

DUSAGG - Durham University Scout and Guide Group SSAGO Report Epiphany 2012 Club Rep: Beth Holmes

DUSAGG kicked off the new year with a trip to the University's second campus, Stockton. Despite no Stocktoners joining us, we had a great time at the swimming pool, enjoying the wave machine and flumes. The following weekend started off the preparations for a busy term of Liaisons activities for the Scouts and Guides in Durham, as DUSAGG went on a planning walk for the Outdoor Scoide (Scout and Guide) incident hike event we will be running later in the term, and had an inventive planning meeting in the evening.



Outdoor Scoide planning meeting, trying out base ideas.

To celebrate Burns night DUSAGG had a 'Haggis bar crawl' and though there weren't any haggis on the horizon, they did report a Nessie sighting, looking remarkably like the Social Sec... Later in the week DUSAGG braved the ice, and headed up to Newcastle to enjoy the outdoor ice rink at the Life Centre. Remarkably, no-one fell over! The weekend brought another bit of Liaisons adventure, in the form of Guide Skills day, where DUSAGG taught some Guides navigation and hiking skills ready for Outdoor. Despite the snow on the ground, our loyal mess tent 'Fred' did his job and everyone kept warm with hot drinks and biscuits.



A snowy Guide Skills

A few days later and it was the Scouts' turn for an event, in the form of Alice in Wonderland themed Indoor Scout, where they got to try out lots of challenges and hopefully learn a few things along the way. At the weekend, DUSAGG went along to County Scouts and Guides event Frostie, this year a 24 hour event of activities, including a night-time visit to Newcastle Life Centre. DUSAGG were on the help-desk team back at the campsite to ensure everything was running smoothly, and that no-one fell asleep in an awkward place!

Still to come this term we have Big Event, when DUSAGG will be spending the weekend in Richmond, exploring a castle, hiking and having a good old campfire. We also have Outdoor Scoide, Annual Meal, and of course the AGM, where a brand new exec will be elected for the next year. Our attendance at SSAGO events has sadly been non-existant this year, due to a combination of dates clashing with our own events and to the distance they often are for us northerners, but here's hoping that in the next year DUSAGG returns to SSAGO events and will see you soon!

Yours in Scouting and Guiding,

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