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MedJam18 - Bridging Cultures @HQ

Wed 1st Aug - Wed 8th Aug

The much-awaited Mediterranean Scout & Guide Jamboree is here!

We will meet at HQ on Wednesday 1st August at 06:30am. All participants are to have a good breakfast in the morning. We will be having lunch at the campsite, but campers may wish to bring some light snacks with them.

We will be back at HQ on Wednesday 8th August at 01:00pm.

Participants are reminded to bring a home-made "bongo" or "shaker" for the mass-improvised-band that is part of the camp program.

Sat 18th Aug

Leaders & Council BBQ @Ras II-Mignuna, M'Skala This BBQ is intended to serve as an opportunity for our leaders, council members and helpers to relax and spend some time together without worrying about having to organise anything or chasing after children.

The actual "food" part of the BBQ will start at around 19:00, but we'll be meeting at around 17:00 for those who'd like a swim first. Please bring your own food and drinks.

This activity is open to all group members aged 18+, council members, family, friends and pets.

Meeting point: https://goo.gl/maps/n1HVRVd6toq

Sat 1st Sep

Fund Raising Car Wash @Council of Europe Square

September is here and it's time to scrape away that layer of dust and dirt that has covered your car over the summer months. Luckily the Fgura Scout Group is here to lend a hand - just drive over to Council of Europe Square (opposite Chain Supermarket) and let our scouts do all the work for you!

Not only will you enjoy driving away with a clean and shiny car, but you will also be helping our group raise funds to invest in new equipment and upcoming projects.

Those parents who would like to help out by washing a couple of cars are very welcome to do so - and any amount of help is greatly appreciated!

So KEEP THE DATE FREE (And your cars dirty)!!

Beavers

Sat 4th Aug

Bugibba Waterpark @HQ

Today we will be meeting at HQ at 9am sharp wearing a swimsuit underneath your activity uniform, cap, scarf and clogs or beach sandals (no flip flops). It is very important that beavers apply sunblock before coming for this activity. In a backpack please bring a a beach towel, sunblock to re-apply, enough water to drink and a packed lunch. Caps, scarfs, clothes and towels should all be labelled with their names.

Mdina Walk @HQ

Fund Raising Car Wash @Council of Europe Square

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A duly signed consent form and Eur 4 were collected for this activity on the 25th of July.

We will today be collecting a duly signed consent form and Eur 4 for the next activity.

Wed 29th Aug

Sat 1st Sep

Today we will meet at HQ at 6pm sharp and head towards Mdina for a walk around Malta's old capital city.

Beavers are to wear full activity uniform including cap and scarf. Please bring enough water to drink and a packed lunch in a backpack.

A duly signed consent form and Eur 4 were collected on the 4h of August.

See group details for more information.

0630-1300hrs

1700hrs onwards

0900-1700hrs

0900-1230hrs

1800-2030hrs

0900-1700hrs

Dear Parents

As notified in the mini circular sent to all parents, we changed the date of the BBQ & Beach Activity which was originally planned for Friday 10th August to Friday 24th August. Instead, we have Raksha's joint activity with Zejtun Group for the Leaders' Basic Course on Saturday 11th August; so booking on Friday 27th July (cinema activity) should be for this joint activity. Booking for the 24th August will then be done in the previous meeting, i.e. on Saturday 11th August.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this regard and when it comes to bookings. We gladly noticed that parents are booking always on the date indicated and when cub can't make it on the day of the booking or for the activity for which there is the booking; they are informing the leaders accordingly. This definitely saves us time and hassle - please keep it up :)

Sat 11th Aug

Raksha's Basic Joint Activity - Science Attack (+LB & +MOB) @HQ

0745-1630hrs

This is an activity not to be missed joint with the Zejtun Group.

Cubs are to be punctual at HQ and wear full activity uniform with cap & scarf. They are to get a backpack with padded straps with them containing:

• cutlery bag with all necessary items,

- bottle filled with water,
- craft bag (which should contain felt pens, paint brush 1/2 inch thick, UHU stick and round edged scissors),
- apron,
- sunblock,

• a packet of SKITTLES to be used during an experiment.

All items should be marked with child's name or initials.

Cubs are encouraged to take a good breakfast before the activity since we will be stopping only for lunch which we will be taking with the other cubs during their camp in M'Scala. The water bottle which the cubs will be getting with them will be topped up by the leaders during the day. Make sure that sunblock is applied in the morning before arriving at HQ and kindly get sunblock with you in backpack just in case we need to re-apply; however most of the activity will be taking place under the shade.

Booking for this activity was done on Friday 27th July (cinema activity).

Today booking should be made for Beach Activity & BBQ on Friday 24th August - Consent Form (with a note of any swimming aids - only if necessary) + €3

Fri 24th Aug

Beach Activity & BBQ - (+LB & +MOB) @HQ

1500-2130hrs

This is an appointment which we keep every year where we enjoy a swim and then cook BBQ food for the cubs which they get themselves.

Cubs can come with swimwear beneath the clothes (girls) and boys can come with swimming trunks as their shorts or bermuda. There is no need for a change of clothes since there will be ample time to dry off before we leave. If boys' swimming trunks are not bermuda style, they should wear a pair of shorts as well. Girls are kindly reminded they they cannot wear bikinis but a whole swimsuit. If this is not available, they are to get another T-shirt to swim with and then change it with the other dry T-shirt which they came with (tie & dye).

Cubs can wear the T-shirt which they did during the pack summer camp :), wear also the cap, but no need for scarf! Beach clogs or jelly shoes can be worn today but **flip-flops or open sandals are NOT allowed.** They should apply sunblock before coming and get the following items with them in their backpack:

Cutlery bag

• Small cooler bag which should contain food items to their liking to cook on BBQ - burgers, sausages, chicken pieces (cubs are NOT ALLOWED to get fresh meat or chicken since these take too long to be properly cooked and we need to cook for over 30 cubs and the leaders - so please be considerate :))

- Enough water to drink
- Towel & sunblock (to re-apply if need be)
- Tissues & wipes

• Any swimming aids which the cubs **need** (please make a note of them on consent form which was given to leaders on booking date - 11th August 2018). **Cubs are to get only aids that they cannot swim without and not items to play with.**

We are fully aware that MOBs cannot swim with the Pack as yet, so they will only go to the water park with the leaders - no swimming in the sea don't worry!!

Arrival time back at HQ is a bit late so that activity is not rushed and we have to cater for no less than 45 minutes to come back from Bugibba.

Sat 1st Sep

Car Wash (+MOB) @Council of Europe Square

0900-1700hrs

As you know, unfortunately we weren't able to hold the car wash in May due to bad weather so let's make it a point to attend this one so as to help our Group raise funds. Please ask family members and friends to get their cars to be washed and help for a good cause!!

Roster is the same as the one in May but this time round we are inviting the MOBs to attend with their six to get used to helping out in the car wash!! Siblings can attend in the same slot and if any cubs cannot make it in his/her slot because of other commitments, they are to inform me and attend where they can; however the less disruptions the better so please change slot only if necessary.

Cubs can come with any old activity t-shirt or with the t shirt which we did at the camp. Please come with cap but no scarf is necessary. Cubs can also come with beach clogs or jelly shoes since slippers will become soaked (no flip flops or open sandals please)!!

Red Six0900 - 1035	White Six1035 - 1210 Yellow Six1210 - 1345
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Troop

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MedJam 18 (+ LB) @HQ

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Important to bring the usual camping items as discussed in the previous meetings along with the home-made "bongo" or "shaker" and any other things as instructed by the leaders.

Ethnic Diversity Badge (+LB) @HQ Sat 18th Aug 0900-1200hrs

Today we will work on part of the interest badge of Ethnic Diversity. We will be learning about different contributors to Malta and how different countries now get along together.

The patrol leaders will be informing you on what you will have to prepare for this meeting. Important that everyone helps as a patrol in order to complete part of the badge.

Today we will also be discussing the menu, food and equipment list for the ready steady cook of next week. The equipment list have to be provided to the leaders by the PL's during the PLC

A PLC will be held after the meeting for the PL's till 13.30 hrs

Sat 25th Aug

Ready Steady Cook @HQ The theme of this ready steady cook is a country that has the same first letter as your patrol name. The country was chosen by the patrol leader and the menu was discussed last week as a patrol.

You will be cooking a 3-course meal including starter, main and dessert. The points will be based on teamwork, taste, presentation, and more.

Important to bring your own cuttlery bag and water

Today we will be taking the bboking and collecting the fee of Euro4 along with a signed for consent form for the beach activity of 31st August

Fri 31st Aug

Beach activity (+LB) @HQ

This activity is being organized by the senior patrol members as part of their link badge on their way to joining the unit.

We will be going to the beach to play some games together and if anyone wishes to achieve the swimmers badge, we will start some of the requirments of the badge. Those who doesn't wish to take part in this badge, can continue with the games and swimming.

All members are to wear usual activity wear along with scarf, cap and slippers. Important to bring your own food/snacks and water, sunblock, towel, and an extra pair of clothes to swim with (as part of the badge requirment).

Booking of this activity was done on 25th of August

1800-2230hrs

0900-1400hrs

0630-1300hrs

Sat 1st Sep

Fund Raising Car Wash (+LB) @Council of Europe Square

This is a group fundraising activity. We will be meeting in the area opposite the chains supermarket to wash cars and help our group raise funds.

This is the time slot in which each patrol is to attend. If anyone wishes to change their time for a valid reason has to inform the scout leader.

lljun patrol: 09.00 - 11.00 Fekkruna patrol: 11.00 - 13.00 Kobra patrol: 13.00 - 15.00 Seniors patrol: 15.00 - 17.00

Unit

Wed 1st Aug - Wed 8th Aug

MedJam 18 - Bridging Cultures @HQ

The first Mediterranean Jamboree held in Malta finally arrived. The Fgura group contingent will meet on Wed 1st Aug at 0630 sharp at our HQ. Important that no one is late due to transport. We will be back on Wed 8th Aug at around 1300hrs.

Important that everyone has a good breakfast and bring a packed lunch. Medical form and any medication will be collected before leaving the HQ. Have fun :)

Other information was given during the parents meeting held on 19th July 2018.

Mon 13th Aug

Warfare Machine - Pioneering Project @Stores

One of the unit members is conducting a project for her SOK exams. Today we will meet at the store to pick up the necessary equipment and proceed near Fgura Football ground to build the warfare machine. More information will be given later.

Wed 22nd Aug - Thu 23rd Aug

Our recruits planned this 20km hike for their Theseus award to join the venture section. Information will be given by our recruits in previous meetings.

Night hike - 20Km @HQ

Important, consent forms, high visibility straps and plenty of water. Recruits remember to send the route card and the risk assessment. Transport fee will be given later.

1630-2100hrs

0630-1300hrs

1800-0100hrs