



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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March 2016

Group

Sun 20th Mar - Mon 22nd Feb	Palm Sunday procession in Gozo @HQ	1300hrs onwards
Fri 25th Mar	Forcina Bearers for Good Friday parade in Senglea @HQ	1710-2130hrs

Beavers

Wed 2nd Mar	Learn How Things Work @HQ	1800-1900hrs
Sat 5th Mar	Tea + Toast @ Fgura Football Ground	1400-1600hrs
Wed 16th Mar	Easter Craft @HQ	1800-1930hrs
Wed 23rd Mar	Spiritual Meeting @HQ	1800-1900hrs
Wed 30th Mar	Usual Meeting @HQ	1800-1900hrs

Pack

Link Badge (LB) and Moving on Beavers (MOB) should attend where marked +LB or +MOB respectively.

Sat 5th Mar	Hike (+LB/+MOB) @HQ	0900-1500hrs
Fri 11th Mar	Quiz (+LB/+MOB) @HQ	1730-2000hrs
Sat 12th Mar	No Meeting	
Sat 19th Mar	Decoration of Figolla/Booking for BWC (+LB/+MOB) @HQ	1100-1330hrs
Thu 24th Mar	Maudy Thursday Activity (+LB) @HQ	0845-1230hrs
Sat 26th Mar	No Meeting	

Troop

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Band

Sun 6th Mar	Band Rehearsal @HQ	0800-1030hrs
Sun 13th Mar	Band Rehearsal @HQ	0800-1030hrs
Sun 20th Mar	Palm Sunday procession in Gozo @HQ	1200-2300hrs

Group

Membership - All Beavers, Cubs, Troop, Ventures and Rovers

Membership for the period March 2016 to August 2016 is to be paid by the end of June 2016. Hence all members are kindly requested to pay the amount due of Eur30 by the end of June. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Shubija - Beavers, Cubs, Troop, Ventures u Rovers

Il-kontribuzzjoni ta' shubija ghall-perjodu Marzu 2016 sa Awwissu 2016 għanda tithallas sal-ahhar ta' Gunju 2016. Ghalekk kull membru huwa gentilment mitlub jagħmel il-hlas ta' Eur30 sal-ahhar ta' Gunju. Napprezzaw il-koooperazzjoni tagħkom.

Tentative dates for your 2016 Calendar:

- 20/MAR - Band: Good Friday parade in Gozo
- 25/MAR - Scouts/Ventures/Rovers: Good Friday ("Forcina")
- 08-10/APR - Cubs: Badge Workout Camp
- 15/APR - Group Drill
- 17/APR - Annual Parade
- 13-15 MAY - Cubs: National Cub Camp
- 28/MAY - Car Wash
- 07/JUN - Blood Donation Event
- 13-17/JUL - Group Summer Camp
- 03/SEP - Car Wash
- 25/SEP - Church Parade
- 23/OCT - Fun walk
- 30/OCT - Fgura day Parade
- 12-13/NOV - FestaScout
- 20/NOV - 29th Group Anniversary Parade
- 04/DEC - South District Rally
- 09-11/DEC - Group Winter Camp

Sun 20th Mar - Mon 22nd Feb

Palm Sunday procession in Gozo @HQ

1300hrs onwards

After the success that our group band had over the past few years, we have been invited once again to accompany the Good Friday procession in Victoria - Gozo (Although it is a Good Friday procession it will be held on Palm Sunday).

We are inviting all group members along with their parents, relatives and/or friends to join us for the day in Gozo and attend the procession with us.

More details are given in the enclosed flier.

Fri 25th Mar

Forcina Bearers for Good Friday parade in Senglea @HQ

1710-2130hrs

Tradition is an important part of our cultural identity and we enjoy any opportunity to strengthen local traditions - especially if it means being of service to others whilst doing so!

A number of **scouts**, **ventures** and **rovers** will be assisting the Good Friday procession in Senglea by carrying the *forcina* to assist the statue bearers during the procession. The selected members will be notified individually and will be given further details in due course.

Please address any queries to the respective section leaders.

Beavers

Wed 2nd Mar

Learn How Things Work @HQ

1800-1900hrs

Today we will have our monthly sessions and we will learn about different clouds. Beavers are reminded to bring their handbook. Beavers are also reminded to book and pay €2 for the Tea and Toast activity and €2 for the Easter Craft.

Sat 5th Mar

Tea + Toast @ Fgura Football Ground

1400-1600hrs

Today we will be having a different meeting. We will be meeting, near the football ground where we will be having Tea and Toast on an open fire.

Wed 16th Mar

Easter Craft @HQ

1800-1930hrs

Today we will be doing our Easter Craft. Beavers are reminded to bring a pocket full of colours and a pair of scissors.

Wed 23rd Mar

Spiritual Meeting @HQ

1800-1900hrs

Today we will have a Spiritual Meeting. Beavers are to bring a soft cushion.

Wed 30th Mar

Usual Meeting @HQ

1800-1900hrs

Today we will be having our monthly usual meeting. We will also be practicing for the upcoming parades and investitures.

Pack

Badge Workout Camp dates for this year are Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th April at Rinella South District Scout Centre. Booking is on Saturday 19th March, and all details pertaining to the camp will be given in the last part of the meeting. This will be the last camp with the Pack Section for the LB members :(whilst MOB's will attend with us and work on a badge on Saturday morning. More details can be found in the circular below and during meetings.

Sat 5th Mar **Hike (+LB/+MOB) @HQ** **0900-1500hrs**

Bagheera has prepared a wonderful route for this hike, and once again we're going to enjoy the outdoors! Cubs are to come in activity uniform, with comfortable slippers and a padded backpack. Do not forget cap and scarf and rainjacket is always a must. A packed lunch, a healthy snack and enough to drink for the day, should all be inside the backpack. Booking for this activity was done on Friday 26th February.

Today booking should be done for Decoration of Figolla activity on Saturday, 19th March - no consent form needed - just payment of €3.50.

Fri 11th Mar **Quiz (+LB/+MOB) @HQ** **1730-2000hrs**

The meeting is on a Friday....don't miss out and check the circular before it's too late!!

The moment all cubs have been waiting for - a fun quiz where they will be using for the first time the buzzer system which the GSL so kindly made for them :) Come prepared to answer general and scouting knowledge questions. The present 4 LB members will also have the opportunity to use the buzzer system before going up to Troop - as promised!!!

Cubs today are to book for Maudy Thursday activity on Thursday 24th March - Consent Form + €2 for transport

Sat 19th Mar **Decoration of Figolla/Booking for BWC (+LB/+MOB) @HQ** **1100-1330hrs**

Today the meeting starts half an hour earlier - at 11am - so kindly make sure to be there a bit before because of camp booking.

Fee for camp is as follows: Whole Camp: €23; MOB's: €5 (we have no one-nighters for this camp). Camp fee includes two nights' stay at the campsite and use of facilities; all meals, including drinks and material provided for certain badges. **Parents are to kindly get exact fee and a duly signed consent form.**

The first part of this meeting will be full of excitement and fun where the cubs themselves - under the guidance of a cooking expert :) - will decorate a figolla which they will be taking home with them. Figolla and all materials for decoration will be provided by the leaders and fee for this activity has already been paid on Saturday 5th March. Cubs are to get an apron; a scraper (paletta) and a butter knife (with rounded edges and not sharp please).

The second part of the meeting will be dedicated to information about the BWC where cubs will be given camp list and badge requirement sheets according to the badges they will be doing. These details are being given well in advance so that the cubs will have ample time to prepare the badge requirements.

Thu 24th Mar **Maudy Thursday Activity (+LB) @HQ** **0845-1230hrs**

We are going to keep our yearly appointment during Holy Week to take the cubs to visit exhibitions related to the passion and resurrection of our Lord.

Cubs are to meet at our HQ **in full parade uniform**. Those cubs who do not have a parade uniform can come in activity uniform (with dark blue or black jeans and with smart black shoes) with cap and scarf. First, Shada will deliver a spiritual session which will help us understand more what we will be seeing.

Then we will proceed to Luqa where we will be seeing the Good Friday statues of the Parish Church, and other exhibitions amongst which a visit to an underground shelter which is unique and interesting.

Booking for this activity was done on Friday 11th March.

Troop

Fri 4th Mar **Sessions + LB @HQ** **1700-1930hrs**

Once again we will be meeting for some sessions. If anyone wants to do some tests, come prepared. Today we will be collecting the monthly fees. It is very important that everyone will pay at least until March

Today is also the last day to book for next week's games at Ta Qali. A €2.50 fee is to be collected along with a duly signed consent form.

Those of you who are 13 years or older are invited to stay for a talk by kellimni.com agency which will take place right after the meeting. The talk will last about an hour.

Sat 12th Mar

Games @ Ta Qali +LB @HQ

1400-1730hrs

The warm days are soon with us, so it's about time we will be going out and play some games outside. Do not forget to bring a lot of water to last the whole meeting and some snacks if you get hungry.

Last day to book for this activity was Friday 4th March.

**Tue 29th Mar - Thu 31st
Mar**

Expedition & Camp with 1st Woodend Scout Group @HQ

Further details to be given during meetings. Do not forget to bring the consent form upon booking & health form at start of camp, with you.

Unit

Sat 12th Mar

Joint activity with Beavers. @HQ

We will be meeting with the Beavers section for some tea, toast and games. Further details will be given.

Fri 18th Mar

Spititual Session. @HQ

1930-2230hrs

We will be meeting at the HQ for a spiritual session.
