



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

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## April 2020

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# Group

## **A Note from our GSL:**

I have to say that this is the saddest April circular we've ever had to publish. All our regular events and meetings have had to be cancelled. This includes the much-awaited and much-loved Annual Parade which is being cancelled for the first time in our Association's History (it wasn't even cancelled during the war years)!

As a Group we are facing a new challenge that we never expected to face, and it will take us a while till we adapt to this new way of life. However we've already come up with a number of online activities and meetings and we urge you all to participate as much as you can. Please also stay tuned to our Facebook Page and groups for the latest initiatives.

Keep in mind that we are scouts *all the time* - not just while we're marching or at a scout event. When we were invested we all made a promise to uphold the Scout Law. Here are some things I'd like all of you to think about over the coming days:

### **A Scout's duty is to be useful and to help others**

We have a great opportunity to put this into practice. Help keep our community safe by staying indoors as much as possible. Help your parents out by helping out around the house and giving them some quiet space where they can do their work from home. Do you know any vulnerable people who are locked in their homes at the moment? Is there something you can do to help them out or cheer them up?

### **A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout**

Reach out to your friends and family who you haven't seen in a while - just to say hello or maybe play an online game, or share some news. Keeping contact with your fellow scouts and school friends is super important at the moment, so make sure to make an extra effort.

### **A Scout smiles and whistles under all difficulties**

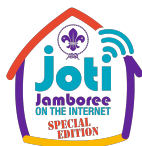
Keep calm - and stay positive. Try and look at the bright side of things and try to make the most of it.

### **A Scout makes good use of his/her time**

So you're stuck at home surrounded by all the games you like to play and TV shows you like to watch. But you must be disciplined. Make sure to allow time to learn and study, to exercise and to keep in contact with friends and family. You'll have plenty of time left over to relax - don't worry.

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You may find more information and access to the Interactive Campsite by visiting this page: <https://www.jotajoti.info/>

**Sun 12th Apr - Tue 14th Apr**

**Family Freezing Dance Competition @Home**

Our Rovers came up with this great initiative to keep you all entertained over the Easter weekend and get the chance to win a prize. Just follow our [Fgura Rover Crew Support Page](#) for more details.

# Beavers

Due to the current situation, we will not meet physically during this month however, please follow our Facebook group for any updates or virtual meetings we are planning to do during this month.

Stay Safe!

Keo

# Pack

Dear Parents & Cubs

Due to the present situation, all activities planned for this month had to be cancelled. This doesn't mean that Scouting has to stop but rather it has to take on another format for the coming months and we are putting our heads together (virtually of course) so as to see how to keep in touch with our members and keep Scouting alive and our spirits high.

For this month, the Pack Section had no time to organize online events specifically for the cubs or to engage the cubs in tasks which they can do and give us their feedback online BUT please take a good look at the Group's FaceBook page where you can find online challenges open to all especially the JOTI special edition in the first weekend of April and other activities kindly put up by the elder Sections of our Group.

Please also look out for the Easter Spiritual activities on the Group's Facebook page. Let's see who finishes the crossword in the least time possible - another challenge from our Spiritual Leader!!

In order to engage the cubs in activities and get their feedback in a way or another, most probably we will be creating a facebook page of our Section as well but this is something which still has to be discussed between us leaders and will obviously keep all parents posted through the Group's facebook page.

We would like to tell you all that we are terribly missing you and all our fun and educational activities and let's hope and pray that this situation returns to normal in the not so distant future.

In the meantime, remember Lord Baden Powell's words:

***A Scout smiles and whistles under all circumstances.***

Will keep in touch :)

**AKELA & PACK LEADERS**

**Fri 3rd Apr - Sun 5th Apr**

**JOTI Special Edition @ Home**

JOTI - Jamboree on the Internet where scouts from all over the world unite to make new friends and share experiences. This is a special edition given the present situation since this is normally held in October and it is also open to the cubs. We encourage all cubs to take part with the help of their parents so that scouting interaction doesn't stop!!

Please see details in the Group Section where there is the link for connecting online.

**We encourage all cubs to take part in this activity and to take note of the countries and the scout groups they came into touch with so that these experiences can later on be shared. This is also a point from the People & Places badge (Please see point no 4. from the Cub Book - Page 83) and for those cubs who are interested - they can continue to do this badge at home. The last time this badge was done as a Pack was in the Badge Workout Camp of 2016 (even the Our Environment badge was done in that camp) and so all cubs who did it are now in the Troop Section.**

**Typical questions which can be asked to the person from a particular Scout Group are:**

- Name of Scout Group & Country
- How old is the Scout Group
- Is the Group open for both boys & girls
- Where do they meet
- Do they have a particular uniform
- What badges do they do

**Sun 12th Apr - Tue 14th Apr**

**Family Freezing Dancing Competition @@ Home**

Please see Group Section for more details. This is a fun activity open for all sections of the group and their families with the kind initiative of our Rover Crew Section. Have loads of fun over the Easter period - just click on the link found in this newsletter under the Group Section and further details about how to enter the actual competition can be found in the Crew Section in this same newsletter.

# Troop

This month we cannot meet in person due to the current situation with COVID-19, but we will still maintain contact via online communication and meetings.

We will have virtual scout meetings on Skype as well as weekly challenges. It is important to follow the Facebook page of the Fgura troop members regularly as we will post more details there.

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**Sat 4th Apr**

**VSM @Skype**

**0900-1100hrs**

Due to the current situation we still cannot do normal meetings for now, but to keep the scouting spirit alive we will continue with the virtual scout meetings.

We will have a virtual scout meeting on skype. More details will be given on facebook.

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