



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

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# January 2023

### **Group**

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| Thu 5th Jan  | General Scouters & Council Meeting @HQ           | 1900hrs onwards |
| Fri 27th Jan | Annual General Meeting @Fgura Local Council Hall | 1900-2100hrs    |

### **Beavers**

#### **There are no Moving on Beavers for this month**

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| Sat 7th Jan  | Joint Activity with Rabat Colony @HQ        | 0815-1300hrs |
| Wed 11th Jan | New year, new members, new lodges @HQ       | 1800-1900hrs |
| Wed 18th Jan | Movie night @HQ                             | 1800-1900hrs |
| Fri 27th Jan | Annual General Meeting @Fgura Local Council | 1900-2100hrs |

### **Pack**

#### **LB membes are to attend with Pack & Troop where marked (+LB). We have no MOBs for this month.**

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| Sat 7th Jan  | Reshuffle of Sixes & Sessions (+LB) + Monthly fees payment @HQ | 1430-1630hrs    |
| Sat 14th Jan | Cultural Visits (+LB) @As advised                              |                 |
| Sat 21st Jan | Spiritual & Games @HQ  | 1430-1600hrs    |
| Fri 27th Jan | Annual General Meeting (AGM) (+LB) @Fgura Local Council Hall   | 1900hrs onwards |

### **Troop**

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| Sat 7th Jan  | No Meeting                   |                 |
| Sat 14th Jan | Zulu Challenge @Clement Gate | 0900-1500hrs    |
| Fri 20th Jan | New patrols (+LB) @HQ        | 1830-2030hrs    |
| Fri 27th Jan | AGM @Fgura Local Council     | 1900hrs onwards |

### **Unit**

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| Fri 6th Jan  | Induction meeting @HQ                    | 2000-2130hrs    |
| Fri 13th Jan | Badge Presentations @HQ                  | 2000-2200hrs    |
| Sat 21st Jan | Pioneering Project @Near Football ground | 1100-1400hrs    |
| Fri 27th Jan | AGM @Fgura Local Council Hall            | 1900hrs onwards |

### **Crew**

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| Thu 12th Jan | Rover Meeting @HQ | 1900-2030hrs |
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### **Band**

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| Sat 14th Jan | Band Meeting @HQ | 1600-1730hrs |
| Sat 28th Jan | Band Meeting @HQ | 1600-1730hrs |

# Group

**Thu 5th Jan**

**General Scouters & Council Meeting @HQ**

**1900hrs onwards**

All leaders, council members, rovers and adult members of the group are asked to attend this meeting during which we will take stock of the group's progress over the past year and make plans and set targets for the upcoming one.

**Fri 27th Jan**

**Annual General Meeting @Fgura Local Council Hall**

**1900-2100hrs**

Ever wondered how the group spends the money that it collects during the year? Are you interested in learning what challenges the group faced last year and what achievements it made? How about seeing who will be awarded the title of "Exemplary Lodge Leader", "Best Cub" or "Best Patrol"? The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will answer all these questions for you and more.

During this AGM you'll also get to meet our new Group Scout Leader and learn about the group's plans for 2023.

All members AND PARENTS are expected to attend this meeting. It's not all about speeches and reports - we'll also be showing some fun presentations with photos and videos taken during our group's activities and we'll have some light refreshments followed by an awards presentation ceremony.

***All invested members are to attend in Full Parade Uniform.***

# Beavers

**Sat 7th Jan**

**Joint Activity with Rabat Colony @HQ**

**0815-1300hrs**

Today we start our first meeting of the year living up to our motto - Making Friends! We will be heading to Mdina and meet our beavers friends from the Rabat Scout Group and spend the morning together creating an interesting craft, doing ham and cheese toasties and obviously playing plenty of fun games.

Kindly note that a 5 euro fee will be collected on the day. Beavers are reminded to bring a packed lunch and enough water for the duration of the activity. Beavers are reminded to come with the activity uniform together with the scarf.

**Wed 11th Jan**

**New year, new members, new lodges @HQ**

**1800-1900hrs**

In today's session we will welcome new beavers into our colony and organise new lodges. A scouting introductory session will follow.

**Wed 18th Jan**

**Movie night @HQ**

**1800-1900hrs**

Get a comfy cushion and let's all watch an enjoyable movie together. Beavers are to bring a SMALL amount of sweets. Popcorn and snacks will be also served :)

**Fri 27th Jan**

**Annual General Meeting @Fgura Local Council**

**1900-2100hrs**

All beavers are to attend in full uniform. We will take a look at the past year followed by a presentation of awards.

Please see group details for more info.

# Pack

Dear Parents & Cubs

Welcome to a new year of scouting activities :)

There are some very important meetings in January which the cubs shouldn't miss.

We kick off the month with the formation of new sixes and sessions and in this meeting we intend to get the cubs up to date with their sessions if they have missed some important ones. In the second week we have Cultural Visits - another session in the Scouting progress of the cubs (Our Country). These visits are only done once a year so it is very important that they are not missed.

January is also synonymous with the AGM which is a very important event both for the parents and cubs. The presence of the parents shows interest and support whilst the cubs look forward for the presentation of the awards. **If all the cubs attend all January meetings, we will have presentation of completion of arrow certificates during the AGM of Bronze and Silver Arrow cubs!**

So please pay attention to the details in this circular since January is a very important month.

When it comes to the monthly fees of Eur 1 per cub per month we will be collecting them every 4 months so fees are due in January, May and September with Eur 4 to pay for each quarter. These should be paid by the end of the respective month and will be collected by Hathi. Cubs are to get their booklet and the amount of the fee in one of the January, May or September meetings but all cubs should pay by the end of the month and not later. We will remind you in our Facebook Group as well.

We have another two important announcements to make :)

***We will be having a Group Easter Camp at Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite from Friday 31st March to Sunday 2nd April.....AND***

***We will be having a Pack Badge Workout Camp at Rinella South District Campsite from Friday 12th to Sunday 14th May 2023 so please keep both weekends free!!***

***Let's gear up for another year of scouting activities!!***

**AKELA & PACK LEADERS**

**Sat 7th Jan                      Reshuffle of Sixes & Sessions (+LB) + Monthly fees payment @HQ                      1430-1630hrs**

It is customary for the first meeting of January that new sixes are formed and new sixers and 2nd sixers appointed. No problem for the change of woggle colour since the woggles are swapped between the cubs.

Then we move on to do sessions. This month we decided to do two sessions - today and next week when we have the cultural visits since a number of cubs are close to finalizing their arrows and certificates will be presented during the AGM.

*Attendance for this meeting and that of next week is of utmost importance. Cubs are reminded that during the month of January we will be collecting monthly fees for the first four months of the year - so Eur 4. Parents can opt to pay for more months or for a whole year if they so wish.*

**No bookings are going to be made for cultural visits to be held next week. Bronze Arrow cubs should get Consent Form only whilst Gold Arrow cubs should get Consent Form + Eur 1 on the day. List of cubs according to which visit they should attend can be found in the 14th January activity and if any cub cannot make it they should inform the leaders beforehand however this session is very difficult to replace or be done on another day.**

**Sat 14th Jan****Cultural Visits (+LB) @As advised**

Cultural visits are part of the cubs' scouting progress and run through the three arrows. Today we will be having cultural visits for all the cubs but these will be split only in two - the bronze arrow and the gold arrow since the silver arrow was covered by the Mdina Treasure Hunt. Those cubs who already have their silver arrow session marked will attend the cultural visit with the Gold Arrow cubs.

We organize these visits only once a year so it is of the utmost importance that all the cubs attend since these sessions cannot be repeated for this year.

**Cubs are to attend in full activity uniform with cap & scarf and get a small backpack with them with a small bottle of water and a pocket with basic stationery. Details of the visits are as follows:**

**Bronze Arrow**

**Cubs are to meet directly near Tarxien Temples at 2.30pm and get Consent Form + their Heritage Malta passport with them for free entrance to the site.** A guide will be available to give all the necessary information to the cubs. Parents can pick up the cubs at 4pm. Cubs attending this visit are the following:

Alexei Scerri  
 Ana Gouder Costa  
 Daniel Galea  
 Gabriel Morana  
 Max Camilleri  
 Leah Sammut  
 Zaine de Vella Seixas  
 Mariah Spiteri  
 Enya Zammit  
 Luke Psaila  
 Luke Tanti Lombardo  
 Miguel Mangion  
 Anne Grima  
 Jan Gauci Magro

**Gold Arrow**

**Cubs are to meet directly at Cospicua Ferry Terminal to go to Valletta by ferry at 1.30pm and get Consent Form + Eur 1 for the ferry fee.** Parents can then pick them up from the same place at 5.30 pm. Cubs attending this visit are the following:

Isaac Zahra  
 Zale Cassar  
 Jayden Gatt  
 Matteo Farrugia  
 Matthew Hammett  
 Karl Mifsud  
 Ria Pisani  
 Alicia Zerafa  
 Luca Zammit Burnell  
 Yan Mizzi Peplow  
 Natalie Cassar  
 Noreen Pace  
 Matthew Borg  
 Liam Ellul  
 Alisa Mizzi Alessandro

**Sat 21st Jan****Spiritual & Games @HQ****1430-1600hrs**

Today Shada will deliver a spiritual session and we will be having some games as well so its a learning, fun and relaxing meeting all in one :)

**Fri 27th Jan****Annual General Meeting (AGM) (+LB) @Fgura Local Council Hall****1900hrs onwards**

For this very important event in our calendar, we really look forward to having on board ALL the cubs and their parents.

All members should attend with full parade uniform and apart from being given a run through of what the Group achieved during 2022; plans for 2023 will also be announced.

Moreover, presentation of awards for various achievements of the members during last year will be held.

# Troop

**Sat 14th Jan**

**Zulu Challenge @Clement Gate**

**0900-1500hrs**

It's time for the annual zulu challenge. The zulu challenge is a competition between patrols on everything that you have learned through out the year. It is the last activity to be done as the current patrols. The winning patrol will be engraved on the zulu shield. We encourage all members to attend as the more you are, the stronger the patrol is. We also suggest you prepare for this event by going through the scouts handbook.

We will meet directly at clements gate/ polverista at 9am and finish in the same place at 3pm. During this activity you have a hike to test your mapping and various tasks to test other skills. **Please note we are meeting at clement gate not clement park. If anyone doesn't know where it is please inform us so we can guide you there.**

Important to come with group scarf and good walking shoes. You will need to bring with you: consent form, first aid kit, water, packed lunch, raincoat and pen & paper.

**Fri 20th Jan**

**New patrols (+LB) @HQ**

**1830-2030hrs**

Today we will assign the new patrols for this year. The patrol and assistant patrol leaders will be chosen on the day by the members of the patrol. We will also have some team building games.

**Fri 27th Jan**

**AGM @Fgura Local Council**

**1900hrs onwards**

See group section for details.

# Unit

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| <b>Fri 6th Jan</b>  | <b>Induction meeting @HQ</b>                    | <b>2000-2130hrs</b>    |
| Today we will be meeting to explain the venture programme to the new members and also for some teambuilding games.              |   |                        |
| <b>Fri 13th Jan</b>   | <b>Badge Presentations @HQ</b>                  | <b>2000-2200hrs</b>    |
| Today we will be meeting for some presentations to be done by most of our members to progress further in the venture programme. |   |                        |
| <b>Sat 21st Jan</b>   | <b>Pioneering Project @Near Football ground</b> | <b>1100-1400hrs</b>    |
| Today we will be meeting for a pioneering to test our knotting skills.  |   |                        |
| <b>Fri 27th Jan</b>   | <b>AGM @Fgura Local Council Hall</b>            | <b>1900hrs onwards</b> |
| See Group section for details   |   |                        |

# Crew

**Thu 12th Jan**

**Rover Meeting @HQ**

**1900-2030hrs**

Today we will be planning out the basis of 2023, regarding the rover program, joint activities and group activities. Please bring with you some ideas!