

SSAGO NEWS

RIGHT ROYAL CAMPING Spring 2010

Four DUSAGGers spent one night every month for a year under canvas, bivouac and bothy, gaining their DUSAGG Zodiac award and a letter from the Queen's office!

The DUSAGG Zodiac award is a badge that can be earned whilst trying new things and having fun with camping. Chris, Kate, Andy & Naomi were the first to finish the award after camping in a variety of places including up a climbing tower, in a hammock in Borneo (Naomi) and on Holy Island, to name a few. They finished in December in style, with Bucks Fizz and snow.



The current Events Secretary Simon "Carly" Mihailovic wrote to the Queen on their behalf and received a reply of her congratulations for the intrepid four.



A number of other DUSAGGers are still working towards their Zodiac, which so far has included Leeds Rally (to camp with more than 20 people) and a walking expedition as well as a few others.

If any of SSAGO are interested in the DUSAGG zodiac award and would like to earn the badge, they can email secretary@usagg.org.uk for an electronic copy of the challenge record booklet to keep track of the nights they do. The badges will be £1.50.

By Jennifer Cooke

POLICY?? WHAT POLICY??

HERE IS A ROUND UP OF THIS YEAR'S
CHANGES

National Events Policy Document:

Health forms are gone (YAYS!). Appropriate home contact system is to be set up by each rally team, using details from the rally website. SSAGO Rally now has the contact option, which MUST be filled out. Rally team are responsible for the NAN form.

InTouch Policy document (pending):

Details how communication should happen in the event of an emergency. InTouch systems MUST be set up on a club level, so that even on a regular club evening, the club have all the correct contact details in the case of an emergency. National events will work similarly!

Child Protection Policy Document (pending reps and Scout HQ final approval):

CRBs are changing, slowly it would seem. The Scout Association (TSA) are integrating their whole CRB system. A CRB disclosure through TSA will cover a SSAGO member, and vice-versa.

Executive Assistants:

For those of you that don't know, there are 3 executive assistants;

Merchandise Manager - Responsible for Merchandise.
Currently unfilled

Webmaster - Responsible for the SSAGO website.
Currently: Darren Clowes

Notifications Manager - Responsible for forms!
Currently: Jac Horn

Will you be my ... Pancake???



With Valentines and Pancake day so close together this year, BUGS had a hard dilemma deciding which one to celebrate and with Valentines day being on a BUGS night it even took a whole 25 seconds to decide... PANCAKES of course!!

However we all know that BUGS are amazing tossers. So how do you make pancakes even more exciting,,, blindfolds of course. In groups of 4 with 3 members blindfolded and all 4 members tied together at the wrist, BUGS set about whipping, flipping, tossing and then getting sticky with their pancakes.

Fantastic social to try with your club. We challenge you not to mess with your members while their blindfolded, the temptation gets just too high!

By Bangor BUGS

Cutlery Cup

Has someone in your SSAGO club been fantastic over this or previous years? Have they done a lot for SSAGO as well as for Scouting and Guiding in general? Do they deserve recognition for this? If the answer is yes then perhaps you should consider nominating them for the 'Cutlery Cup'.

This is awarded annually at the SSAGO ball and nominations should be sent to the chair@ssago.org.uk by the **18th March**.

For more information about the Cutlery Cup please look at the Policy Document on the website.

SAGGA Update and Opportunities

Over the last few months, SAGGA have continued to plan our contribution to GGUK national centenary camp.

SAGGA will be providing off site activities at Bramhope Campsite near Leeds. We will have three zones plus inflatables to manage on three days, SAGGA is providing this programme. There will be around 500 participants per day. On the final day of activities at Bramhope, SAGGA will run three activities provided by GUK on the theme of Heritage Guiding. This will take place between Saturday 31st July and Saturday 7th August.

SAGGA will also be involved in take down at the Harewood House, where the centenary camp takes place. This will be between Sunday 8th August and Wednesday 11th August.

If you would like to be involved in any of these activities please contact us at **2010@sagga.org.uk**. We are fully flexible and people can come for as long or as short a time as they are able to.

Up coming on the National SAGGA calender is our AGM at the beginning of April were we will be celebrating 100 years of Guiding. All our local groups have been busy creating their yearly programme which can be found at <http://www.sagga.org.uk/diary/diary.asp>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Ugly Bugs Ball - 20th March 2010
Location: Celtic Royal Hotel, Caenarfon, North Wales
Cambridge Medieval Rally - 2nd to 4th July 2010
Location: Little Abingdon Campsite, Cambridge

WANTED

Chair, Members' Officer and Publicity Officer
Do You Have What It Takes??

CHAIR

- Interpret SSAGO Rules and Regulations
- Chair meetings
- Primary liaison with TSA, GUK and SAGGA
 - Check forms
- Find out about new policies
- Responsible for adverse disclosures (CRB)
 - Main spokesperson for SSAGO

MEMBERS'

- Liaise with all SSAGO clubs
- Maintain details of members and clubs
- First point of contact for members
- Assistance with CRB/DS forms
- Check all members have CRB/DS
- Send out membership forms

PUBLICITY

- Update and maintain publicity materials
- Distribute materials
- Materials for Gilwell Reunion
- Maintain the SSAGO web site and email lists
 - Promote SAGGA
- Responsible for banners
- Produce SSAGO News 3 times a year

Guiding Centenary Report

Girlguiding UK is enjoying it's Centenary year. Centenary Innovate was held the 5th to the 7th February in Wyboston Lakes near St Neots and was attended by 250 members. It was an exciting event with added Centenary sparkle.

There are many Senior Section Adventures taking place over the course of the year including the Tall Ship Adventure. Places are still available, please check the website for details.

Me In Mind is a new resource aimed at the 13+ age group (though more at Senior Section and adults) around Emotional Wellbeing. It is a fun packed resource and I would recommend it to all SSAGO groups.

Thank you for your continued support of Girlguiding UK and I hope you all enjoy your 'Mountain Top Moment' over the course of the Centenary.

*By Becky Broughall
(GUK SSAGO Rep)*

WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING IN THE COMMUNITY

Plymouth

Members placed
in both Guide and Scout
Groups
Coordinated the District
Thinking Day
Support Senior Section
Looking to support
Network and organise
local events

Durham

Indoor Scout Day -
Challenge bases for Scouts
Guide Skills Day - map reading
and survival skills
Outdoor - Incident Hike for
Guides and Scouts
MidMad - for younger mem-
bers

SAGUWE Says Thank You

Laura Maddock (President) is in the final year of her degree so won't be with SAGUWE next year. She started the club when she was a fresher in 2007 and has been President for the last three years. The whole club would like to thank her for all the hard work she has done, and all the time she has spent building the club up from literally nothing.

Steffi Pegg (Secretary) been with the club since its start in 2007. She took on the role of secretary half way through her first year and has been in the position since. Without her organisation and commitment nobody would know what they were doing!

By Tom Ingrem



Bangor University Guides and Scouts
Look forward to seeing you all at...

UGLYBUGS' Masquerade BALL
The National SSAGO Ball 2010
20th March 2010
6:30pm – 12:30am.
Celtic Royal Hotel, Caernarfon, North Wales

Ball Only Tickets
Available until: 28th February 2010

For more details please see:
www.ssagorally.org.uk/ball

The Cambridge Medieval Rally

**Little Abington
Campsite**

2nd-4th July 2010



- **River Tours**
- **Brewery Trip**
- **Punt Jousting**
- **Duxford Museum**



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