



**THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP**

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## May 2024

### Group

### Pre- Announcements (See Group Section below)

#### Beavers

Wed 1st May  
Sat 4th May  
Wed 8th May  
Wed 15th May  
Wed 22nd May  
Sat 25th May

#### Moving on beavers are to attend with the Pack section were marked +MOB

No Meeting  
National Beaver Colony Activity @HQ 0730-1245hrs  
Mother's Day cooking session @HQ 1800-2000hrs  
Shoe Laces Session @HQ 1800-1900hrs  
No Meeting  
Maltese Games @Clement Gate 0900-1100hrs

#### Pack

#### The 4 new Moving on Beavers (MOB) will start this month. They are to attend with Pack only where marked (+MOB).

Fri 3rd May - Sun 5th May  
Sat 11th May  
Sat 18th May  
Sat 25th May

Pack Section Camp @Rinella Campsite  
Mother's Day Activity @Gnien Kottonera 1400-1700hrs  
Hike (+MOB) @Bulebel 0830-1600hrs  
Activity at Polverista (+MOB) @Near Football Ground 1430-1630hrs

#### Troop

Sat 4th May  
Fri 10th May  
Fri 10th May  
Sat 18th May  
Fri 24th May - Sun 26th May  
Fri 24th May  
Fri 31st May

National Troop Activity @Bulebel 0715-1630hrs  
PLC @HQ 1730-1900hrs  
Interest badges + Mix and Match sessions +LB @HQ 1900-2100hrs  
Mother's Day activity @Park San Klement 1300-1530hrs  
Ajkla Patrol Camp @Zurrieq Scout campsite 1700-1500hrs  
Night Games with Ajkla Patrol @Bulebel 1945-2300hrs  
Usual meeting - 10km hike planning @HQ 1900-2100hrs

#### Unit

Thu 2nd May  
Thu 2nd May  
Thu 9th May  
Thu 23rd May  
Thu 30th May

Induction Meeting @HQ 1800-1900hrs  
Executive Meeting @HQ 1900-2000hrs  
Pizza and Movie Night @HQ 1830-2200hrs  
Night Games @Gnien Kottonera 1930-2200hrs  
Sessions and Presentations @HQ 1900-2100hrs

#### Band

Wed 8th May  
Wed 8th May  
Wed 15th May  
Wed 15th May  
Wed 22nd May  
Wed 29th May

Band Rehearsal for bagpipes @HQ 1700-1800hrs  
Band Rehearsal @HQ 1800-1930hrs  
Band Rehearsal for bagpipes @HQ 1700-1800hrs  
Band Rehearsal @HQ 1800-1930hrs  
Band Rehearsal for bagpipes + all band members @HQ 1700-1930hrs  
Band Rehearsal for bagpipes @HQ 1700-1800hrs

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# Group

## Pre- Announcements

### 1. HQ Clean Up & Maintenance - Call for Adult Support!

The group is planning to carry out some seasonal high end cleaning and maintenance works at HQ in **June 2024**, involving parents and friends. No date has yet been fixed. Anyone interested to lend a hand, please message GSL or send an email on [gsl@fgurascouts.org](mailto:gsl@fgurascouts.org) and indicate your availabilities. Grateful if you can indicate more than one (1) day so that we can plan better.

### 2. Save the Date - Summer Camp 28-30 June 2024

This year's Summer Camp is planned at B'Bugia Scouts Campsite. More detail to follow in June's Newsletter.

### 3. Update - Belpasso Agreement

The Fgura Scouts Group as authorised by the Association has entered into a Collaboration Agreement with Agesci Belpasso 1 & 2 Scouts, Catania with a view to exchange experiences in Scouting. Mtarfa Scout Group did also supported Fgura Scout Group in this endeavour. In case anyone wish more information, please feel free to contact us.

**Also would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuous and valuable support to the Fgura Scout Group.**

# Beavers

**Sat 4th May**

**National Beaver Colony Activity @HQ**

**0730-1245hrs**

A National Beaver Colony event that is celebrated once a year where Beavers from all around Malta unite together as one big family to celebrate unity.

The event will be held at Ghajn Tuffieha Bay and as a Fgura colony we will team up with other colonies and participate in the team building activities and games being organised.

Consent Form and a 8 euro fee will be collected on the day.

Beavers are to attend in full activity wear including scarf and need to bring packed lunch, water and sunblock for the duration of the day.

Beavers will be provided with reusable gloves for the clean up we will have on the beach. Later we will continue nurturing our green fingers by replanting some plants.

**Wed 8th May**

**Mother's Day cooking session @HQ**

**1800-2000hrs**

Today's meeting is a special one where in appreciation to our mother's role in our daily lives, we will spend some quality bonding time together and prepare a few delicious sweet treats.

A 5 euro fee will be collected before the meeting for the ingredients which will be bought by the leaders.

**Wed 15th May**

**Shoe Laces Session @HQ**

**1800-1900hrs**

Shoes are worn every day but most of the times, if not always, we ask an adult to tie our shoe laces. Today we will have the opportunity to learn first hand how to neatly tie shoe laces and have a go at tying other beaver's shoes.

Games will follow once the session is concluded.

**Sat 25th May**

**Maltese Games @Clement Gate**

**0900-1100hrs**

Today we meeting at Gnien San Clement to play some old Maltese traditional games such as passju, bocci and ' Iz- Zonzana iddur iddur'. Get ready for some serious fun ☺

Some Maltese snacks will be served in between games as refreshments. Beavers are to wear activity uniform and bring plenty of water with them.

# Pack

Dear Parents and Cubs,

May is one of the most wonderful months of the year and we have some very exciting activities prepared for you starting with the pack camp in the very first days of May.

In fact we're going to spend all of May outdoors as you will notice from the activities we have planned for you.

An activity which is very much at heart this month and which we always plan with lots of love and care is the Mother & Cub activity where we will do our best to show our precious mothers how much they are important to us and to spend quality time together with the cub making memories!

So let's all look forward to a month full of outdoor and varied activities :)

Akela & Pack Leaders

## **Fri 3rd May - Sun 5th May Pack Section Camp @Rinella Campsite**

This year the pack camp will be dedicated mostly to scouting skills and activities.

Booking for this camp was taken on Saturday 6th April and all details regarding timings, camp list, etc were given to the parents and members in the previous weeks.

For this camp those four members who moved on with Pack during the Group Drill and became cubs will attend for one night only and will start the camp on Saturday 4th May instead of Friday 3rd May in the evening.

Consent form was given upon booking and parents should not forget to get the Health Form on the first day of camp.

**Today 3rd May or tomorrow 4th May (for the one nighters) booking should be done for hike on the 18th May - Consent Form + Eur 3.50; also those parents who are attending mother & cub activity but couldn't pay on the 27th April should get the fee this weekend.**

**The new MOB's should inform Akela of their attendance and then get Consent Form + Eur 3.50 for transport on the day.**

## **Sat 11th May Mother's Day Activity @Gnien Kottonera 1400-1700hrs**

This year we're going to use Gnien Kottonera on the way to Cospicua for this activity. The area opposite where we used to organise our meetings has been cleaned and renovated and is really lovely.

We are doing an activity with L-Ghorfa ta' Mar Nev who do hand made soap and wax candles from organic materials. For this activity the mother and cub are going to do wax candles to take home with them.

The mothers and cubs will be split into two groups for practical reasons and whilst one group will be having a spiritual session with Shada, the rest will be doing the wax candles with a representative from this company. Moreover, information will be given about this art of candle making. The two groups will then obviously shift roles.

Cubs are to come in activity uniform and bring enough water with them to drink. All the mothers need to get is a pair of oven heat resistant gloves or if unavailable a tea towel

Booking for this activity was done on Saturday 27th April

## **Sat 18th May Hike (+MOB) @Bulebel 0830-1600hrs**

This is the best time of the year (apart from Autumn) for hikes and since we were fully occupied in April, we're taking the opportunity to do another hike before it gets too hot.

Hikes are a highlight of scouting since during the day we take the opportunity to put certain scouting skills in practice and we also have the time to relax and get to know our fellow cubs in a more informal way whilst admiring nature.

Basics to go on a hike - activity uniform, cap, scarf, apply sunblock, padded straps backpack with enough water to drink and healthy lunch and snacks + rain jacket always (to be prepared). Those cubs (silver arrow upwards) who have a First Aid kit should get it with them.

Booking for this hike was taken on the first day of the pack camp - i.e. Friday 3rd or Saturday 4th May

This is the first activity with the Pack for the new MOB's so parents should advise Akela of their attendance a week before the activity and then get Consent Form + Eur 3.50 transport fee on the day.

## **Sat 25th May Activity at Polverista (+MOB) @Near Football Ground 1430-1630hrs**

We are meeting near the Fgura Football ground to go together to the Polverista area where we will be doing outdoor games.

Remember to come in full activity uniform with cap and scarf and get a backpack with enough water to drink and a light snack.

# Troop

**Sat 4th May** **National Troop Activity @Bulebel** **0715-1630hrs**

This is a National Troop Activity at Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite- you will meet 700+ Maltese scouts. This is a day activity. Fee of €18 were collected on 5/4/24. The fee includes - participation fee, food, badge, token, and transport.

**What do you need to get?**

Consent form, water bottle (there will be refilling stations), snacks, cap/hat, pen/notebook, cutlery bag, and sun block.

**Wear-** activity wear (scarf is very imp.)+ comfortable pair of shoes.

**Fri 10th May** **PLC @HQ** **1730-1900hrs**

This meeting is for PLs and APLs only. Today's PLC is slightly longer, as you will be doing duty Toilets. Secretary to get printed minutes whilst Chairman shall prepare Agenda in advance.

**Fri 10th May** **Interest badges + Mix and Match sessions +LB @HQ** **1900-2100hrs**

We shall allocate time for interest badges presentations. After which the Leaders will deliver various sessions to cover the mountaineer award book requirements.

What to get? The Mountaineer award book, pen+ notebook.

Today we will collect €30 from Ajkla Patrol only, the rest €4 for transport for the night games activity.

**Sat 18th May** **Mother's Day activity @Park San Klement** **1300-1530hrs**

Bring 3Ms- Mums, Mugs and Makeup. It is time to spend some time with your mothers, perhaps discover the adventurous, shy or loud mothers of our scouts :)

What to get? Mugs for both of you, makeup bag, makeup remover/cotton pads, and water bottle.

**Fri 24th May - Sun 26th May** **Ajkla Patrol Camp @Zurrieq Scout campsite** **1700-1500hrs**

This camp is for and being organized by Ajkla Patrol only.

Ajkla Patrol shall be camping at Zurrieq Campsite as a patrol- theme is Vikings... It will be a 3 day fun activity and bonding :) Consent form and health form including medicines, if applicable, will be collected upon arrival at campsite.

**Fri 24th May** **Night Games with Ajkla Patrol @Bulebel** **1945-2300hrs**

Meeting will start and end at Bulebel, a van will take us to Zurrieq campsite to join Ajkla patrol for a night games session.

Bookings and payments of €4 for transport were collected on 10/5/24.

What to get? Torch, consent form and water bottle.

**Fri 31st May** **Usual meeting - 10km hike planning @HQ** **1900-2100hrs**

During today's meeting the PLs will teach their members how to plan for a 10km hike. During the session they will plan a 10km night hike which will take place in the coming weeks.



