



**DUSAGG - Durham University Scout and Guide Group**  
**SSAGO Report**  
**Michaelmas 2011**  
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A busy Freshers' Fire got DUSAGG off to a great start this term, as many marshmallows, sausages and dampers were munched and some (quite tuneful!) songs were sung.



The Stockton Pub trip to our other campus followed on from Stockton recruitment night for potential Scout and Guide leaders and was enjoyed by all. The wine and toasties social was also popular, and many interesting toasties (mmm chocolate and marshmallow!) were enjoyed. Five of us practiced the route for Midnight Madness, our biggest liasons event of the year, and were confused by a sign for 'Cathedral View' until we turned around and spotted our very own Cathedral in the distance! (It didn't come up well in the photo, but we promise its there!



For Freshers' Camp DUSAGG headed north and enjoyed visiting a castle, Hadrian's wall, having a huge campfire (I heard rumours of 7 pallets of wood being used!) and playing silly games like 'Just a minute' during their weekend of fun. The following weekend was the bothy trip, and 6 brave DUSAGGers, along with a number of DOGs (DUSAGG Old Gits) thoroughly enjoyed their trek up into the hills. An indoor climbing trip was run the next week, and to make it more interesting some DUSAGGers decided blindfolded climbing and abseiling was the way to go! (Providing the belayers weren't blindfolded I assume!) This weekend saw the culmination of a lot of hard work from our Liason's Officer and the rest of DUSAGG, as we ran the event Midnight Madness, an 18km incident night hike for Explorer Scouts and Rangers. We even found time to take a nice photo of some of us under the flag!



Coming up is Blind Drop, a night hike for DUSAGG where teams are dropped off in the middle of nowhere and have to work out their clue to the next grid reference as well as where they currently are, our turn to do the hiking! After that we have Safari Supper, our 3 course roaming meal, and our annual Christmas Meal, one of those very rare 'smart' occasions. And in the holidays there will be DOGs New Year, a weekend away for all the DOGs and some of the older DUSAGG to catch up with each other, this year heading for Snowdonia.