



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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Group

Sun 7th Apr	Family Fun Day 2024 @Bulebel	1400-1800hrs
Fri 19th Apr	Group Drill in preparation for Annual Parade @Bulebel	1830-2030hrs
Sun 21st Apr	Annual Scouts & Guides Rally 2024 @HQ	0830-1230hrs
Sat 27th Apr	Inauguration of Local Restoration Project @Fgura Local Council	0900-1100hrs

Beavers

Wed 10th Apr	Light Drill & General Scouting Skills @HQ	1800-1900hrs
Wed 17th Apr	Group Drill & Games @HQ	1800-2000hrs
Fri 19th Apr	Group Drill @Bulebel	
Sun 21st Apr	Annual Parade @Bulebel	
Wed 24th Apr	No Meeting	
Sat 27th Apr	Games @ Gnien San Klement @Clement Gate	0900-1100hrs

Pack

Moving on Beavers (MOBs) should attend with Pack where marked (+MOB) whilst Link Badge members should attend with Pack and Troop where marked (+LB).

Sat 6th Apr	Sessions (+LB) and (+MOB) + Booking for Pack Camp in May @Park San Klement	1430-1630hrs
Sat 13th Apr	Section Drill (+MOB) @Bulebel	1430-1600hrs
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Troop

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Crew

Sun 14th Apr	Crew Olympics @TBD	0800-1400hrs
Sun 21st Apr	Annual Scouts & Guides Rally 2024 @HQ	0830-1230hrs

Band





Wed 3rd Apr	Band Rehearsal @HQ	1800-1930hrs
Wed 10th Apr	Band Rehearsal @HQ	1800-1930hrs
Fri 19th Apr	Group Drill @HQ	1815-2045hrs
Sun 21st Apr	Annual Parade @HQ	0800-1245hrs
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Group

Administrative Support - The group is made up of different volunteers. At the moment, we are looking for someone who can assist in the management and sale of Stock.....i.e. Badges, activity wear and merchandise which the group offers to its members.

Anyone interested, is invited to contact GSL on 99986466.

Sun 7th Apr **Family Fun Day 2024 @Bulebel** **1400-1800hrs**

The Family Fun Walk is back - join us on this nice relaxing walk - pre-planned route made available for all. Please book your seat by sending an email on events@fgurascout.org.

Coffee break included. Please wear comfortable shoes and prepare your water bottles.

Participation fee: 5 Euros (Children up to 10 years free of charge).

SEATS are limited.....booking shall be based on a first come, first served basis. Bookings open till **3rd April 2024**.

Fri 19th Apr **Group Drill in preparation for Annual Parade @Bulebel** **1830-2030hrs**

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. Paola Scouts will be joining as well.

Participation is of utmost importance.

Sun 21st Apr **Annual Scouts & Guides Rally 2024 @HQ** **0830-1230hrs**

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 3 Euro shall be collected during the Group Drill on 19th April 2024. This year, Paola Scouts shall join our team.

We are expected to be back at HQ at 12.30hrs. Parents picking up child from Valletta are to inform respective Section Leaders please.

Sat 27th Apr **Inauguration of Local Restoration Project @Fgura Local Council** **0900-1100hrs**

The Group is invited to participate in full uniform for the inauguration of Restoration Project carried out on two important local historic landmarks.

Meeting at 08.45 at the Fgura Local Council.

Beavers

Wed 10th Apr

Light Drill & General Scouting Skills @HQ

1800-1900hrs

In today's session we will brush up our scouting skills and learn what scouting is all about. Following that we will practice some light drill in anticipation for the Annual Parade. Please bring beaver handbook with you and settle up any monthly fees.

Wed 17th Apr

Group Drill & Games @HQ

1800-2000hrs

Today's session will mainly consist of practising drill as a Colony and polish our marching skills for the big day. Towards the end of the session, we will even have some time to play a few scouting related games.

Fri 19th Apr

Group Drill @Bulebel

Kindly refer to Group's section for more information.

Sun 21st Apr

Annual Parade @Bulebel

Kindly refer to Group's section for further details about the event.

On the day, Beavers are advised to have a good breakfast in the morning and to attend in full uniform, smart and polished black shoes.

Sat 27th Apr

Games @ Gnien San Klement @Clement Gate

0900-1100hrs

Today we will meet at San Clement garden for an interactive session packed with games of all sorts. Get ready to loosen yourself, be physical and have loads of fun.

Beavers are to join in full activity wear including scarf. Please don't forget to bring with them a signed consent form.

Pack

Dear Parents

In the Group Drill on the 19th of April the present 4 Moving on Beavers will move on with the Pack and become cubs whilst the 3 Link Badge members will go up with the Troop Section.

In fact for the last meeting of April - on the 27th April there will be no MOBs and no LB members.

The MOBs should remove all beaver badges from their uniform and sew those they attained with the Pack during their moving on period. If they have any commemorative badges on their uniform like those mentioned for the Link Badge in the following paragraph, they should leave them on. They should also prepare the yellow Pack epaulettes.

The LB members should do the same except for the Gold Arrow badge and the commemorative badges (like the JOTI-A badge, the Festa Scouts badge and the 115 years badge). Please also prepare the Troop green epaulettes.

In the first meeting of April there is the booking for the Pack Camp in May and it is important that booking is finalized by that day.

Thank you
Akela & Pack Leaders

Sat 6th Apr Sessions (+LB) and (+MOB) + Booking for Pack Camp in May @Park San Klement 1430-1630hrs

Today we will be doing scouting sessions at Park San Klement so kindly get your Cub Book with you and enough water to drink. Cubs should come in full activity uniform with cap and scarf.

Today booking should be made for Pack Camp from Friday 3rd May to Sunday 5th May held at Rinella South District Campsite.

Consent Form + Eur 30 for full camp and Consent Form + Eur 25 for the 4 cubs who were MOBs and who have just become pack members and who attend for 1 night only as their first camp from Saturday morning till end of Camp Sunday afternoon.

Full details regarding camp - exact timings and Camp List will be given in due course.

Please get Consent Form and EXACT FEE in an envelope marked with child's name since we will be meeting outside. Those cubs who for any reason are unable to attend camp should inform Akela but by today booking should be finalized.

Sat 13th Apr Section Drill (+MOB) @Bulebel 1430-1600hrs

This is a preparation for the Group Drill on the 19th April and the Annual Parade on the 21st April.

Cubs should meet at Bulebel in full activity uniform with cap & scarf and kindly note that meeting today ends at 4pm and not 4.30pm.

Fri 19th Apr Group Drill (+LB) @Bulebel

Please see Group Section for all details since this is a Group Activity.

Sun 21st Apr Annual Parade @Bulebel

Please see Group Section for all details.

Cubs should attend in full parade uniform complete with black shoes. We suggest you take a good breakfast before coming.

This is a good opportunity to show one and all how proud we are that we are scouts!

Sat 27th Apr Birgu St. Lawrence Hidden Gems @Opposite Cafe Riche 1430-1630hrs

In this meeting there are no MOBs or LB members since MOBs would have become cubs and LB with Troop.

We will be meeting next to Cafe Riche were afterwards we will walk to St. Lawrence Parish Church for a toured guide of the Church.

During the tour we will have access to areas that are normally inaccessible to the general public. Various re-enactments will also be held during the day. Do not miss out on the opportunity to experience the Religious, Historical and Cultural aspects of Vittoriosa Parish Church complex - a hidden Gem for you to explore.

Troop

May I draw your attention on **three** important topics:

1. **Troop National Activity** will be held on 4th of May 2024 at Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite from 7.45am till 4pm. It will be a fun activity and surely not to be missed. We are expecting over 700 scouts participating from all over Malta. **Bookings and a fee of €18 will be collected on 5/4/24.** Fee includes transport, lunch, participation fee and a commemorative badge. We need to know in advance who will be attending as event organizers need to plan ahead.

2. **Mobile phones-** these may be brought but THEY CANNOT be used during scouting activities. We allow phones to be brought with the scouts, in case they would need to phone parents before or after the meeting. If scouts bring their phones these must be put on silent mode. Phones will be taken away and points will be reduced from anyone who is seen using their phones without the Leaders' permission. Please also note that for any overnight activities such as camps or expeditions, phones cannot be brought.

3. **Clothing: Activity wear means:** Blue Scout t-shirt, Blue scout hoodie, Group Scarf and Scout cap.

- **Apply the 3 layer system** i.e. scout T-shirt- scout hoodie- rain coat. (it is not good practice to wear the hoodie only)

- **Shorts-** anyone wearing shorts must ensure these are appropriate. We will send scouts home if they are wearing very short shorts. A simple rule of thumb: shorts must be up to 4-6 fingers above your knee.

We thank you for your co-operation :)

Fri 5th Apr

PLC @HQ

1800-1900hrs

PLC- for PLs and APLs. Chairman to prepare agenda and secretary to prepare minutes.

Fri 5th Apr

Exploring Survival Techniques & Interest badges + LB @HQ

1900-2100hrs

We have a jam-packed meeting... Brace yourselves. During today's meeting the PLs will deliver sessions to cover survival techniques- you have 50-60mins. Leaders will bring 4 laptops just in case you'd need them. PLs, please come prepared and don't restrict yourselves to just PowerPoint presentations. What if you show your own survival kit? This will be the patrol competition for this month... Be creative - Leaders will award points.

We shall allocate time for interest badges presentations- please speak to ASL Susanne to co-ordinate. Finally, we will hand out the camp booklets in preparation for next week's camp.

Today is the deadline to book and pay €18 for those participating in the Troop National activity - Scouting the Summit. Please read note 1 above for more information.

Please bring- the mountaineer award book, €18, pens and water.

Sun 7th Apr

Family Fun Day @Bulebel

Refer to Group Section of this monthly circular.

Fri 12th Apr - Sun 14th Apr Superheroes- Section and EIJ Camp +LB @Rinella Scout Centre

1700-1500hrs

A fun packed weekend camp whereby the Troop section and members attending the EIJ camp will spend the weekend together, having fun and exploring superheroes. On Saturday, Mosta Girl Guides will join us in preparation for EIJ. Those who will not attend EIJ - don't worry... This is an opportunity for you to make new friends and brush up your scouting skills :)

Payment of €30 were collected on the 23rd of March. Please note that consent form and health form (including medicines) will be collected upon arrival at campsite

Fri 19th Apr

Group Drill @Bulebel

Refer to Group Section for more details. Meeting in full uniform at Bulebel. The transport fee €3 for the Annual parade will be collected today. If you have any questions on where badges must be sewn, please speak to your experienced PLs. They know ;)

Sun 21st Apr

Annual Parade @Bulebel

It is time... time to march, dress smart and be proud. Proud to be part of the Fgura Scout Group, the Scout Association of Malta and the World Scout Organization Movement (WOSM). For more details- Refer to Group circular.

Fri 26th Apr

Birgu's Hidden Gem & Maltese Games @Cafe Riche (Bormla)

1630-2000hrs

Today we are going to visit the church of St. Lawrence and its Hidden Gems. We shall have a life-time experience enjoying places which are usually inaccessible to the general public. Many people do not know the rich heritage that is hidden behind these walls. Let's just say that the church was established by Count Roger and later it was the first Conventional church of the Order of St. John, when they came to Malta in 1530.

After our visit, we shall have Maltese Games organized and prepared by Kobra Patrol. Please advise leaders if any equipment is required.

Please come in activity wear. What to bring? Consent form, water, torch, notebook, pen and interest in our heritage.

Unit

- Thu 4th Apr** **Executive @HQ** **1830-1930hrs**
Tonight we will be meeting for another executive meeting. Please come with ideas so that we could build an excellent programme this year
For Executive members only
- Thu 4th Apr** **Sessions and Presentations @HQ** **1930-2130hrs**
To further advance in the Olympian Award, we will meet for some light sessions and some of our members will give presentations. It is imperative you attend to respect your friends
- Sun 7th Apr** **Family Fun Day @HQ** **1100hrs onwards**
See group details
- Fri 12th Apr - Sun 14th Apr** **Pre-EIJ weekend camp @Rinella Campsite** **1815hrs onwards**
For members who are going to Essex International Jamboree, we will have a weekend camp together to prepare ourselves for England!
Make sure to get all necessary equipment for a weekend camp.
For more details refer to the the group or troop section
- Fri 19th Apr** **Group Drill @Bulebel** **1830-2030hrs**
See Group Details
- Sat 20th Apr** **Pioneering Project @Polverista** **1000-1300hrs**
Today we will execute a Pioneering Project at Polverista planned by our members during Lashings session in march. Let's show off our skills.
- Sun 21st Apr** **Annual Parade @(see group details)** **0830-1230hrs**
Make sure to come in full parade uniform. For further details see group section.

Crew

Sun 14th Apr

Crew Olympics @TBD

0800-1400hrs

Detailed information such as, location and time will be updated once the National Rover Team announces them.

Sun 21st Apr

Annual Scouts & Guides Rally 2024 @HQ

0830-1230hrs

Refer to group section for further information.