



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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January 2021

Group

Thu 14th Jan	General Scouters, Council & Rover Meeting @Zoom	1900-2030hrs
Fri 29th Jan	Annual General Meeting 2020 @Zoom	1900-2100hrs

Beavers

Wed 13th Jan	Months in a Year @Virtual	1800-1900hrs
Wed 20th Jan	Life-cycle of Frog & Butterflies @Virtual	1800-1900hrs
Fri 29th Jan	Annual General Meeting @Virtual	1900-2100hrs
Sat 30th Jan	Picnic at St Clements's Park @St Clements's park	1000-1200hrs

MOB (Moving on Beavers) should attend with Pack only where marked (+MOB)

Pack

Fri 8th Jan	Spiritual (+LB) @Online	1845-2000hrs
Fri 15th Jan	Show and Tell (Part 1) (+LB and +MOB) @Online	1845-2030hrs
Fri 22nd Jan	Sessions (+LB and +MOB) @Online	1845-2000hrs
Fri 29th Jan	Annual General Meeting (AGM) @Online	1900-2100hrs

LB (Link Badge) and MOB (Moving on Beavers) should attend with Pack only where marked (+LB) or (+MOB).

Troop

Fri 1st Jan	No Meeting	
Sat 9th Jan	Zulu Challenge (+LB) @See Details	0900-1500hrs
Mon 11th Jan - Sun 17th Jan	Its a kinda magic! #weeklychallenge (+LB) @Anywhere	
Sat 23rd Jan	Bike Hike/ Hike Joint with Unit (+LB) @See description	0900-1200hrs
Fri 29th Jan	AGM @Online	1900hrs onwards

Unit

Fri 1st Jan	No Meeting	
Fri 8th Jan	Executive meeting @Zoom	1900-2100hrs
Fri 15th Jan	Sessions on Scout skills @HQ	1900-2130hrs
Sat 16th Jan	Cookout @Near Football ground	1030-1300hrs
Sat 23rd Jan	Bike hike with Troop @see description	0900-1200hrs
Fri 29th Jan	AGM @Online	1900hrs onwards

Crew

Mon 4th Jan	executive meeting @zoom	2000-2100hrs
Thu 14th Jan	Rover's general meeting @zoom	2000-2130hrs
Sat 23rd Jan	Rover's ceremony @Laferla cross	1000hrs onwards
Fri 29th Jan	AGM @ZOOM	1900hrs onwards

Pack

Dear Parents & Cubs

In this situation we are planning short term, i.e. every month and not longer in order to adapt the meetings according to how the situation develops always giving priority to health & safety measures.

In January, 3 link badge members will go up with Troop during the AGM whilst 6 beavers will start their moving on period with us.

In January we decided to go completely online also due to the weather conditions. The timing shown on the circular for the beginning of the meeting is always a quarter of an hour before the actual meeting starts in order to give time for all the cubs to connect. May we kindly remind all cubs that activity uniform and scarf (for invested members) should always be worn for online meetings.

An exception this year is the fact that there will be no meeting in January in order to reshuffle the sixes. This is due to the fact that in 2020 the cubs did not have the opportunity to work and interact as a six so it only makes sense that sixes for 2021 remain the same.

As regards the monthly fees for 2021, i.e. the 0.60eurocents per month, these should be paid every 3 months so payments should be made in March, June, September and December amounting to 1.80euros for 3 months. When these are due, I will make a reminder in the monthly circular.

And last but not least, we would like to augur all the cubs and their families a New Year much better than the preceding one but still full of scouting activities!

Fri 8th Jan **Spiritual (+LB) @Online** **1845-2000hrs**

What better way to start off the New Year than with a spiritual thought from Shada! This will set the scene for the upcoming months in order to gear up together to face the challenges ahead :)

Fri 15th Jan **Show and Tell (Part 1) (+LB and +MOB) @Online** **1845-2030hrs**

This is something which the cubs also do at school. What we're going to do is that we're going to allow the cubs to have a couple of minutes all to themselves to tell us something about anything they like - be it about themselves or something they experienced during the Christmas holidays or on something which they really like or are passionate about.

In February we will have part 2 of this Show and Tell since there won't be time for all the cubs to participate in just one meeting - the LB will definitely have a go today since they won't be with us in Part 2 the following month.

Fri 22nd Jan **Sessions (+LB and +MOB) @Online** **1845-2000hrs**

This is the first scouting session for this year and cubs will be split up into breakout rooms according to their arrow.

Scouting sessions are very important and possibly not to be missed.

Fri 29th Jan **Annual General Meeting (AGM) @Online** **1900-2100hrs**

Yes, we're still going to hold our AGM in an online version - it's going to take the form of a ZOOM Webinar so today parents should be online participating together with their kids. This is an annual appointment which shouldn't be missed and all you have to do is follow the link which the GSL will be sending.

All details are in the Group part of the circular and invested members are kindly reminded to wear the uniform shirt and scarf (not activity uniform this time). As regards trousers, well the GSL said that even pygama pants will do so as to remain comfy :) Non invested members (and the pack has 3 of them) should wear any hoodie/sweatshirt of a blue colour so that it would be similar to the activity hoodie.

I expect to see ALL CUBS & PARENTS ONLINE PLEASE :)

Troop

Sat 9th Jan **Zulu Challenge (+LB) @See Details** **0900-1500hrs**

We begin the year with our now traditional Zulu challenge!

A full day of checkpoints and activities to test your scouting skills. Stay sharp and be prepared. This is a patrol competition.

Topics that will be covered:

- Fire and Cooking
- General Knowledge
- Knots and Lashing
- Mapping
- Strike a tent
- First Aid

Bring consent form, scarf, activity wear, map kit, lunch, snacks, water and waterproof (if needed).

Starting and end point is:

Church of Our Lady of tas-Silg

Triq Delimara, Marsaxlokk

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/1VqdniFyHDPPSNDt9>

Note: You will need to inform the Leaders if you plan to attend the Bike hike with the Unit on the 23rd January **by TODAY**

Mon 11th Jan - Sun 17th Jan **Its a kinda magic! #weeklychallenge (+LB) @Anywhere**

This week is our weekly challenge where we will be asking you to do a magic trick.

Details to be posted on the Facebook Members page. Keep an eye out!

Sat 23rd Jan **Bike Hike/ Hike Joint with Unit (+LB) @See description** **0900-1200hrs**

Let's start 2021 with an awesome bike hike/hike. This time round it will be a joint activity with the Unit.

Two different routes for bikers and hikers are prepared; Bikers will start at Bulebel, whilst hikers will start at Marsaxlokk San Lucjan tower.

Both routes will end at Bulebel industrial estate.

Everyone must come in activity wear and get the following: consent form, plenty of water, lunch, first aid kit, rain coat, masks and sanitizer.

Bikers, must also get: bike helmet, repair kit and a bike! ☐

Please let us know by **9th January** if you are attending by bike or hike or neither.

Fri 29th Jan **AGM @Online** **1900hrs onwards**

Please see Group details for AGM instructions.

Unit

Fri 8th Jan **Executive meeting @Zoom** **1900-2100hrs**

Today we will be meeting to plan the February program via Zoom.

Fri 15th Jan **Sessions on Scout skills @HQ** **1900-2130hrs**

Today we will be meeting for some scouting skills sessions which will be led by our leaders. Come with ideas on what you want to practice.

Sat 16th Jan **Cookout @Near Football ground** **1030-1300hrs**

Today we will meet for a cookout near the football ground. Additional information will be given at a later date.

Sat 23rd Jan **Bike hike with Troop @see description** **0900-1200hrs**

Today we will be meeting for a joint activity with the Troop.

Two different routes will be prepared for the hike.

Bikers will start from Bulebel, whilst hikers will start at Marsaxlokk San Lucjan tower. Both routes will end at Bulebel.

Additional information will be given at a later date.

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Please see Group section details for AGM instructions.