

# THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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# **April 2025**

<u>Group</u>	Happy Easter!	
Mon 7th Apr	Scouters Meeting @HQ	1900-2100hrs
Fri 11th Apr	Lady of Sorrows Procession @Fgura Parish Church	1900-2100hrs
Mon 14th Apr	Purcissjoni Redentur Fgura @Fgura Parish	1800-2100hrs
Fri 18th Apr	Good Friday Procession - Forcina - Senglea @Senglea	1715-2000hrs
Sun 20th Apr	Easter Sunday Activity @Birkirkara	1500-2230hrs
Mon 21st Apr	Group Council Meeting @HQ	1930-2130hrs
Fri 25th Apr	Group Drill - Very Important for all members to attend @Bulebel	1800-2000hrs
Sun 27th Apr	Annual Scouts & Guides Rally 2025 @HQ	0830-1200hrs
<u>Beavers</u>		

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Fri 25th Apr Group Drill @Bulebel Sun 27th Apr - Tue 27th May Annual Parade @Bulebel

Link Badge members (LB) and Moving on Beavers (MOB) are to attend with Pack and Troop respectively where marked (+LB) and (+MOB) **Pack** 

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Fri 11th Apr Our Lady of Sorrows Procession (+LB) @See Group Section

Sat 12th Apr Games at Gnien il Glaziz (+MOB) @Cospicua Bus Terminus 1430-1630hrs

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Thu 17th Apr Maundy Thursday Activity (+LB) @HQ 0900-1200hrs

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**Band** 

Sat 5th Apr Band Rehearsal (Annual Parade) @HQ 1645-1830hrs Wed 9th Apr Band Rehearsal (Annual Parade) @HO 1730-1900hrs Fri 11th Apr Band Rehearsal for Bagpipes @HQ 1800-1900hrs Sat 12th Apr Band Rehearsal (Christ the Redeemer) @HQ 1645-1830hrs Christ the Redeemer Procession @Fgura Parish Church 1800-2100hrs Mon 14th Apr Wed 16th Apr Band Rehearsal (Easter) @HQ 1730-1900hrs 1500-2230hrs Sun 20th Apr Easter Sunday Procession @HO Wed 23rd Apr Band Rehearsal (Annual Parade) @HO 1730-1900hrs 1730-2030hrs Fri 25th Apr Group Drill @HQ Sun 27th Apr Annual Parade @HQ 0800-1200hrs Sat 31st May - Sun 1st Jun



# Group

Happy Easter to all! This year you can get your Easter Figolla whilst also supporting the Group as a Fund Raising Exercise.

You may wish to place an order via email through events@fgurascouts.org OR with the member's respective Section by not later than 7th April 2025.

Price: 6.50 Euro (and indicate your preference White or Chocolate Coating).

1900-2100hrs Mon 7th Apr Scouters Meeting @HQ

Monthly meeting.

#### Fri 11th Apr Lady of Sorrows Procession @Fgura Parish Church

1900-2100hrs

- 1. The Gold Arrow Pack Section shall be accompanying the Lady of Sorrows Procession in slow march from Fgura Parish Church. More details to be communicated by the Pack Section.
- 2. Beavers Section shall meet at 19.30hrs in full uniform at HQ and pay tribute to the Lady of Sorrow Procession with their formation in front of HQ.

#### Mon 14th Apr 1800-2100hrs Purcissjoni Redentur Fgura @Fgura Parish

The Group Band and Group Members shall accompany procession in slow march. Full uniform required. Meeting at 18.00hrs at the Fgura Church parvis. Kindly prepare for cold weather and have dinner in advance.

#### Good Friday Procession - Forcina - Senglea @Senglea 1715-2000hrs

A Selected Group shall be participating during Senglea's Good Friday Procession.

All participants shall meet at Senglea Parish at 17.15hrs.

#### Sun 20th Apr Easter Sunday Activity @Birkirkara

1500-2230hrs

This year our Band shall be accompanying the Easter Celebrations at B'Kara. Event is planned in late afternoon. For more information, please see the Band Section notifications.

Mon 21st Apr **Group Council Meeting @HQ** 1930-2130hrs

Meeting for Council Members.

#### Fri 25th Apr Group Drill - Very Important for all members to attend @Bulebel

1800-2000hrs

Band and Group Members are to gather at Bulebel in full Uniform.

A ceremony shall also be organised on the day.

Transport fee for the annual parade shall be collected during the Group Drill.

#### Sun 27th Apr Annual Scouts & Guides Rally 2025 @HQ 0830-1200hrs

All group members are to meet at HQ at 08.30hrs sharp dressed in full uniform including formal black shoes.

Marching starts from Floriana Granaries towards Valletta. 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 for all members to have a good breakfast in the morning. A transport fee of 4 Euro shall be collected during the Group Drill.

Parents picking up child from Valletta are to inform respective Section Leaders please!

# **Beavers**

#### Sat 5th Apr

# Beaver Sporty ( Annual Gathering) @ De La Salle College

0900-1430hrs

Today's outing is a special one. All Beaver Colonies from around Malta & Gozo will gather under one roof as a massive colony and celebrate a packed day together full of fun, adventure, friendships and above all, scouting spirit.

Beavers are to attend in full activity wear including scarf.

Beavers are also reminded to bring a signed consent form for the day and enough food and water for the duration of the activity.

An 8 Euro fee will be collected in the day to cover activity expenses.

Kindly note that the meeting point for the activity will be next to De La Salle's main front gate.

Wed 9th Apr Etiquette @HQ 1800-1900hrs

Etiquette, meaning the 'Polite Behavior' forms an integral part of our daily life in society, be it at school, during the beaver sessions or even at home with our family.

In today's meeting we'll discuss several aspects of etiquette such as manners, respecting personal space, punctuality, dressing appropriately and table manners just to mention a few.

Wed 16th Apr Prepare a Prayer @HQ 1800-1900hrs

Today's spiritual session consists mainly of finding our own space and prepare a personal prayer which will then be shared with the rest of the colony towards the end of the session.

Wed 23rd Apr Light Drill & Games @HQ 1800-1900hrs

With the annual parade round the corner, it's quite important to look smart and march in a fashionable manner. Therefore, during this session we will all have some light drill and practice our marching skills in-order to look elegant in Valletta.

Fri 25th Apr Group Drill @Bulebel

Kindly refer to the Group's notification for further details about the activity.

Sun 27th Apr - Tue 27th
May

Annual Parade @Bulebel

Kindly refer to the Group's notification for further details about the Annual Parade.

# **Pack**

Dear Parents & Cubs,

April is fully loaded with various activities since there are the Holy Feasts of Maudy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

In addition to these, in April we have the Group Drill where 3 Link Badge members will go up with the Troop Section, whilst another 4 members from the Beavers Section will join the Pack. Two days later we have the Annual Parade where all the Scout Groups from Malta & Gozo come together to showcase scouting in Malta.

Together with all this we have the usual pack meetings and from April till June we move on to another path from the Cub Programme and now we will be doing the My Cave during these 3 months.

A jam-packed month indeed!!

IMPORTANT: Please take note of the bookings which need to be made on Friday 25th April before the Group Drill. It is very important that those cubs who will not be attending any one of these activities are to inform Akela/Rama accordingly. Thank you.

**AKELA & PACK LEADERS** 

## Sat 5th Apr Sessions (+LB & +MOB) - Preperation for Pack Camp @Gnien Kottonera

1430-1630hrs

We kick off this month with sessions from the My Cave part of the new Cub Programme. The My Cave part of the new programme has parts of it which deal with camp preparation and today each arrow will be doing that part of the programme.

We will be meeting at Gnien Kottonera (on the way leaving Fgura and entering into Cospicua) and cubs should wear activity uniform with cap & scarf and get a small backpack with them with enough water to drink.

### Fri 11th Apr Our Lady of Sorrows Procession (+LB) @See Group Section

**Only Gold Arrow cubs are to participate in this procession (including Link Badge members).** For all details please refer to the Group Section of this circular.

## Sat 12th Apr Games at Gnien il Glaziz (+MOB) @Cospicua Bus Terminus 1430-1630hrs

Today we will have a relaxing meeting at this beautiful garden where we will make use of the facilities over there to play and also organize games of our own.

Cubs should come in activity uniform and get enough water to drink with them.

## Mon 14th Apr Christ the Redeemer Procession (+LB) @Fgura Parish Church

As in the previous years, the Pack will be taking part in this procession with full parade uniform.

More details can be found in the Group Section of this circular.

# Thu 17th Apr Maundy Thursday Activity (+LB) @HQ

0900-1200hrs

We do this meeting as a spiritual preparation for the upcoming holy feasts of Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

Cubs should come in activity uniform and get some water with them to drink. We will be meeting at HQ where Shada will deliver a spiritual session and then go on foot to Zejtun where we will start off with the Parish Church and then we will proceed to visit any exhibits relaating to this time of year.

Parents are to pick cubs from near Zejtun swings at 12pm.

Cubs are to get a duly signed Consent Form on the day for this activity.

#### Fri 25th Apr

# Group Drill (+LB) @Bulebel

Please see Group Section for more details.

Today all cubs should attend with full parade uniform and those moving on beavers and cubs who will be having their moving on or going up ceremony should liase with Akela or SL to check what is needed for the respective ceremonies.

#### Today we have payment for the following activities:

- Transport fee for the Annual Parade (see Group Section for details). No Consent Form needed.
- Akela will be putting on the Pack Facebook Group an excel sheet for the mothers & cubs to book for the Mother & Cub Activity on Saturday 3rd May. Those mothers who booked should get the fee for this activity as a confirmation of their booking today and give it to Rama. No Consent Form is needed for this activity.
- Consent Form + fee for National Cub Activity on the occasion of the launching of the new Cub Book on Saturday 10h May (approx time of activity 8am 5pm). Details of this activity can be found in the post to be made by Akela on the Pack Facebook Group when these are made available by IHQ.
- Consent Form + fee for Pack Camp to be held at Rinella Scout Centre from Friday 30th May to Sunday 1st June. Fee is Eur 35 whilst for one nighters (the 4 MOBs who will move to the Pack Section today) the fee is Eur 25 since these members will join us on Saturday 31st the morning.

We appreciate that each and every booking as explained above is put in seperate envelopes marked with cub's name and name of activity since we have to process these bookings when the Group Drill is over.

#### Thank you.

### Sun 27th Apr

### Annual Parade @Bulebel

All scouts and guides from all over Malta and Gozo will join forces today to march through the streets of Valletta for the traditional Annual Scouts & Guides Rally or as is more commonly known St George's Day.

Full parade uniform updated with the most recent badges should be worn together with polished black shoes.

We will be meeting at Bulebel (please see Group Section for more details regarding timings, etc). Cubs should take a good breakfast before coming, however a light snack and water will be provided on the Granaries.

Today the 4 beavers who have just become cubs will march with the Pack whilst the 3 link badge members who went up with Troop today march with them as well.

# **Troop**

Dear Troop Members,

From the 2nd till the 4th of May, we shall be having our Section Camp at Torri I-Abjad at Ahrax tal-Mellieha. We shall be collecting €30 per member on the 12th of April. We are planning to meet at Bulebel on the 2nd of May at 4.45pm and return back to Bulebel on Sunday at 4pm. Link badge members and MOVs are welcome to join:)

We hope to see you all there... remember that a camp is worth 6 months of scout meetings!

SL and Troop Leaders

Fri 4th Apr PLC @Bulebel 1800-1900hrs

This meeting is for PLs and APLs only. Chairman to share Agenda prior to our meeting, whereas Secretary to get meeting minutes printed.

# Fri 4th Apr Usual Meeting +LB +MOVs @Bulebel 1900-2130hrs

This meeting will be delivered by our PLs and APLs based on your badge progress. PLs/APLs please advise the SPL three days before the meeting which sections you plan to cover. Duty Patrol- prepare a game.

We shall also allocate thirty minutes to anyone who wishes to complete sections or the full interest badge requirements. Please note that you need to inform ASL Su, for a guaranteed Interest badges presentation slot.

In preparation of the upcoming Annual Parade, we shall polish our marching skills.

## Bookings and payment of €5 will be taken for the Easter Geocaching Activity.

What to get? The Mountaineer Award book, water, pen and notebook.

## Sat 12th Apr Easter Geocaching Activity + MOVs +LB @Bulebel

0800-1200hrs

For this activity our own MOVs will prepare the Geocaching Activity in Rabat and Dingli Area. Geocaching is a worldwide treasure hunt. The patrol who finds the most caches will win this patrol competition. Ideally, you sign up on geocaching.com, so you can log your caches when you return home:)

What to get? Plenty of water, First aid kit, raincoat, pen, snacks, cap/hat and sunblock. Please come in activity wear and comfortable shoes.

Bookings and Payment of €5 for this activity were taken last week.

Today we shall be collecting €30 for those attending the Section camp between 2nd-4th of May.

# Mon 14th Apr Purcissjoni Redentur @Fgura Parish Church

The Group Band and Group Members shall accompany procession in slow march. Full uniform required. Kindly prepare for cold weather and have dinner in advance. Refer to the Group section of this circular for more details.

### Fri 18th Apr Forcina @Senglea

Refer to Group Section of this monthly circular

## Fri 25th Apr Group Drill @Bulebel

Refer to the Group section of this circular for more details.

### Sun 27th Apr Annual Parade @HQ

All Troop members are proud to be part of the Fgura Scout Group, so you are all invited to join other Maltese Scouts and attend the yearly Annual Parade;) Your scout uniform must be top notch i.e. woggle, updated badges, closed black shoes, belt and tied hair. For more details- Refer to Group circular.

Unit

Thu 3rd Apr Executive @HQ 1900-2100hrs

Please come with ideas to build a better program this year and have better ideas.

Thu 10th Apr Pizza & Movie night @HQ 1900-2130hrs

Today we will be watching a movie, as some members want to do it as part of a badge requirement. Please get with you money and water.

Mon 14th Apr Redentur @Fgura Parish Church 1800-2130hrs

See Group Details for more information.

Thu 17th Apr - Fri 18th Apr Puttinu Walk @Belt Valletta 2000-0330hrs

We will be taking part in the Puttinu walk as part of a badge requirement. We will catch transport from Belt at 20.30, which will take us to Mellieha. The walk is around 17km and starts at midnight. The time we finish depends on the pace we walk. Get with you water, consent form and a snack (optional). Wear good walking shoes

Fri 18th Apr Forcina @Parish Church Isla 1700-2100hrs

See Group Details for more information.

Thu 24th Apr Unit Drill @Bulebel 1900-2100hrs

Today we will be doing a drill to prepare ourselves for the annual parade. Get with you a consent form and water.

Fri 25th Apr Group Drill @Bulebel

See group details for more information.

Sun 27th Apr Annual parade @Bulebel

See Group details for more information. Please check your badges beforehand.

# **Band**

## Mon 14th Apr Christ the Redeemer Procession @Fgura Parish Church

1800-2100hrs

We are going to meet directly at the Fgura Parish church in full parade uniform. Please dress appropriately for cold weather.

### Sun 20th Apr

### **Easter Sunday Procession @HQ**

1500-2230hrs

We will meet at HQ in full parade uniform before heading to the Birkirkara St. Elena Band Club. Please remove any jewelry, watches, and eyeglasses for the procession. It is important to maintain a smart appearance throughout the event. The procession will start at 1800hrs and end at 2130hrs. We will return back at HQ at approximately 2230hrs.

Fri 25th Apr Group Drill @HQ 1730-2030hrs

We will meet at the HQ in full parade uniform to pick up the instruments. Make sure to practice as much as possible at home to prepare for the Annual Parade. After the event, we will return at the HQ to drop off the instruments.

Sun 27th Apr Annual Parade @HQ 0800-1200hrs

Band members must arrive at HQ by 0800hrs sharp, dressed in full parade uniform. It is important that all members have a proper breakfast in the morning. A transport fee of €4 will be collected during the group drill.

Parents who plan to pick up their child from Valletta must inform the band leader in advance and arrange for the instrument to be returned via private transport.

### Sat 31st May - Sun 1st Jun Sicily, Scicli feast band event @Virtu Ferries Terminal

Further details about this event will be provided at a later stage. Members and parents who are interested in attending should contact the band leader or GSL as soon as possible.