



**THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP**

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## April 2018

### **Group**

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| Fri 20th Apr | Group Drill Practise @HQ        | 1830-2015hrs    |
| Sun 22nd Apr | Annual Parade @HQ               | 0830-1200hrs    |
| Sat 28th Apr | Annual General Assembly @t.b.a. | 0900hrs onwards |
| Sun 29th Apr | Family Fun Trip @HQ             | 1400-1900hrs    |

### **Beavers**

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| Wed 4th Apr  | Life Cycle of a Frog @HQ                       | 1800-1900hrs |
| Sat 14th Apr | Pot a Plant @ Gnien Kottonera @Gnien Kottonera | 0900-1200hrs |
| Wed 18th Apr | Drill + Games @HQ                              | 1800-1900hrs |
| Fri 20th Apr | Group Drill @Bulebel @Bulebel                  | 1830-2000hrs |
| Sun 22nd Apr | Annual Parade @HQ                              | 0830-1200hrs |
| Wed 25th Apr | No Meeting                                     |              |

### **Pack**

**LB should attend with Pack and Troop Sections where marked (+LB). There are no MOBs for this month.**

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| Sat 7th Apr  | Hike & Sessions (Booking for Gozo Cultural Visit) @HQ                 | 0930-1530hrs |
| Sat 14th Apr | Cultural Visits in Gozo (+LB) (Bkg for Mother & Cub Camp) @HQ         | 0645-1900hrs |
| Fri 20th Apr | Drill Practice (+LB) (Bkg Birdlife Activity & Parade transp) @Bulebel | 1830-2015hrs |
| Sun 22nd Apr | Annual Parade @HQ   | 0830-1200hrs |
| Sat 28th Apr | No Meeting  |              |

### **Troop**

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| Fri 6th Apr               | Spiritual Session and Planning of Expedition (+LB) @HQ | 1730-2030hrs |
| Sat 7th Apr - Sun 8th Apr | Expedition (+LB) @HQ                                   | 0830-1330hrs |
| Fri 13th Apr              | Drill and DVD night + PLC @HQ                          | 1800-2030hrs |
| Fri 20th Apr              | Group Drill @Bulebel                                   | 1830-2015hrs |
| Sun 22nd Apr              | Annual Parade @HQ                                      | 0830-1200hrs |
| Fri 27th Apr              | Night Games (+LB) @HQ                                  | 1730-2130hrs |
| Sun 29th Apr              | Family fun trip @HQ                                    | 1400-1900hrs |

### **Unit**

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|--------------|---|--------------|
| Fri 6th Apr  | Executive Election - Walk to Vittoriosa @HQ | 1900-2200hrs |
| Sun 15th Apr | Joint Activity - Rescue Mission @HQ         | 0900-1700hrs |
| Fri 20th Apr | Annual Parade - Group Drill @Bulebel        | 1830-2015hrs |
| Sat 21st Apr | Geocaching @HQ                              | 1300-1800hrs |
| Sun 22nd Apr | Annual Parade @HQ                           | 0830-1200hrs |
| Fri 27th Apr | No Meeting                                  |              |

### **Band**

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| Wed 4th Apr  | Band Rehearsal @HQ | 1900-2030hrs |
| Wed 11th Apr | Band Rehearsal @HQ | 1900-2030hrs |
| Fri 20th Apr | Group Drill @HQ    | 1730-2030hrs |
| Sun 22nd Apr | Annual Parade @HQ  | 0730-1200hrs |

## Group

**Fri 20th Apr** **Group Drill Practise @HQ** **1830-2015hrs**

ALL group members are to meet at Bulebel Industrial Estate at 1830hrs where we will start off with some ceremonies and presentations, perform a uniform inspection and then go ahead and practice our drill and marching skills. We will finish at around 2015hrs at the same place. It is important that everyone attends this practice session in full and correct uniform.

All members (i.e. beavers, cubs, scouts, ventures, rovers, leaders and council members) are kindly asked to bring €2. This will be collected to help cover transport expenses for the annual parade.

**Sun 22nd Apr** **Annual Parade @HQ** **0830-1200hrs**

**Note:** We will not be attending mass before going to the Annual Parade, so members are kindly asked to make alternative arrangements. It is very important that all members have a **good breakfast** in the morning.

**Programme:**

**0830hrs:** ALL Group members are to meet at HQ dressed in FULL UNIFORM. We leave for Floriana where we will assemble on the Granaries.

**1000hrs:** Marching starts from Floriana Granaries towards Valletta.

**Approx. 1200hrs:** Arrival back at HQ (the time may vary slightly depending on traffic conditions and the actual duration of the parade itself).

A fee of €2 for transport will be collected during the group drill on the 20th April.

**Sat 28th Apr** **Annual General Assembly @t.b.a.** **0900hrs onwards**

All leaders holding a valid appointment of **Support Leader** and above (i.e. those who have at least completed the Pathfinder level of their leadership training) are asked to attend this very important meeting.

The Annual General Assembly is instrumental to the running of the Scout Association as it is during such an assembly that the year's accounts are approved, amendments to the statute are proposed and discussed and elections are held for members of the National Scout Council.

*More details regarding the venue and agenda will be circulated via ScoutKeeper.*

**Sun 29th Apr** **Family Fun Trip @HQ** **1400-1900hrs**

After last year's great success the Family Fun Tour is back!

This is not a fund-raising activity - it's more of a social event where leaders, children and parents get to know each other a little better in a relaxed and fun atmosphere.

We've managed to get special pricing for a trip around Malta with an open-topped double-decker bus. But it's not just a boring old tour - we'll be stopping at some special points along the way (we'll keep the locations secret for now) where there will be some fun activities organised for all to take part in!

We will also serve some tea/coffee and cake at our last stop.

**Please make sure to wear comfortable clothing and a good pair of walking/running shoes.**

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## Beavers

**Wed 4th Apr** **Life Cycle of a Frog @HQ** **1800-1900hrs**

Today we will continue with our monthly scouting sessions. We will be learning about the four stages of the life cycle of a frog.

**Today we will be collecting € 3.00 for next week's activity - Pot a Plant.**

**Sat 14th Apr** **Pot a Plant @ Gnien Kottonera @Gnien Kottonera** **0900-1200hrs**

During today's meeting we will be potting a plant. For this activity beavers are to bring a raincoat, an apron, a packed lunch and enough water to drink. Today we will not be meeting at our HQ but instead we will meet at Gnien Kottonera.

**Payment for this activity was done on the 4th of April.**

**Wed 18th Apr** **Drill + Games @HQ** **1800-1900hrs**

It is time to start practising our marching skills for the Annual Parade. We will end up the meeting with some games.

**Today we will be collecting €3.00 for Mother's Day Craft which is going to be held on the 2nd May.**

**Fri 20th Apr** **Group Drill @Bulebel @Bulebel** **1830-2000hrs**

Beavers are to wear full parade uniform.

**See Group Details for more information.**

**Sun 22nd Apr**

**Annual Parade @HQ**

**0830-1200hrs**

Beavers are reminded to have a good breakfast in the morning.

It is very important that parents inform leaders beforehand if they prefer to pick up their son/daughter from Valletta at the end of the parade.

**See Group Details for more information.**

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## Pack

- The 4 link badge members who are presently doing their link badge, will go up with Troop during the Group Drill on Friday 20th April. There will be another 3 link badge members starting their link badge exactly after them, and their first meeting with Troop will be on Friday 27th April. **So +LB up till Friday 20th April refers to Nigel, Luke, Yana & Mariah whilst +LB from 27th April onwards refers to Steven George, Anthea & Delician.**
- As regards badges on the link badge members' uniform, the scouting progress badges, i.e. the diamond on the right sleeve + the arrow badges on the right pocket + the WSEP badge on the left sleeve should remain in place ; whilst the proficiency badges on the left sleeve should all be removed, except obviously for the WSEP badge (since this is found on the left sleeve). The scouting progress badges should be retained on the uniform until the member acquires the Tender Foot. The WSEP badge should also remain there until the member acquires its' equivalent in the Troop Section. If in difficulty please consult the pack leaders.

**Sat 7th Apr**

**Hike & Sessions (Booking for Gozo Cultural Visit) @HQ**

**0930-1530hrs**

Now that Spring is in the air, we take the opportunity to do what scouts love doing most - spend time outdoors; so today we're heading for a hike.

Cubs should come with full activity wear (+cap & scarf) and wear comfortable trainers or trekking shoes. Back pack should have wide padded straps and should contain a packed lunch, a healthy snack, enough water to drink for the day, a rain jacket and the Cub Book. Today leaders will take the opportunity to do outdoor sessions from the Cub Book.

In case of bad weather, an organized games meeting will be held at HQ and we are to meet at the same time - 9.30am. Meeting will finish at 11.30am.

**Today booking should be made for Cultural Visit in Gozo on Saturday 14th April - Consent Form + €20 which includes transport in Malta & Gozo; Ferry Trip, Lunch in a Gozo restaurant and all guided visits there. Cubs should also come prepared to specify choice of food for lunch (details in Sat 14th April part). If possible, parents of the 4 link badge members who have expedition with Troop are kindly asked to book their children for the Gozo Cultural Visit at the same time. Troop are meeting for the expedition at 9am whilst Pack are meeting at 9.30am so there is few waiting time. Thank you for your co-operation.**

**Sat 14th Apr**

**Cultural Visits in Gozo (+LB) (Bkg for Mother & Cub Camp) @HQ**

**0645-1900hrs**

This is definitely an experience not to be missed!! Last time we did this activity was four years ago and the present link badge members have the opportunity to do it one last time with the Pack Section :) This activity covers the session on Cultural Visits.

Today it is of the utmost importance that cubs arrive at HQ on time - no excuses like sleeping late and waking up too early (during camps you always wake up early enough to make it!!). We cannot miss the 8.15am ferry, otherwise our itinerary and visit will be ruined.

Cubs should come in full activity uniform (+ cap & scarf) and wear a pair of blue jeans and comfortable trainers. Backpack should contain rain jacket, a small packed lunch (or healthy snack) and enough water to drink for the day (please make sure bottles close properly and do not leak). Cubs can also get no more than €5 (optional) to buy a small memento if they so wish from any one of the places we visit. Please do NOT get Cub Book.

Choice of food to be given to leaders upon booking the previous week is between the following:

Burger & Chips & Salad OR  
Chicken Nuggets & Chips & Salad OR  
Penne Bolognese OR  
Penne with White Sauce.

Ice-cream/dessert and a soft drink will also be given to the cubs.

**Today booking should be made for Mother & Cub 1 night camp on 11 & 12 May 2018. Mothers should get EXACT FEE in an envelope marked with Cub's name (no need for Consent Form) so that booking will not take long since we need to leave on time. Price and all relevant details will be given to all the mothers in a mini circular on Saturday 7th April (Hike). If any cub cannot make it for hike, mini circular will be sent by e-mail.**

**Fri 20th Apr**

**Drill Practice (+LB) (Bkg Birdlife Activity & Parade transp) @Bulebel**

**1830-2015hrs**

Please see details in Group Section of Circular. Today the four link badge members go up with Troop Section and march with them during the Annual Parade.

Parents of link badge members are to make sure to see note regarding badges in Pack Note - purple box. **Scouting progress badges (on right sleeve) & arrow badges (on right pocket) & WSEP badge (on left sleeve) to remain there and only proficiency badges to be removed.** If in difficulty, please talk to the pack leaders. A uniform inspection will be performed for all the sections, so cubs are to make sure to have all badges sewn in place.

**Today booking should be made for the following:**

- **Activity with Bird Life on Saturday 5th May - Consent Form + €3. During this activity a gold arrow session will be covered and a proficiency badge will be done for rest of cubs.**
- **€2 for annual parade transport.**

**Sun 22nd Apr** **Annual Parade @HQ** **0830-1200hrs**  
This is an annual experience where all the scouts of Malta and Gozo get together to showcase scouting unity which is still very relevant today so no cub should miss it!!

All details are in Group Section of circular. Full & proper parade uniform should be worn and we highly urge you to have all badges sewn in place (if any changes needed to be made after uniform inspection done during Group Drill). Cubs should have a good breakfast before coming.

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## Troop

**Fri 6th Apr** **Spiritual Session and Planning of Expedition (+LB) @HQ** **1730-2030hrs**  
Today we will hold a spiritual session on a very interesting topic. Afterwards we will finalize the route card of the expedition, which will be held the following day. Important to bring the scouts handbook and map kit.

**Today we will be collecting the fee of €5 and a duly signed consent form for the expedition of 7th till 8th April.**

**We will also be collecting €35 for the MedJam which will be from the 1st till the 8th of August 2018.**

**Sat 7th Apr - Sun 8th Apr** **Expedition (+LB) @HQ** **0830-1330hrs**  
Get your rucksacks packed and your trekking shoes ready, as we will be going to a two day expedition. We will meet at the HQ at 8.30am sharp. As a patrol you will be bringing your own food that will be cooked through out the expedition as discussed together in the previous meeting. Each member also need to bring plenty of water, light snacks, scarf, first aid and health form apart from the usual equipment. Stove and cooking equipment will be provided by us, but you have to bring gas stove as a patrol and your own cutlery/plates. A good sleep and breakfast is recommended before the expedition.

More details will be given during the previous meetings.

**Fri 13th Apr** **Drill and DVD night + PLC @HQ** **1800-2030hrs**  
Today we will have a short drill practice and investiture practice in preparation for the ceremonies and the Annual parade. After this we will watch a movie together. Everyone is to bring their own drinks and snacks to share.

**Today we will be taking bookings for the night games of 27th April. Each member is asked to bring a fee of €4 and a duly signed consent form.**

**PLC will be held after the meeting till 21.30.**

**Fri 20th Apr** **Group Drill @Bulebel** **1830-2015hrs**  
We will meet at Bulebel Industrial estate at 18.30hrs sharp in full uniform. We will have some ceremonies followed by a drill practice. More details in the group section.

**Sun 22nd Apr** **Annual Parade @HQ** **0830-1200hrs**  
We will meet at the HQ at 9.30am sharp in full uniform. More details in the group section.

**Fri 27th Apr** **Night Games (+LB) @HQ** **1730-2130hrs**  
We will meet at the HQ at 5pm and head off to buskett for some games and night games. Important to bring torch, water and scarf.

**Booking and payment of this activity was done on 13th April.**

**Sun 29th Apr** **Family fun trip @HQ** **1400-1900hrs**  
More details in the group section.

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## Unit

- Fri 6th Apr**                                    **Executive Election - Walk to Vittoriosa @HQ**                                    **1900-2200hrs**  
The day arrived to elect new unit executive that will guide us in the coming months. After a small walk from our HQ, the election will be held at Vittoriosa in front of a nice cup of coffee or soft drink.
- Sun 15th Apr**                                    **Joint Activity - Rescue Mission @HQ**                                    **0900-1700hrs**  
As per of our VSL training, the latter will organize a joint activity with 2 other groups (St Venera & Zebbug). Be prepared to be involved in a rescue mission. More information will be given later.
- Fri 20th Apr**                                    **Annual Parade - Group Drill @Bulebel**                                    **1830-2015hrs**  
For more information, please see details in Group Section.
- Sat 21st Apr**                                    **Geocaching @HQ**                                    **1300-1800hrs**  
A group of ventures will plan and organize a geocaching activity for the rest of the unit as part of their Olympian Award. More information will be given by organizers.
- Sun 22nd Apr**                                    **Annual Parade @HQ**                                    **0830-1200hrs**  
More information can be found in the Group Section part on the circular.
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