



**DUSAGG - Durham University Scout and Guide Group
SSAGO Report
Epiphany 2010**

A new term with DUSAGG means another 9 weeks of busy fun to look forward to! So far this term we've had a residential weekend, ice skating, backwoods indoor smart-casual cooking(!) and pancakes to name a few.

As always, DUSAGG isn't just about us having fun, it's about us making Scouting and Guiding fun for the community. In the spirit of this we have a full-on term of events which have so far included Indoor Scout – an indoors base-focused challenge for Scouts, and Guide Skills Day – a day of preparation for Guides so that they (hopefully) learn enough map-reading and survival skills needed for the upcoming Outdoor Scoide. Outdoor is our annual Guide and Scout incident hike taking place in the daytime – like last term's MidMad but a little less hardcore for the younger members of the organisations.

For ourselves this term we went away for Big Event to the Lookwide Centre in Hexham and did the BP Lookwide walk to the first real scout camp – gaining badges in the process! We also walked a bit along Hadrian's Wall and some of us did kayaking up and down the river. It was a great weekend full of all the usual madness and tomfoolery. Our current President Naomi must do a forfeit at our upcoming AGM as Mr Mole went for a little midnight walk round the scout hut with 2 of our members.

This term has been a busy one for the new DUSAGG Zodiac Award (see SSAGO News, hopefully). Four of our members completed this last year, and others are working towards it. Last weekend four of us went on a day-long hike followed by camping (the Not-So-Grand Expedition). It got to minus 6 overnight and we had very frosty tents in the morning! But even so everyone enjoyed themselves.

We still enjoy our weekly Club Coffees and Pub Things which are generally well-attended. Upcoming events include 'Adventure Evening', Spod's (our PR Officer) Official Birthday, Annual Meal and Scoutcraft Night (which will hopefully involve FIRE!).

By the time you read this at reps meeting we will have had our AGM and a new exec for the coming year. This year has been another good one for DUSAGG and we hope to have many more!

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Obligatory playground shot on Big Event at Hadrian's Wall



The Lookwide Walk



The Not-So-Grand Expedition



Ice Skating in Newcastle