



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

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## April 2023

### **Group**

Fri 31st Mar - Sun 2nd Apr	Easter Group Camp @Ghajn Tuffieħa Campsite	0815-1500hrs
Mon 3rd Apr	Christ Redeemer Procession In Fgura @Fgura Parish Church	1815-2030hrs
Sun 23rd Apr	April Church Parade @HQ	0815-1045hrs

### **Beavers**

**MOB are to attend with the pack section where marked.**

Sat 1st Apr	A day at the Easter Campsite @HQ	0830-1500hrs
Wed 5th Apr	No Meeting	
Wed 12th Apr	Pot a Plant @Clement Gate	1800-1930hrs
Wed 19th Apr	Seasons Around the World @HQ	1800-1900hrs
Sun 23rd Apr	Church Parade @HQ	
Sat 29th Apr	Marsaxlokk Hike @HQ	0845-1300hrs

### **Pack**

**Link Badge members (LB) and Moving on Beavers (MOB) should attend with Troop and Pack where marked (+LB) or (+MOB)**

Fri 31st Mar - Sun 2nd Apr	Group Camp - Easter Under the Stars @Ghajn Tuffieħa Campsite	0830-1500hrs
Mon 3rd Apr	Christ the Redeemer Procession (+LB) @In front of Fgura Church	
Thu 6th Apr	Maundy Thursday Activity (+LB) @Opposite Cafe Riche	1000-1200hrs
Sat 8th Apr	No Meeting	
Sat 15th Apr	Drill Practice (+MOB) @Bulebel	1430-1600hrs
Sat 22nd Apr	SEDQA Meeting re Bullying (+LB) & Hike Booking @HQ	1430-1630hrs
Sun 23rd Apr	Church Parade (+LB) @HQ	
Sat 29th Apr	Hike & Sessions @Bulebel	0900-1600hrs

### **Troop**

Fri 31st Mar - Sun 2nd Apr	Easter Camp (+LB) @Ghajn Tuffieħa Campsite	0830-1500hrs
Mon 3rd Apr	Christ the Redeemer Procession @Infront of Fgura church	
Sat 8th Apr	Sessions (+LB) @San Klement (Zabbar)	1030-1230hrs
Fri 14th Apr	Nature Badge/Orient Here Orient There Hike (+LB) @HQ/San Klement Zabbar	1745-2200hrs
Fri 21st Apr	Sessions (+LB) @Gnien Kottonera	1900-2100hrs
Sun 23rd Apr	Church Parade @HQ	
Sat 29th Apr	Pioneering project (LB optional) @Clement Gate	0900-1430hrs

### **Unit**

Fri 31st Mar - Sun 2nd Apr	Easter Group Camp @Ghajn Tuffieħa Campsite	0815-1500hrs
Mon 3rd Apr	Christ the Redeemer Procession @See Group Section	
Fri 7th Apr	Expedition Planning @HQ	1900-2100hrs
Sat 15th Apr	20km hike @HQ	0800-1700hrs
Sat 22nd Apr	Self defence @TBA	1330-1500hrs
Sun 23rd Apr	Church Parade @HQ	
Fri 28th Apr	Pioneering Activity with Rovers @Polverista	1800-2100hrs

### **Crew**

Fri 31st Mar - Sun 2nd Apr	Easter Camp @Ghajn Tuffieħa Campsite	0800-1600hrs
Mon 17th Apr	Football & Drinks - Joint Activity @Fgura Football Ground	1900-2200hrs
Fri 28th Apr	Pioneering Activity + Unit @Polverista	1800-2100hrs

### **Band**

Mon 3rd Apr	Christ the Redeemer Procession (senior members only) @In front of Fgura Church	1800-2000hrs
Wed 12th Apr	Band Meeting @HQ	1800-1930hrs
Wed 19th Apr	Band Meeting @HQ	1800-1930hrs
Sun 23rd Apr	Church Parade @HQ	0745-1045hrs

# Group

## **HQ CLEAN UP DAY**

Dear Parents & Friends,

The HQ is our home and used on daily basis. Notwithstanding that our members try to keep it clean as much as possible, it still requires some extra hand to make it better.

At the moment, we are trying to organise a cleaning party which can spare a day in the month of May to give it a general clean up. The group wish to invite any interested volunteers who can help out on this dedicated day to send an email to GSL on [gsl@fgurascouts.org](mailto:gsl@fgurascouts.org)

May I take this opportunity to thank you in advance.

**Fri 31st Mar - Sun 2nd Apr**                      **Easter Group Camp @Għajn Tuffieħa Campsite**                      **0815-1500hrs**

'The open air is the real objective of Scouting and the key to its success - Lord Baden Powell.

Yep, the Easter Group Camp is back! Any helpers who wish to support the advance party, the Group shall be transporting equipment to Campsite on Thursday 30th March 2023.

Easter Camp starts on the morning of 31st March 2023 till 2nd April to close off by 15.00hrs.

May I also introduce our Camp Chief - Mr Mark Cassar and the official title of Camp: 'Easter under the Stars'.

**Mon 3rd Apr**                                      **Christ Redeemer Procession In Fgura @Fgura Parish Church**                                      **1815-2030hrs**

The Group, together with its Band, has been invited to once again accompany the Redeemer Procession in Fgura.

Meeting at 18.15hrs at the Church Parvis (Zuntier). Expected to finish by 20.30hrs. \*\* Full Uniform - Black Coloured Shoes ONLY.

Band Members shall be meeting at 18.00hrs.

**Sun 23rd Apr**                                      **April Church Parade @HQ**                                      **0815-1045hrs**

April Church Parade....Group shall be marching from HQ to Parish Church. On the day, new members shall be invested while others shall be advancing to new sections. Awards/Certificates will also be handed.

This shall also be the Parade prior to the Annual Parade and thus, Uniform Inspection shall be carried out so please ensure that everything is properly set. Reminder - Black shoes only allowed.

# Beavers

**Sat 1st Apr**

**A day at the Easter Campsite @HQ**

**0830-1500hrs**

Today we'll be heading to the Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite and spend the day together with other members of the group playing games and getting creative. Beavers are to bring a duly signed consent form.

**Wed 12th Apr**

**Pot a Plant @Clement Gate**

**1800-1930hrs**

Today we will put our green little fingers to the test and plant some flowers. Beavers are to bring 2euros for the items bought by the leaders. Together we'll learn some useful gardening tips and why are plants important for humans :)

**Wed 19th Apr**

**Seasons Around the World @HQ**

**1800-1900hrs**

The four seasons of the year vary from country to country and continent to continent. In today's session we will learn how different seasons affect different people around the world.

A 5 euro fee will be collected on the day to cover for transportation costs of the Marsaxlokk hike.

**Sun 23rd Apr**

**Church Parade @HQ**

Please see Group details for more information.

**Sat 29th Apr**

**Marsaxlokk Hike @HQ**

**0845-1300hrs**

Get your walking shoes ready and let's head to Marsaxlokk for a lovely hike around the Fisherman's Village.

Make sure to come in full activity wear, scarf, and enough packed lunch and water for the duration of the activity. Please bring a duly consent form signed.

# Pack

Dear Parents & Cubs

April is a very busy month since our Group will be taking part in the Holy Week celebrations. We would also be coming out of our Group Easter Camp in the first two days of this month.

This month we would like to emphasize the importance of being punctual. We notice that sometimes cubs come to meetings even some 10 minutes late and unfortunately this is very disruptive. Moreover we are giving the wrong message to our young ones if they are repeatedly late since it is disrespectful being late for appointments wherever they are. This is especially important when we meet for outdoor activities where we have transport booked or else when we meet for church parades. We do the formation and when cubs come late we have to find a place where we can fit them in when all the others would have taken their proper place.

Being late can be understood only when cubs come straight for a pack meeting exactly after another extra curricular activity and can encounter traffic problems.

Otherwise a sincere effort should be made so that cubs arrive on time for our activities.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

AKELA & PACK LEADERS

**Fri 31st Mar - Sun 2nd Apr Group Camp - Easter Under the Stars @Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite 0830-1500hrs**

Please see Group Section but more details regarding this camp - booking date/camp list, etc will be given out on our Cub Scouts Facebook Group and during March meetings.

**Mon 3rd Apr Christ the Redeemer Procession (+LB) @In front of Fgura Church**

See Group Section for details please.

Pack members should attend in full parade uniform. If it is cold, cubs can wear some long sleeved top from underneath the shirt unless they have the scout uniform blue sleeveless jacket.

**Thu 6th Apr Maundy Thursday Activity (+LB) @Opposite Cafe Riche 1000-1200hrs**

We keep this tradition in the Pack Section each and every year where we organize an activity during which our Spiritual Leader Shada helps us reflect about Good Friday and Easter during this Holy Week.

We will be meeting opposite Cafe Riche (exactly before entering Vittoriosa where there are the benches). Cubs should wear the parade trousers, activity hoodie, cap & scarf and get a small backpack with a bottle of water should they need to drink. PLEASE DO NOT GET ANY SNACKS WITH YOU TODAY.

Parents should pick up cubs from the same place at 12pm (noon).

**Sat 15th Apr Drill Practice (+MOB) @Bulebel 1430-1600hrs**

Since we have a church parade at the end of April where we have some ceremonies coming up and the Annual Parade on the 7th May, we thought it best to practice our scouting moves like alert/stand at ease/marching and other commands given so that we will appear smart during these parades especially since we will have new members marching with us in the coming months.

Don't worry we will do these in a fun way as well since we will be incorporating some "games" during this drill practice.

**Sat 22nd Apr SEDQA Meeting re Bullying (+LB) & Hike Booking @HQ 1430-1630hrs**

Today we have another interesting meeting from SEDQA staff this time regarding bullying. This is the last meeting that the link badge will attend with Pack :(

**Today booking should be done for hike on Saturday 29th April - Consent Form + Eur 3.50. This should be done before meeting starts.**

**Sun 23rd Apr Church Parade (+LB) @HQ**

Please see Group Section for details.

It is very important that we are PUNCTUAL for church parades because of formation purposes. It is very disruptive that cubs come some 10-15 minutes late. Cubs should take a good breakfast before coming and full parade uniform is important (shoes should be black).

Before hearing the 9.30am Mass we will be having a number of ceremonies from the various Sections within the Group. From the Pack we have an Investiture; 4 MOBs moving on with us and 4 LB members going up to Troop.

**Sat 29th Apr**

**Hike & Sessions @Bulebel**

**0900-1600hrs**

We will finish off the month of April with a hike. The spring weather will be ideal and scouting is best done outdoors.

During this hike we will take the opportunity to do some outdoor sessions so cubs are to get their Cub Book with them. In their backpack the cubs should also get a packed lunch, enough water to drink and some healthy snacks like fruit. **The backpack should have wide straps for a hike and not string like straps.**

We will stop to have sessions done and to also take our lunch break and rest before continuing on our way. There will also be some small stops for a water break.

Cubs should come in full activity uniform (with cap & scarf) and wear the activity t shirt beneath the hoodie so that if it gets warm, the hoodie can be taken off. The weather can be warm enough for the t shirt only - we will see closer to the date.

Today we have no LB members (since these went up with Troop Section last week) and no MOB's (since these have now become cubs and should attend ALL meetings with us.)

Booking for this hike was done on Saturday 22nd April.

# Troop

**For this month SL Liana will not be available to contact as she will be abroad with limited reception. If you cannot attend for a meeting please post in the patrol chat. If you require further assistance please contact ASL Elise (mobile number is - 79923155)**

A Gentle reminder to pay the membership fee. For those who have not yet paid should have received a reminder by email.

**Fri 31st Mar - Sun 2nd Apr                      Easter Camp (+LB) @Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite                      0830-1500hrs**

See group section for further details.

What equipment to bring was instructed on last troop meeting which was held on 24th March.

Consent form was collected on 3rd March.

**We will meet directly at Ghajn Tuffieha campsite. Important to bring with you the health form on the day of the camp and if you have any medications, these should be brought with you and given to the leaders when you arrive. It is also important to give us any snacks/drinks (except water) you bring with you as soon as you arrive. All medicines and snacks have to be labelled with your name and surname**

**Mon 3rd Apr    Christ the Redeemer Procession @Infront of Fgura church**

Refer to Group Section.

**Sat 8th Apr    Sessions (+LB) @San Klement (Zabbar)                      1030-1230hrs**

Today we will be having sessions on mapping for basecamp and advanced levels. The PLs and APLs shall deliver the sessions, come prepared. Leaders will help you out, especially on back bearings dw ;)

Since meeting is outside HQ, please bring with you consent form, the mountaineer award book, water and scarf.

**Today we will be collecting the fee of Euro 5 for those doing the nature badge on 14th April. (booking was taken last month).**

**A PLC will be held before the meeting at the same location from 9am till 10.30am**

**Fri 14th Apr                      Nature Badge/Orient Here Orient There Hike (+LB) @HQ/San Klement Zabbar                      1745-2200hrs**

Today there will be two different activities going on at the same time

**For both activities important to bring consent form, water, scarf, torch, first aid kit and wear good walking shoes**

## **Nature Badge**

For **those who booked** for the nature badge will be meeting **17:45hrs sharp at the HQ and will be back at the HQ at 22:00hrs**. During today's activity you will be completing part C of the nature badge with BirdLife Malta.

## **Orient Here Orient There (+LB)**

The rest of the members will take part in a 5km hike organized by the leaders as part of the orienteer badge. You will be meeting at **18:00hrs at San Klement park (Zabbar) and finish at the same location at 21:00hrs**.

**Fri 21st Apr    Sessions (+LB) @Gnien Kottonera                      1900-2100hrs**

During today's session you will cover sections from 1 till 5 of the cook badge. The theory you learn today will be put into practice in the upcoming cookout. To bring with you consent form, water, mountaineer award book, torch and scarf.

**PLs and APLs have to prepare a short session to cover section 3 of the cook badge to pass the information to your patrol.**

**Sun 23rd Apr    Church Parade @HQ**

Refer to Group Section.

**Sat 29th Apr    Pioneering project (LB optional) @Clement Gate                      0900-1430hrs**

Today we will be building a pioneering structure designed by some of the Troop members. Important to bring consent form, water, packed lunch, scarf and first aid kit.

**PLs and APLs to meet at the stores at 8.15am sharp to help in bringing the equipment required.**

# Unit

**Fri 31st Mar - Sun 2nd Apr**                      **Easter Group Camp @Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite**                      **0815-1500hrs**

See Group Section for further details about the camp. Details about fee and equipment needed will be given at a later date.

**Mon 3rd Apr**                                      **Christ the Redeemer Procession @See Group Section**

Further information can be found from the Group Section

**Fri 7th Apr**                                      **Expedition Planning @HQ**                                      **1900-2100hrs**

Today our recruits will be planning a 20km hike which will take place on the 15th.

**Sat 15th Apr**                                      **20km hike @HQ**                                      **0800-1700hrs**

Today we will be doing the 20km hike which was planned by the recruits. Further details will be given at a further date.

**Sat 22nd Apr**                                      **Self defence @TBA**                                      **1330-1500hrs**

Today we will be meeting for a self defence activity.

Further details will be given at a later date.

**Sun 23rd Apr**                                      **Church Parade @HQ**

See Group Section for details

**Fri 28th Apr**                                      **Pioneering Activity with Rovers @Polverista**                                      **1800-2100hrs**

Today we will be refining up our pioneering skills with the rovers.

## Crew

**Fri 31st Mar - Sun 2nd Apr**

**Easter Camp @Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite**

**0800-1600hrs**

During the Easter Camp the Rovers will be helping out the fellow sections and if possible, aiding in both setting up and dismantling.

*For further details read the Group info.*

**Mon 17th Apr**

**Football & Drinks - Joint Acitivity @Fgura Football Ground**

**1900-2200hrs**

Today we will be inviting fellow rovers for some football and later relax and bond over a couple of drinks.

**Fri 28th Apr**

**Pioneering Activity + Unit @Polverista**

**1800-2100hrs**

Today we will be refreshing on our pioneering skills and constructing a somewhat structurally stable pioneering project :)



## Band

Those members who are interested in learning the glockenspiel (cimbli) and the bagpipes (cirimella) may contact Glenn Galea or the GSL. Training sessions will be held on Mondays from 1730-1800hrs at Cospicua Band Club with bandmaster Clinton Cutajar. He will be teaching the basics of music theory. Commencement date to be confirmed.

**Mon 3rd Apr Christ the Redeemer Procession (senior members only) @In front of Fgura Church 1800-2000hrs**

We are going to meet in front of the Fgura Parish Church (Hompesch road side). On Wednesday 29th of March we are going to meet and prepare for the Christ the Redeemer Procession from 1800hrs - 1930hrs @HQ. Only senior band members are required to attend for this band rehearsal.