjoy.

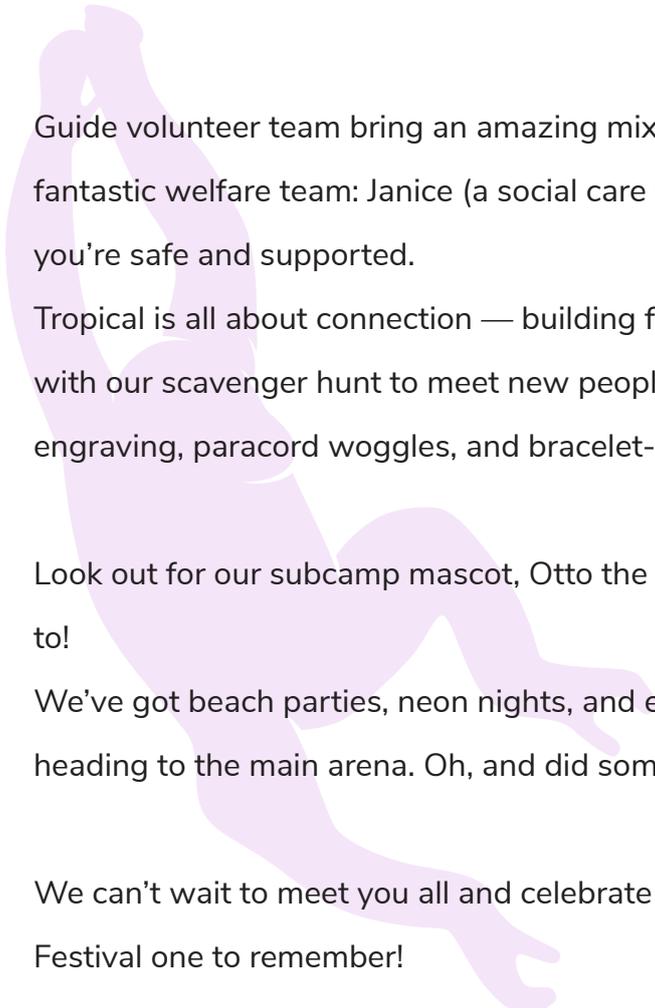
Each day offers fantastic activities across site, and each evening, our own Polar Subcamp Square (signed by the North Pole!) will host relaxed fun — quizzes, challenges, and knockout tournaments. And yes... penguins will be involved!

So, bundle up and let it snow — Polar is ready to make memories that last a lifetime!

TROPICAL

Welcome to Tropical Subcamp! I'm Kirsty, your Subcamp Lead. I'm an Explorer Scout Leader, Group Lead Volunteer, and 14–25 Team Lead for my district.

My Deputy is John — so if you can't find me, he's your next go-to. Our enthusiastic Scout and



Guide volunteer team bring an amazing mix of energy, skills, and support. We also have a fantastic welfare team: Janice (a social care worker) and Jake (a trainee paramedic), here to ensure you're safe and supported.

Tropical is all about connection — building friendships, making memories, and having fun. Start with our scavenger hunt to meet new people, or wind down with creative activities like glass engraving, paracord woggles, and bracelet-making.

Look out for our subcamp mascot, Otto the Orangutan — you never know what he might get up to!

We've got beach parties, neon nights, and early evening stage events to get you hyped before heading to the main arena. Oh, and did someone say Christmas?

We can't wait to meet you all and celebrate Scouting and Guiding together. Let's make The Festival one to remember!

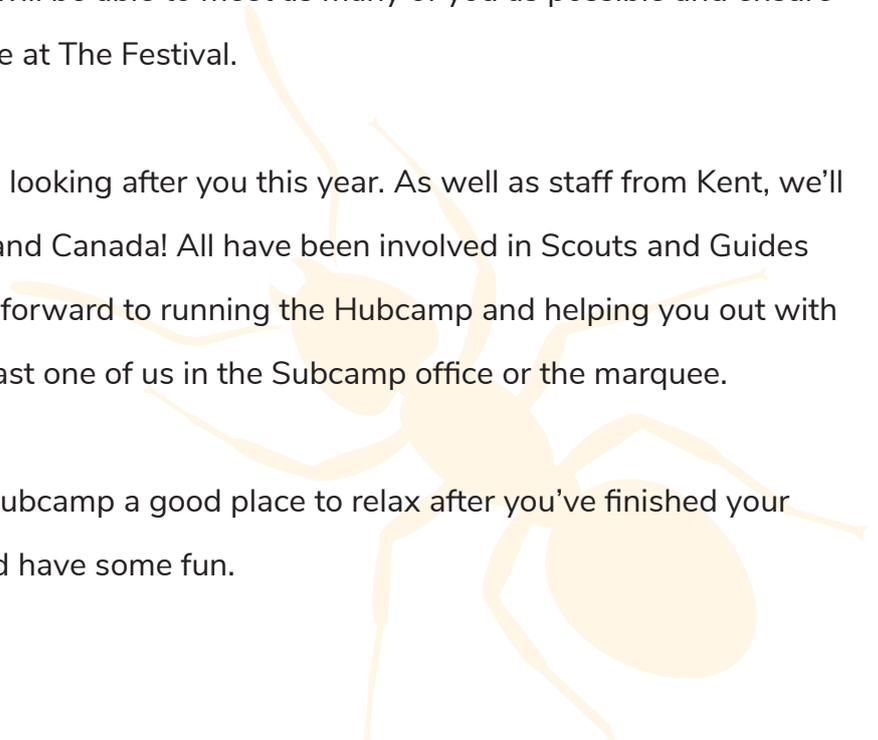
URBAN (Staff Hubcamp)

Hi I'm Pete, Urban Hubcamp Lead. I've been involved with Scouting for most of my life in number of roles currently I'm a Cub Scout Leader. This is my third KIJ and I've worked with KIST on each occasion. This year I'm working as a Hub Team Lead with several others ensuring that support and programme is available for all adults on site.

As KIST Hubcamp Lead, I hope that I will be able to meet as many of you as possible and ensure that you all have a fantastic experience at The Festival.

We have a larger number on the team looking after you this year. As well as staff from Kent, we'll also be joined by staff from Scotland and Canada! All have been involved in Scouts and Guides for a number of years and are looking forward to running the Hubcamp and helping you out with whatever you need. You will find at least one of us in the Subcamp office or the marquee.

We are hoping that you will find the Subcamp a good place to relax after you've finished your shifts, a place to meet new friends and have some fun.



Alongside the programme in the Hubcamp, there'll always be something in the Urban Hub including a range of evening entertainment. Part of this is provided in the Crooked Staff, which is always worth a visit.

If you're a member of KIST, you'll find drinks and snacks available during the day in our marquee and in the dining hall.

JAMBO JUNIORS

My name is Rachel (mother of three: 2, 5 and 6 years old – Kitty, Arlo and Rowan). I am currently a Squirrel Scout Leader and have been in Scouting for 15 years! I specialise in allergies, SEN and Early Years. I will be the Jambo Junior Team Lead at The Festival! I will be supported by a large group of leaders who are looking forward to welcoming your children.

Sessions have been booked via the Booking Portal prior to the event. We will be running two separate programmes as we have such a huge age range in the group – 2-5 year olds (Caterpillars) and 6-9 year olds (Butterflies). We will be exploring the activities available on site as well as enjoying all the toys, games, craft and activities we have in our area.

Our first session of the day starts at 9am. The session finishes at 12.30pm. We restart at 1.30pm until 5pm. We will be based next to the Urban Beach in the IST area. We will be travelling around site in our bright pink hi-vis jackets so if you see us say hello!

If you need to get in contact, you can email me on rachel.armstrong@kij.org.uk

