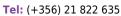


## THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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# **September 2021**

### **Group**

<u>Beavers</u>	MOB (Moving on Beavers) should attend with the Pack only where marked (+MOB)		
Wed 1st Sep	Obstacle course @St Clement Park	1800-1930hrs	
Sat 11th Sep	Walk around the coast @Marsaxlokk Ground	1600-1800hrs	
Wed 15th Sep	New members & New lodges @HQ	1800-1900hrs	
Wed 22nd Sep	Scouting Session @HQ	1800-1900hrs	
<u>Pack</u>	Link badge members are to attend with Pack and Troop where marked (+LB); Moving on Beavers (MOBs) should attend with Pack where marked (+MOB).		
Fri 3rd Sep	Sessions (+MOB & +LB) @Gnien San Klement	1800-1930hrs	
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Fri 17th Sep	No Meeting		
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Band			
Wed 15th Sep	Band Rehearsal @HQ	1830-2000hrs	

## Group

Dear Members,

You are kindly reminded that the membership fee of €40 for the period SEP 2021 to FEB 2022 is due by the end of October.

Payments may be made as follows:

- - By bank Transfer using Revolut or Internet Banking (instructions here) this is the preferred method.
- - By cheque sent by mail to our HQ or handed in to a leader during a meeting.

Should anyone experience any difficulty in making a payment using the above methods, kindly contact our GSL on gsl@fgurascouts.org or our Treasurer on treasurer@fgurascouts.org

## **Beavers**

#### Wed 1st Sep

#### **Obstacle course @St Clement Park**

1800-1930hrs

We will start the month of September with an obstacle course. Let's prove everyone how mighty our beavers are!! We will help each other and we will leave no one behind! Be prepared for a fun packed activity.

#### Sat 11th Sep

#### Walk around the coast @Marsaxlokk Ground

1600-1800hrs

We will meet next to Marsaxlokk Football ground in the parking area  $(35^{\circ}50'10.3"N~14''32'37.9"E)$ . Start our walk near the coast, up to Torri San Lucjan. Afterwards, we will rest a bit and end our walk with some delicious hotdogs. The activity will finish at the parking area.

#### Wed 15th Sep

#### New members & New lodges @HQ

1800-1900hrs

New Lodges will be formed today so it is very important that all beavers attend this meeting so as to see which lodge they form part of. Today we will also welcome new members who will be joining our beaver colony.

#### Wed 22nd Sep

#### Scouting Session @HQ

1800-1900hrs

Today we will learn or refresh our minds on some interesting facts about our section, our group and our scouting movement so be prepared to learn some new interesting things!

## **Pack**

Dear Parents & Cubs

As far as possible we will continue to hold outdoor meetings seeing that this is permissable and is obviously better for the cubs and for carrying out the scouting programme.

Moreover meetings at HQ cannot be held with the present restrictions in force and the number of cubs we have in the Pack Section at the moment. So if there are any activities which cannot be held outdoors and used to be held at our HQ; these will be held online but as long as the weather and the present health regulations permit, we will hold outdoor meetings.

Just a reminder that consent forms are not needed for meetings held at Gnien San Klement, Gnien Kottoner and similar places since we would be staying in the same place. When a Consent Form is needed, this will be specified in the monthly circular.

It is important that parents take a look at the Pack's Facebook Group once every couple of days to see if there are any notifications. I also put a reminder before each and every meeting so it's important for parents to check the Faceook Group before a meeting/activity is due.

This month we will also welcome 5 new Moving on Beavers (MOBs) who will start attending with Pack Section whilst also continue attending with the Beavers Section during their 3 month moving on period.

Thanks

Akela & Pack Leaders

#### Fri 3rd Sep

#### Sessions (+MOB & +LB) @Gnien San Klement

1800-1930hrs

This is the first meeting for the MOBs so we start off by giving them a warm welcome and placing them in their sixes.

The cubs will then be split into their respective arrows and a session conducted by the leaders. The MOBs will also have their Tender Paw sessions which is the first part of their scouting progress

Cubs should come with activity uniform (including cap and scarf) and get a small backpack with them containing their Cub Book, enough water to drink and their sanitizer. Mask should be worn at all times.

Today Silver Arrow cubs should get their First Aid box with them to show it to the leaders. Sorry we did not have a look at it on the 23rd July (except for Ria) but we were occupied with the trekking signs activity. Today during the meeting you will be with the same leader who did the First Aid session on Friday 2nd July so its much easier. Thanks.

#### Fri 10th Sep

#### Proficiency & Interest Badges (+LB) @Bulebel

1800-1930hrs

It has been 4 months now since we last did these badges and for this last year and a half we have been doing them online since we were unable to meet at HQ. This time we're going to do them outdoors - and we're going to dedicate two meetings to them - 1 today and another next Thursday 16th September. This is not the first time that we did them outdoors neither.

These badges are not compulsory and cubs should only do a badge if they so wish and choose whatever badge they wish to do and feel comfortable doing. Obviously there are badges which were being done online and which cannot be done either outdoors or at HQ - mainly the Cook and Home Help badges. These can be done in the future as a group activity or during a camp (like we used to do before the pandemic).

Also for this time, cubs should do away with power point presentations. These were used a lot online but before the pandemic they were not used at all or much less. Getting a laptop or tablet outdoors is not practical since the screen will not appear well and not all the cubs will be able to see it. Doing a chart or getting some pictures and what the badge entails outdoors shouldn't be a problem. Badges were still done by cubs before technology was being used and they can still be done like that as well.

Activity uniform, including cap and scarf should be worn together with mask. A small backpack containing enough water to drink and your sanitizer should be brought with you as well.

<u>Please choose a badge and send a private message to Akela with the badge chosen not later than Friday 3rd September. This will help us distribute the badges between the two meetings.</u>

Thu 16th Sep Proficiency & Interest Badges - Part 2 (+LB & +MOB) @Bulebel

1800-1930hrs

This is the second part of the meeting regarding proficiency and interest badges.

It is important to note that this meeting will be held on a Thursday for this week and not on a Friday.

Activity uniform - including cap & scarf should be worn.....together wih the face mask :) A small backpack with some water to drink and your sanitizer should be brought with you too.

#### Fri 24th Sep Walk around Valletta (+MOB) @Central Public Library

1800-2000hrs

For this last meeting of the month we decided to go for an interesting and relaxing walk along Valletta's ring road. Our capital is Bagheera's favourite (as you might know) and so expect some very interesting information along the way:)

Full activity uniform is very important together with cap, scarf and a pair of comfortable trainers. Plase get a small backpack with enough water to drink, you may also get something to eat and your sanitizer. Please DO NOT FORGET a duly signed consent form.

We will be meeting near the Central Public Library (going down from near the Phoenicia Hotel) and parents can pick up the cubs at 8pm from near the Valletta Waterfront.

## **Troop**

This month is full of activities so be prepared and get ready your boots as we will start climbing up Mont Blanc, Mount Denali and Mount Aconcagua. We are hoping to complete base camps of first aid, orienteer and section 1 of backpacker and complete the swimmers interest badge this month. If the scout wishes to complete a particular badge they must attend all associated meetings.

For link badge members, it is recommended to buy the mountaineer award book for €15. Payment can be done on the 4th or 24th. They would especially need it for the 24th, as they would be doing the Mountain Boots badge.

In addition, we leaders would also like to remind scouts and their parents/guardians, that interest badges can be completed in a scout's own time. We welcome any request to give a presentation or questions on any of the interest badges mentioned in the Mountaineer Award book. Interest badges can be found page 306 and onwards.

#### Sat 4th Sep

#### Swimming Badge Continues! +LB @Rinella Beach

0830-1030hrs

A continuation on the final pieces of the swimmers interest badge. We will be doing steps 6, 8 and 9. If you need to do any other sections from the previous meetings, this would be a great opportunity to do so as well.

It is important to attend if you have started the other swimming sessions as we are not planning any further swimming sessions this month.

Bring consent form, towel, water, swimsuit and scarf.

#### This session is only for PLs and APLs.

We haven't spent too much time with just PLs, so we are devoting some time just with you; teaching you some skills and preparing you for a session later on in the month. The main focus will be on backpacker and orienteer base camp.

As there is a small group of us, we can meet at the HQ.

Bring: mountaineer award book, pen and pencil, map kit, water and snacks.

## Fri 10th Sep

#### Sessions - First Aid @Zabbar Park

1800-2000hrs

We are back to doing sessions, this time with some first aid! We will try to cover all points in First Aid base camp and a few points in advanced in this event. This will then be followed by an activity and scenario check the following week where Mr. E and his villainous ways makes a comeback - so be prepared!

Bring: consent form, mountaineer award book, first aid kit, water and scarf

#### Sat 18th Sep

#### To the rescue! @S Lucija Chinese Gardens

0900-1100hrs

Mr. E is back to his evil ways once again. After his failed bomb attempt in Sant Antnin, he is back to causing havoc in Santa Lucija. As well as his havoc, he has also blockaded the ambulances leaving the local populace and any first aiders to help at the scene! It's a good job you had some training last week hey!?

Your job is to go to the closest make shift civilian hospital: the Chinese Gardens and help the civilians injured by his mischievous ways using your newly practiced first aid training methods.

Bring: consent form, first aid kit, water and scarf

#### Mon 20th Sep

#### Guest Speaker - Geography Professor @Online

1900-2030hrs

The Introducing series continues! This time with an old connection of ASL David's University, all the way from Wales, UK; Professor John Grattan.

He will be teaching us all about the weird and wonderful world of natural disasters from volcanoes, earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, and many more!

Parents and Guardians can tune in too, come with questions and wondrous amazement. Not one to be missed!

Zoom details will be sent closer to the time on the Facebook Members page.

#### Fri 24th Sep

#### Sessions - Mapping + LB @Gnien Dom Mintoff

1800-2030hrs

This session will be about mapping and will be delivered by the PLs and APLs which is planned during the PLC on the 7th.

Note: Gnien Dom Mintoff is the garden near Galleria, Fgura.

Bring consent form, mountaineer award book, map kit (if you have one), water and scarf

#### Sat 2nd Oct

#### Orient-here, Orient-there @Zabbar Park

0900-1100hrs

Although this is not in September, it is a follow on from the previous week's work.

We will be doing a 5km hike starting from the Zabbar park. End point will be announced in September as this route is to be completed by the PLs and APLs during the session on the 7th. So stayed tuned to the Facebook page for updates regarding this.

Bring consent form, water, scarf, waterproof and comfortable shoes.

## Unit

Fri 3rd Sep

Swimming @Bajda u Sewda

1800-2100hrs

Today we will be meeting for a relaxing swim.

## Sat 11th Sep

#### Cookout @Fgura Football ground

1000-1300hrs

Today we will be meeting for a cookout.

Further details about food and other equipment will be given at a later time.

### Fri 24th Sep - Sat 25th Sep

## Night hike @HQ

1900-0000hrs

Today we will be meeting for a night hike as some of our members are working on the Athena badge