

## SCRUFFIES NEWS

- on top of the world

### “Local Adventure dog Trys out Venturing”

And finds out how to put the venturer in  
Adventurer...



“Scruffie the Adventure Dog – Guest Venturer, Drone  
Pilot ”

Scruffie is an adventure dog. He has always wondered what venturers were? And did they have adventures? When he heard that many of his scout friends had reached 14 years old, he heard that they would be leaving scouts to go to Venturers. Scruffie was very angry as he didn't want to lose his friends. Then Youth leader Nick explained to him that Venturers was where ALL scouts go when they reach the right age and are ready. He was very Suspicious.

Youth Leader Nick is also the Venturer Unit Chair and he explained that you can "try venturing"...

Nick told him about a camp at Hazelwood Pondage where the water is Warm even in winter. Scruffie decided to go along and investigate to Make sure that Venturers was "SCOUT Proof" before his friends joined.

- A great adventure began.

- 22 Venturers
- 1 exchange Venturer
- 1 x 20+°degree Celsius lake
- 5 Sailing Dinghies
- 2 Tinnies
- 1 Rubber duck
- 8 stand up Paddle Boards
- 26 x Boerewors (South African hotdogs)
- 1 'Scruffie' size drone
- 1 remote controlled off roader car
- 1 'very average' debate (**A "super" debate Surely Ed?**)
- 1 **empty head**
- Lots of very bad Jan impersonations
- 1 Successful try venturing Venturer



Mist rising in the morning over the Hazelwood Pondage

#### VENTURER SKILLS

##### 1. Working together

#### KEY OUTCOMES

- Adventure dog ventures into venturing



## **THANKS**

- Nick – for organising the weekend, and inviting Scruffie and his two young house mates

Scruffie does Safety Checks - He has heard rumours.. and needs everything to be to Scout Standard.....



*Scruff checks the equipment...*



*And all the fastenings...*



*And that the load is secure.....*



*And one final check...*





*Some of the venturer activities are a little strange ..... for example sitting on cows...*



*Or playing catch with camp stools and lunch...*



*But he knows there is fun to be had with his new friends - as the Venturer Drone Pilot*



*And soon he is taking his first Venturer adventure - Aerial search for Pokémon*





Saftey instructors are at hand..



As well as Expert ground staff...



Water activities commence - Sailing in the mist



With sailing, bobbing, paddleboard skiing, and a motorboat obstacle course...





*Cows herd together to Join in ...*



*But are left behind as the first wave heads out - Don't worry they will be included later.*



*Unfortunbatley the wind arrived in the evening during the debate, leaving the sailing somewhat deflated....*



*But the persistent sailors kept at it - Low wind sailing is still a skill*



*And the venturers served up a delicious meal.. mmm pasta... (even though Mandy supplied the sauce...)*



*and Glenn shared his Boerewors...!! (A Tasty South Afriican Sausage cooked on the fire)*





*And then the moonlight cinema is constructed – points to tony for his ‘Sail Projector’! Scruffie likes ingenuity*



*Whilst the Great Super Hero debate continues...Does a Super hero need Super Powers to be a Super Hero...?*



*A frosty start on Sunday morning ...*



*And the steaming lake is looking extremely appealing*



*A bird seems to distract some of the Ventureres during Scouts Own*



*And the weekend draws to a close..*



*A spectacular sunset to end an excellent weekend ...*