



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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# August 2024

### Group

Sat 27th Jul - Wed 7th Aug	ESSEX INTERNATIONAL JAMBOREE 2024 @Malta Airport	0430-1530hrs
Fri 23rd Aug	All Leaders and Council Members BBQ @Mtarfa Scouts Headquarter	2000hrs onwards

### Beavers

**Moving on Beavers (MOB) are to attend with Pack where marked (+MOB).**

Sat 10th Aug	Bugibba Waterpark Outing @HQ	0900-1300hrs
Wed 28th Aug	Do it yourself Maltese ftira @Gnien Kottonera	1830-2000hrs

### Pack

**Link Badge cubs (LB) are to attend with Pack and Troop where marked (+LB) whilst Moving on Beavers (MOB) are to attend with Pack where marked (+MOB)**

Sat 3rd Aug	No Meeting	
Fri 9th Aug	Swimming & BBQ (+LB) @St Thomas Bay-near kiosk	1530-2100hrs
Sat 17th Aug	No Meeting	
Thu 22nd Aug	Visit to National Acquarium (+LB) & (+MOB) @Bulebel	1715-2100hrs
Sat 24th Aug	No Meeting	

### Troop

Fri 2nd Aug	Sessions and Games + LB +MOV @HQ	1900-2100hrs
Fri 9th Aug	PLC @Gnien Duminku Mintoff	1730-1900hrs
Fri 9th Aug	Ropes Session and Interest badges + MOV @Gnien Duminku Mintoff	1900-2100hrs
Fri 16th Aug	No Meeting	
Tue 20th Aug	Mapping + 20km/35km route planning + LB + MOV @Family Park Mscala- Yufu	1830-2030hrs
Fri 23rd Aug	No Meeting	
Fri 30th Aug	Lejla Maltija by the Sea + LB + MOV @Rinella/ Mscala St. Anna	1730-2100hrs

### Unit

Sat 27th Jul - Wed 7th Aug	EIJ @Airport Departure Hall	0430-1510hrs
Fri 16th Aug	Swimming and BBQ + Discussion @Zonqor Point	1900-2300hrs
Sun 25th Aug	Rafts with St Michael's School Unit @TBA	
Thu 29th Aug	Go Kart Planning Meeting @HQ	1900-2100hrs

### Band

Wed 21st Aug	Band Rehearsal for Bagpipes + Glockenspiels @HQ	1700-1800hrs
Wed 21st Aug	Band Meeting @HQ	1800-1930hrs
Wed 28th Aug	Band Rehearsal for Bagpipes + Glockenspiels @HQ	1700-1800hrs
Wed 28th Aug	Band Meeting @HQ	1800-1930hrs

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## Group

If you are passionate about doing something different in life. If you are ready to make a real impact in your family/community. And if you are over 18 years or more, and would like to empower your inner self? Now is the right time to make the right choice in your life. Join us as a registered support leader.

Call for registered Support Leaders is now open with the Fgura Scout Group! Be part of this dynamic and passionate family, gain valuable skills and experience, meet new people and expand your network.

Contact GSL on [gsl@fgurascouts.org](mailto:gsl@fgurascouts.org) or sent a message on 99986466.

Role: Maximum 1 to 2 hours per week. Primarily role to assist in activities under the guidance of the Section Leader. In return, you would have access to any valuable training and opportunities as offered by the Group and Association. Including Basic First Aid, Food Handling, and other professional training that you may also find useful on your job. Empowerment of your self well-being is guaranteed.

**Sat 27th Jul - Wed 7th Aug      ESSEX INTERNATIONAL JAMBOREE 2024 @Malta Airport      0430-1530hrs**

It's Finally Here!!!

We have had so much preparation and activities leading up to this event! Pack your bags and head to the UK for an experience of a lifetime! Make sure you have everything packed securely in your rucksack and backpack and that you are at the airport on time. Bring a packed lunch (no drinks) with you in your hand-luggage, an empty water bottle and any electronics must be in your hand luggage. Health form, medicines and your phone will be collected at the Airport.

**Fri 23rd Aug      All Leaders and Council Members BBQ @Mtarfa Scouts Headquarter      2000hrs onwards**

The Group shall be holding its Annual Leaders and Council Members BBQ Activity in appreciation for all the hard work that each and every volunteer and their loved ones dedicate to the Group. On the day, we shall also be accompanied by other leaders and council members from the Mtarfa Scouts Group.

# Beavers

**Sat 10th Aug**

**Bugibba Waterpark Outing @HQ**

**0900-1300hrs**

Today we will be heading up North to Bugibba and spend some time together at the Waterpark cooling ourselves down from the scorching August heat.

Beavers are asked to come ready wearing swimwear underneath and attend in full activity wear including scarf. It's important to have an extra change of clothes and bring sunblock, enough water and packed lunch for the duration of the activity.

A 7 euro fee and consent form will be collected on the day.

**Wed 28th Aug**

**Do it yourself Maltese ftira @Gnien Kottonera**

**1830-2000hrs**

Time to do one of our fun and flavoursome activities where we'll be making traditional Maltese ftira! It's the perfect way to celebrate the season, by doing delicious food, and lasting memories together. Don't miss out on this delightful culinary experience!

Beavers are to attend in full activity wear including scarf and bring with them enough water and packed lunch for the duration of the activity. A fee of 2euro will be collected for the ingredients bought by the leaders.

# Pack

Dear Parents and Cubs

In August we're going to start meeting after the 7th of August when 4 of the pack leaders would have returned from the EIJ.

We have two very interesting and fun activities planned and we hope to see you for both.

In September then we will start meeting each and every week and gear up for the rest of the year.

In the meantime we wish you all a restful Summer. Take care.

AKELA & PACK LEADERS

**Fri 9th Aug** **Swimming & BBQ (+LB) @St Thomas Bay-near kiosk** **1530-2100hrs**

Parents should get cubs at the meeting point and pick them up from the same place.

Boys should come ready with their swimming trunks and activity t- shirt and girls should wear their swimsuit beneath their activity wear (no bikinis allowed). Money can be brought for an ice-cream!

**No need for scarf today as we might lose it and instead of activity cap cubs can wear a sun hat (straw hat or fisherman's hat). Sunblock should be applied from home before the activity and brought in the backpack just in case we need a re-application.**

**Consent Form should be brought today and on it parents should write if cubs need any swimming aids. When we say swimming aids we refer to help which the cub needs to swim like trainers or noodle and not any other equipment brought for fun like board, goggles, etc. Please do not get any other equipment with you as you will have each other's company to play in the water and we can organise some games for you.**

In their backpack cubs should get the following:

Enough water to drink

Sunblock

Small cooler bag with food to cook like burgers, chicken nuggets or sausages (Please give the cub the amount which he or she eats and not a whole packet as we see a lot of food going to waste); a bun or roll (for burger or hotdog whatever) and some healthy salad;

Cutlery bag (and all it should contain)

Money for ice-cream (in a small wallet)

When parents get the cubs at 3.30pm or when they pick them up at 9pm they should book for the activity we have on **Thursday 22nd August at the National Aquarium by getting Consent Form and fee in an envelope with the cub's name** - details in this circular.

Those cubs who either do not book today or who cannot make it today but did not advise us about their attendance on the 22nd August will be taken as not attending.

**Since beavers cannot attend swimming activities until they become cubs and hence cannot attend this meeting, booking for the activity on the 22nd should be made by a comment left in the reminder post of this activity which is done mid week (i.e. on Wed 07 Aug) by Bagheera. Then they should get Consent Form and payment on the day.**

**Thu 22nd Aug** **Visit to National Aquarium (+LB) & (+MOB) @Bulebel** **1715-2100hrs**

**Please note date we're meeting this week - Thursday 22nd and not on a Friday!!**

Today we're going to the National Aquarium to view the marine life there and a guide will provide us with some very interesting information.

Cubs should come in full activity uniform - including cap and scarf and bring a small backpack with them with water to drink and get some money to buy an ice-cream afterwards.

After the visit we can have a walk around the promenade and relax with an ice cream.

Payment for this activity is Eur 12 which includes entry to the Aquarium; Transport Fee and Guide Services.

**Consent Form and Fee should be brought in a sealed envelope with the child's name on Friday 9th August (MOBs to get it on the day but telling us of their intention to book or not in the reminder post of the swimming & BBQ activity on Wed 07/08).**

# Troop

Dear Scouts and Parents,

We look forward to Summer activities with the Troop :) Contrary to Winter months, we plan to organize most activities outdoors. Thank you for supporting our efforts to ensure that your kids enjoy their summer. For smooth organization, we would like to raise the following points:

1. **Deadlines for bookings-** We would need to organise transport or food for certain activities. If for some reason you do not attend meetings when bookings are taken, you are to book via the patrol chat by the deadline stipulated on the circular. Failing to do so, it will be assumed that you will not attend the activity.
2. **Punctuality-** Meetings are to start on time, as indicated on the monthly circular. Please plan ahead so that we do not have disruptions to our meetings.
3. For indoor meetings, scouts must come in activity wear (blue t-shirt, suitable shorts), scarf.
4. For outdoor meetings, scouts must come in activity wear and a cap or hat.

Yours in Scouting,  
SL and Troop Leaders

## **Fri 2nd Aug Sessions and Games + LB +MOV @HQ 1900-2100hrs**

During today's meeting you shall cover different topics from the First Aid badge and play games :) Duty patrol come prepared with games.

What to get? Water, the mountaineer award book, pen and if your first aid kit has not been checked yet, please get it with you.

## **Fri 9th Aug PLC @Gnien Duminku Mintoff 1730-1900hrs**

This meeting is for PLs and APLs only. PLC Agenda to be prepared by Chairman and Secretary to get meeting minutes.

## **Fri 9th Aug Ropes Session and Interest badges + MOV @Gnien Duminku Mintoff 1900-2100hrs**

During today's meeting we will cover an important section of the Pioneer- Types of Ropes, followed by Interest badges sessions by your fellow members. Those who shall do an interest badge, need to get in touch with ASL Susanne. Duty patrol come prepared with a game.

What to get: Water, the mountaineer award book and a pen.

## **Tue 20th Aug Mapping + 20km/35km route planning + LB + MOV @Family Park Mscala- Yufu 1830-2030hrs**

It's a Tuesday, but we are meeting anyway :) During today's meeting we will split into three groups. A group will learn about mapping, a group will plan the 20km expedition and another group will plan the 35km expedition. This meeting is obligatory for all those who plan to complete the expeditions.

What to get? Consent form, **€5 for next meeting**, water, the Mountaineer award book, pen, torch and map kit (optional).

## **Fri 30th Aug Lejla Maltija by the Sea + LB + MOV @Rinella/ Mscala St. Anna 1730-2100hrs**

The location of today's meeting will be confirmed on FB Troop Members Page, as it depends on the wind direction.

We shall be meeting at either Rinella bay or at Marsascale St. Anna/beachclub. After a swim, we shall be having Maltese food as nibbles. If time permits, we shall go through some knots sessions

**The bookings and fee of €5 were collected on 20th August.**

What to get? Torch, swimsuit (one piece), sunblock, cutlery bag- plate, cutlery, mug.

# Unit

**Sat 27th Jul - Wed 7th Aug**

**EIJ @Airport Departure Hall**

**0430-1510hrs**

The day we've been waiting for has finally arrived. For participants attending EIJ, please be at the Airport Departure Hall at 4:30am. Make sure to bring all the required equipment with you. Pickup will be on the 7th August, flight will land at about 15:10. For Further details please refer to the group header of the circular

**Fri 16th Aug**

**Swimming and BBQ + Discussion @Zonqor Point**

**1900-2300hrs**

After a long and adventurous trip at EIJ, we will meet up for a nice swim and BBQ. Also, instead of the usual executive meeting this month, we will have an open discussion between all the ventures on how the year has been so far and plans for the coming months. Please make sure to bring with you thoughts and ideas for the discussion along with a notebook and biro, consent form, enough water to drink, torch and food to cook on the BBQ

**Sun 25th Aug**

**Rafts with St Michael's School Unit @TBA**

We are meeting up with St Michael's School Unit for a joint activity. This time we are going to build rafts and compete in a race. Afterwards we are going to have a BBQ and bong together. More details about this activity will be announced at a later date. Make sure to bring with you water, food to cook and consent form

**Thu 29th Aug**

**Go Kart Planning Meeting @HQ**

**1900-2100hrs**

A national activity for all the Maltese Ventures is brewing and we must prepare ourselves... Save the date for the 28th September as we will be competing against other units in a Ventures Go Kart Rally. We must prepare for this event as on the day there will be a competition of go kart races and best decorated kart. It is imperative for ALL ventures to attend the planning meetings for this event

