



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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Group

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| Mon 8th Jan | General Scouters and Council Meeting @HQ | 1900-2100hrs |
| Tue 9th Jan | EIJ 2024 - Parents & Scouts Info Meeting 2 @HQ | 1900-2100hrs |
| Fri 26th Jan | Annual General Meeting @Fgura Local Council | 1900-2030hrs |

Beavers

Moving on Beavers (MOB) are to attend with Pack where marked (+MOB).

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| Wed 10th Jan | New Year, New Members, New Lodges @HQ | 1800-1900hrs |
| Sat 20th Jan | Railway Museum visit @HQ | 0900-1200hrs |
| Fri 26th Jan - Thu 26th Dec | Annual General Meeting @Fgura Local Council Hall | |
| Wed 31st Jan | Movie Night @HQ | 1800-2000hrs |

Pack

Moving on Beavers (MOB) are to attend with Pack where marked (+MOB) whilst Link Badge Members are to attend with Pack and Troop where marked (+LB)

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| Sat 6th Jan | Reshuffle of Sixes & Team Building Games (+MOB) @HQ | 1430-1630hrs |
| Fri 12th Jan | Pizza & DVD Night (+LB) @HQ | 1830-2100hrs |
| Sat 20th Jan | Outdoor Sessions (+LB & +MOB) @Gnien San Klement | 1430-1630hrs |
| Fri 26th Jan | Annual General Meeting @Fgura Local Council Hall | 1900-2100hrs |

Troop

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| Fri 5th Jan | No Meeting | |
| Sat 13th Jan | Zulu Challenge + MOV + VMO @Tas-Silg Chapel | 0900-1500hrs |
| Fri 19th Jan | New Patrols 2024 +LB @HQ | 1800-2000hrs |
| Fri 26th Jan | AGM @Fgura Local Council Hall | |

Unit

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| Thu 4th Jan | Ventures AGM @HQ | 1930-2100hrs |
| Sat 6th Jan | Clay Shooting @HQ | 1130hrs onwards |
| Tue 9th Jan | EIJ Information Meeting @HQ | 1900hrs onwards |
| Thu 11th Jan | Executive Meeting @HQ | 1930hrs onwards |
| Fri 19th Jan | Induction Meeting @HQ | 2000-2200hrs |
| Sat 20th Jan | Joint Activity with Stella Maris @HQ | 1300-2100hrs |
| Fri 26th Jan | Annual General Meeting @Fgura Local Council | 1900-2100hrs |

Crew

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| Mon 15th Jan | Quarterly Meeting @HQ | 1830-2030hrs |
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Band

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| Wed 10th Jan | Band Meeting @HQ | 1745-1930hrs |
| Wed 17th Jan | Band Meeting @HQ | 1745-1930hrs |
| Wed 24th Jan | Band Meeting @HQ | 1745-1930hrs |

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Group

The Fgura Scout Group would like to thank you for your trust and support in the Scouts' Mission. Wishing you and your family a prosperous New Year full of happiness, adventure and good health.

2024 shall be dedicated to the Scouting Programme and Awards and we hope to welcome new adult members interested in either joining the Council or the Leaders Team. This is an extraordinary occasion for all those who wish to find new satisfactory experiences in life.

Anyone interested, is invited to contact the Group Scout Leader

Mon 8th Jan

General Scouters and Council Meeting @HQ

1900-2100hrs

All Leaders, Rovers and Council Members are invited to attend this meeting in order to approve the Group's Key Events for 2024, and take stock of any possible future improvements and initiatives. The meeting shall be chaired by the Group Scout Leaders and co-chaired by the Council's Chairperson.

Tue 9th Jan

EIJ 2024 - Parents & Scouts Info Meeting 2 @HQ

1900-2100hrs

During this information meeting we will provide further guidance on the equipment required for EIJ2024, such as: sleeping bag, mat etc.

We shall also provide any updates or answer any questions you might have.

Fri 26th Jan

Annual General Meeting @Fgura Local Council

1900-2030hrs

The Annual General Meeting is very important to announce members' and group's achievements. It does also provide for a transparent and accountable account about the group's administrative and financial management.

All members are to attend in full uniform please.

Beavers

Wed 10th Jan

New Year, New Members, New Lodges @HQ

1800-1900hrs

Today's meeting will involve the reorganisation of the new lodges to accommodate the new members on board and prepare the moving on beavers for their next step in joining the pack section. Interactive games will follow.

A 5-euro fee together with a duly signed consent form will be collected to cover transportation costs of next week activity.

Sat 20th Jan

Railway Museum visit @HQ

0900-1200hrs

This morning we will all go together to Birkirkara and visit the railway museum where we'll see lots of interesting railway related artefacts and even go onboard a train cabin.

After that we shall have a break at the playing park next door and enjoy the rest of the morning playing games. Beavers should attend in full activity wear including group scarf and bring enough lunch and water for the duration of the activity.

Fri 26th Jan - Thu 26th Dec

Annual General Meeting @Fgura Local Council Hall

Please see group details for more information.

Wed 31st Jan

Movie Night @HQ

1800-2000hrs

Bring a comfy cushion from home and let's enjoy watching a fun movie together!! Beavers are to bring a small amount of sweets/snacks. Popcorn will be provided by us leaders.

Pack

Dear Parents & Cubs

Welcome to another year where we promise you a year loaded with fun and interesting activities mostly dedicated to our scouting programme.

This year there will be an important change in the Pack due to the fact that I decided to step down from the role of Section Leader (whilst still remaining in the Pack Section to give my contribution).

I believe that nearly 11 years as Akela is more than enough and whilst I wish to dedicate more time to myself and my family, a change in leadership is beneficial to a Section. What's more the change is particular in two ways - we have the first male leader as Akela and secondly his youth will help in no small way to bring about innovative ideas and a different approach to leadership.

My biggest satisfaction in my leadership role is seeing a person whom I've known as a cub progress through the Sections and assuming a leadership role - and the section he chose is precisely the Pack Section! Nothing makes me prouder :)

I wish him every success in this role and promise him my full support throughout his journey.

In the meantime, in January, 4 new Moving on Beavers will be starting their moving on period with the Pack Section to become cubs in March or April of this year.

We take this opportunity to wish you all a New Year filled with health, peace and happiness and loads of activities with us.

Akela & Pack Leaders

Sat 6th Jan

Reshuffle of Sixes & Team Building Games (+MOB) @HQ

1430-1630hrs

We dedicate the first meeting of each year to reshuffling the sixes so that the cubs will mingle and get to know other cubs and there will also be a change in the sixers and second sixers who lead the sixes.

Attendance for this meeting is important since the cub will know and have a say in the placing of their new six.

Afterwards we will do some team building games for the new sixes.

Today we will take the booking for the pizza and DVD night of next week - Friday 12th January - please bring payment of Eur 7 (which includes drink) and advise choice of pizza from the following:

Pizza Margherita - Tomatoes, Mozzarella, Oregano;

Pizza Ai Funghi - Tomatoes, Mozzarella, Mushrooms;

Pizza Wudy - Tomatoes, Mozzarella, Cheesy Wudy, Oregano.

The 4 MOB's will not book and pay for the pizza today since they will not be with the Pack on Friday 12th January.

As regards LB members, parents should inform the leaders of the choice of pizza today (through messaging or Facebook Group,) whilst payment can be made on the day.

Fri 12th Jan

Pizza & DVD Night (+LB) @HQ

1830-2100hrs

Today we will spend some relaxing time together watching a film which we choose ourselves for our cubs. We will also be taking a pizza and **choice of pizza and payment was made in the previous week.**

Please bring with you a plastic cup to take the drink in and some tissues and wipes.

Sat 20th Jan

Outdoor Sessions (+LB & +MOB) @Gnien San Klement

1430-1630hrs

Today we will be doing scouting sessions and if the weather permits we will be doing them outside at Gnien San Klement.

Cubs are to get the Cub Book with them.

If weather does not permit, a notification will be done on the Pack's Facebook Group and we will be meeting at our HQ instead with the same timings.

Fri 26th Jan

Annual General Meeting @Fgura Local Council Hall

1900-2100hrs

Please see Group Section for more details.

In the Annual General Meeting the GSL gives an account of the Group's activities throughout last year and the Group's plans for 2024. There will also be photos of all the sections' various activities done last year and the highlight of the AGM will be the awards given to the Sections' members for various achievements.

The presence of the cubs and their parents for this event is considered as very important.

Cubs should wear the full parade uniform with black polished shoes.

Troop

Welcome to 2024! We can't wait to spend another year with you full of adventures, new friendships and laughs!

Our first meeting in 2024 will be the annual internal competition - Zulu Challenge. During this yearly event, each patrol will compete to have their patrol name engraved on the Zulu Shield.

Two Announcements/Reminders:

1. Monthly fee of €1 per scout, get your booklets to renew your membership. These fees go towards troop administration and running costs.
2. Please note that in February we shall have Operation Tal-linja activity. Each scout must have a valid tal-linja card by the activity.

Sat 13th Jan

Zulu Challenge + MOV + VMO @Tas-Silg Chapel

0900-1500hrs

It's time for the annual Zulu challenge. The Zulu challenge is an internal competition between our patrols. It aims to promote scouting and teamwork on anything we have learnt throughout the year.

It is the last activity to be done as the current patrols, hence MOVs are expected to attend. The winning patrol will have their name engraved on the Zulu shield.

We suggest you prepare for this event by going through the Mountaineer award book. We will meet directly at Tas-Silg Chapel at 9am and finish at the same place at 3pm.

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

Fri 19th Jan

New Patrols 2024 +LB @HQ

1800-2000hrs

Let's get to know the new Patrols for 2024. Will we have Qniefed, Fkieren, Dniefel or Rizzi?

During tonight's meeting we shall announce the new PLs and APLs, get to know each other and play a few games.

What to get? Note book, mountaineer award book and pen.

Fri 26th Jan

AGM @Fgura Local Council Hall

Refer to Group section of this monthly circular. Attendance is a must as we will be awarding trophies to the best scout, best patrol and the Zulu shield. Please come in full uniform.

Unit

Thu 4th Jan

Ventures AGM @HQ

1930-2100hrs

Tonight we are going to meet and discuss how our 2023 for the ventures went and have a chat together and we will present the new executive for the 2024.

Sat 6th Jan

Clay Shooting @HQ

1130hrs onwards

We shall start off the year with a bang! we are going to Hal Far Shooting Range and do some clay shooting together. Afterwards we will also have dinner to celebrate the New Year.

Further Details on booking and transport will be provided.

Tue 9th Jan

EIJ Information Meeting @HQ

1900hrs onwards

Second meeting with parents for scouts who will be participating in EIJ. For more details, refer to the group section.

Thu 11th Jan

Executive Meeting @HQ

1930hrs onwards

The first Executive meeting of the Year. Please come with ideas so that we would build an excellent programme this year.

For Executive members only.

Fri 19th Jan

Induction Meeting @HQ

2000-2200hrs

Tonight we will explain to our new ventures and recruits what it means to be a venture, how the unit works, and how our programme, The olympian award could be achieved.

It is important that for the new ventures and recruits to attend.

Sat 20th Jan

Joint Activity with Stella Maris @HQ

1300-2100hrs

Today, our first joint activity of the year with stella maris scouts. We shall compete in geocaching challenge, and then have a cookout together.

Further details on booking and transport will be provided.

Fri 26th Jan

Annual General Meeting @Fgura Local Council

1900-2100hrs

See group Details.

Crew

Mon 15th Jan

Quarterly Meeting @HQ

1830-2030hrs

Today a fellow squire will be finishing his induction and we will be planning the first quarter of 2024.