



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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February 2024

Group

Fri 9th Feb	Fgura Scouts Group Carnival Party 2023 @Fgura Primary School Hall	1900-2200hrs
Sun 25th Feb	Church Parade @ Fgura Parish @HQ	0845-1100hrs

Are you an adult and interested to join the group, either as a helper or support as a leader? Let's have a chat. Contact GSL now :)!.

Beavers

Thu 1st Feb	Informative Meeting - New Members @HQ	1800-1900hrs
Wed 7th Feb	Colony Log Chew @HQ	1800-1900hrs
Wed 14th Feb	Carnival Craft @HQ	1800-1900hrs
Wed 21st Feb	Daily Etiquette @HQ	1800-1900hrs
Sun 25th Feb	Church Parade @HQ	
Sat 2nd Mar	Cookout lunch @Polverista	1100-1300hrs

Moving on Beavers are to attend with the pack section were marked

Pack

Sat 3rd Feb	Spiritual (+LB) @HQ	1430-1630hrs
Sat 10th Feb	Carnival Creativity (+LB) & (+MOB) @HQ	1430-1630hrs
Sat 17th Feb	No Meeting	
Sat 24th Feb	Cultural Visits (+MOB) @Pls check Facebook Group	
Sun 25th Feb	Church Parade (+LB) @HQ	

Moving on Beavers (MOBs) and Link Badge members (LB) are to attend with Pack and Troop where marked (+MOB) or (+LB) respectively.

Troop

Fri 2nd Feb	PLC @HQ	1700-1830hrs
Fri 2nd Feb	Scout Meeting + Interest badges @HQ	1830-2030hrs
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Band

Wed 7th Feb	Band Rehearsal @HQ	1900-2000hrs
Fri 9th Feb	Carnival Party @Fgura Primary School Hall	1830hrs onwards
Wed 14th Feb	Band Rehearsal @HQ	1745-1930hrs
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Group

SAVE THE DATES

Dear Parents, you may wish to take note of the following forthcoming group activities:

1st March 2024 - Majjalata at Rinella Campsite, Kalkara

25th March 2024 - Redentur Church Parade, Fgura

28th - 30th June - Group Summer Camp, Birzebbugia

27th July - 7th August: Essex International Jamboree

12th - 15th Dec 2024 - Winter Summer Camp, Rinella

Fri 9th Feb **Fgura Scouts Group Carnival Party 2023 @Fgura Primary School Hall** **1900-2200hrs**

The Fgura Scouts Group Carnival is back! Booking are now open by email on events@fgurascouts.org by not later than **Friday 3rd February 2024.**

Adults: 10 Euros

Children Under 12yrs: 5 Euro

***As part of our campaign for a healthier environment, it is encouraged to bring your own cutlery set for meals.

Please indicate in your email if you wish to participate in Carnival Competition and Age of Participant. Looking forward to see you on Friday 9th at 19.00hrs - Fgura Primary School Hall.

Sun 25th Feb **Church Parade @ Fgura Parish @HQ** **0845-1100hrs**

On the day, all group members are to attend in full uniform with black formal shoes heading towards Fgura Parish Church and back to the HQ, ending up with some traditional refreshments.

Band Members are expected to be at HQ at 8.15hrs please.

Beavers

Thu 1st Feb

Informative Meeting - New Members @HQ

1800-1900hrs

We're hosting an informative meeting for new members in our beaver colony! This is a great opportunity to learn more about how our colony works.

If there are any parents, who have any questions or would like to know more about our section please feel free to attend.

Wed 7th Feb

Colony Log Chew @HQ

1800-1900hrs

Today is our Log Chew session, where all us beavers in the colony gather to chat and share ideas. It's a time for us to work together, talk about what's on our minds, and come up with smart plans to make things go well for everyone.

During this meeting we will also welcome new members.

Wed 14th Feb

Carnival Craft @HQ

1800-1900hrs

In today's session, we're getting into a festive spirit by creating vibrant carnival crafts. As we soak in the joyful atmosphere, we'll also indulge in some carnival-themed games for added fun.

Just a friendly reminder to bring along your craft case, stocked with glitters, glue, and coloring pens. Let's make it a colourful and enjoyable day for everyone!

Wed 21st Feb

Daily Etiquette @HQ

1800-1900hrs

In today's session, we're going to talk about good manners and how they make our daily lives better. We'll cover things like how to behave at the table, speaking nicely, and being polite. It's a chance for all of us to learn how to act in a friendly and thoughtful way every day.

Sun 25th Feb

Church Parade @HQ

Please see group details for more information.

Sat 2nd Mar

Cookout lunch @Polverista

1100-1300hrs

It's that time of the year again when we can have a great time outdoors and enjoy a memorable cookout together. We're planning to grill some juicy burgers and treat ourselves to sweet scout bread with Nutella.

There will be a 5-euro fee collected on the day, and all beavers are encouraged to join in wearing their full activity gear, including the scarf. Also, don't forget to bring a signed consent form with you. Let's make it a fantastic day of good food and outdoor fun!

If you have any dietary requirements, please make sure to speak to Keeo.

Pack

Dear Parents & Cubs,

This year we are going to give more importance to the points system and we want to make clear here what we said to the cubs. Apart from the awarding of points for good behaviour, conduct, etc; points will be deducted for the following reasons:

- If cub comes with something missing from the activity uniform, e.g. without cap and, or scarf. This also applies to parade uniform;
- If we ask them to get certain items with them and they do not get them (e.g. getting a plastic cup for the film or missing craft items, or the Cub Book when we ask them to);
- Cubs coming late without a particular reason (and the reason has to be justified - like finishing off from a previous commitment).

This is being emphasized so that the cubs learn that we have to be disciplined in the small things to learn to be disciplined when we are adults.

We would also like to inform you that we have started collecting the monthly fees of Eur 1 each month. Unfortunately some cubs do not even know what these monthly fees are and that means that they are not forking it out of their pocket money to learn to contribute to their Section. These fees will be collected every 3 months and so during the month of January we collect the monthly fee from Jan-Mar; in April we collect fees from April - June; in July we collect from July - Sep and in October from Oct - Dec. Cubs are to get their monthly fees booklet with them to be marked accordingly. **MOBs should start paying from April onwards.**

February is Carnival month and apart from a fun and exciting activity related to this celebration (**for which we asked you to come prepared**), we also have the yearly Cultural Visits which are part of the Scouting Programme (Sessions).

In the weekend of Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th February a National Cub Leaders' Camp will be held where details of the new Cub Programme will be finalized in a series of workshops and discussions. **The cubs will have no meeting in that weekend.**

Please make sure to read the circular carefully and more important to follow the Fgura Cub Scouts Facebook Group for any updates and new news about the Section.

Thank you
AKELA & PACK LEADERS

Sat 3rd Feb

Spiritual (+LB) @HQ

1430-1630hrs

The spiritual aspect is one of the fundamentals on which scouting is based so it is very important especially with the challenges we face today.

For this month, the spiritual session will be dedicated to our founder Baden Powell since on the 22nd February we celebrate Founder's Day.

Sat 10th Feb

Carnival Creativity (+LB) & (+MOB) @HQ

1430-1630hrs

It's Carnival weekend and carnival is directly related to costumes of any kind.

In this meeting cubs will work in sixes as a team and the points will go toward the Best Six award at the end of the year.

The cubs are going to make a costume out of recycled material - example - old magazines; empty kitchen and toilet rolls; empty cans (with no sharp edges for safety) or plastic containers; extra material (drapp) and anything else which comes to mind!!

One of the cubs in the respective six will serve as a mannequin and the other cubs will create a costume around him or her. The best costume voted will get the maximum number of points and these points will serve for the best six award.

So cubs get creative and start collecting any items which can serve for an original costume!!

Sat 24th Feb

Cultural Visits (+MOB) @Pls check Facebook Group

For these visits cubs will be split by arrows according to their scouting progress. So there will be 3 cultural visits - Bronze, Silver and Gold (MOBs will attend with the Bronze Arrow cubs).

The respective leaders will make arrangements for each and every visit and there will be a Facebook post for every arrow (with the names of the cubs who are supposed to attend for each and every arrow).

So please be on the lookout for these details as soon as they are out since booking needs to be made.

Sun 25th Feb

Church Parade (+LB) @HQ

This is the first parade of 2024. Cubs are to come with full parade uniform, including black polished shoes and badges properly sewn on. It is advisable to take breakfast before coming.

Please see Group Section for more details.

Troop

Fri 2nd Feb

PLC @HQ

1700-1830hrs

PLC for PLs and APLs only- we shall explain the purpose of the PLC and assign the Chairman and Secretary. Agenda of the first PLC will be distributed before the meeting.

Fri 2nd Feb

Scout Meeting + Interest badges @HQ

1830-2030hrs

Let's brush up those scouting skills and explore the interests of your fellow scouts through presentations of interest badges. If you want to present an interest badge, get in touch with our Leader Susanne.

What to bring: The mountaineer award book, pens and note book.

Booking and payments will be collected for the PLs and APLs camp. Please bring €20 for the overnight camp at Rinella.

Fri 9th Feb

Group Carnival @Fgura Primary School Hall

Refer to the Group Section of this monthly circular

Sat 17th Feb - Sun 18th Feb

PLs and APLs Camp @Rinella Scout Centre

0830-1600hrs

This year we will put all our efforts to empower the kids. This can only be achieved by providing the tools to our PLs and APLs. We are organizing a two day camp for the new PLs and APLs. Attendance of all PLs and APLs is highly recommended for the full camp :) Scouts shall sleep in the dormitories.

Please bring with you- Consent form, health form (medicines if applicable), and all camping gear.

Fri 23rd Feb

Scout Meeting @HQ

1830-2030hrs

Following the knowledge the PLs and APLs camp, this scouting sessions will be delivered by the PLs and APLs themselves. All scout members are to get their mountaineer award book, notebook and pens.

Sun 25th Feb

Church Parade @HQ

Refer to Group Section of this monthly circular.

Sat 2nd Mar

Operation Tal-Linja @ROCS Grp Floriana

0900-1500hrs

Last time we held this event was in 2020... and scouts still describe it as an adventurous and fun day! Everyone shall meet at Floriana-Floriani Bus-stop next to ROCS group (there's a statute of Manoel de Vilhena). However, please take note that the meeting will end at our Fgura HQ.

It will be a patrol competition. Each patrol will travel around Malta using only public transport. All of you will need an activated tal-linja card. You will need to bring: tal-linja card, consent form, water, raincoat, packed lunch, group scarf, cap and a strategic mind. More details will be provided on the day!

Unit

Fri 2nd Feb - Sat 3rd Feb

Joint Activity with Xagħra Unit @HQ

1900-1700hrs

New month, more exciting activities. On the 2nd we will meet at HQ and take transport towards our second joint activity for the year, which is with Gozitan scouts. We will spend the night at their HQ, and wake up for a programme of activities organised by AVSL Rebecca as part of her Basic Course. Then we will head back to Malta at around 17:00. Bring with you two separate consent forms (one for Friday and one for Saturday), health form, money (exact amount for transport and ferry will be provided on the Ventures Chat), sleeping gear, packed lunch, cutlery bag

Tue 6th Feb

Executive Meeting @HQ

1930hrs onwards

Tonight we will be meeting for another executive meeting. Please come with ideas so that we could build an excellent programme this year.

For Executive Only

Fri 9th Feb

Carnival Party @Fgura Primary School Hall

1930hrs onwards

See group Details

Fri 16th Feb

Pizza and movie night @HQ

1930-2200hrs

Today, while dealing with the exam session, we will watch a movie together and eat some pizza. Bring enough money to order food.

Sat 24th Feb

Fire and Axe Session + Backwoods @Polverista

0900-1500hrs

Now that most of our ventures have finished off their exams, they deserve a rest. So today, we will be refreshing our cooking skills and cooking backwoods. Bring with you some food able to cook in foil, foil, consent form, rain jacket, enough water and first aid.

