



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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December 2022

Group

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Beavers

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Wed 14th Dec Spiritual Session @HQ 1800-1900hrs

Wed 21st Dec Christmas Party @HQ 1800-2000hrs

Pack

LB members are to attend with Pack & Troop where marked (+LB). There are no MOBs until further notice.

Fri 2nd Dec Christmas Craft with recycled items @HQ 1830-2100hrs

Fri 9th Dec Making Cinnamon Balls @HQ 1900-2030hrs

Sat 10th Dec Old People's Home Visit (+LB) @HQ 1430-1630hrs

Sat 17th Dec Christmas Activity (+LB) @Bulebel 1015-1530hrs

Troop

Sat 3rd Dec Mud Ovens (+LB) @Clement Gate 0830-1500hrs

Fri 9th Dec Scoutish night (+LB) @Bulebel 1830-2200hrs

Sat 17th Dec Christmas Activity and Party @HQ 1000-1400hrs

Unit

Sat 3rd Dec Orienteering Sessions @HQ 1130-1300hrs

Fri 9th Dec 12 Week Program @HQ 2045-2215hrs

Fri 16th Dec Christmas Activity @HQ

Crew

Sun 4th Dec AGM @HQ 0900-1200hrs

Sun 18th Dec Christmas Dinner @TBD 2000-2230hrs

Group

Fri 16th Dec

Il-Pjazza Fil-Milied @Pjazza Reggie Miller

1900hrs onwards

The Fgura Local Council is organising a Christmas event in Carmel Street and Reggie Miller Square. There will be music and entertainment for all the family, stands selling food, drinks and local handicrafts as well as a food-court.

Our group will be participating in this activity and our volunteers will be selling some yummy Christmas treats from our stand. We encourage all of you to find some time to visit this special Christmas initiative.

Beavers

Seasons Greetings

We would like to wish you a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year from all the beaver leaders whilst thanking you for all your support throughout the year. We will resume our meetings on the 7th January 2023.

Wed 7th Dec

Christmas craft with recycled items @HQ

1800-1900hrs

For today's meeting we will be creating several Christmas tree decorations using our artistic imagination and recycled material such as coloured paper, empty milk cartons and small plastic bottles.

Kindly note that the decorations will be displayed on the Christmas Tree in Piazza Reggie Miller organised by the Fgura Local Council.

Wed 14th Dec

Spiritual Session @HQ

1800-1900hrs

What is the real meaning of Christmas? In today's session we will find out why Christmas goes beyond festivities & presents and what really Christmas stands for. Beavers are reminded to bring a small cushion.

Wed 21st Dec

Christmas Party @HQ

1800-2000hrs

Get ready for our annual Christmas party where plenty of fun games and party food await us :) Beavers are to wear casual clothing or any Christmas-themed clothing they wish. Please bring a small lunchbox in case beavers are not in the mood for some party food :)

Pack

Dear Parents & Cubs

Can't believe another year has passed - full of scouting activities and beautiful memories.

Even though December is a month of festivities, and as a pack all of December is Christmas related, yet our activities have a social theme as well apart from the fun of the activity in itself.

The Christmas craft is made out of recycled material and will form part of an activity called 'Miled riciklabbli' organized by the Fgura Local Council; and the Christmas treats we will be making will be given to the elderly at the Dar San Guzepp home for the elderly just a few paces down from our HQ in Triq il Kuluvert.

This activity is something which as cubs we like to do practically every year (except these last 3 years obviously). So we are taking this opportunity to let the cubs do something specifically for them (instead of buying it) and then we visit them to give them these treats and keep them company to show them we care.

This activity is part of the Silver Arrow progress - Community Service and this session will be marked for all the cubs attending and doing their Silver arrow (and even Bronze arrow cubs who will be starting their silver arrow soon and will acquire their Bronze arrow during the AGM).

This is the reason why I emphasize the importance of attending pack meetings - and hence why I'm explaining their importance - since these are not activities which we organize frequently (for obvious reasons).

We will end this month with the Christmas activity - details of which can be found in this circular. **As a section we will be sponsoring this Christmas activity and give a special price of Eur 20 for all our beloved cubs :)**

Pack Meetings will resume on Saturday 7th January 2023. We wish all the cubs & parents a Blessed Christmas filled with peace and love and a New Year 2023 full of health, happiness and loads of scouting activities with us :)

AKELA & PACK LEADERS

Fri 2nd Dec

Christmas Craft with recycled items @HQ

1830-2100hrs

As already mentioned in the Pack Note, this craft is going to be made from recycled items only and all crafts will be taken by the leaders to the Fgura Local Council to be hung on the Christmas tree in Reggie Miller square on the occasion of the activity Miled Riciklabbli organized by our Local Council. This activity is to take place on Friday 16th December.

No items are to be bought for this craft since items used can be found in any household. The items needed by the cubs will be listed in a post done on our Facebook Group but most of the items will be made available by the leaders, together with craft items found at our HQ which were never used over time.

Cubs should wear cap & scarf for the meeting and get all the items listed in the post, together with a bottle of water since the meeting is longer than usual in order to make sure that crafts are finished on time. No problem for those cubs who come a bit late because of doctrine lessons if meeting starts 15 minutes before since this time will be utilised for explanations.

Today booking should be made for Christmas Activity to be held on Saturday 17th December - please get Consent form + Eur20.00 which includes payment for masterclass at the Malta Chocolate Factory, meal + drink in a restaurant in Bugibba and transport - HOWEVER WE ARE HAPPY TO ANNOUNCE THAT THIS PRICE IS SPONSORED BY THE SECTION :)

Choice of food for the cub should be indicated on the Consent Form (Menu can be found in the 17th December date).

Fri 9th Dec

Making Cinnamon Balls @HQ

1900-2030hrs

Today we're going to make some goodies but not for ourselves or to take home with us but to give to the elderly in Dar San Guzepp when we go to visit them the next day!

These cinnamon balls need no baking and when the cubs are ready we pack them up to take them to the elderly on Saturday 10th December when we go to pay them a visit to cheer them up during the festive season. We obviously don't have enough time to do this all in one meeting so for this weekend we decided to meet twice.

Cubs should get the following items:

200g oats; 283g pitted soft dates; 1 tablespoon maple syrup; 1 tablespoon cinnamon; 1/4 teaspoon sea salt; some shredded coconut to roll the balls in.

Note: when it comes to maple syrup, cinnamon and salt, please give the cub the jar of maple syrup and the cinnamon in a closed packet or container (same with the salt) and then we measure out the amounts whilst doing the recipe.

Apart from the ingredients, cubs should get an apron, a tablespoon, a teaspoon, 2 small bowls = 1 to put the mixture in and the other to put the coconut in to roll the balls; a flat plastic plate to put the ready made balls in before packing them up and a wooden spoon.

There will be a blender for each six and the leaders will blend the ingredients together to get the mixture to do the cinnamon balls.

Sat 10th Dec

Old People's Home Visit (+LB) @HQ

1430-1630hrs

Today we should come with activity hoodie; cap and scarf but with parade trousers please. We meet at HQ and from there we go just down the road to Dar San Guzepp to see some of the retired people there. We will give them the treats which we did for them and if we can, we will sing them the songs we sang for the campfire!

Even though the 4 Link Badge members could not be present yesterday for the Cinnamon ball making since they had an activity with Troop Section, they are still invited to come with the rest of the Pack today to visit the residents of the San Guzepp home (there will be enough cinnamon balls for the link badge to give to the elderly!)

Cubs should come in full activity uniform with cap & scarf and get a face mask with them to be worn when we go to visit the old people. No cub will be allowed without a mask in the home.

Sat 17th Dec

Christmas Activity (+LB) @Bulebel

1015-1530hrs

We will be meeting at Bulebel for the transport to take us to Bugibba where we will be attending a Masterclass in chocolate making at the Malta Chocolate Factory.

Cubs will be taking part in a 1 hour 3D chocolate making class where they will be making a 3D character of their choice, made of chocolate to take home.

Cubs do not need to get anything with them and they should come in activity uniform - with scarf but NO CAP NEEDED.

Afterwards we will go for a meal together at the Bugies Restaurant in Bugibba and then head back to Fgura.

Cubs should choose from the below menu and make a note of their choice on the Consent Form presented to the leaders upon booking on Saturday 3rd December:

Beef Burger & Chips

Chicken Burger & Chips

Chicken Nuggets & Chips

Penne Bolognese

Penne White Sauce (with ham & mushrooms)

Pizza Margherita (plain with mozzarella only)

(all of the above include a drink with them)

Booking for this activity together with choice of food was done on Friday 2nd December.

Troop

Sat 3rd Dec

Mud Ovens (+LB) @Clement Gate

0830-1500hrs

Today we will be meeting at clement gate (polverista) to build mud ovens and cook some delicious pizzas. **PL's and APL's only are to meet at the stores at 8am.** In case of bad weather, we will inform you on Facebook that the meeting place will be changed, and we will meet at the HQ.

All ingredients will be provided by the leaders. **Important to inform us of any food allergies.**

You will all need to bring; **consent form, scarf, cutlery bag, first aid kit, water, raincoat.** You will also need to bring a rolling pin per patrol .

The fee of Euro 5 for today's activity was collected on Friday 25th November. For those who haven't booked/paid yet please inform the leaders and pay on the day.

Today we will also be collecting bookings and fees for two activities; the scoutish night on 9th December (Euro 3) and the Christmas activity and party on the 17th of December (Euro 10). For those not attending today but wish to attend one or both of the mentioned activities, you must still book by today and pay on the day of activity.

Fri 9th Dec

Scoutish night (+LB) @Bulebel

1830-2200hrs

We will meet at Bulebel and then head off to Hal Ghaxaq for a scoutish night filled with night games, small campfire, scout songs and of course the long awaited smores. Since it is Christmas time, the most wonderful time of the year we suggest that all of you wear Christmas hats, jumpers or other accessories.

To bring with you consent form, scarf, raincoat, first aid kit, torch and water.

In case of bad weather, we will inform you on Facebook that meeting place will be changed and we will meet at the HQ.

Today's booking and payment of Euro 3 to be done by the 3rd of December.

Today we will also be giving you the list of food to choose from, for the Christmas activity. For those not attending today we will also be posting the list of food on Facebook and has to inform ASL Gail **by today.** **We will also inform you about the Secret Santa, the budget for this is Euro10**

Sat 17th Dec

Christmas Activity and Party @HQ

1000-1400hrs

This activity will be split in two parts, part 1 is living up to the true meaning of Christmas and part 2 is celebration with friends. The meeting will start and end at the HQ

"Christmas ia all about sharing love and happiness especially with those who might feel lonely during these times"

For part 1 we will go to the elderly home 'Dar San Guzepp', where we will cheer the elderly people living there and give them some fruit and water and optional a christmas card or small gift/craft (if you want) If you have any other ideas of what they would like please let us know from before, we will be avoiding any sweets or sugary/salty snacks. Whilst there we will also talk with the elderly people and cheer them up by singing some Christmas or scout songs.

For part 2 we will head back to HQ for a small Christmas party where we will exchange the secret Santa gift, have lunch together (leaders will be bringing all food) and enjoy a nice time together.

You will all need to wear the **group scarf** and we suggest you wear a festive shirt or accessories. You will also need to bring **consent form, secret Santa gift, face mask, water and fruit/gifts for the elderly.**

Very important to wrap the secret Santa gift in brown paper and the name on the gift has to be printed

Today's booking and payment (Euro10), was done on the 3rd of December

Unit

Sat 3rd Dec

Orienteering Sessions @HQ

1130-1300hrs

Today we will be meeting for some orienteering sessions to revise certain skills.

Fri 9th Dec

12 Week Program @HQ

2045-2215hrs

Today we will be meeting to discuss activity ideas to be done next year.

Fri 16th Dec

Christmas Activity @HQ

Today we will be meeting to enjoy a relaxing time together.
Further details about this activity will be given at a later date.

Crew

Sun 4th Dec

AGM @HQ

0900-1200hrs

Today we will be having our Annual General Meeting, in which we shall review our year long journey of 2022 and put our best foot forward for the next!

We will also use this meeting as a selection for our Secret Santa.

It would be greatly appreciated for everyone to try their best to attend. Thanks

Sun 18th Dec

Christmas Dinner @TBD

2000-2230hrs

Our yearly Christmas Dinner has finally arrived. The restaurant is yet to be chosen, more details will be provided in the upcoming days.