



SSAGO ASSOCIATE SPACE RALLY 2016

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END OF THE UNIVERSE



November Rally saw the associates take on the challenge of enabling SSAGO to boldly go where no SSAGO-er has gone before...to SPAAAAACE!! After months of cross-continental planning meetings and the finalising of important decisions such as: sourcing enough hog roast to feed all the cadets, it was time for 250 members, from over 30 SSAGO clubs to descend on Rough Close campsite, for what can only be described as the most out of this world rally to date: Associate Space Rally!

After a good night's sleep the space cadets woke to a full cooked breakfast, including the very well received space toast (eggy bread) and perused the day's news in 'Guardian of the Galaxy'. The cadets got enough energy on board to help them with their next missions: the afternoon activities, including the National Space Centre, Pottery Café and various other missions including kayaking, geocaching, a trip to Warwick Castle and visits to many local watering holes.

It was soon time to wrap up the weekend with an entertaining closing ceremony, at which the command team were presented with freeze-dried ice cream and the SSAGO secretary found herself stood in a bucket of cold left-over stew!!! All in all we had a fantastic weekend and it was a fitting way to say goodbye to some of SSAGO's oldest recruits. The associates were off to embark on their next mission: SAGGA.

News is just coming in that the USS SSAGO has successfully returned from its space flight and many astronauts are on their way to their next mission in Sheffield, Great Britain. A big thank you goes out to the Space Rally committee for all their hard work for making this weekend truly out of this world! We are very much looking forward to HUGS Best of British Rally on the 17th-19th February. We hear it's going to be spiffing! We've definitely deserved some afternoon tea and cake...

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THE MAGICAL TRANSFORMATION OF EMILY

After bailing out on two rallies in what has become known as the Emily manoeuvre, her transformation began at Witan where the 9-5 working Emily became fun again thanks to remembering what SSAGO is all about! Her main transformers were Cat and Elly who helped her to remember how to be a human and that life could actually be enjoyed. Yes, she actually smiles and even laughs! Since then she goes to every camp, every event, and is even going to Moot! Her friends keep asking "Emily are you all right?" and there are concerns that the Emily that returned from Witan is not the one that went!



BONES UPDATE



Doctor Graham "Bones" McGraw of the Penguinprise submitted this epic photo of SAGUWE winning the costume competition with an out of this world flat pack solar system!

SNAPPED!



Just a photo of Mr Bills taking the group photo

SEND HELP

Tom Candy from Southampton seemed to think that he was actually in space whilst at the National Space Centre!! He was intrigued by pressing buttons (which made noises) inside a fake rocket, playing on a moving chair and pretending to be an astronaut... Please can someone tell him that we were actually in Leicester, rather than space!! -Anonymous

FAREWELL NOMADS!



GOODBYES

"FREEEEEEEEEDDDDDOOOOOMMMMMM"
-A. Nomad

"So long and thanks for all the fish"
-Anonymous

"I just wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone who's made my eight years in SSAGO such a fantastic experience. I've made countless friends for life, and had many amazing adventures. Space Rally was an incredible end to an incredible journey. I look forward to seeing what the future holds for SSAGO and I'll see you all in SAGGA! "
-Luke Dixon

"Right I don't word well. Honestly, my time in SSAGO has been one of the best of my life. I've had an amazing time and made some truly great friends. "
-Bradley Burrell

"A parting message from a Old Git!
7 years ago I started a club so that I could join SSAGO and at the time I never expected that I would get so much from it. I have had so many wonderful and joyous experiences, and learnt so much about myself. I have had the honour of supporting several events over those years and being on the national exec was one of my great achievements (although most of you weren't at uni then!). Above everything else I have gained some of the best friends anyone could have and it has been a delight to organise and host Space Rally with them.

I think I can speak for everyone in the Nomads when I say thank you SSAGO for making our last event so wonderful. We had a brilliant weekend and it has been lovely to read all of your messages on Facebook as well as those that were given in person on Sunday. I personally didn't expect to be so overcome with emotion about the whole thing but I think it speaks to how much I have enjoyed my time in the organisation.

And so I repeat my sentiments from the closing ceremony and say thank you all - Nomads out!
-Boob (for anyone who's ever wondered, its actually Robyn but only my boss calls me that!)

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