



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

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# April 2021

## **Group**

### **Beavers**

Wed 7th Apr	Spiritual Session @Online	1800-1900hrs
Wed 14th Apr	Easter Craft @Online	1800-1900hrs
Wed 21st Apr	Online Games @Online	1800-1900hrs
Wed 28th Apr	Log chew Discussion @Online	1800-1900hrs

### **Pack**

**There are no MOB's until further notice. Link Badge members are to attend with Pack and Troop where marked (+LB).**

Sat 3rd Apr	Easter Craft @Online	0915-1100hrs
Fri 9th Apr	Naturalist Badge (Part 1) (+LB) @Online	1845-2030hrs
Fri 16th Apr	Naturalist Badge (Part 2) (+LB) @Online	1845-2030hrs
Fri 23rd Apr	My future job (+LB) @Online	1845-2000hrs
Fri 30th Apr	Sessions (+LB) @Online	1845-2000hrs

### **Troop**

Sat 3rd Apr	Tisjir tal-Figolli - LIVE (+LB) @Skype	0800-1100hrs
Sat 10th Apr	Spiritual meeting (+LB) @Zoom	0900-1100hrs
Tue 13th Apr	PLC @Zoom	1900-2000hrs
Sat 17th Apr	Online session - Silver smithing and Metal working (+LB) @Zoom	1430-1630hrs
Sat 24th Apr	Are you KNOT entertained!?! (+LB) @San Clement Park (Zabbar)	0900-1100hrs
Mon 26th Apr - Fri 30th Apr	Sail away Sail away #WeeklyChallenge @Anywhere	

### **Unit**

Fri 2nd Apr	No Meeting	
Fri 9th Apr	Executive meeting @Zoom	1900-2100hrs
Fri 16th Apr	Presentation @Zoom	1900-2100hrs
Fri 23rd Apr	First Aid session @Zoom	1900-2100hrs
Fri 30th Apr	Quiz @Zoom	1900-2100hrs

### **Crew**

Mon 5th Apr	Crew executive @Online	2000-2200hrs
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## Group

### A note from the GSL:

The newest safety measures introduced by the local health authorities have put a halt to many of our planned activities for the time being. Unfortunately it is now a certainty that this year we will have to miss out on the Annual Parade once again :(

In the meantime we are trying our very best to provide all of you with a fun and interesting program of events online. We know it's not the same as our normal fun events and adventures and we know that you're probably getting fed up of spending your days on Zoom, Skype, Teams and Meet - but "a Scout makes good use of his/her time" and "a scout has courage in all difficulties" - so we continue to encourage to keep doing your best and try to squeeze as many good things and good memories as you can from this difficult situation; hopefully we'll soon all be sitting around a campfire reminiscing about the days when scouting went online.

## Beavers

**Wed 7th Apr**

**Spiritual Session @Online**

**1800-1900hrs**

Today we will be having a spiritual session by our spiritual leader Shada. We will go over the past feast of Easter and its true meaning. After we will follow the session with some online games.

**Wed 14th Apr**

**Easter Craft @Online**

**1800-1900hrs**

Finally it's time to do our traditional Easter Craft. We will share some templates which we will use during this meeting through our Facebook group so make sure to take a look up our group before the meeting.

**Wed 21st Apr**

**Online Games @Online**

**1800-1900hrs**

We will dedicate this meeting to have some fun together. We will be playing games which can be played online. All equipment required will be communicated through our facebook group!

**Wed 28th Apr**

**Log chew Discussion @Online**

**1800-1900hrs**

We will take turns during today's meeting and discuss our hobbies and interest and see whether there are common traits among our colony members. We will discuss new crafts or projects that we've done now that we have more time to spend at home.

## Pack

Dear Parents

As you are fully aware, we have gone completely online again and by the time this circular is out, the restrictions imposed until the 11th of April would still be in force. Notwithstanding any change in the restrictions after the 11th of this month, we planned all our meetings online and made them as interesting as possible.

This month, the 4 MOBs who started off with us in January have become cubs so (from this month onwards) they should only attend with Pack Section. Although there will be no moving on ceremony, they will still get their Link badge from the Beavers Section and their Tender Paw badge from the Pack Section.....well done :)

**Sat 3rd Apr**

**Easter Craft @Online**

**0915-1100hrs**

Just a day before Easter and we will be doing a craft to commemorate the biggest feast in the Catholic calendar.

Details of what to prepare for this craft will be on the Fgura Cub Scouts Facebook Group a couple of days before. Don't worry we will make sure that items used are simple and can be found in every household so no worry about the closure of non-essential shops.

**Fri 9th Apr**

**Naturalist Badge (Part 1) (+LB) @Online**

**1845-2030hrs**

At this time of the year we usually held the Badge Workout Camp where we used to work on proficiency and interest badges together. This month we're going to give you the opportunity to acquire a badge which you normally don't do on your own but which is very interesting and fun doing it together.

The Naturalist badge is about both the plant and animal kingdom and the leaders will present it in a way which makes it understandable to the cubs.

It is impossible to do it in one meeting so we dedicated two meetings to it - today and next week. The meeting might not take one and a half hours but it will take more than one hour so to play it safe we allocated 90 minutes but we might finish slightly earlier. We will see on the day how it goes. **Kindly note that for the cubs to acquire this badge they must attend both meetings so make sure not to miss out.**

**Fri 16th Apr** **Naturalist Badge (Part 2) (+LB) @Online** **1845-2030hrs**  
Today we will conclude this very interesting badge together.

**Fri 23rd Apr** **My future job (+LB) @Online** **1845-2000hrs**  
Even though young, we're sure our cubs sometimes think about the job of their dreams and what they would like to do when they grow up. To help them learn more about specific jobs and what line of study to take in order to acquire them, we will have two parents who will speak about their job and the cubs are free to ask questions.

**Fri 30th Apr** **Sessions (+LB) @Online** **1845-2000hrs**  
Today we have the usual sessions online where we are split up into breakout rooms according to the arrows.

**This month we decided to get in line certain cubs who are presently doing their Bronze arrow but who have certain sessions missing (due to non attendance) and need to start their silver arrow since otherwise they will be late in their arrow progress. We have no Tender Paw today so we will have Bronze, Silver, Gold and these group of cubs (whom we can call Bronze 2) who should be able to finalize their bronze arrow today. This can be done if the leaders deliver more than one session since not all the sessions require the same amount of time. These cubs will be informed individually so that they make sure that they will not miss this meeting; otherwise there will be no alternative way to recoup these sessions.**

## Troop

**Sat 3rd Apr** **Tisjir tal-Figolli - LIVE (+LB) @Skype** **0800-1100hrs**  
Moved from March 26th - take 2:

Easter approaches and what better way to celebrate than to make a figolla! This session will be a live session via skype with ASL Liana teaching you LIVE how to make a figolla using her family recipe. So get your aprons, spoons and almond mixtures ready! Parents and Guardians are welcome to attend too.

We will make 2-3 figolli during the session **Please read the below carefully.**

*You are to prepare the following equipment:*

Weighing scales, whisker, large bowl, juicer, grater, rolling pin, knife, baking paper, and figolli cutter/your own shape carton.

*Ingredients for pastry and filling:*

400g self raising flour, 1 packet stork butter, 275g white sugar, 1 fresh lemon, 2eggs, 200g ground almonds (if possible pure), vanilla essence, almond essence, salt, water.

*Decorations:*

This will be entirely up to you. Usually figolli are either chocolate or icing sugar decorated. You can also buy a small easter egg and Hundreds and thousands if you wish.

The exact recipe method and figolli shape ideas will be given to you closer to date, check fb page.

**Sat 10th Apr** **Spiritual meeting (+LB) @Zoom** **0900-1100hrs**  
It is important in times like this that we not only promote physical health but also mental health, so this week we will be getting in touch with our spiritual side from the one and only AGSL Joanne Pisani. After her session. After we will have some online games which are to prepared by the PLs and APLs.

**Tue 13th Apr** **PLC @Zoom** **1900-2000hrs**  
Patrol Leaders Council for April to review April activities and to plan May.

ONLY PLs and APLs required. Zoom details to be given closer to the time.

**Sat 17th Apr** **Online session - Silver smithing and Metal working (+LB) @Zoom** **1430-1630hrs**  
Behold the start of the 'Introducing...' series. This year, with the change in style in scouting, we thought it would be a great idea for you all to engage with people from all walks of life and thus get inspired, gain knowledge as well as learn some interesting stories from outside of your normal circles (and not just from us leaders!)

These will appear throughout the year so stay tuned for more. If you have any requests for Q&A sessions for a career or a hobby get in touch with us leaders and we will do our best to find someone and book them in!

The first 'Introducing...' guest speaker is Noel Micallef, a friend of ASL David, and has experience in silver smithing and metal working (he made David's wedding rings!). He is maltese, but now works and lives in London and makes a variety of items from necklaces, rings, trophies for various events, etc. Tune in for this event to learn more LIVE from his workbench. He's even got a fun quiz!

Zoom details will be sent on the FB members page closer to the time.

**Sat 24th Apr**                      **Are you KNOT entertained!?! (+LB) @San Clement Park (Zabbar)**                      **0900-1100hrs**  
**Please note this session is assuming we would be able to meet in person as measures are expected to change from 11th April onwards.**

**If measures have not adjusted for this event, please see PLAN B below.**

This week we are continuing with those knots you have been practicing. For those ready, we can do test this week and get one step closer to getting the pioneering badge. Bring consent form, water, scarf, rope, cap, new scout handbook, first aid and waterproof.

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**PLAN B - if we cannot meet up**

Location: Skype at the same time

We will be discussing food illnesses and progressing with the cook badge. Knowing the difference between salmon and salmonella is crucial! More details will be give on skype if needed.

**Mon 26th Apr - Fri 30th Apr**                      **Sail away Sail away #WeeklyChallenge @Anywhere**

For this month our weekly challenge comes from the PLs themselves - build a small twig raft and sail it!

You will need to submit a collage of the creation and submit a video (min. 15 seconds) of it sailing the high seas (this can be your sink, bath tub or, if you are feeling brave, the actual sea). You will get 50 points for the submission. See poster closer to the time for further details.

## Unit

**Fri 9th Apr**    **Executive meeting @Zoom**    **1900-2100hrs**

Today executive members will be meeting to decide next month's activities.

**Fri 16th Apr**    **Presentation @Zoom**    **1900-2100hrs**

Today we will be meeting for a presentation being done by executive members as part of a badge.

**Fri 23rd Apr**    **First Aid session @Zoom**    **1900-2100hrs**

Today we will be meeting for some first aid sessions given to us by our leaders.

**Fri 30th Apr**    **Quiz @Zoom**    **1900-2100hrs**

Today we will be meeting for a Quiz organised by some of our executive members. Further details will be given at a later date.