



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

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## December 2018

### Group

#### **Beavers**

Wed 5th Dec	Christmas Themed - Spiritual Session @HQ	1800-1900hrs
Wed 12th Dec	Christmas Craft @HQ	1800-1900hrs
Sat 15th Dec	Christmas party @HQ	0830-1300hrs

#### **Pack**

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

Sat 1st Dec	Service Activity at Casa Antonia (+LB & +MOB) @HQ	0945-1330hrs
Fri 7th Dec	Proficiency Badges (+LB & +MOB) @HQ	1800-2000hrs
Sat 15th Dec	Christmas Craft (+LB) @HQ	1000-1330hrs
Sat 22nd Dec	Christmas Activity (+LB) @HQ	0900-1400hrs

#### **Troop**

Sat 1st Dec	Ethnic Diversity Badge @HQ	1100-1500hrs
Fri 14th Dec	Troop Christmas Party @HQ	1800-2130hrs

#### **Unit**

Fri 7th Dec	Executive meeting @HQ	2000-2200hrs
Sat 8th Dec	Rovers and Ventures Competition Hike @HQ	0900-1500hrs
Sat 15th Dec	Scouting skills Session - Rope work @Clement Gate	0900-1200hrs
Thu 20th Dec	Christmas activity @HQ	1800-2330hrs

#### **Crew**

Sat 8th Dec	Rovers and Ventures Competition Hike @Tas-Silg Chapel	0900-1500hrs
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#### **Band**

Sat 1st Dec	Band Performance (For selected members only) @HQ	0930-1130hrs
Wed 5th Dec	Band Rehearsal @HQ	1730-1900hrs
Wed 19th Dec	Christmas Party @HQ	1830-2130hrs

## Group

It's been another fantastic year - we camped, we trekked, we pioneered, we traveled and we learned.

The Fgura Scout Group takes this opportunity to thank all our awesome scouts and their fantastic supportive parents. Your involvement and enthusiasm is what keeps our volunteers going.

May you all have a blessed and peaceful Christmas - we look forward to seeing you for more scouting action next year!

## Beavers

Beaver Leaders wish all of you a BLESSED CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR. A big THANK YOU for your wonderful cooperation throughout the year.

Beaver meetings will resume on Wednesday 9th January 2019

**Wed 5th Dec** **Christmas Themed - Spiritual Session @HQ** **1800-1900hrs**

Today we will have a spiritual meeting related to the upcoming festive season prepared by our spiritual development leader Shada. She will help us understand the true meaning of Christmas. Please bring a cushion with you to sit down on during the session.

**Beavers are reminded to pay Eur 2.00 for the Christmas craft of next week. Today we will also be collecting Eur 10.00 and a duly signed consent form for the Christmas party.**

**Wed 12th Dec** **Christmas Craft @HQ** **1800-1900hrs**

Today we will be doing a very interesting Christmas craft. Please bring your craft bag which should include a pocket with colours, glue, scissors and craft apron.

**Eur 2.00 were collected on the 5th of December.**

**Sat 15th Dec** **Christmas party @HQ** **0830-1300hrs**

The much awaited Christmas Party has arrived!! This time it will be held at The Jungle Restaurant at DB Seabank Hotel. We will meet at HQ at 8.30am sharp from where we will head towards Mellieha by transport. Beavers are to wear casual clothes. We will have time to enjoy the "Jungle Party" as well as eat lunch at the restaurant.

**€10.00 and a duly signed consent form were collected on the 5th of December.**

## Pack

Dear Parents

For this month only, Link Badge members will not be attending any meetings with the Troop Section so they should attend all meetings with the Pack Section.

We take this opportunity to wish all the cubs' families a Holy Christmas filled with the love of our Saviour and a New Year 2019 filled with love, peace and blessings. We look forward to continue together our cubbing adventures :)

Pack meetings will resume in the weekend of 11/12 January 2019.

**Sat 1st Dec** **Service Activity at Casa Antonia (+LB & +MOB) @HQ** **0945-1330hrs**

Scouts should be of service to others and today the cubs will be visiting the elderly at Casa Antonia to cheer them up and spend some time with them.

Cubs should wear parade trousers, activity hoodie, trainers, cap & scarf. They should also get a small backpack to hold a bottle of water in it. It would be a nice gesture if the cubs get something for the elderly to share like confectionery items (preferably sugar free) or anything which is pre-packed and not fresh (like fruit); reason being that these are to be kept by the Home's Administration to be distributed evenly among the elderly closer to Christmas - for fair sharing. They can also get any other small token which they would like to give them as a keepsake.

A number of our band members have kindly agreed to deliver a small band performance to the residents :)

Booking for this activity was done on Saturday 24th November.

**Fri 7th Dec**

**Proficiency Badges (+LB & +MOB) @HQ**

**1800-2000hrs**

It's been some time since we gave the cubs the opportunity to present a badge so we decided to do it this month to give them the chance before the year ends....there will be other opportunities as well next year don't worry :) The two MOB's are most welcome to attempt one of the simpler badges to try out this experience!! You can speak to the leaders if you want to clarify anything.

**Today booking for Christmas activity @ Popeye's Village on Sat 22nd Dec should be made - Consent Form + 15 Euros which includes entrance & visit to the various attractions + meal (choice of burger or nuggets, chips and salad, soft drink, juice or water); plus transport. Upon booking the cub will be asked for the choice of food and drink by the leader concerned.**

**Sat 15th Dec**

**Christmas Craft (+LB) @HQ**

**1000-1330hrs**

The meeting today is longer than usual since we're going to do the traditional crib and the last time we did it was during the Group Winter Camp of 2014 so none of the cubs presently with pack did this craft. For this craft cubs are to get:

- Craft Bag (complete with basic stationery, UHU liquid glue & UHU stick, round-edged scissors)
- Apron
- Paintbrush (pinzell taz-zebgha) - 1 inch wide
- Empty cereal box
- Empty shoe box with lid (size: adult shoe box not boots box)
- 1 brown corrugated kartoncin sheet (large not A4 size)
- 2 sheets brown kite paper (karti tat-tajr)
- 1 A4 kartoncin brown and 1 A4 kartoncin green
- 1 metre passaperla
- Set of statuettes (pasturi) for crib - not more than 10cm high - Holy Mary, St Joseph, Baby Jesus, 1 cow, 1 donkey & 1 sheep
- Star to put over crib

Please make sure that you get all craft items as indicated.

**Sat 22nd Dec**

**Christmas Activity (+LB) @HQ**

**0900-1400hrs**

At this time of the year Popeye's Village turns into a Christmas village with the unique attraction of it's Santa's Toytown. The cubs will be having other activities and then they will have lunch together before heading back home. Today cubs can come in casual clothing and everything else will be provided for....including the fun :)

Booking for this activity was done on Friday 7th December.

## Troop

**Sat 1st Dec**

**Ethnic Diversity Badge @HQ**

**1100-1500hrs**

Today we will focus on another part of the Ethnic Diversity Badge:

### **The Requirement:**

Part 1 A of the Ethnic Diversity Badge  
More details in the journal of the badge

### **The Preparation:**

Choose 3 countries with different racial, cultural or ethnic background, and then choose 2 of the options in part 1A.

### **The Process:**

As a patrol do the research on the countries and the options you chose as a patrol. Prepare a presentation which can be in any form such as charts, power point, acting, song and many more. Each patrol will have one hour in total to present their work to the troop members and leaders.

### **The Aims:**

Achieving good knowledge on the topic  
Completing another part of the Ethnic diversity badge  
Improving your teamwork and communication as a patrol  
Being more creative.

### **The Rules:**

All members of the patrol must cooperate to achieve this badge  
Bonus points will be given for teamwork and creativity  
The patrols have one hour each to present their work (not less and not more)  
The patrol leaders must inform the SL if they require any equipment

**Today is the deadline to book for the Christmas Party which will be held on the 14th of December.**

**We will also be collecting the payment of €7. We will also be taking the booking of the Zulu challenge which will be held from the 5th till the 6th of January.**

**Fri 14th Dec**

**Troop Christmas Party @HQ**

**1800-2130hrs**

Today we will be meeting at the HQ for a Christmas party between us. You will have an evening packed with food, music, activities, games and fun.

Important to bring with you a cup and the secret Santa gift (more details about this will be given to you on the meeting of 1st December)

All troop members can come in casual clothes and we encourage you to wear something related to Christmas such as a Santa hat.

Booking and payment of this activity was done on 1st December

## Unit

**Fri 7th Dec**

**Executive meeting @HQ**

**2000-2200hrs**

Today we will meet at HQ to plan for an upcoming activities and meetings for the upcoming month. It is important that all executive members will attend this meeting.

**Sat 8th Dec**

**Rovers and Ventures Competition Hike @HQ**

**0900-1500hrs**

We will be taking part in a hike competition which is organized by our rover crew in aid of St Joseph's Institute Zabbar. Don't forget to bring scarf, hiking boots and enough food and drink for the hike.

**Sat 15th Dec**

**Scouting skills Session - Rope work @Clement Gate**

**0900-1200hrs**

Today we will continue to enhance our scouting skills. This session is delivered by our leader. Today our VSL will resume on teaching different knots and if time permits will start teaching us splicing.

Do not forget to bring a 2 metre braided rope and a 3 strand rope at least 3 metres long and an electric tape.

All leaders and council members are invited to attend.

**Thu 20th Dec**

**Christmas activity @HQ**

**1800-2330hrs**

As 2018 is finally over, our annual Christmas event has arrived. As we do every year, we will spend some time together for the festive season.

The venue and time of this event will be given later. Happy Christmas to all your friends and family. :)

## Crew

**Sat 8th Dec**

**Rovers and Ventures Competition Hike @Tas-Silg Chapel**

**0900-1500hrs**

As part of the Induction Programme, the Fgura Rover Crew is organising a Treasure Hunt set in the South of Malta, open to all Venture and Rover members.

The activity will be a challenge between three mixed groups of Scouts following a trail, and undertaking a number of tasks along the road. Hiking boots, drinking water and the group scarf are required for this activity.