



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

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## August 2023

### Group

### **Batteries for Hospice Campaign**

#### **Beavers**

Wed 9th Aug  
Sat 26th Aug

#### **Moving on Beavers are to attend with the Pack section where marked +MOB**

Slush time @HQ 1830-1930hrs  
Bugibba Waterpark @HQ 0830-1230hrs

#### **Pack**

Fri 4th Aug  
Fri 11th Aug  
Fri 18th Aug  
Thu 24th Aug

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

No Meeting  
Valletta by Night - Ferry Ride & Walk (+MOB) & (+LB) @Cospicua Ferry Terminal 1800-2215hrs  
No Meeting  
Harbour Cruise (+MOB) & (+LB) @Bulebel 1930-2230hrs

#### **Troop**

Fri 4th Aug  
Fri 11th Aug  
Fri 11th Aug  
Sat 19th Aug  
Fri 25th Aug

Night Games + LB @Bulebel 1900-2230hrs  
PLC @HQ 1830-1930hrs  
Perseid Meteor Shower @HQ 1930-2200hrs  
Ready Steady Cook Cooking Competition + LB @HQ 0900-1300hrs  
Swimming and BBQ + LB @Villa Sant Anna, Mskala 1800-2130hrs

#### **Unit**

Fri 4th Aug  
Fri 11th Aug  
Fri 25th Aug

Unit Programme Planning @HQ 1930-2100hrs  
Swimming and Kayaking @San Tumas 1700-2100hrs  
Ready steady Cook Planning @HQ 1900-2130hrs

#### **Crew**

Mon 14th Aug  
Fri 18th Aug - Sun 20th Aug

Community Work for Dar tal-Providenza @HQ 1800-2000hrs  
Majjalata @TBD

#### **Band**

Wed 2nd Aug  
Sat 5th Aug  
Wed 16th Aug  
Wed 16th Aug  
Wed 30th Aug  
Wed 30th Aug

Band Practice for Glockenspiels and Bagpipes only @HQ 1700-1800hrs  
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### **Batteries for Hospice**

Attn: Members, Families & Friends. Join us on this campaign in support of Hospice. Let's dispose of used batteries at home and bring one final collection at HQ by end of month. Exact date of collection shall be communicated on facebook. Please feel free to contact GSL in case you may require more information.

N.B. Please note that batteries are considered as hazardous waste and please keep these out of reach of young children. Also store in a cool place to avoid overheating and any potential fires.

# Beavers

**Wed 9th Aug**

**Slush time @HQ**

**1830-1930hrs**

Today we will beat the heat by doing some homemade healthy slush. We will blend ice and any fruit according to our choice from a vast variety of fruit. Please confirm any food allergies before the meeting. We will collect 1 euro for the ingredients required. Beavers are required to bring a small cup with them.

**Sat 26th Aug**

**Bugibba Waterpark @HQ**

**0830-1230hrs**

Time for some water games! We will meet at 8.30 sharp and head to bugibba waterpark for some water games. Beavers are to apply sunblock before this activity. Cap, towel, packed lunch and scarf are also required. For this activity beaver can wear sandals/crocs, ideally close shoes. For this activity we will require the consent form and €5 for the transport.

# Pack

Dear Parents & Cubs

In August we're going to meet twice as well and we're trying to opt for activities which are ideal in Summer.

Just wanted to get the attention of parents on two points please:

- When we meet for an activity, especially where we need to catch transport from one point to another, cubs are to be PUNCTUAL. We cannot afford the time to ring parents of cubs who have booked for the activity but did not show up. If the parent has a problem to arrive on time, the parent has to contact the Section herself. If we don't hear anything we have no choice but to leave if time will be pressing.
- A word regarding BOOKINGS. We are very clear in our instructions and apart from the circular, we do a reminder Facebook post but unfortunately there are parents who still 'forget' to book their children on booking day or else pay but do not get a Consent Form or vice versa. As you can appreciate this creates a lot of hassle for us (in particular Rama who takes care of the bookings) who has to keep track of who is yet to book, pay or get the Consent Form and send messenger reminders as well. Please save us time and hassle and pay on the booking day by getting BOTH Consent Form and payment and when it comes to payment please get exact amount as we wouldn't have the time to give out change at that moment.
- We are taking the two August bookings in the BBQ & Swimming Activity on Friday 28th July. Those cubs who cannot make it on this day and need to book for August activities are to inform Rama accordingly and get Consent Form and payment on the day (even if they are to attend both activities they get Consent Forms and payments for both - in separate recycled envelopes).

Your attention and co-operation regarding the above is highly appreciated.

Enjoy your Summer but stay hydrated, cool and safe.

AKELA & PACK LEADERS

## **Fri 11th Aug                      Valletta by Night - Ferry Ride & Walk (+MOB) & (+LB) @Cospicua Ferry Terminal                      1800-2215hrs**

We will be meeting at Cospicua Ferry Terminal at 6 pm SHARP to board the 6.30 pm ferry to Valletta where we will go for a nice walk around our historical capital and even observe the beauty of the lit up fortifications at night.

Cubs are to come in activity uniform WITHOUT CAP BUT WITH SCARF and wear good running shoes. They are to get a padded backback with them with enough water to drink (make sure bottle is securely closed) and with a light snack since we will be taking a short break.

We will be returning with the 10 pm ferry and be back at the same Cospicua ferry terminal around 10.15pm,

**We cannot wait for cubs who come late and will not be phoning cubs who do not turn up so please be PUNCTUAL.**

Booking for this activity was done on Friday 28th July. To book please get in a sealed envelope Consent Form + Eur 2.50 for the ferry.

## **Thu 24th Aug    Harbour Cruise (+MOB) & (+LB) @Bulebel    1930-2230hrs**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS ACTIVITY IS ON THURSDAY (NOT FRIDAY)!! SINCE THIS TYPE OF NIGHT TRIP ONLY TAKES PLACE ON A THURSDAY - SO PAY ATTENTION YOU DON'T MISTAKE THE DATE!!**

We will be going on a harbour cruise by late evening/night so we will have the opportunity of seeing the sun going down and the forts around the Island all lit up - a wonderful experience indeed!!

We will be meeting at Bulebel at 7.30pm where transport will take us to Sliema to board this boat. Trip is 1 and a half hours long so we calculate we will be back at Bulebel by 10.30pm.

Cubs are to come in activity uniform - with scarf but NO CAP NEEDED and get a small backpack with them with enough to drink and maybe some small nibbles - no packed lunches please (there is no need!!). Comfortable trainers with socks is a must.

**Booking for this activity should be done on Friday 28th July when we have the BBQ and beach activity by getting in a sealed envelope with the child's name a duly signed Consent Form + Eur12 which includes the boat trip and the transport to Sliema and back.**

**Those cubs who cannot attend on Friday 28th July can book on Friday 11th August BUT THIS IS THE LATEST DATE THAT BOOKINGS CAN BE TAKEN.**

**Any difficulties re bookings can be directed to Rama but please get exact fee in an envelope together with the Consent Form (not only one or the other but both) and if booking is finalized by the 28th July so much the better. Rama will not be chasing those parents who did not book or give us a reply.**

# Troop

This month is packed with fun scouting activities which will involve costs related to transport or food! The following fees will be collected for the month of August as follows:

- €5 for Night Games will be collected on 28/7/23- Swimming and Sessions Activity (p.s. this doesn't show on the July circular).
- €5 for Perseid Meteor Shower will be collected by 4/8/23- Night Games.
- €7 for Swimming and BBQ will be collected by 19/8/23- Ready Steady Cook.

You may wish to pay for all activities before the deadline stipulated e.g. you can pay for all three activities on 28/7/23. If for some reason your kid cannot attend during an activity to pay the fees, you may still place your bookings via the patrol chat and fee will be collected on the day.

## **Fri 4th Aug** **Night Games + LB @Bulebel** **1900-2230hrs**

Before we head off to play night games, we will carry out a patrol meeting. During the patrol meeting, each patrol must prepare a list of ingredients and equipment required for the Ready Steady Cook (starter, main course and dessert), so get your recipes/ideas, your mountaineer award book and a pen.

Two of our scout members will take care of the night games- the famous capture the flag game will be played amongst others. Games will be played at Hal Ghaxaq, behind the football ground. **What to bring?** Consent form, Torch, Water, mountaineer award book, Group Scarf and First Aid kit.

For today's activity a fee of €5 were collected during the Swimming and Sessions activity. **Today we will be taking the booking and collecting the fee of €5 for the Perseid Meteor Shower happening on 11/7/23.**

## **Fri 11th Aug** **PLC @HQ** **1830-1930hrs**

This meeting is for PLs and APLs only. Agenda will be sent prior to meeting by Chairman. Today all of you attending must come with **ideas for the Talent show** happening this November. After the PLC we will head off to Hagar Qim for the Perseid Meteor Shower.

## **Fri 11th Aug** **Perseid Meteor Shower @HQ** **1930-2200hrs**

How about- we go for a short hike from Hagar Qim to Tal-Hamrija Coastal Tower, watch the Perseid Meteor shower and whilst there we will have a guest speaker to discuss an interesting topic- Mental Health. A fee of €5 for this activity were collected on 4/8/23, during the Night games activity.

**What to bring?** Consent form, torch, water, comfortable shoes. Come in activity wear & group scarf.

P.S. Paola Troop Section will be joining us for this activity :)

**Deadline** today you must present a list of equipment that is required by your patrol for the Ready Steady Cook.

## **Sat 19th Aug** **Ready Steady Cook Cooking Competition + LB @HQ** **0900-1300hrs**

The theme of this Ready, Steady, Cook is a country that has the same first letter as your patrol. The menu was discussed on 4/8/23 and the deadline to provide the equipment list for today's activity was 11/8/23.

Today's activity will cover sections from the Cook badge, so make sure that all that you have been taught from the Cook badge is put into practice, such as- transporting and storing food safely.

You will be cooking a 3-course meal including starter, main course and dessert by patrol. Leaders will judge your food presentation, taste, creativity, teamwork and cleanliness. Important to bring your own cutlery bag, water and other equipment which might be required.

Food will be purchased by patrol. Those purchasing food must keep a copy of the receipt so that you split the costs evenly at the end of the meeting.

**Bookings and a fee of €7 for the Swimming Activity & BBQ activity will be collected today.**

## **Fri 25th Aug** **Swimming and BBQ + LB @Villa Sant Anna, Mskala** **1800-2130hrs**

Another scout meeting by the sea. It's time to grill food on the BBQ and spend some time together. Talent show planning will surely be one of the topics. We will meet in front of Villa Sant' Anna in Marsaskala and walk down to il-Ponta tal-Mignuna. A fee of €7 were collected on 19/8/23.

**What to bring?** Consent form, swimming outfit, change of clothes, beach towel, water, FA kit, torch, cutlery bag (cup, plate, knife and fork), mosquito repellent and optional- swimming aid/snorkelling kit etc.

All kids should attend in group activity, group scarf and closed running shoes. No sandals or flipflops will be accepted. Girls must wear a one piece swimsuit or two piece swimsuit & t-shirt

# Unit

**Fri 11th Aug**

**Swimming and Kayaking @San Tumas**

**1700-2100hrs**

We will be meeting at San Tumas bay for kayaking and swimming.

Further details about prices of kayaks and other information will be given a later date.

**Fri 25th Aug**

**Ready steady Cook Planning @HQ**

**1900-2130hrs**

Today we will be meeting at hq to plan the ready steady cook for september.

# Crew

**Mon 14th Aug**

**Community Work for Dar tal-Providenza @HQ**

**1800-2000hrs**

We will be aiming to fold an impressive 4000 booklets! Each one of these seemingly simple booklets will contribute to the well-being of those in need at Dar il-Providenza.

**Fri 18th Aug - Sun 20th Aug**

**Majjalata @TBD**

Further details regarding the annual Majjalata will be posted on our Facebook page. Keep Updated!