

THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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December 2023

| Group | Wishing all Members & Helpers a peaceful Christmas time and a Prosperous New Year | |
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Group

One more year loaded with sweet recollections and cheerful times has passed. You have made our year exceptionally uncommon, and memorable. With you around, each minute is a unique event for the Fgura Scout Group.

Thank You!

Sat 2nd Dec

Place Making Session @Activity Centre, Fgura

0800-1200hrs

In collaboration with Project Green, the Fgura Scout Group shall be carrying out a place making session with the Architect's responsible for designing an open green space at the Activity Centre, adjacent to Gnien St. Klement.

The group has for years been applying and raising request for a proper scouting area and the purpose of this exercise is to address such needs within the identified planned space.

The Activity is open to all members over 13 years up to 18 years of age. On the day, please wear activity shirts and scarfs. We shall also be supported by other Scouts from Marsa and Tarxien.

Meeting at 8.00 near Fgura Football Club. Packed lunch shall be provided.

Thu 7th Dec - Sun 10th Dec

Group Winter Camp @Rinella Campsite

1700-1400hrs

Ending 2023 with a nice group winter camp at Rinella Campsite which shall be transformed into a DOMUS ROMANUS:).

Please follow your relevant Sections for instructions and guidance. Any support from parents will always be appreciated in particular for the transport of equipment to and from Campsite.

Fri 15th Dec - Sat 16th Dec

Milied fil-Pjazza @Pjazza Reggie Miller

1900-2300hrs

Once again, the Group shall be participating in Milied fil-Pjazza wherein a stand shall be set up with a lot of goodies to be sold out.

This year it shall also be collaborating with the Fgura Youth Centre in order to set up 'A Live Crib' (Presepju Ħaj).

Tue 9th Jan

EIJ 2024 - Parents & Scouts Info Meeting 2 @HQ

1900-2100hrs

During this information meeting we will provide further guidance on the equipment required for EIJ2024, such as: sleeping bag, mat etc.

We shall also provide any updates or answer any questions you might have.

Beavers

We would like to wish you a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year from all the beaver leaders whilst thanking you for all your support throughout the year. We will resume our meetings on the 10th January 2024.

Wed 6th Dec

The true meaning of Christmas @HQ

1800-1900hrs

Today we will be having a spiritual session about the true meaning of Christmas. It will be a good time to reflect on the significance of the birth of Jesus Christ, who came into the world to save us from our sins. It is also a time to prepare and celebrate the joy and peace that this time brings to our lives and to share love with others.

Sat 9th Dec

Visit to the Roman Camps @RInella

1000-1500hrs

Today we will meet at the Rinella Campsite and spend a day together with other members of the Fgura Scout Group. During the day, we shall play loads of fun games and even get creative with some Christmas Roman activities.

Make sure to come in full activity wear and bring your Cutlery bag including lunchbox for any left overs and plenty of water for the day.

Sat 16th Dec Christmas Craft @HQ 0900-1030hrs

We will be doing a Christmas themed craft. All material will be bought by the leaders. All beavers are reminded to bring their pocket with round scissors and UHU stick.

During this meeting we will also be collecting the monthly fees.

Wed 20th Dec

Christmas Party @Beanos Marsascala

1800-2000hrs

It's that time of the year where we meet again to celebrate the Christmas spirit together. We shall meet at Beano's in Marsaskala and enjoy a Christmas themed party with plenty of creative games and yummy food. We might even be lucky and meet Father Christmas in person. Ho Ho

Pack

Dear Parents & Cubs

Another year has passed that was full of scouting activities and memorable moments.

During this last month of 2023 we have various activities that will further give us memorable memories and that will enrich our experience of this year,

One such activity that is important that as a pack we attend is on the 2nd of December were we will be participating in activities organized by our Group along with Project Green in order to secure a green space for ourselves.

We will also be having the Group Winter Camp where more memories are to be made and where we will learn about the Romans and heir era, which is the theme of the camp.

Finally we will be having our Christmas activity that will mark the end of the Scouting year - details of which can be found on our Facebook page closer to the date.

Pack meetings will resume on Saturday 6th January 2024. We wish all the parents & cubs a Blessed Christmas filled with peace and love and a New Year full of health, happiness and loads of scouting activities with us.

AKELA & PACK LEADERS

Sat 2nd Dec Group Activity with Project Green + LB @Trig Carapecchia

0900-1330hrs

For further information about this meeting kindly refer to the Cubs Facebook Group closer to the date. It is important that all cubs attend in order to have full activities and to safeguard a future space for our Scout Group.

Fri 8th Dec - Sun 10th Dec

Winter Camp (Campus Invictus) @Rinella

0900-1400hrs

The Winter Camp has arrived.

Cubs are to bring all items listed in the camp list that is to be provided closer to the camp date. On the day Cubs are to bring a signed and filled in heath form along with any medicine required.

Gold arrow Cubs are to come to camp from Thursday, 7th December, at 16:00, bringing with them the health form and items listed in the camp list.

Sat 16th Dec

Games & Camp Evaluation (+ LB) @HQ

1430-1630hrs

Today we will be playing some games and having a relaxing time at HQ.

We will also have the time to discuss the various activities that we had during the camp and to discuss what we liked and what we liked less - the camp evaluation.

During this meeting bookings for the Christmas activity will be taken. Further details about the Christmas activity will be given at a later date via the Cubs Facebook page.

Sat 23rd Dec

Christmas activity + LB @TBA

We will be meeting for the last activity of the year (morning onwards).

Further details about this activity will be given at a later date on our Facebook page since we are still finalizing the last details! We suggest that cubs keep this date free and don't miss it!!

Booking for this activity was done on the 16th of December.

Troop

Dear Scouts and Parents,

As we look back at 2023, we smile as we remember the beautiful memories we shared, the places we visited and the friendships we made. We had another year jampacked with outdoor and indoor scouting activities. Please read carefully all the details provided as there are a few deadlines/equipment that needs to be brought.

Our first scout meeting in 2024 will be the yearly Zulu Challenge on 13/1/2024 with your current patrols.

We wish all scouts and parents a Blessed Christmas and a New Year 2024 full of health, happiness and loads of scouting activities with us:)

SL & Troop Leaders

P.S. VMO- Ventures Moved On; MOV- Moving On Venture; LB- Link Badge

Fri 1st Dec

Stores- Equipment collection for PLs only @Stores

1730-1800hrs

PLs only shall meet at Stores to collect equipment required for backwoods cooking. If PL cannot make it, please ask your APL to attend in your absence.

Fri 1st Dec

Backwoods Cooking + LB @Polverista

1800-2100hrs

Last week you planned a two course meal- backwoods cooking. Tonight you will bring the food, prepare it, light your fire, cook and eat your delicious meal. Leaders will provide equipment required based on your requests.

What to bring? Consent form, Torch, Cutlery bag, first aid kit, water, the mountaineer award book and raincoat

In case it is bad weather, we will meet at HQ for some games/putting up dome tents. Please check Facebook troop page.

Sat 2nd Dec

Group Activity with Project Green @Triq Carapecchia

0900-1330hrs

Kindly refer to Group Section in the monthly circular. Your participation and attendance is crucial if we would like to be involved in having a suitable open space for you and future generations to come.

Thu 7th Dec - Sun 10th Dec

Winter Camp- Campus Invictus @Rinella

1700-1400hrs

Please refer to Group Circular- we shall meet directly at Rinella Scout Centre. Please get your consent form + health form + medicines (if applicable). No camp beds are allowed. During the camp we will assign your Secret Santa, the budget for this is Euro10.

Fri 15th Dec PLC @Polverista 1700-1800hrs

PLC for PLs and APLs only. This will be the last PLC for 2023. Evaluation of Camp, PLs training camp and 26 week programme shall be on the Agenda. See you.

Fri 15th Dec

Scoutish night + il-Pjazza fil-Milied @Polverista

1800-2200hrs

To close off the year in scouting style, we shall be meeting at Polverista to play a few games, sing campfire songs and eat some marshmallows. Afterwards we will walk together to Pjazza Reggie Miller to experience il-Pjazza fil-Milied, organized by our Local council together with local organizations. **So, please pick up your kids in front of Fgura Church at 10pm.**

Please come in activity uniform + scarf. To get into the Christmas spirit, we strongly suggest that you wear any Christmas hats, Christmas head bands, or other accessories. **Today is the deadline to book + pay €20 for the Christmas Activity.**

What to bring? Fee €20 for Christmas activity, consent form, scarf, raincoat, first aid kit, torch, pocket money and water. In case of bad weather, we will inform you on Facebook that meeting place will be changed.

Today we will also be giving you the list of food to choose from, for the Christmas activity. For those not attending today we will also be posting the list of food on Facebook so that you can book and inform your patrol leaders on patrol chat.

Sat 23rd Dec

Troop Christmas Activity + MOV + VMO @HQ

0915-1400hrs

This activity will be split in two parts, part 1 is watching a movie at Galleria Cinema and part 2 is celebration with scouts at HQ. The meeting will start at Galleria Cinemas and end at the HQ.

After we finish watching movie, we will walk to HQ for a small Christmas party where we will exchange the secret Santa gift, have lunch together (Ian will cook Pumpkin soup and leaders will be bringing all food) and enjoy a nice time together.

What to wear? For this meeting only, you can wear casual or something Christmas related. However, we will still wear the group scarf. What to bring? Consent form, secret Santa gift, cutlery bag including mug, spoon and bowl, water and pocket money.

Very important to wrap the **Secret Santa gift in brown paper** and the name on the gift has to be printed not hand written. Today's booking and payment of €20 were collected on the 15th of December.

PLs and APLs are asked to please stay at HQ until 3pm. We will close off the year together cleaning our premises :)

Sat 13th Jan

Zulu Challenge + MOV + VMO @Tas-Silg Chapel

0900-1500hrs

It's time for the annual Zulu challenge. The Zulu challenge is an internal competition between our patrols. Its aim is to promote scouting and teamwork on anything we have learned throughout the year.

It is the last activity to be done as the current patrols, hence MOVs are expected to attend. The winning patrol will have their name engraved on the Zulu shield.

We suggest you prepare for this event by going through the Mountaineer award book. We will meet directly at Tas-Silg Chapel at 9am and finish at the same place at 3pm.

Important to come wearing you activity uniform, group scarf and good walking shoes. You will need to bring with you: consent form, first aid kit, water, packed lunch, raincoat and pen & paper.

Unit

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0900-1300hrs

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Please refer to Group Circular.

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1900-2300hrs

Local Event for Christmas in Fgura. The Group will be participating in collaboration with Local Council and other local organisations.

Thu 21st Dec Christmas Dinner @TBD 1930-2200hrs

Details yet to be determined.

Band

Wed 20th Dec Christmas Party @HQ 1800-2100hrs

It's time to celebrate together after a year of hard work! Don't forget to bring your Secret Santa gifts wrapped in brown paper and write the recipient's name on it. The budget for the Secret Santa is 10 euros. Today's booking and payment (Euro 10) were made on the 6th of December, or you can send the payment via Revolut on 79912517. This amount covers food and drinks. If you have any food allergies, please inform me by the 6th of December. Let's make this celebration memorable!