



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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Group

Mon 6th Mar	All Leaders Meeting @HQ	1930-2100hrs
Sun 26th Mar	Family FUN DAY_26 March 2023 @Bulebel	1400-1700hrs
Fri 31st Mar - Sun 2nd Apr	Easter Group Camp @Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite	0815-1500hrs

EASTER GROUP CAMP (31st March - 2 April 2023) _Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite

Beavers

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Sat 11th Mar	Afternoon Tea & Toast @Polverista Gate	1400-1630hrs
Wed 15th Mar	How Things Work @HQ	1800-1900hrs
Wed 22nd Mar	Easter Craft @HQ	1800-1900hrs
Sat 1st Apr	A day at the Easter Campsite @HQ	0830-1500hrs

Moving on Beavers are to attend with the pack where marked (Mob)

Pack

Sat 4th Mar	Domus Romana Activity (+LB) @Bulebel	1200-1730hrs
Sat 11th Mar	Sessions (+LB & +MOB) @HQ	1430-1630hrs
Sat 18th Mar	Afternoon Hike (+MOB) @To be advised	1400-1700hrs
Sat 25th Mar	SEDQA meeting re Self Esteem (+LB) @HQ	1430-1630hrs
Fri 31st Mar - Sun 2nd Apr	Group Camp - Easter Under the Stars @Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite	0830-1500hrs

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

Troop

Fri 3rd Mar	PLC @HQ	1730-1900hrs
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Fri 10th Mar	Sessions (+LB) @HQ	1900-2100hrs
Sat 11th Mar - Sun 12th Mar	35Km Expedition @HQ	0730-1700hrs
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Band

Sat 4th Mar	Band Rehearsal @HQ	1745-1830hrs
Sat 25th Mar	Band Rehearsal @HQ	1630-1800hrs

Group

MEMBERSHIP FEE - NOTIFICATION

Dear parents/custodians - We would like to thank you for contacting us on the membership fees.

1. It transpires that there are some pending membership fees covering the period 1st Sept 2022 till end of Feb 2023. The amount due is that of 40 Euros.

2. The membership fee for the forthcoming terms is also due (covering March 2023 - August 2023) - 40 Euros

Non cash payments of membership fees is highly appreciated. Instructions on how to effect payments shall be circulated soon.

In order to facilitate payments and not cause any inconvenience, you may wish to pay either:

- a) One lump sum payment of 80 Euros (covering both terms) OR
- b) First term by end of Feb 2023 and the second term by end of April 2023.

The Fgura Scout Group would like to thank you for your continuous support! Please feel free to contact us in case of any difficulties or questions.

Mon 6th Mar

All Leaders Meeting @HQ

1930-2100hrs

All leaders are invited.

Sun 26th Mar

Family FUN DAY_26 March 2023 @Bulebel

1400-1700hrs

Join us for some relax time on this Family Fun Day. All participants are to meet at Bulebel Industrial Estate (main square) at 14.00hrs. Transport will leave to destination at 14.15hrs.

Comfortable shoes and water are highly recommended. .

More details about bookings shall be announced soon on the Fgura Scout Group FB page.

Fri 31st Mar - Sun 2nd Apr

Easter Group Camp @Għajn Tuffieħa Campsite

0815-1500hrs

'The open air is the real objective of Scouting and the key to its success - Lord Baden Powell.

Yep, the Easter Group Camp is back! Any helpers who wish to support the advance party, the Group shall be transporting equipment to Campsite on Thursday 30th March 2023.

Easter Camp starts on the morning of 31st March 2023 till 2nd April to close off by 15.00hrs.

Section Leaders shall be providing you with more information closing to date, including the official Camp list and Camp fee.

Beavers

Wed 1st Mar **Shoe Laces & Buttons @HQ** **1800-1900hrs**

In today's meeting, we will learn how to properly tie shoe laces and neatly button up shirts in order to look smart in our school and scout uniforms :)

Sat 11th Mar **Afternoon Tea & Toast @Polverista Gate** **1400-1630hrs**

Get ready for an afternoon tea ' Backwoods Style'

The session will consist of learning the very basics of how to safely light a fire and end end with warm milkshake and jam toasts.

Kindly note that the meeting point for this session will be near the Fgura Football Ground.

Wed 15th Mar **How Things Work @HQ** **1800-1900hrs**

In today's session we will find out how certain objects we use on a daily basis work and learn the mechanical aspect of it.

Beavers are to bring a small cushion with them.

Wed 22nd Mar **Easter Craft @HQ** **1800-1900hrs**

Let's get into the Easter spirit and prepare a themed Easter craft together. Remember to bring with you your craft box and glue for this session.

Beavers are to bring €3 for the equipment used for this Craft

Sat 1st Apr **A day at the Easter Campsite @HQ** **0830-1500hrs**

Today we'll be heading to the Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite and spend the day together with other members of the group playing games and getting creative.

Further details of the activity will be given at a later stage throughout the month.

Pack

Dear Parents & Cubs

Once again we have a month full of interesting outdoor and indoor activities and we will finish it off with our Group Easter Camp from Friday 31st March till Sunday 2nd April 2023. **Link Badge members will be attending this camp with the Troop Section.**

General details about the Group Camp will be found in the Group Section, however details regarding the Pack Section will be given later on when preparations are finalised. So please stay updated with the Cub Scouts Facebook Group.

Thank you
AKELA & PACK LEADERS

Sat 4th Mar **Domus Romana Activity (+LB) @Bulebel** **1200-1730hrs**

All details about this activity have already been given out to the parents and booking done and confirmed on Friday 25th February 2023.

Cubs are to meet at Bulebel in full activity uniform (including cap & scarf) at 12pm and bring a small backpack with a light snack and water to drink. Please eat a proper lunch before coming to the activity.

Cubs should get their Heritage Malta Passport with them and a small plastic bag (to carry back the mosaic they will be doing).

Parents can pick up cubs again at 5.30pm from Bulebel.

Sat 11th Mar **Sessions (+LB & +MOB) @HQ** **1430-1630hrs**

These will be the very first scouting sessions for the Moving on Beavers :) May I kindly remind their parents that Cub Book (which is used during these sessions) can be bought online from the Scout Shop.

So all cubs are to get their Cub Book with them today in their usual backpack (apart from water to drink).

For all indoor and outdoor meeting, cubs wear their cap & scarf with their activity uniform.

Sat 18th Mar **Afternoon Hike (+MOB) @To be advised** **1400-1700hrs**

For the MOBS this will be the very first taste of a hike with the cubs - only that it is much shorter for the first attempt :)

Details about meeting and pick up place will be advised in our Facebook Group but the hike will be in the South and parents are to get the cubs themselves and pick them up as advised later in this Facebook post.

Cubs are to attend in full activity uniform with cap & scarf and get a small snack with them and enough water to drink.

Sat 25th Mar **SEDQA meeting re Self Esteem (+LB) @HQ** **1430-1630hrs**

Last year we had a couple of meetings with SEDQA staff and the cubs enjoyed themselves so much that they suggested more meetings treating different topics - in fact topics have been chosen by the cubs themselves.

Another meeting regarding Bullying will be held in April.

Fri 31st Mar - Sun 2nd Apr Group Camp - Easter Under the Stars @Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite **0830-1500hrs**

Please see Group Section but more details regarding this camp - booking date/camp list, etc will be given out on our Cub Scouts Facebook Group and during March meetings.

Troop

This month was planned by the PLs, APLs and AAPLs. They planned March sessions based on your progress. Their aim was to prepare you for the upcoming Easter Camp. The troop section will be split into three groups, and the members allocated in each group will be shared with you during the meetings:

- Group A: Sessions will cover mountain boots badge and basic knowledge on mapping, knots and camping equipment.
- Group B: Pioneering project planning
- Group C: First Aid orienteering activity planning

Fri 3rd Mar **PLC @HQ** **1730-1900hrs**

PLC will be held today for PLs, APLs and AAPLs only.

The chairman shall prepare the agenda beforehand and distribute on PL and APLs messenger chat. The secretary shall prepare the minutes from the previous PLC and bring them to the meeting on the day.

Fri 3rd Mar **Sessions (+LB) @HQ** **1900-2100hrs**

Today we will have a mix of sessions and projects to cover different requirements according to your progress. We will be doing mountain boots badge session, rope splicing session and planning of first aid orienteering activity. We will let you know on the day which group you will be assigned to.

Today we will be collecting **Euro 15 and a signed consent form** for the **Expedition** which will be done from 11 - 12th March. **P.S this is only for those members who completed the 20km hike last Summer and completed the route card last PLC.**

We will also be taking the bookings of the **Easter camp (31st March till 2nd April)** along with the payment of **Euro 35 and a signed consent form.**

Fri 10th Mar **Sessions (+LB) @HQ** **1900-2100hrs**

Today we will split again in different groups and deliver different sessions/planning activities according to your progress. The sessions being held today are knots and lashings, pioneering project planning and first aid orienteering activity planning. We will let you know on the day which session you will be doing.

For those doing the expedition only meeting will be extended till 10pm as you will pack shared equipment and food. You will set your backpacks in preparation for the expedition. Important to bring all the required equipment.

Sat 11th Mar - Sun 12th Mar **35Km Expedition @HQ** **0730-1700hrs**

We will meet at 7.30 am sharp at the HQ, take transport to Mdina and start the expedition from there. You will be sleeping at Ghajn Tuffieha campsite and the following day you will continue to walk to the final destination. The activity will end on 12th March at 5pm at the HQ. Important to all parents/guardians to regularly check the Fgura Troop members page for any updates.

All backpacks will be readily packed with all the necessary equipment for a winter overnight expedition from the day before and kept at the HQ. Important to wear the FSG activity wear, group scarf, two pairs of socks and a good walking shoes. **All members are also required to bring a health form on the day of the activity.**

Fri 17th Mar **Sessions (by PL's and APL's) (+LB) @HQ** **1900-2100hrs**

Today's Sessions will cover the basecamp of backpacker and orienteer. These sessions will be delivered by the PLs and APLs. What you learn today will be used during an first air orienteering activity during the Easter camp.

* Duty patrol to prepare a group game for today's meeting

Fri 24th Mar **Sessions in preparation for the Easter Camp (+LB) @HQ** **1900-2100hrs**

This session is very important especially for those attending the Easter Camp, but it is also important for those not attending as you will learn new things and be prepared for future camps.

The PLs and APLs will deliver sessions covering the backpacker and camper badges in preparation of the following Easter Camp. You will also be informed on what equipment you will need to bring for the Camp. If you have any equipment and you're not sure if it is good or not or if you have the rucksack but don't know how to properly adjust it, we suggest you bring them with you today so we can see them and help you accordingly

* Duty patrol to prepare a group game for today's meeting

Fri 31st Mar - Sun 2nd Apr **Easter Camp (+LB) @Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite** **0830-1500hrs**

See group section for further details.

What equipment to bring was instructed on last troop meeting which was held on 24th March.

Consent form was collected on 3rd March.

We will meet directly at Ghajn Tuffieha campsite. Important to bring with you the health form on the day of the camp and if you have any medications, these should be brought with you and given to the leaders when you arrive. It is also important to give us any snacks/drinks (except water) you bring with you as soon as you arrive. All medicines and snacks have to be labelled with your name and surname

Unit

Sat 4th Mar **iScout- Trip around the World @HQ** **1815-2300hrs**

It is very important that everyone eats before coming to the iScout. If anyone has any queries they can be answered by sending a message on Whatsapp or Discord (Brains team).

Sun 12th Mar **National Scout Trail @HQ** **0800-1400hrs**

We will again be going to the National Scout Trail, which consists of a circular 8km trek passing through Qarraba, Lippija, Ghajn Tuffieha Tower and the Roman Baths. After the trek there will also be a cookout.

Further information about the meeting will be given at a later date.

Fri 17th Mar **Orientiering Session @HQ** **1900-2100hrs**

Today we will be meeting for an orientiering session. Further information about the meeting will be given at a later date.

Sat 25th Mar **Self Defence session @HQ** **1000-1300hrs**

Today we will be meeting for some self defence sessions, further information about the meeting will be given at a later date.

Fri 31st Mar - Sun 2nd Apr **Easter Group Camp @Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite** **0815-1500hrs**

See Group Section for further details about the camp. Details about fee and equipment needed will be given at a later date.

Crew

Sat 4th Mar

iScout - Trip around the world @HQ

1815-2300hrs

It is important that everyone that will be taking part will eat beforehand. By this time, everyone should have a clear indication of what their role requires from them. For any other queries, feel free to message through the Whats-app group or Discord(for Brains Team). Thank you all and Happy Scouting!

Sun 12th Mar

National Scout Trail @HQ or Ghajn Tuffieha Camp

0800-1400hrs

Once again, we will be participating in the National Scout Trail, this time it will also consist of a cook-out after the trek. The trek will consist of a circular 8km trek passing through Qarraba, Lippija, Ghajn Tuffieha Towers and the Roman Baths.

A google form is currently being circulated for Unit, Rovers and Leaders to confirm their attendance and their preferred transportation method.

Those who will take the coach option will meet at HQ @8am and other can meet us at the Campsite before the Trek starts.

Wed 15th Mar

Rover Meeting @HQ

1830-2030hrs

Today we will meet to discuss the coming quarter(April, May,June) and any of the rover program badge progress.