



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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Group

Beavers

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Wed 15th Jul	Lifeguards @Virtual	1800-1900hrs
Wed 29th Jul	Experiments at Home @Virtual	1800-1900hrs

Pack

There are no MOB's or LB until further notice.

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Troop

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Sat 18th Jul	July Weekly Challenge 2 @Online/At Home	
Fri 24th Jul	#VSH2 @Skype	1800-2000hrs

Unit

Fri 10th Jul	Presentations @Zoom	2000-2200hrs
Fri 17th Jul	No Meeting	
Fri 24th Jul	Discussions @Zoom	2000-2200hrs

Band

Wed 8th Jul	Band Rehearsal @HQ	1900-2030hrs
Sat 18th Jul	BBQ @Marsaskala near Jerma	1700-2100hrs

Group

A Note from our GSL:

Is outdoor scouting back?

Some of you may have seen posts on social media or on ScoutKeeper declaring that we will be holding regular outdoor activities as of the 1st July. While this may be true for Maltese scout groups in general, as a group we have decided to postpone this for at least another month for a number of reasons:

- A number of our leaders and members (or their parents) have expressed themselves as being uncomfortable with the idea of organising outdoor activities for the time being.
- We normally scale back on outdoor activities during the summer in any case, so we feel that organising outdoor activities now may be an unnecessary risk.
- We have a number of awesome ideas for online meetings and activities in mind and we are seeing encouraging levels of engagement from the members.

Nevertheless **we will be making an exception for band members** who will be allowed to meet outdoors for rehearsals as of this month. We felt that it is close to impossible to recreate band rehearsals online and on the other hand it is very easy to maintain social distancing during a band rehearsal. To keep things safe, each band member will be assigned an instrument which they will be using for every rehearsal.

So what's the way forward?

As has been our mantra during this pandemic, "we have to wait and see". If we see that the situation in Malta has remained stable and that the spread of COVID-19 has been sufficiently minimised we will consider organising an outdoor activity or two for each section in August. Who knows, by then we might be even be in a position to have meetings at our HQ!

"I believe that our first business in life is to be happy. This world with all its beauties and its sunshine of happiness was meant for us to enjoy. When clouds come over with grief or pain, they are only the contrasts to show us what true happiness is and to make us appreciate it when it comes."

- Lord Robert Baden Powell

Beavers

Further to the group's note, for this month we will keep doing our meeting virtually. If anyone has any issues to connect, please do let us know. Moreover, please make sure you're in our facebook group as we are using this channel as communication when required.

This month we will be have some cool activities not to be missed so we encourage every beaver to join our virtual meetings.

Similarly to previous years, for the months of July and August we will meet every fortnight, for our beavers to spend more time with the family and for us leaders to recharge our batteries for the upcoming months.

Wed 1st Jul

4 Seasons @Virtual

1800-1900hrs

Today we will be discussing the seasons together with the weather that we experience throughout the year, in Malta but also around the world.

Wed 15th Jul

Lifeguards @Virtual

1800-1900hrs

Ever saw people wearing yellow and red shorts on the beach. Well they could be the people who might save our lives. We will discuss their responsibilities, skills required, and different flags that they use.

Wed 29th Jul

Experiments at Home @Virtual

1800-1900hrs

Today we will try different experiments which we can do at home so get ready to explore some really cool stuff. All things required will be listed in our facebook group.

Pack

Dear Parents

The GSL gave you the update of the way forward the Group has decided to take in view of the recent developments regarding the COVID situation. For July we will continue to meet online only. In Summer we used to have alternate meetings, however since we are not having any outdoor activities we decided to meet every week so that we make up for not meeting in person and keep up your enthusiasm for scouting.

For the month of July there are times when we will be meeting on a Friday evening instead of on a Saturday (like we used to do when we used to meet at HQ). Please always pay attention to the timings on our circular - the time given is the login time - you can login from that time onwards (not before) and the meeting starts 15 minutes later.

One important point to note is that we will be giving you only 1 login time and not 2 for the 2 groups. The cubs will all login at that time and then the leaders will split them up into Group 1 and Group 2 whilst online into breakout rooms on ZOOM together with 2 or 3 leaders in each of these 2 groups. This is a feature which we discovered recently on ZOOM and will save us leaders a lot of time online since for the two meetings one after the other we used to spend nearly 3 hours online and this is a more efficient way of doing meetings.

We still have new ideas and challenges for online meetings so let's continue to look forward to them in order to have fun together and find the opportunity to meet.

Sat 4th Jul **Challenge - Scavenger Hunt @Online** **0845-1000hrs**

Be prepared for some indoor fun at your own home whilst us leaders prepare some exciting challenges for you :)

Fri 10th Jul **Sessions @Online** **1815-1930hrs**

Today we will be having sessions and whilst the cubs will all be logging in at 6.15 to start the meeting at 6.30pm, cubs will then be split up online into Bronze, Silver and Gold arrow breakout rooms together with the respective leaders. Just prepare the Cub Book near you please. Attendance for sessions is important so that the cubs do not fall back on their arrow progress.

Sat 18th Jul **Camp Set up Challenge @Online** **0845-1000hrs**

The Group Summer Camp was supposed to start this weekend so we're going to give the cubs a challenge which has to do with a camp set up - that's all we can say. For this meeting you just have to Be Prepared for whatever we ask you to set up online!!!

Fri 24th Jul **Online Campfire and Stunts @Online** **1815-2000hrs**

For this last meeting of the month we are closing our "virtual camp" with a campfire. ONLY FOR THIS MEETING CUBS WILL NOT BE SPLIT UP ONLINE BUT WE ARE GOING TO REMAIN AS ONE PACK LIKE WE DID FOR THE FIRST MEETING.

Each and every cub is to prepare a stunt not longer than 2 minutes - something relating to back to basics performances like singing a song, telling a joke, doing a mime, dancing.....you can be as original as you like and even give a title to your stunt as long as it doesn't take more than two minutes.

The meeting today is 1 1/2 hours long not just one hour since all cubs will be taking part.

Troop

As well as the interest badges that you are currently working on, we have also introduced the SCOUT AT HOME badge.

This shows that you continued scouting through the tough times and stayed positive throughout. The criteria is as follows:

- Join a minimum of 5 virtual scout meetings.
 - Take part in a minimum of 2 weekly challenges.
 - Participate in a group event. Examples: Lip Sync, JOTI, GSL Quiz, FSGAtHome, Scarf Flip Challenge, Freeze Dance, etc.
- If you are not sure if you have earned this, please let us know.

Sat 4th Jul **VSM9 @Skype** **0900-1100hrs**

This will be the second session delivered and organised by your patrol leaders.

Fri 10th Jul **PLC @Skype** **1800-1900hrs**

Another PLC for this month on skype. Zoom is being used by Pack at the same time so this month it will be on skype.

PLs and APLs only.

Sat 11th Jul **July Weekly Challenge 1 @Online/At Home**

Await further details via Facebook on what ideas us leaders have come up with this time!

Sat 18th Jul

July Weekly Challenge 2 @Online/At Home

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Fri 24th Jul

#VSH2 @Skype

1800-2000hrs

Get ready for Virtual Scout Hunt #2! Much like the first, but this time organised by SL Gail and ASL Guy!

Unit

STAY SAFE ----- IT'S IN OUR HANDS. LET'S TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER.

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER !!!

Fri 10th Jul

Presentations @Zoom

2000-2200hrs

Today two of our members will be presenting to us a presentation regarding their based badge. It is a Compulsory to attend and give our appreciation to their effort and for presenting their presentation.

Fri 24th Jul

Discussions @Zoom

2000-2200hrs

Today we will be having an open based Discussion. The topic of the Discussion will be revealed at a later date. It is Important that we attend to thank who will be in-charge of this activity.

Band

Sat 18th Jul

BBQ @Marsaskala near Jerma

1700-2100hrs

You must bring a signed consent form with a fee of 7 euros per person on the meeting of 8th July. Don't forget to bring your swimsuit, cutlery, sunblock and activity wear. For more information visit the facebook page.