



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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Group

Beavers

Wed 3rd Mar	Online Etiquette @Virtual	1800-1900hrs
Wed 10th Mar	Personal Hygiene @Virtual	1800-1900hrs
Wed 17th Mar	Beaver Story @Virtual	1800-1900hrs
Sat 27th Mar	Pot a plant @Gnien Kottonera	1000-1200hrs
Wed 31st Mar	No Meeting	

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

Pack

Link Badge members (LB) and Moving on Beavers (MOB) should attend with Troop & Pack where marked (+LB) or (+MOB)

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Crew

Mon 1st Mar	Executive Meeting @Zoom	2000-2200hrs
Sat 6th Mar	Iscout 2021 @HQ	1800-2330hrs

Band

Wed 24th Mar	Band Rehearsal @HQ	1800-1930hrs
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NOTICE RE. GROUP MEMBERSHIP FEES

Dear Members,

The membership fee of €40 for the period MAR-AUG 2021 is due by the end of June.

Payments may be made as follows:

- By bank Transfer using Revolut or Internet Banking ([instructions here](#)) - this is the preferred method.
- By cheque sent by mail to our HQ or handed in to a leader during a meeting.

Should anyone experience any difficulty in making a payment using the above methods, kindly contact our GSL on gsl@fgurascouts.org or our Treasurer on treasurer@fgurascouts.org

DIY CARNIVAL COSTUME COMPETITION WINNERS

We had some truly amazing entries for this competition and our members' creativity really shone through! It was a difficult thing to do but we had to choose winners so we set up a panel of judges to choose our winners. And here are the results of our jury....

Colony:

- **1st Place:** Noreen Pace
- **2nd Place:** Ana Gouder Costa
- **3rd Place:** Matthew Hammet

Pack:

- **1st Place:** Emily Zerafa
- **2nd Place:** Alicia Zerafa
- **3rd Place:** Thiago Law

Troop:

- **1st Place:** Andre Gouder Costa

A very BIG WELL DONE to all those who took part (even if they're not in the Top 3) - you are truly amazing scouts!

NOTE: The judges on the panel where Mary Rose Briffa, Liana Buhagiar, Annalise Caruana and Mark Cassar.

Beavers

Wed 3rd Mar

Online Etiquette @Virtual

1800-1900hrs

During the previous years we used to explain and understand our etiquette/expected behavior around the table. This year since we are carrying our meeting online, we thought it would be a good idea to understand also our etiquette during an online meeting. During this meeting we will particularly discuss the expected behavior amongst a group. An interesting meeting not to be missed :)

Wed 10th Mar

Personal Hygiene @Virtual

1800-1900hrs

We all know that our beavers are experts in washing their hands during this time however, during this meeting we will go through the basis of keeping hands, head and body clean so as to avoid any illnesses.

Wed 17th Mar

Beaver Story @Virtual

1800-1900hrs

Ever thought where the beaver leader's names originated? We will figure it out during this meeting as will be going through the Beaver Story. We'll learn about the origin of the beaver leaders names, the beavers and their lodges.

Sat 27th Mar

Pot a plant @Gnien Kottonera

1000-1200hrs

Time to meet again :) Now that we are in Spring time, we will take the opportunity to pot a plant. You will be able to take the plant with you at home and care for it. For this activity beavers are to bring a raincoat, an apron, a packed lunch and enough water to drink.

During this meeting we will collect 2 euros for all the material required. We also encourage all beavers to get updated with their monthly fees.

Pack

Dear Parents

The monthly membership fee as from this year will be collected from the cubs every 3 months so fees are due in March, June, September and December of each year. Cubs should get the booklet with them in the first outdoor meeting of the month with the **exact amount** so that we can update the booklet accordingly.

Please note that the monthly fee has been revised due to the fact that it has been like this for years on end and at the moment it is the only source of income for the pack section since we are not organising any outdoor or fund raising activities. On the other hand, we do not wish to cut down or abolish tokens/gifts to the cubs on particular occasions and we felt that this is a reasonable way forward.

So monthly fee from January 2021 is Eur1 a month instead of Eur0.60.

Fee for March should be paid in the outdoor meeting of Saturday 20th March and for every three months this should now amount to Eur3 instead of Eur1.80.

MOBs should start paying monthly fee with Pack Section from April since up till March they should still pay the Beavers Section.

The circular is very important for the details regarding the weekly meetings but the Fgura Cub Scouts Facebook Group is also important to keep up to date with updates and notices which come up in between :)

Fri 5th Mar **Scavenger Hunt (+LB) @Online** **1845-2000hrs**

A scavenger hunt is a game in which people must collect a number of items or solve a number of tasks in a given time. In this way cubs develop certain life skills such as problem solving and we're going to do this in a fun way.

Be prepared to spend an hour of fun with us whilst at the same time developing your skills.

Fri 12th Mar **Cultural Visit Session (+MOB) @Online** **1845-2000hrs**

Cultural visits this year will be done with a twist!

The leaders in the respective arrows will be doing a session for the bronze, silver and gold arrow cubs in breakout rooms. **(For the MOBs this will serve as their Bronze Arrow session since their Tender Paw would have been finalized).**

At the end of the session, the leader will then explain to the cubs what they need to do for the practical part of this arrow session.

Link Badge members have not been asked to attend this session since their cultural activity session has already been covered, however if they wish to attend to gather more information and refresh their memory they are more than welcome to do so

Sat 20th Mar **Athlete's Badge (+MOB) @Bulebel** **0930-1130hrs**

This is an interest badge which the cubs normally do with us leaders and the last time we did this badge together was nearly 4 years ago - in May 2017!! How time flies!!

We will obviously observe all the social distancing regulations (as always) since cubs will do each requirement individually and there will be different stations manned by the leaders. **Any equipment which the cub will need to use will be brought individually by each cub and all you need for this badge is a tennis ball and a skipping rope.**

Today we will collect the monthly fee from Jan-Mar 2021 of Eur3. Please get exact amount and the monthly fees booklet so that we can update it accordingly. Since LB members will not be attending today they can pay by BOV mobile pay on 99836566. Thank you.

Sat 27th Mar **Spiritual (+LB) @Online** **1045-1200hrs**

Yesterday was Our Lady of Sorrows day so Shada will be delivering a spiritual session since this day marks the opening of the Holy Week celebrations.

Troop

Fri 5th Mar **At the Movies! @Google Meet** **1800-2100hrs**

Bringing the movies to your home!

This week the patrol leaders requested a movie night of their choice to be shared via Google Meet for each patrol. (Popcorn and drink not included!)

Stay informed via the various patrol chats to get the latest link closest to the time.

Sat 13th Mar **Sessions (+LB) @San Clement Park (Zabbar)** **0900-1100hrs**

In line with keeping all our members up to date on all scouting needs and skills, this week is another one organised by the patrol leaders, but this time covering various scouting sessions.

The topic of discussion is dependent on patrol and will be taught by the patrol leaders and assistant patrol leaders. Stay tuned on your respective patrol chat groups to learn more.

Bring consent form, scarf, first aid, raincoat, water and scout handbook.

Today each patrol will also be discussing the menu for next week's cookout, with the theme of having food starting with the same letter of the first letter of your patrol name. Come prepared with ideas, as today you will need to finalize the food that you will cook and any equipment needed.

Sat 20th Mar **Cookout by Letters (+LB) @Fgura Football Ground** **1200-1600hrs**

Dust off your chef hat - we are going cooking!

For this cookout we challenge each patrol to cook a food item which contains the first letter of their patrol (in this case: r, k, d, or m)

This can be a starter, main or a dessert - just as long as it contains the letter! More information will be given during the previous meeting.

The food that will be cooked will be discussed as a patrol on 13/3 during the sessions meeting. **The whole patrol will be cooking the same thing however due to covid each member will need to bring/prepare their own food and there will be no sharing of any food items.**

It is important to bring in your required foods as well as plates and cutlery. Also, don't forget to bring consent form, first aid, raincoat and water.

By 13th March, you will need to inform the SL and ASLs of your kitchen needs, i.e. pots, pans, utensils, etc for your food item. You will be cooking on fires.

Fri 26th Mar **Tisjir tal-Figolli - LIVE (+LB) @Skype** **1800-2100hrs**

Easter approaches and what better way to celebrate than to make a figolla!

This session will be a live session via skype with ASL Liana teaching you LIVE how to make a figolla. So get your aprons, spoons and almond mixtures ready.

Exact ingredients and equipment will be sent on the Facebook Members page prior to this event so that you are prepared.

Parents and guardians are welcome to attend too.

Unit

Sat 6th Mar **Iscouts @HQ**

Today we will be meeting for the much anticipated Iscout. More information will be given on Iscout chat.

Fri 12th Mar

Executive Meeting @Zoom

1900-2100hrs

Today executive members will be meeting to discuss and plan next month's Activities.

Fri 19th Mar

Presentation @HQ

1900-2100hrs

Today 5 members will be presenting a presentation as a part of the Hades badge. A good attendance is a must so that we can show our appreciation.

Fri 26th Mar

Spiritual @HQ

1900-2100hrs

Today we will be meeting for a spiritual session given to us by our Agsl Joanne. It is an especially important spiritual as it is the first one for this year and will be given in the day of Our Lady of Sorrows so we have to reflect more. Attendance is important to show our appreciation.