



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

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## December 2020

### Group

#### **Beavers**

Wed 2nd Dec	Christmas Themed Spiritual Session @Online	1800-1900hrs
Wed 9th Dec	Christmas around the world @Online	1800-1900hrs
Sat 19th Dec	Christmas Party 2020 @To be confirmed	1030-1230hrs

#### **Pack**

#### **LB should attend with Pack and Troop where marked (+LB)**

Sat 5th Dec	Traditional Christmas Cooking (+LB) @Online	0845-1030hrs
Sat 12th Dec	Obstacle Course & Quiz (+LB) @Gnien San Klement	0930-1100hrs
Sat 19th Dec	Magical Mayhem Online Christmas Show (+LB) @Online	1900-1945hrs

#### **Troop**

#### **Scout Fireside Chat Reminder**

Sat 5th Dec	Day Hike + LB @Haġar Qim Car Park	1300-1600hrs
Fri 11th Dec	A look to the stars! + LB @Google Meet	1800-2000hrs
Sun 13th Dec - Wed 23rd Dec	Tis the season to be jolly! + LB - #weeklychallenge @Anywhere	
Sat 19th Dec	Off to the cinema! + LB @Galleria	0930-1330hrs
Fri 25th Dec	No Meeting	

#### **Unit**

Fri 4th Dec	Escape Room and Pizza night @HQ	1900-2130hrs
Fri 11th Dec	Executive Meeting @Zoom	1900-2100hrs
Sat 19th Dec	Christmas Activity @Outside	1900-2200hrs

## Group

### Mince Pies Sale

You may have seen the posters we sent by email or on our Facebook page - as part of our much-needed fund-raising initiatives for this year we have teamed up with a local pastry chef who will be preparing some delicious mince pies for Christmas. The pies may be ordered in packs of twelve and each pack is neatly wrapped and presented on a tray, making them ideal as a gift or as a sweet treat for yourself.

Each pack costs only €7 and part of those proceeds will go towards covering the group's ongoing expenses. If you're interested, you may simply place your order at the following link and we will be in touch when the mince pies are ready to be collected.

<https://forms.gle/DGfoNv7h9owJuoEc9>

## Beavers

This year has brought with it various challenges yet we're confident to say that we still managed to overcome and live up to the scouting spirit. Surely this wouldn't be possible without your help, support and collaboration for which we truly appreciate.

We would like to wish all beavers and their family a happy Christmas filled with love and a prosperous new year.

Meetings will resume on the second week of January 2021.

### Wed 2nd Dec

### Christmas Themed Spiritual Session @Online

1800-1900hrs

Today we will have a spiritual meeting related to the upcoming festive season prepared by our spiritual development leader Shada. During this meeting Shada will help us understand the true meaning of Christmas.

### Wed 9th Dec

### Christmas around the world @Online

1800-1900hrs

We will continue with our informative session carried out by our leader Bubbles. Will be going to learn how different countries around the world celebrate Christmas in their own season whether its under the icy cold or scorching hot weather.

### Sat 19th Dec

### Christmas Party 2020 @To be confirmed

1030-1230hrs

We will be throwing a Christmas party with all the health precautions in mind. We will be meeting outside subject to weather conditions. More details will be announced through our Facebook group.

## Pack

Dear Parents and Cubs,

This has been a very challenging year for everyone and everything, scouting included. When this pandemic struck we honestly did not know what was the best way forward since this was a new challenge and it was a first. Moreover, we had to strictly adhere to health restrictions so it made it more of a challenge when we had the responsibility of the health of our members, ourselves and our families!

However, in these trying times our principles and our strength as a team of leaders, parents and cubs, helped us through in no small way and after ten months we can proudly say that not only the pack section remained strong in its membership, but the family spirit between us all made us pull through. Unfortunately there were groups who had no option but to stop meeting (even online) for now. This wasn't possible if it were not for the following factors:

- the strong team spirit between the leaders;
- the support and collaboration of the parents;
- the disciplined behaviour of the cubs both online and outdoor;
- the commitment of all involved.

I wanted to highlight these since in the year ahead we still have to continue facing challenges; but hopefully there is light at the end of the tunnel so we sincerely hope that this situation won't last as long as it already did!

Apart from the continued support from the parents, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the leaders in my section who left no stone unturned in order for our pack section to continue moving forward in the best way possible; notwithstanding obviously that every leader has behind him/her a family with all its situations.

So on behalf of all the leaders of the Pack Section, I would like to wish each and every member and family all the blessings that only the Lord can give us for Christmas 2020 and may 2021 see us taking part in ALL our usual outdoor scouting activities - mostly the camps which we missed so much. Until then, take good care of yourselves and Stay Safe :)

Akela and Pack Leaders

**Sat 5th Dec** **Traditional Christmas Cooking (+LB) @Online** **0845-1030hrs**  
**Meeting starts a 9am but login (as always) is 15 minutes before, i.e. from 0845am onwards.**

With Raksha as our cooking instructor we will be trying our hands at doing a christmas log :)

We decided to do a specific post with ingredients, utensils and all that the cubs have to prepare before the meeting starts as soon as this circular is out.

So watch out for the usual post in the Fgura Cub Scouts Facebook Group of the circular for December together with the details of this cooking session.

**Sat 12th Dec** **Obstacle Course & Quiz (+LB) @Gnien San Klement** **0930-1100hrs**

Today we are going to do another obstacle course - but with a twist. We're going to ask you some questions regarding topics related to scouting (what you do in your scouting sessions) and general knowledge questions - like what we do when we do a quiz :) So come prepared to experience knowledge, fun and adventure all at the same time!

**Today payment should be made for the online Christmas activity of next Saturday 19th December - a 40 minute Magical ZOOM show by Mr Paul Brown who is a professional children's entertainer in the UK and has been doing these online shows for kids in general and scouts worldwide.**

**Payment is of 5 euros and money should be brought in an envelope with the child's name on it. Those parents whose kids are not attending outdoor pack meetings should pay either by BOV mobile pay on Akela's mobile number 99836566 or by Revolut on Raksha's mobile number 79295131. Otherwise, the other parents are kindly asked to pay today to avoid unnecessary hassle for the leaders.**

**Sat 19th Dec** **Magical Mayhem Online Christmas Show (+LB) @Online** **1900-1945hrs**

This year we decided to do a Christmas activity with a difference - an online Christmas spectacle where all we have to do is sit back and enjoy the show :)

The link will obviously be available later and when this circular is out, I will be uploading a PDF file on the Pack Facebook Group which the organizer sent us for those cubs attending to print (don't ask me what you're going to do with it.....it's a surprise.....I don't know either!).

**Booking and payment for this activity was done last week.**

## Troop

As a reminder ASL David is presenting Scout Fireside Chats to all members, parents, council members, etc of Fgura.

They are roughly every 2 weeks and are live on a Facebook stream. If you have not managed to catch any of the previous ones, such as James (GSL), Joanne (AGSL), Gail (Troop SL) and Brian (AVSL), you can catch them all [HERE](#).

For December, ASL David will have the following guests:

- Dec 3rd at 8pm: Ruth Farrugia (Cub Akela)
- Dec 17th at 8pm: Keith (ASL Troop)
- Dec 29th at 8pm: Liana (ASL Troop)

Tune in and find out more about our leaders through the section.

**Sat 5th Dec** **Day Hike + LB @Haġar Qim Car Park** **1300-1600hrs**

We will be brushing up our mapping skills, we will be going on a hike. This time a circular route for each patrol starting and ending in Haġar Qim car park.

Bring consent form, map kit, waterproof raincoat (just in case), appropriate footwear, mask, scarf, first aid and water.

**Today we will be taking the booking and payment of €7.50 for the Christmas activity of 19th December. The payment includes the movie, popcorn and a soft drink.**

**Fri 11th Dec** **A look to the stars! + LB @Google Meet** **1800-2000hrs**

This week we have an online guest!

We will be looking to the stars with a guest who does astronomy lessons. They will be teaching about various constellations as well as various objects you can see at night (via eyes or telescopes).

For those who are doing the Astronomy badge, this is an extra bonus for you!

Google Meet details will be given on the Facebook Members page prior to the date, so keep an eye out for these.

**Sun 13th Dec - Wed 23rd Dec** **Tis the season to be jolly! + LB - #weeklychallenge @Anywhere**

Merry Christmas and a Happy New year!

As a final hurrah for 2020, we are asking you to come up with a scout themed Christmas song for your #weeklychallenge.

The song/cover must contain scouting items or themes.

Submit a video of you singing the song or reading out the poem you created for a huge 100pts! More details to come in the Facebook Members page.

**Sat 19th Dec** **Off to the cinema! + LB @Galleria** **0930-1330hrs**

As a christmas outing, and to keep within guidelines we are off to the cinema!

Cinemas around Malta have their COVID guidelines in place, including spaced out seating and with masks.

Bring consent form, mask and money for additional snacks

Film decision will be made closer to the time. Keep an eye on the Facebook Members page for more info as some details might change.

Booking and payment of €7.50 was done on 5th December. The payment includes the movie, popcorn and a soft drink.

## Unit

Dear Venture Members and Parents,

This has been a very challenging and particular year for everyone. When this pandemic struck we didn't know what will happen and what's best for all the group members but we did not remove from our heads the phrase that we thought about on the the first meeting of 2020. It was quite challenging to attend as person during the early times of the pandemic but regardless of that we found a particular way to meet visually and virtually because if there's a will there's a way. Regardless all the differences we have in this particular section we all united at last and we are stronger than ever. At last we would like to wish you a Happy Christmas with your loved ones and a Happy new year !!!

**Fri 4th Dec** **Escape Room and Pizza night @HQ** **1900-2130hrs**

Today we will meet for a well prepared and organised activity by one of the grown ups, It will be an Escape Room Activity. After that we will be having a Games night. Those who want can order Pizza too. See you there !!!

**Fri 11th Dec** **Executive Meeting @Zoom** **1900-2100hrs**

At last this year has only few days left and we will hope to have a better one next year, So it's that time of the year to show our appreciation towards this years Executive Members and to Congrats this years Executive Members. Today the Elected Members will meet through Zoom to discuss the plans for 2021. See you there !!!

**Sat 19th Dec** **Christmas Activity @Outside** **1900-2200hrs**

Today we will be having our last activity for the year 2020 so it would be perfect if the whole group attends. Further Information will be given at a later date. See you there !!!