



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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Group

Sun 23rd Oct	Family Fun Walk @HQ	1415-1900hrs
Sun 30th Oct	Fgura Day Church Parade @HQ	0830-1100hrs

Beavers

Please note that from this month onwards, Meetings will be starting at 18.00 - 19.00 once again.

Wed 5th Oct	Usual Meeting @HQ	1800-1900hrs
Wed 12th Oct	Hot dog Party @HQ	1800-1930hrs
Wed 19th Oct	Investiture Practice + Games @HQ	1800-1900hrs
Sat 22nd Oct	Farm Visit @HQ	0900-1330hrs
Wed 26th Oct	Investiture Practice + Games @HQ	1800-1900hrs

Pack

The five MOBs should attend where marked - in this case all meetings in October. Sessions should not be missed and are very important !!

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Band

Sun 2nd Oct	Band Rehearsal FOR ALL BAND MEMBERS @HQ	0800-1000hrs
Sun 9th Oct	Band Rehearsal FOR ALL BAND MEMBERS @HQ	0800-1000hrs
Sun 16th Oct	Band Rehearsal FOR ALL BAND MEMBERS @HQ	0800-1000hrs
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Membership - All Beavers, Cubs, Troop, Ventures and Rovers

Membership for the period September 2016 to February 2017 is to be paid by the end of December 2016. Hence all members are kindly requested to pay the amount due of Eur30 by the end of December.
Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Sun 23rd Oct

Family Fun Walk @HQ

1415-1900hrs

The weather is now cool enough for us to enjoy the great outdoors. For this fun-walk we have an interesting route planned for you. We'll be walking through the Zonqor and San Anard areas, we'll be walking past the famous "Dar Tas-Soru" the iconic "Tlett iSlaleb" monument and the Chapel dedicated to Our Lady of Light whilst exploring some of the countryside that the South-East of our island has to offer.

We'll be providing transport from our HQ and back along with bottled water, a snack and a tea-break along the way. What better way is there to spend a Sunday afternoon?! Booking information is included in the enclosed flier.

Note: Most of the walk will be over unpaved country roads - comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Please bring a raincoat with you just in case.

Sun 30th Oct

Fgura Day Church Parade @HQ

0830-1100hrs

It's a special day for the residents of Fgura - today we celebrate Fgura Day.

All cubs, scouts, ventures and rovers are to assemble at HQ at 0830hrs sharp dressed in full parade uniform (Any members who have missing uniform items and/or are unsure of any part of their uniform are to consult their section leaders in the weeks prior to the parade).

The group will be marching to the Parish Church and participating in the 0930hrs Mass. A brief ceremony will be held afterwards in Reggie Miller Square. The group will march back to HQ after the ceremony and will be dismissed at around 1100hrs.

Note: Beaver scouts will not be participating in this parade

Beavers

Important Note: Moving on beavers are to attend meetings with the pack section for every meeting marked as MOB.

Wed 5th Oct

Usual Meeting @HQ

1800-1900hrs

Today we will have our monthly scouting session. Beavers are to bring their beaver handbook. We remind the Beavers to book and pay 3 euros for the Hot dog party.

Wed 12th Oct

Hot dog Party @HQ

1800-1930hrs

For this meeting, we will have a Hot dog party. Beavers will prepare the hot dog themselves, therefore we remind all beavers to bring their cutlery bag, including an apron and an extra lunchbox. All food is going to be bought by the leaders. Meeting will finish at 19.30.

Wed 19th Oct

Investiture Practice + Games @HQ

1800-1900hrs

Due to the upcoming beaver investiture, today we are going to do some marching practice followed by some games. We will allocate 30 minutes after the meeting in order for parents to buy any badges. The parents are reminded to bring any certificates related to the badges. Beavers are reminded to book and pay 8 euro for the **Farm Visit Activity**.

Sat 22nd Oct

Farm Visit @HQ

0900-1330hrs

An interesting outing not to be missed. Today we will meet at 9.00 sharp where we will be heading to Tal-Virtu in Rabat. We will have an information session on the local produce and the cultivation of animals held within the Farm. Later we will have a closer look of some animals and plants. Beavers are reminded to bring the group's scarf, a packed lunch and a rain coat just in case. We will then be back at 13.30.

Wed 26th Oct

Investiture Practice + Games @HQ

1800-1900hrs

Today we are going to continue with some marching practice followed by some games. We will allocate 30 minutes after the meeting for parents to buy any badges. Parents are reminded to bring the certificates related to the badges.

Pack

IMPORTANT NOTE

Dear Parents,

As from this month, pack meetings will no longer be only on a Saturday morning, but can also be held on a Friday evening (5.30pm - 7.30pm). Whenever the HQ will not be needed by the Troop Section on a Friday evening, the Pack will hold its meeting on a Friday, unless, of course, the meeting is an outdoor one, e.g. hike, cookout, or any other activity already scheduled with a date on a Saturday morning. So please make sure to give a good look at the circular and keep a copy of it where it can be seen so that there will not be any misunderstandings.

If your son/daughter attends doctrine lessons on a Friday, we are sure that if you explain the situation to the person in charge, he/she will find no objection if, occasionally (not every week), your son/daughter attends the Friday session of the doctrine lesson on another day.

This step has been taken after long consideration from the side of the Pack Section and has been necessitated due to the leaders' exigencies who would need some Saturday mornings off due to the fact that they work all week and no time will remain for them to do all their personal errands in the evenings.

Thank you for your understanding.
PACK LEADERS

Sat 1st Oct

Olive Grove Activity (+MOB) @HQ

0845-1230hrs

This is a very interesting, informative, hands-on activity. We will be going to a field (grove) where olive trees are grown and there we will be given a briefing on how olive trees are grown all the way to the pressing procedure from where we get our olive oil. The cubs will be given the opportunity to pick some olives themselves (since it will be the season to do so) and then we stop for a break where the grove owners will kindly prepare some "hobz biz-zejt" for the cubs.

Cubs should come in full activity uniform and get enough water to drink for the day. If they so wish they can get an alternative small snack (if they do not prefer "hobz biz-zejt").

Included in the price for this activity (apart from the transport) is a small bottle of pure extra virgin olive oil for the cubs to take back home :) An experience not to be missed!!

Booking for this activity was done during the last meeting of September - on Saturday 24 th September.

Fri 7th Oct

Sessions/Games (+MOB) @HQ

1730-1930hrs

Time for our monthly session so attendance is very important for ALL arrows....even moving on beavers have already started their arrow progress with pack section to attain their Tender Paw upon their moving on. All cubs are to get the Cub Book please.

Today we have booking for Ziguzajg activity (Fri 18th or Sat 19th November) - consent form + €7 which includes attendance for two activities and transport. Our section attends this activity every other year since every 2 years we have our talent show in November and we won't be able to attend. Booking for this activity is being taken early since Ziguzajg programme will be out beginning of October and booking and payment has to be done online (€2 for each activity attended). Since places are taken up quickly, we would not have time to issue mini circular for booking, so we kindly ask you to book now and as you can appreciate, no refunds can be given in this case if cub is unable to attend on the day.

Date will either be Friday 18th November (in the evening) or Saturday 19th November (during the day) but this will depend on the activities we decide to book the cubs for when the programme is out.

Sat 15th Oct

Yummy Healthy Eating Session (+MOB) @HQ

1130-1330hrs

Don't miss this interesting session about which foods are best to eat and which to avoid. Remember "you are what you eat" and eating healthy means also eating delicious food. Raksha will deliver some interesting information on the subject and then we will have a hands on activity as well!!

Cubs should get the following items please in a small plastic container: 1 soft roll (bezzun) already cut open lengthwise from one end (as if preparing it for lunch); hard-boiled egg (without the shell); 1 tomato (preferably "zengulija"); 4 slices cucumber (readily cut but not peeled); 2 slices ham; 3 slices cheese (individually wrapped slices); 2 kebab sticks. The plastic container can then be used to take back the decorated roll in it.

Today booking should be made for Pizza & DVD Night on Friday 21st October - €4 which includes a drink as well. Upon booking cubs will be asked to choose a pizza to their liking from 3 choices.

Fri 21st Oct

Pizza/DVD Night (+MOB) @HQ

1730-2000hrs

One of the cubs' favourite activities - a time to relax and chill out with a good film and some tasty pizza!! Cubs are to get a packet of tissues and wipes and get a plastic cup please. Pizza will be readily cut in it's cardboard container.

Booking for this activity was done on Saturday 15th October

Today booking should be made for hike on Saturday 29th October - Consent Form + €3

Sat 29th Oct **Hike/Sessions (+MOB) @HQ** **0830-1530hrs**

Another memorable hike to look forward to :) Cubs should come in full activity wear with comfortable slippers and a backpack with padded straps. They should get enough water to drink, together with a yummy, healthy packed lunch and yummy healthy snacks!! Rainjacket is also a must in your backpack from now onwards - Baden Powell always told us to "Be Prepared"!! We might be delivering sessions to all or some of the cubs today (to get them in line with the rest of the cubs) so ALL cubs should get their Cub Book with them please - just in case.

Sun 30th Oct **Fgura Day Church Parade @HQ** **0830-1100hrs**

Please see Group details. It is important for cubs to attend parades since we show our commitment towards the Group and show that we feel proud to form part of it.

Black shoes, black belt and grey socks are a must both for those who are still using the full parade uniform and the others who use a dark blue jeans and the activity T-shirt. Parents are also to make sure that badges are sewn on properly (these should be sewn on the green shirt since in all probability, from past experience, we will not be needing the cardigan even in the Anniversary parade in November).

Troop

Sat 1st Oct **Sessions @HQ** **1400-1630hrs**

Today we will be revising our scout program and will be doing some sessions. Each patrol is to come prepared with films for the DVD night & activity ideas for the Festa scouts, that will take place on the 12th of November.

Sat 8th Oct **Quiz @HQ** **1400-1630hrs**

Are you ready to test your knowledge & skills? Then get ready because today is the day for some challenging questions and skill games. Let's see which patrol will win. **Today is the last day to book for next week's night hike. The exact fee of 2 euros together with a duly signed consent form is to be handed in by today.**

Fri 14th Oct **Night Hike @HQ** **1800-2130hrs**

Today we will go for a walk and will have some time to do some hot chocolate. Every patrol has to bring a stove and gas, kettle + water/milk + hot chocolate/tea and do not forget the matches.

Last day to book for this activity was Saturday 8th October.

Sat 22nd Oct **Sessions @HQ** **1400-1630hrs**

Today we will be having some sessions. Scouts are to prepare any work in relation to their progress.

Today is the last day to book for next Friday's Pizza and DVD night. Each member is to bring 6 euro in small change so that the section leaders can take the pizza orders. For those who wish to share a pizza with another member, they can do so by pairing with another scout and agree a choice of pizza from the options in the menu. Drinks + snacks will be provided by the section.

Fri 28th Oct **Spiritual + Pizza & Dvd Night @HQ** **1730-2030hrs**

Today we will be having a Spiritual & a DVD night. **Last day to book for this activity was Saturday 22 October.**

Today is the last day to book for November's weekend camp that will take place between 4th & 6th of November. The price will be €25 for those attending two nights and €20 for those attending one night. The fee includes all meals and campsite fees. Each member has to bring the camp fee along with a duly signed permission form.

Those born in 2002 will start their camp on Friday 4th November, while the rest of the troop will start on the Saturday 5th November. Camp will end on Sunday 6th November for all troop members.

Unit

Fri 7th Oct **Executive meeting + DVD night + pizza @HQ** **1945-2230hrs**

Summer is over and now as unit need to focus on the coming months. During the first part, we will conduct our executive meeting to plan coming months. Afterwards, will order pizza and watch a movie.

Fri 14th Oct **Self defence session @HQ** **1900-2230hrs**

Today we will be meeting at HQ to have a special session as a gift from your VSL for all the work done for our group. A self-defence trainer will come at our HQ to teach us some martial move. It is going to be fun :) "Be Prepared" as our motto says.

Fri 21st Oct **Presentation + scouting skills @HQ** **2000-2230hrs**

3 venture members namely Hannah, Kim & Karl will give us a presentation as part of their venture progress program. Afterwards, if time permits our VSL will conduct some scouting session to refresh our minds.

As you may know on November we will do a training camp. The camp fee will be collected during this meeting. Camp fee is 25euros.

Fri 28th Oct **Master Chef @HQ** **2030-2300hrs**

Today our Gordon Ramsey namely Christian will show us how to cook some delicious plates, which the unit members will cook in January for our leaders during the festive dinner.