



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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Group

Beavers

Wed 5th Aug	A visit to St Clement Park @St Clement Park	1800-1930hrs
Wed 19th Aug	Senglea Walk by the seaside @Senglea Parish Church	1800-2000hrs

Pack

3 informed Link Badge members (LB) will be starting their link badge period this month and will attend with both Pack and Troop where marked (+LB)

Sat 1st Aug	No Meeting	
Thu 6th Aug	Water Games (+LB) @Gnien Kottonera	1830-2000hrs
Sat 15th Aug	No Meeting	
Fri 21st Aug	Cookout - Session for all arrows (+LB) @near Fgura Ftbll Ground	1800-2000hrs

Troop

Sat 1st Aug	No Meeting	
Sat 8th Aug	Catch Up and Interest Badges (+ LB) @Gnien Kottonera	0830-1030hrs
Sat 8th Aug	PLC @Gnien Kottonera	1030-1130hrs
Mon 10th Aug - Sun 16th Aug	Meteor Challenge! @Anywhere	
Wed 19th Aug	Fort2Fort (+ LB) @San Lucjan/San Tomas	1800-2200hrs
Fri 28th Aug	Swimming at Pretty Bay (+ LB) @Pretty Bay, Birzebbuga	1800-2030hrs

Unit

Sat 8th Aug	BBQ @Beach	1800-2200hrs
Fri 21st Aug	Night Games @Gnien Kottonera	1900-2200hrs
Fri 28th Aug	No Meeting	

Crew

Mon 24th Aug	Executive meeting @HQ	2000-2200hrs
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Band

Wed 12th Aug	Band Rehearsal @HQ	1900-2030hrs
Wed 26th Aug	Band Rehearsal @HQ	1900-2030hrs

Group

Outdoor Scouting Activities Are Back!

After careful consideration, we finally feel that it is now safe enough to start holding outdoor activities again. For the time being the use of our HQ will not be permitted and any activities will be strictly limited to those which can be held outdoors where it is easier to maintain social distancing and where the risks of infection are lower.

There are a number of procedures which will be implemented by the group's leaders to help safeguard our members and these procedures are subject to being revised without notice should the local situation change in any way.

So what do our members need to start doing differently now?

1. Most importantly nobody will be allowed to a scouting activity if they are exhibiting **any symptoms of illness** (coughing, sneezing, sore throat, diarrhea, loss of taste etc...) even if these symptoms are just the result of seasonal allergies.
2. Rule 1 of course also applies to leaders - so please appreciate that some activities may need to be **cancelled at short notice.**
3. ALL children are to **carry their own hand sanitizing gel** with them at all times . Please make sure that there is no risk of it opening inside your backpack (maybe place it inside a zip-lock bag to be safe).
4. There will be no transport arrangements made for our activities as the use of mass transport is still deemed risky. So parents are kindly asked to transport their children to/from an activity in a timely manner. All of this month's activities are located in the vicinity of Fgura to keep things easier.
5. **Social distancing** measures will be applied as much as is practically possible - so even if we haven't seen each other in a while - no hugging and no hand shakes!
6. Finally please appreciate that the above rules may need to be amended at short notice as the situation develops. So please keep an eye out for our Facebook posts and/or emails with any updates.

Beavers

Finally this month, we will meet again! Hope you're excited as we are. :) In so doing we will take all safety precautions and therefore please take a look at the group's note. We kindly ask your collaboration in adherence with all safety measures.

Wed 5th Aug

A visit to St Clement Park @St Clement Park

1800-1930hrs

Finally the day has arrived. We will meet again, after five months and we shall be visiting the new park in Zabbar. For those who are not familiar with the location, the new park can be found at the end of Vjal Kottoner. The meeting point will be close by the entrance gate. We will go around the park and play some games afterwards. Beavers are reminded to apply insect repellent before this activity.

Please bring a duly signed consent form for this activity and for the Senglea Outing.

Wed 19th Aug

Senglea Walk by the seaside @Senglea Parish Church

1800-2000hrs

Today we shall be visiting one of Malta's ancient city - Senglea. We will meet at 18.00, wearing activity uniform, scarf and cap near Senglea Parish Church. Please bring enough water to drink in a wide strapped backpack. **A duly signed consent form was collected on the 5th August.**

Pack

Dear Parents and Cubs

Please read well the guidelines issued by the GSL for our group and which show the way forward for our outdoor meetings in August. In this situation we have to really practice what we preach - i.e. to obey rules and regulations for the safety of all.

Unless otherwise advised, cubs should ALWAYS CARRY WITH THEM IN THEIR BACKPACK AN ALOCOHOL BASED HAND SANITIZER OR WIPES for all upcoming meetings. This is always good practice, but in this situation is of utmost importance.

We are really looking forward to seeing you in person and let's show one and all that we respect each other enough to follow the rules for the safety of all :)

Seeing that all sections can now meet for outdoor activities, we took the opportunity for 3 link badge members to start their link badge this month. Originally they had to start it in June so they are not very late in doing so. If meetings eventually have to be done online again they can continue attending virtually both with us and with Troop Section; but at least they would have come to know the leaders and the members personally :) We kindly ask these 3 LB members to do their best to attend ALL meetings with Pack & Troop (where marked +LB).

Thu 6th Aug

Water Games (+LB) @Gnien Kottonera

1830-2000hrs

For our first outdoor meeting we will be having some water games at Gnien Kottonera. Please come with activity uniform (activity t shirt, cap and scarf) but for today you can wear beach clogs or jelly shoes (as long as they are closed from the front) - NO FLIP FLOPS ARE ALLOWED.

We do not plan to get you very wet but please get a beach towel with you in your backpack - this might be used for a game. Please also get enough water to drink. (If your parents would like to get a spare t shirt with them when they pick you up - just in case - they can do so however no t-shirt changing will be permitted outside during the meeting.)

Fri 21st Aug

Cookout - Session for all arrows (+LB) @near Fgura Ftbll Ground

1800-2000hrs

Parents are to bring cubs exactly near the entrance to the Fgura Football Grounds since cookout will be held adjacent to it in the first part of the green area. They are to be picked up from there as well.

Cubs are to come in bermuda/shorts, activity t shirt, cap and scarf **and today socks and slippers are a must!!** Backpack must contain enough water to drink, the cutlery bag (which should contain unbreakable flat plate; plastic fork, knife, spoon and teaspoon with rounded edges; plastic cup; tissues and wipes; dish cloth). Food to be cooked on the open fire should be brought in a SMALL COOLER BAG (example burgers, sausage and nuggets). Cubs can obviously get some salad with them and panini or rolls should they prefer. Obviously they should get also enough water to drink. All this should be brought in a backpack.

Sessions will be delivered to all cubs according to the respective arrow so cubs should get their Cub Book as well.

Gold arrow cubs (+LB) should get any extra items with them as instructed by Bagheera in the previous meeting.

Troop

YEY! Looks like Troop scouting is back on! We hope you missed it just as much as we did!

Please see the below in regards to a summary of guidelines that can make scouting happen:

- Outside activities only
- No or less contact games - reduced physical contact between scouts as much as possible
- No sickness - if anyone is feeling unwell please do not attend
- Always bring a hand sanitizer and use it regularly especially before touching food and after using the toilet
- No transport will be provided - parents/guardians are to drop off and pick up scouts as instructed on the circular
- Read the activity's information and instructions well
- Read the group's guidelines before every meeting

If anyone has any questions or queries you can contact the scout leader, Gail Spiteri on 99636806 or sl@fgurascouts.org

Sat 8th Aug

Catch Up and Interest Badges (+ LB) @Gnien Kottonera

0830-1030hrs

General catch up on how we are all doing, mixed with interest badge updates and games organised by your PLs. Parents/ Guardians are to drop and pick up the scouts at Gnien Kottonera, Bormla

Note for PLs you cannot do Scribble or HouseParty any more.

Important to bring with you: Water, cap, sunblock, hand sanitizer, a group scarf and a signed consent form.

No one will be accepted to stay for the activity without a consent form.

Sat 8th Aug

PLC @Gnien Kottonera

1030-1130hrs

Our catch up session is followed by the monthly PLC.

Only PLs and APLs need to attend this extra hour.

We will be discussing the games organisation and September involvement mainly.

Important to bring with you: Water, cap, sunblock, hand sanitizer and a signed consent form.

Mon 10th Aug - Sun 16th Aug

Meteor Challenge! @Anywhere

Due to the public holiday on the 15th and leader availability we didn't plan an event this week. HOWEVER, for those astronomers amongst us or those who wish to watch the sky at night, during this week is the peak for the Perseid Meteor Shower that appears in Malta's skies (peak day is 12th). So pick an evening and go out with your family and friends see if you can spot some 'falling stars'. Best places to go are those with little light pollution, e.g. Zurrieq, Dingli, Ghajn Tuffieha, Xghajra, etc.

Happy star gazing.

Wed 19th Aug

Fort2Fort (+ LB) @San Lucjan/San Tomas

1800-2200hrs

To avoid the heat and to keep your weekends free, this week's event is on a Wednesday evening.

We are planning to go Fort to Fort, i.e. drop off at San Lucjan, Marsaxlokk and pick up at San Tomas, Marsaskala (near st Thomas bay, brown ice cream truck). We will follow the bay around get in a good walk so come with good walking shoes and adequate clothing.

Important to bring with you: Water, snacks, cap, sunblock, torch, hand sanitizer, personal first aid kit, group scarf and a signed consent form.

No one will be accepted to stay for the activity without a consent form.

Fri 28th Aug

Swimming at Pretty Bay (+ LB) @Pretty Bay, Birzebuga

1800-2030hrs

As the final event in August we are planning on doing a swimming session at Pretty Bay, Birzebuga. Parents/ Guardians are to drop and pick up the scouts at Birzebuga. Wear a swimming costume from before. **All members are to come with a closed running shoes.** You can bring sandals in your bag if you wish. Games to be organised by PLs.

Important to also bring with you: plenty of water, snacks (optional), cap, sunblock, hand sanitizer, towel, a change of clothes, group scarf and a signed consent form.

No one will be accepted to stay for the activity without a consent form.

Unit

FINALLY WE ARE BACK. IT IS OUR JOY TO SEE EACH ONE OF YOU AFTER THE PANDEMIC OF COVID-19. ☐☐☐☐

Sat 8th Aug

BBQ @Beach

1800-2200hrs

At last we can finally meet for a BBQ. it is a really nice thing to finally meet as a one group. Meet you there ☐

Fri 21st Aug

Night Games @Gnien Kottonera

1900-2200hrs

Today we will be meeting at Gnien Kottonera for Night Games. It is a good thing to attend to show some respect to those who will be incharge. See you there ☐