



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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Group

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Important Dates to pencil on your Diary for April 2024:

- a) Annual Parade Rehearsals - 19th April 2024 @ Bulebel
- b) Annual Parade 2024 - 21st April 2024 @ Valletta
- c) FAMILY FUN DAY - 7th April 2024

Fri 1st Mar **Majjalata 2024 @Rinella Campsite** **1900-2200hrs**
Bring along family and friends for a relaxed Majjalata with the Fgura Scout Group.

Bookings can be made via email (events@fgurascouts.org) by not later than **24th Feb 2024**.

Non cash payment details

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Sat 9th Mar **Joint Activity with Mosta Girl Guides - EIJ Contingent @Bulebel** **0900-1400hrs**

The Essex International Jamboree is one of this year's milestone event and amongst the various ongoing preparations, a half day team building activity shall be organised with Mosta Girl Guides who shall be also attending this International Jamboree.

Fgura Group Members shall be meeting at Bulebel. Transport shall take us to Mosta Girl Guides HQ and be back at 14.00hrs, Bulebel.

Scarfs and Activity Wear required.

Fee: 7.00 Euro per person (incl. Transport and Food)

Consent form required.

Mon 25th Mar **Purcissjoni Redentur Fgura @Fgura Parish** **1830-2030hrs**

The Group Band and Group Members shall accompany procession in slow march. Full uniform required. Meeting at 18.30hrs at the Fgura Church parvis. Kindly prepare for cold weather and have dinner in advance.

Fri 29th Mar **Forcina - I-Gimgha I-Kbira @SENGLEA** **1715-2145hrs**

Dress Code: Full Uniform

This year, the Group shall be participating during Senglea's Good Friday Procession. All participants shall meet at Senglea Parish at 17.15hrs.

Beavers

Sat 2nd Mar

Cookout Lunch @Polverista

1100-1300hrs

It's that time of the year again when we can have a great time outdoors and enjoy a memorable cookout together. We're planning to grill some juicy burgers and treat ourselves to sweet scout bread with Nutella.

There will be a 5-euro fee collected on the day, and all beavers are encouraged to join in wearing their full activity gear, including the scarf. Also, don't forget to bring a signed consent form with you. Let's make it a fantastic day of good food and outdoor fun!

If you have any dietary requirements, please make sure to speak to Kees.

Wed 13th Mar

Easter Craft @HQ

1800-1900hrs

Today's meeting will be really fun and interesting since we're going to celebrating Easter! Easter is a special time when people all around the world celebrate a culmination of the Holy Week, New beginnings and springtime. We'll do some crafts related to Easter. It's a chance for us to be creative and make something special to remember such time. Plus, we'll also play games that are all about working together and having fun, just like the spirit of Easter! So, don't forget to bring your craft case along so we can get started on making some wonderful Easter creations together.

Sat 23rd Mar

Salib ta I-Gholja Hike @HQ

0900-1300hrs

The aim of this outing is to have a great time outdoors and enjoy nature by hiking along the Salib ta I-Gholja trail. We want to take in the beauty of the outdoors, appreciate the fresh air, and explore the scenic views along the trail. It's an opportunity to immerse ourselves in nature, get some exercise, and appreciate the wonders of the natural world around us.

A 5-euro fee will be collected on the day and beavers are to join in full activity wear including scarf together with a consent form.

Wed 27th Mar

Spiritual Session @HQ

1800-1900hrs

During today's session, we'll have a spiritual talk where each beaver will be invited to share a personal prayer. It's a chance for us to reflect on our beliefs, values, and hopes, and to express them in a meaningful way through prayer. Everyone will have the opportunity to speak from the heart and share something special with the group. It's a time for us to come together, support each other, and deepen our spiritual connections.

Pack

March is full of interesting, scouting and fun activities both outdoors and indoors.

Moreover, during this month we celebrate the Holy Week with Maudy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter and we have activities related to this special time of the year.

Since we have a lot of outdoor activities here is a summary of the bookings you need to do (these are all noted in the circular as well):

Saturday 2nd March (Cookout) - Only Cubs attending EIJ to book and pay for Joint Activity with MGG on Saturday 9th March - Consent Form + Eur 7;

Saturday 9th March (Quiz) - All cubs + LB and MOB should book and pay for hike on Saturday 16th March - Consent Form + Eur 3.50. Those cubs attending EIJ joint activity instead of Quiz can book and pay with Akela or Chil when we meet for the joint activity;

Saturday 23rd March (Easter Craft) - Booking for Maudy Thursday activity on Thursday 28th March - Consent Form + Eur 3.50 (MOB do not book for this activity).

So stay tuned for March activities and we hope to see all the cubs present for them all :)

AKELA & PACK LEADERS

Sat 2nd Mar Cookout & Outdoor Sessions (+MOB) @Rinella Campsite 1000-1500hrs

We will be having a cookout at Rinella South District Campsite - which is a session in itself and whilst there we will take the opportunity to do other outdoor sessions so the cubs' attendance today is very important not to fall back on their scouting progress.

Cubs are to come in full activity uniform plus cap and scarf and in their backpack they should have their cutlery bag and a small cooler bag which contains the food for the cookout - burgers, nuggets and maybe a bun or roll and some salad. Obviously cubs should get enough water to drink.

Note to Gold Arrow Cubs: As regards food, Gold arrow cubs will be cooking backwoods and so a Facebook notification will be sent before the day to inform them what they should prepare.

Parents are to pick up cubs from Rinella at 3pm. Consent Form should be brought on the day.

Today we will also be collecting €7 from those cubs who are attending the EIJ Joint Activity on 9/3/24.

Sat 9th Mar EIJ Joint Activity with MGG @Bulebel 0815-1400hrs

This activity is applicable only to those cubs who are participating in EIJ 2024. The rest of the cubs have the quiz meeting in the afternoon at HQ.

Refer to Group circular for more details. Fee for this activity of €7 will be collected on 2nd March during the Cookout.

Sat 9th Mar Quiz (+LB) & Booking for Hike on 16 Mar @HQ 1430-1630hrs

This is another fun activity where teamwork is important. We will be having a quiz where cubs will take part in sixes and the points gained will go toward the Best Six award at the end of the year.

So come prepared to answer questions about scouting (Cub Book); General Knowledge, Entertainment and so on and work together as a team to get the maximum amount of points!

Today cubs should book for the hike on Saturday 16th by getting a duly signed Consent Form + Eur 3.50 for - BOTH LB & MOB should book as well.

Sat 16th Mar Hike (+MOB) and (+LB) @Bulebel 0830-1600hrs

This is one of our scouting highlight activities since we will get to know each other in a relaxed way whilst enjoying the Maltese countryside.

Cubs should come in full activity uniform with cap and scarf with a good pair of trainers, a padded backpack which should contain a packed lunch for the day, some healthy snacks like fruit and enough water to last the day. Cubs should also get a small plate and a packet of wipes since the leaders will treat you to some tasty pancakes :). A rain jacket is also important since cubs need to come prepared!

Booking for this activity - Consent Form + Eur 3.50 for transport was done on Saturday 9th March

Sat 23rd Mar **Easter Craft (+MOB) & Booking for Thursday 28 March @HQ** **1400-1630hrs**

Easter is fast approaching so we will prepare for this big feast by doing a craft related to this time of the year.

We will be doing a Facebook post listing the items which cubs should get on the day to do this craft. Please remember that points will be deducted if cubs do not get the required items. Please also note that since we will be doing a craft, meeting starts half an hour earlier - at 2pm instead of 2.30pm!!

Today booking should be made for Maudy Thursday activity on Thursday 28th March - Consent Form + Eur 3.50 for transport. - MOB's need not book since they are not attending with Pack on 28th March.

Mon 25th Mar **Christ the Redeemer Procession (+LB) @HQ** **1830-2030hrs**

Please see Group Section for all the details about this activity. We will be meeating at the Fgura Parish church Parvis (Main Road side).

Full parade uniform should be worn and if the weather is very cold, clothes should be worn from underneath since no jackets will be allowed on the parade shirt.

Do not forget cubs that you take extra points for attending parades.

Thu 28th Mar **Maudy Thursday Activity (+LB) @Bulebel** **0845-1200hrs**

The Pack organizes this activity each year and Shada delivers a particular spiritual session to better understand the meaning of Holy Week and Good Friday leading to Easter.

Cubs should come in full activity uniform with cap and scarf and bring a small backpack with them with only a bottle of water in it - no snacks today please!

We shall be going to Luqa to visit Good Friday exhibitions and statues there.

Booking for this activity was made on Saturday 23rd March.

Troop

March is the first month prepared by the current PLC. It is full of fun scouting activities.

Please note- each time we have a meeting outdoors, we collect a consent form on the day of the activity.

Wishing you all the love and happiness the Easter can bring. Have a joyous celebration with your family!

Sat 2nd Mar **Operation Tal-Linja (+LB) @ROCS Grp Floriana** **0900-1500hrs**

Last time we held this event was in 2020... and scouts still describe it as an adventurous and fun day! Everyone shall meet at Floriana-Floriani Bus-stop next to ROCS group (there's a statue of Manoel de Vilhena). However, please take note that the meeting will end at Fgura HQ.

It will be a patrol competition. Each patrol will travel around Malta using only public transport. All of you will need an **activated** tal-linja card. You will need to bring: tal-linja card, consent form, water, raincoat, packed lunch, group scarf, cap and a strategic mind. More details will be provided on the day!

Today we will collect €7 for those attending the EIJ Joint Activity on 9/3/24.

Fri 8th Mar **PLC @HQ** **1730-1900hrs**

PLC for PLs and APLs only. Agenda will be prepared by Chairman, and secretary to provide copy of last meeting minutes for endorsement.

Fri 8th Mar **Scout Meeting @HQ** **1900-2100hrs**

During today's meeting, we shall split into various groups in order to continue our badge progress and plan for the 20km hike. PLs to plan ahead the topics which will be covered by the leaders. Duty patrol to prepare a game. What to get? The mountaineer award book and FA kit for those who have not completed the FA kit section.

Sat 9th Mar **EIJ Joint Activity with MGG @Bulebel** **0815-1400hrs**

This activity is applicable to all those who are participating in EIJ 2024. **Refer to Group circular for more details.** Fee for this activity of €7 will be collected on 2nd March during Op. Tal-linja. Please get a consent form and come in activity wear.

Fri 15th Mar **Clean the HQ Kitchen @HQ** **1800-1900hrs**

Activity for PLs only. Every 3 months we are assigned a location within our HQ to keep it spick and span. The first three months, we are responsible to keep the kitchen clean. PLs only are asked to attend to clean the kitchen of our HQ. If a PL cannot attend, an APL should attend instead.

Fri 15th Mar **Fashion Show and Meeting @HQ** **1900-2100hrs**

This month's patrol competition will be- Fashion for the most creative costume. Costume will be made from a mix of recycled and decorative items- all items need to be brought by each patrol member. Each patrol shall prepare a costume to represent their patrol animal i.e. we shall have a dolphin, an eagle, a turtle and a cobra ;)

During the second part of the meeting, we shall also cover sections from the badge progress and expedition planning. Duty patrol-plan a game ;)

Tue 19th Mar **Expedition Planning @HQ** **1800-2000hrs**

Members who are attempting the 20km expedition planning will decide whether they need to meet at HQ to conclude the 20km expedition planning. Members will decide if they will proceed with this meeting on the 15th of March.

Fri 22nd Mar **Scout Meeting (+LB) @HQ** **1900-2100hrs**

During today's meeting, we shall have two presentations on interest badges. Later, we will split into various groups in order to continue our badge progress. PLs to plan ahead and advise which topics which will be covered by the Leaders. Duty patrol to prepare a game.

Those attempting the 20km hike are to get their rucksack for a pre-hike inspection and adjust the weight of your rucksack in preparation for the following day.

Sat 23rd Mar - Sun 24th Mar **20km hike @TBD**

The 20km hike will be attempted by a group of scouts who have performed the 5km and 10km hikes. In order to attempt a 20km hike, this group must have the following list of items ready: route card, risk assessment, food planning, equipment list prep., trekking sec 4., cooking on a stove etc. Once these are all done they will be prepared to attempt the 20km hike... go go go!

Location and time to be determined once route card is prepared.

Mon 25th Mar **Christ the Redeemer Procession @HQ**

Refer to Group Section of this month's circular

Sat 30th Mar

Bagpipes, Easter Quiz and Games (+LB) @Park San Klement

0900-1130hrs

During the first part of this meeting, we shall have an introductory session on bagpipes.

Our PLs and APLs will organize a quiz on 4 different topics, Easter being one of them. If time permits, we shall also plan a few outdoor games. Let's see which patrol will win. PLs come prepared :)

What to bring- consent form, rain coat, notebook, pen and water.

Unit

- Fri 1st Mar** **Majjalata @Rnella Campsite** **1900hrs onwards**
See Group section
- Sat 2nd Mar** **Iscout @HQ** **1815hrs onwards**
This year we will once again be participating in Iscout. It is an international event where we compete with foreign scouts. It is very important that everyone eats before coming to the Iscout. If anyone has any queries they can answered by sending a message an Whatsapp or Discord (Brains teams)
- Thu 7th Mar** **Executive @HQ** **1900hrs onwards**
Tonight we will be meeting for another executive meeting. Please come with ideas so that we could build an excellent program this year.
For Executive members only
- Sat 9th Mar** **Joint Activity with Mosta Girl Guides @HQ** **0815-1500hrs**
For members who are going to Essex International Jamboree. this is an opportunity to get to know the Girl Guides Group who will be accompanying us to England
Refer to Group section for more details
- Thu 14th Mar** **Spiritual @HQ** **1930-2130hrs**
Today we will hold a spiritual meeting at our HQ. It is encouraged that you participate in the discussion and express your opinions. It is important to take this meeting seriously to respect the message this meeting will bring out.
- Thu 21st Mar** **Lashing Sessions @HQ** **1900-2100hrs**
Today we will meet at HQ to refresh our skills in lashings

Crew

- Fri 1st Mar** **Majjalata @Rinella Scout Campsite** **1800-2300hrs**
All hands on deck to make sure the event goes smooth.
- Sat 2nd Mar** **iScout @HQ** **1830-2300hrs**
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. Thank you all and Happy Scouting!
- Mon 18th Mar** **Rover Meeting @HQ** **1900-2100hrs**
To discuss our program progress, any interest in badge work and the coming months.
- Tue 19th Mar** **Pjazza Rovers @Manoel Island** **0930-1630hrs**
Registrations for this event have until 12th March and participants are to fill the google form beforehand. They are collecting 10 euro (includes a ftira and drink, a commemorative badge, and use of amenities).