



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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March 2022

Group

Sun 20th Mar National Scout Trail @HQ 0800-1400hrs

Beavers

MOB are to attend with the pack section where mark (+MOB).

Wed 2nd Mar Scouting Session @HQ 1800-1900hrs

Wed 9th Mar Personal Hygiene @HQ 1800-1900hrs

Wed 16th Mar Seasons around the year @HQ 1800-1900hrs

Wed 23rd Mar Investiture Ceremony + Celebration @HQ 1800-1900hrs

Pack

The present 3 MOB's (Moving on Beavers) are to attend with Pack where marked (+MOB)

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Sat 12th Mar Sessions (+MOB) @Gnien San Klement 1400-1600hrs

Fri 18th Mar Pizza & DVD Night @HQ 1830-2030hrs

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Crew

Tue 1st Mar - Thu 31st Mar Football Activity @Football Ground

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Sat 5th Mar Iscouts @HQ 1815-2300hrs

Sun 20th Mar National scout trail @Torri l-ahmar 0900-1230hrs

Band

Wed 9th Mar Band rehearsal @HQ 1830-1945hrs

Group

Sun 20th Mar

National Scout Trail @HQ

0800-1400hrs

All Leaders, Ventures and Rovers are invited to attend the first national scouting event since the outbreak of COVID-19.

Ventures are to confirm their attendance with their VSL and leaders and rovers are kindly asked to refer to the email that was circulated by the GSL on the subject.

Beavers

Wed 2nd Mar

Scouting Session @HQ

1800-1900hrs

Today we will learn the basics of our colony for new members and a refresher for the rest of the colony followed by some games. For those members who will be doing their investiture ceremony this month, it is important to get familiarised with the scout law and the motto found on their beaver handbook.

Wed 9th Mar

Personal Hygiene @HQ

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 our head and body clean so as to avoid any illnesses. We will go through the basic everyday do's to keep our personal hygiene on top of our list in order to keep ourselves clean and healthy.

Wed 16th Mar

Seasons around the year @HQ

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. Beavers are to bring their handbook together with their favourite cushion :)

Wed 23rd Mar

Investiture Ceremony + Celebration @HQ

1800-1900hrs

Today we will have an Investiture Ceremony for the members who have spent enough time to form part of our ever growing scouting members. The ceremony will be followed by a hotdog party and a small celebration :)

All member taking part of this ceremony will be notified beforehand.

Pack

Dear Parents & Cubs

As you can notice, we have started to meet in person in March with the majority of meetings being held outside since the weather will be more favourable.

Pack meetings will be held on Saturday afternoons from 2-4pm. This is the most convenient day and time for the leaders and the majority (if not all) the cubs will not have commitments on Saturday afternoon since most of the extra curricular activities they attend take place on a Saturday morning.

If there are any changes to the meeting, these will be communicated in the Pack Facebook Group so it is up to you to stay up to date please.

The first meeting for this year outside will be dedicated to the reshuffle of sixes - something which we normally used to do in the first meeting of the year in January of each year. The sixes have been the same since COVID broke out since we felt it did not make sense to change the sixes when the cubs were not meeting in person most of the time.

Needless to say it is important that the cubs attend all the meetings as much as possible especially the sessions where we do the scouting progress for the cubs since it will be quite difficult to repeat these sessions only for the cubs who did not attend.

Apart from paying attention to the details of the meetings in the circular, it is very important that the parents keep up to date with the Pack Facebook Group for the latest updates and details.

Cubs should come to each and every meeting with a small backpack with sanitizer, tissues, wipies and enough to drink. Mask should obviously be worn at all times for now.

Kindly note that monthly fees up till March (3 months) are now due. Monthly fee is of Eur1 each month so Eur3 should be paid. Please get monthly fees booklet when paying and give them to Hathi. These fees should be paid in the first meeting of March - Saturday 5th March. (MOBs should NOT pay with Pack for now but they should start paying these monthly fees with cubs when informed by the leaders).

Kindly also note that those parents who wish to pay for 6, 9 or a whole year instead of 3 months, can also do so. Thank you.

We look forward to an enjoyable March :)

AKELA & PACK LEADERS

Sat 5th Mar **Reshuffle of sixes (+MOB) @Gnien San Klement** **1400-1600hrs**

This is the first reshuffle of sixes since the pandemic started. We managed to do the reshuffle in January 2020 but it was only effective for two months because then we went online most of the time and did not do a reshuffle in January 2021.

The members of the sixes are balanced out between boys & girls and age distribution in the six is important as well. The Sixers and Second Sixers are then chosen by the cubs themselves and we will obviously explain all this during the meeting.

When this is all ready, we will do some team building games for the cubs to enjoy and to build a team spirit.

Please do not forget to pay monthly fees today for the first 3 months, i.e. Eur3 for Jan-Mar 2022. Please get monthly fees booklet with you and give it to Hathi before the meeting starts - upon arrival. Those parents who wish to pay for more than 3 months (up to a year) can also do so today. MOBs do not need to pay for now. We will inform you later when to start paying these monthly fees with the Pack. Thank you.

Sat 12th Mar **Sessions (+MOB) @Gnien San Klement** **1400-1600hrs**

We have sessions today and so the cubs will be divided into groups according to the sessions that they are presently doing. There are bronze, silver and gold arrow cubs whilst today the Moving on Beavers will have their very first sessions before starting their Bronze Arrow and when all the relevant sessions are covered, they will get their very first badge - the Tender Paw badge.

Cubs are to get their Cub Book with them today.

Fri 18th Mar **Pizza & DVD Night @HQ** **1830-2030hrs**

It has been quite some time since we enjoyed ourselves watching a fun movie together. Just leave the choice of film in our hands :)

Please get the usual items in your backpack, together with a flat plastic plate and cup.

You will be able to tell us your choice of pizza later on when we make a post on the Pack's Facebook Group a couple of days before.

Sat 26th Mar **Athlete's Badge (+MOB) @Marsascala Family Park** **1400-1700hrs**

We're going to finish March with a bang by doing a proficiency badge together.

Liana will adapt the olympic games which she did for her woodbadge camp to the requirements of the Athlete's badge and we're going to have loads of fun whilst acquiring this badge.

Meeting point is near Yufu right next to the Marsascala football ground to enter the Family Park together.

Please come wearing the activity t shirt with the hoodie on top of it, either shorts or a pair of comfortable jogging pants (depending on the weather), and good running shoes and make sure to get enough water to drink. NO NEED TO WEAR SCARF & CAP TODAY SINCE WE WILL STILL BE TAKING THEM OFF. Today's meeting is an hour longer.

Troop

Fri 4th Mar **New patrols and 3 course planning @Gnien Dom Mintoff** **1800-2000hrs**

We are finally getting around to do new patrols for this year so please ensure you attend. In addition, we will also be doing some games and planning for 3 course meal (Cook Advanced Badge) in preparation for March 19th.

Plan B if weather is bad is to meet at HQ.

Fri 11th Mar **First Aid Sessions @San Clement Park** **1800-2000hrs**

We will be completing First Aid section 2 for those who have done Base Camp. And for those who need Base camp, some leaders will be covering this to ensure all scouts progress in today's meeting.

Plan B in case of weather is HQ.

Sat 19th Mar **Ready Steady Cook! @HQ** **1000-1400hrs**

To test your cooking skills and knowledge we will be doing patrol based ready steady cook - BUT with a twist. A mystery list of ingredients will need to be added into your 3 courses. The rest is up to you!

More details on what you need to provide will be decided on March 4th.

Fri 25th Mar **Interest Badges @San Clement Park** **1800-1930hrs**

We will be spending time this week to get you all excited about interest badges and to try and fix 1 or 2 badges per scout. Please come prepared by reviewing the badges at the back of the book and with some questions you may have.

Bonus: If you are set on particular interest badges, you can prepare parts of them prior to this meeting and present to the leaders for sign off.

Plan B in case of bad weather it will be at HQ.

Unit

Sat 5th Mar	Iscouts @HQ	1830-2300hrs
Further details will be given at a later date.		
Sat 12th Mar	Cookout @Fgura football ground	0900-1300hrs
Today we will be meeting for a cookout. Further details about the meeting will be given at a further date.		
Fri 18th Mar	Discussion about camping @HQ	2030-2200hrs
Today we will be meeting to discuss camping and expeditions that might be done in the coming months.		
Sun 20th Mar	National Scout Trial @HQ	0800-1330hrs
Today we will be meeting for a 10km track organised by the Scout Association of Malta. Further details will be given at a later date.		
Fri 25th Mar	Hike @HQ	1930-2300hrs
Today we will be meeting for a hike led by our members Liam and Elizabeth. Further details on time will be given at a later date.		

Crew

Quote of the Month:
"I believe every human has a finite number of heartbeats. I don't intend to waste any of mine."

Tue 1st Mar - Thu 31st Mar	Football Activity @Football Ground	
Through out the month we will be discussing a date for a football match, this will help us to grow as a crew and will help us relax from the stress of school and work :)		
Tue 1st Mar - Thu 31st Mar	Discussion Meeting @HQ	
Who doesn't love a hot discussion, Throughout the month we will set a date where we can meet for a session to discuss a hot topic. This will help us to get to know each other in a more psychological level.		
Sat 5th Mar	Iscouts @HQ	1815-2300hrs
The most awaited yearly challenge has arrived :) Will be meeting 45min beforehand to prepare all the necessary requirements before the challenge starts. Meet you there !!		
Sun 20th Mar	National scout trail @Torri l-ahmar	0900-1230hrs
Today we will be meeting at Red Tower (Torri l-ahmar) for a 10km hike with fellow rovers of different cities. This hike will help us grow our contacts with fellow rover members, and will be a help for advertise a following fund raising for the crew. Wish to see you there :)		