



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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March 2018

Group

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Fri 30th Mar	Forċina Bearers for Good Friday Parade @HQ	1710-2130hrs

Beavers

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Wed 14th Mar	No Meeting	
Sat 17th Mar	Hike - Chadwick Lakes @HQ	1000-1400hrs
Wed 21st Mar	Easter Craft @HQ	1800-1930hrs
Wed 28th Mar	Spiritual Meeting @HQ	1800-1900hrs

Pack

There are no LB or MOBs until further notice.

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Band

Thu 1st Mar	Band Rehearsal - Palm Sunday Procession @HQ	1930-2030hrs
Mon 5th Mar	Training session for the new bell lyres members only @HQ	1800-2030hrs
Mon 5th Mar	Training session for all new members @HQ	1800-1845hrs
Thu 15th Mar	Band Rehearsal - Palm Sunday Procession @HQ	1930-2030hrs
Wed 21st Mar	Training session for the new bell lyres members only @HQ	1930-2030hrs
Wed 21st Mar	Training session for all new members @HQ	1930-2000hrs
Sat 24th Mar	General Rehearsal for Palm Sunday and Instrument preparation @HQ	1100-1300hrs
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Membership - All Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Ventures and Rovers

Membership for the period March 2018 to August 2018 is to be paid by the end of June 2018. Hence all members are kindly requested to pay the amount due of Eur30 by the end of June. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

Sħubija - Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Ventures u Rovers

Il-kontribuzzjoni ta' shubija għall-perjodu Marzu 2018 sa Awwissu 2018 għandha tithallas sal-aħħar ta' Ġunju 2018. Għalhekk kull membru huwa gentilment mitlub jagħmel il-ħlas ta' Eur30 sal-aħħar ta' Ġunju. Napprezzaw il-kooperazzjoni tagħkom.

Clearance Sale - Brand New Grey Sweatshirts

Following the introduction of the new branded activity T-shirts, activity hoodies and caps, the Group still has in stock a sizeable stock of branded new grey sweatshirts. We have decided to sell off these sweatshirts at a very discounted price of just Eur3 each. These sweatshirts are ideal for camping, crafts and outdoor activities that the Group organises throughout the year.

Anyone interested in purchasing these brand new sweatshirts is kindly asked to enquire at the headquarters before and after the weekly meetings.

This information applies both to our old members and to the members newly forming part of the Fgura Scout Group.

For any group members, family and friends who would like to attend the pasta night on Saturday 17th March which is being organized by the troop section, Wednesday 7th of March is the last chance to book and pay for this event at the HQ from 7pm till 8pm.

For anyone who wishes to attend the pasta night but cannot make it on 7th March can inform us by sending a messaging or calling on 99636806 (Gail Spiteri)

The fee of this event is:

adults - €12

children (under the age of 10) - €8

Sun 25th Mar

Palm Sunday Procession in Gozo @HQ

1300hrs onwards

After the success that our group band had over the past few years, we have been invited once again to accompany the Good Friday procession in Victoria - Gozo (Although it is a Good Friday procession it will be held on Palm Sunday).

We are inviting all group members along with their parents, relatives and/or friends to join us for the day in Gozo and attend the procession with us.

More details are given in the enclosed flier.

Fri 30th Mar

Forċina Bearers for Good Friday Parade @HQ

1710-2130hrs

Tradition is an important part of our cultural identity and we enjoy any opportunity to strengthen local traditions - especially if it means being of service to others whilst doing so!

Those scouts and ventures who will not be joining the band in Gozo the previous week will be attending the Good Friday procession in Senglea and carrying the *forċina* to assist the statue bearers during the procession.

Transport to/from Senglea will be provided free of charge.

It is important that any member who is not able to attend for this event notifies the VSL, SL or GSL as early on as possible as the group is committed to having a specific number of scouts present for the event.

Beavers

Wed 7th Mar

Scouting session - How things work @HQ

1800-1900hrs

As part of our program, today we will be doing a scouting session and learn "How things work". We will learn about clouds, their formation and why it rains. This is an interested meeting not to be missed. :)

Today we will be collecting €3 for Chadwick Lakes activity. A duly signed permission form is also needed.

Sat 17th Mar

Hike - Chadwick Lakes @HQ

1000-1400hrs

Today we will meet at 10am sharp where we will be heading to the Chadwick Lakes for an interesting hike. Beavers are to wear full activity uniform including cap, scarf and also a good pair of waterproof shoes. Beavers are also reminded to bring a packed lunch, enough water to drink and a rainjacket in a wide strapped backpack.

Booking and payment for this activity was done on the 7th of March.

Wed 21st Mar

Easter Craft @HQ

1800-1930hrs

Today we will be doing an Easter craft with a difference!! Craft will be done using recycled materials. **Beavers are to bring an apron and their craft bag which should include colours, UHU Stick and liquid glue.**

Wed 28th Mar

Spiritual Meeting @HQ

1800-1900hrs

Today a spiritual meeting will be given by Shada, our spiritual development leader. We will discuss about the upcoming festive season and the truly meaning of Easter.

Beavers are to bring a soft cushion to sit down on during spiritual session.

Pack

Pack leaders would like to wish a Blessed Easter to all the cubs and their families.

Sat 3rd Mar

Action Planet/Valletta Cultural Visit (+LB) @HQ

0800-1315hrs

The cubs today will be attending an Action Planet exhibition/workshop at Spazju Kreattiv/St James Cavalier in Valletta. This is all about striving to be a smart consumer and responsible citizen by avoiding food wastage and excessive use of chemicals. In the hands on workshop we will have the opportunity to see some creative ways of using leftover foods as well as learn how to make less harmful cleaning agents using basic natural ingredients!! This activity is being conducted by final year students of the B.Ed (Hons) Nutrition, Family & Consumer Studies course at the University of Malta.

The Pack will be split into two groups because of the amount of cubs attending having different timings so whilst one group is attending Action Planet, the other group will have an activity around our capital city. The Gold & Silver arrow cubs will be doing the 'Our Country' Gold Arrow session with Bagheera and another 2 leaders; whilst the rest of the cubs will have a treasure hunt around Valletta to have fun and learn more about our capital city with another 3 leaders. **Cubs do NOT need to get the Cub Book with them today.**

Cubs are to come with full activity uniform - hoodie, cap, scarf, trainers, but with the **blue parade trousers** please. They are to get a padded backpack with a small snack and something to drink together with a rain jacket - to be prepared!!

Cubs should also get the following items for the Action Planet activity as requested by the organizers:

- **Any ONE ripe fruit and vegetable such as oranges, lemon, kiwi, banana, strawberries, carrot, cucumber, wilting mint leaves,.....**
- **1 small container baking soda;**
- **An apron or large T-shirt;**
- **3 small plastic boxes with lid, e.g. used and washed small margarine,/or cheese spread/or dip containers;**
- **1 reusable plastic cup;**
- **small pack of wipes.**

Booking for this activity already done on 6th & 13th January.

Today booking should be made for easter craft activity on Friday 16th March since certain items to be bought by the leaders have to be ordered. Cubs are to get €1.30 please.

Fri 9th Mar

Sessions/Games (+LB) @HQ

1800-2000hrs

Today we will have sessions for all the arrows at our HQ so cubs are kindly asked to **get the Cub Book** with them. The tender paw cubs will today start their Bronze Arrow, whilst Tender Paw certificates will be issued shortly.

Cubs' attendance when we have sessions is very important so as not to fall back on their arrow progress.

The present 4 link badge cubs are welcome to join us today since they have no Troop meeting this weekend.

Fri 16th Mar

Easter Craft @HQ

1800-2000hrs

Easter is fast approaching so an easter themed craft is in order.

Cubs today should get their craft bag which should contain the usual basic items including scissors, UHU stick and liquid and items to decorate with :) Please also get some string (spag) with you today.

All other items will be provided by the leaders and have been paid for already by the cubs in the first meeting of March.

Sat 24th Mar

Cookout (Session) @Near Fgura Ftbll Ground

1000-1300hrs

The cookout is a session in itself in all the three arrows so a session will be delivered to the cubs before the actual cookout layout and cooking is done.

We will be meeting near the Fgura football ground and cubs are to get cutlery bag with them together with food to cook in a small cooler bag. Ideal food for a cookout are burgers, sausages and chicken nuggets. Cubs can also get some salad with them and a burger bun or roll (bezzun) for the sausages. Please do not get a large amount of food (like a whole packet of sausages) as this will go to waste. Do not forget to get enough to drink.

Gold arrow cubs (only) are to also get the items as shown in a separate note given to them by Bagheera in previous meetings.

Today booking should be made for hike activity on Saturday 7th April (approx time from 9am-3pm) - Consent Form + €3. LB will not be with us today for the cookout, however they will not need to book for this hike since they will have an expedition with Troop on the 7th April.

Thu 29th Mar

Maudy Thursday Activity (+LB) @Old Vittoriosa Gate

0930-1145hrs

The Pack Section keeps up its tradition every year on the eve of Good Friday to go and visit places which make us reflect about the passion & resurrection of Christ.

Parents are to get cubs directly at Old Vittoriosa Gate (Couvre Port) and then we will proceed from there. Parents are also to pick up cubs from the same place when the activity is over.

This year we decided to go to Birgu Ditch which has been renovated and has particular exhibits at this time of the year in connection with Good Friday. There, Shada will conduct her spiritual session and then we will proceed to see other exhibits around Vittoriosa.

Cubs are to come in full activity uniform (hoodie, cap & scarf) but with parade trousers and trainers. They are to get €0.50 as a donation for admission to Birgu Ditch and can get a small backpack with something to drink but no snacks today please (we will not have the time neither).

Since this activity is without booking, we kindly advise you to be on time since we wouldn't know who will be attending or not so as not to wait in vain.

Troop

In March, the troop section will be gaining their cook badge during a weekend camp at IHQ, Floriana.

On Saturday 17th March, the troop section is inviting all group members, family and friends for an evening full of fun activities, entertainment for all ages and a delicious pasta night.

All proceedings will be going towards funding the participation fee of all troop members attending the MedJam 2018 (international camp in August at Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite).

More details can be found in the poster. Bookings can be made by calling or texting SL, Gail Spiteri on 99636806 by not later than 7th March.

Fri 2nd Mar

Sessions + PLC (+LB) @HQ

1730-2030hrs

We will be having sessions from the backpacker and orienteer mastery badges.

Today we be collecting the bookings and payment of the Troop camp being held from 16th till 19th March at IHQ, Floriana.

A fee of €30 along with a duly signed consent form is to be collected by today.

Today we will also be taking bookings and payments for the pasta night for the family and friends of the troop members who wishes to attend this fundraising event.

(The troop members will not be paying for the pasta night).

The deadline to book for the pasta night is till 7th March.

A PLC meeting will be held after the meeting ends.

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Fri 16th Mar - Mon 19th Mar

Troop Camp (+LB) @IHQ

1730-1600hrs

The days of the troop camp have finally arrived. We will be meeting at IHQ, Floriana at 5.30 pm. For the first day of the camp it is important to bring a packed lunch.

Each member is to bring the usual camplist and a duly signed health form. More details will be given during the meetings.

Booking of this camp was made on 2nd March.

Fri 23rd Mar

Treasure hunt (+LB) @HQ

1730-2130hrs

Today we will be going for a treasure hunt in Fgura, come prepared to observe well and maybe discover new parts in Fgura. Important to bring scarf, raincoat, torch and a duly signed **consent form**.

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Sat 31st Mar

Stores Maintenance (+LB) @Near Football Ground

1200-1600hrs

Today we will be helping out within our own group by doing some maintenance of our equipment that we use for activities such as tents and pegs. Bring with you scarf, water, lunch and a duly signed **consent form**.

We will also be planning the **menu for the expedition** that we will be having in the beginning of April. Important to come prepared with ideas.

Patrol leaders, Assisstant Patrol leaders and SPL are to meet at 11.30 am sharp in front of the stores to help with carrying the equipment.

Unit

Fri 2nd Mar

Hike - Mapping Session @HQ

1900-2200hrs

In preparation for Bristol expedition, today, we are going to brush up our skills in mapping. Get all the necessary equipment for mapping. Important, all with activity wear and scarf.

Fri 9th Mar

Team building & leadership session @HQ

2000-2230hrs

In preparation for the elected new executive, Unit leaders will conduct leadership and team building session to enhance your skills on various roles in the executive.

Fri 16th Mar

Games @HQ

2000-2200hrs

Since, a good number of ventures have exams the following day, whoever can attend we will play some games.

Fri 23rd Mar

Recruits - Presentations on different scouting skills @HQ

1930-2200hrs

Today, our recruits will perform their first presentation in front of the unit members. This will help them to be more confident in their progress in the unit. The subject was given to the recruits by the VSL.

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