



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

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## November 2021

### **Group**

Fri 10th Dec - Mon 13th Dec Troop+Unit - The Olympian Camp @Rinella Scout Campsite 1700-1500hrs

### **Beavers**

**Beavers MOB's are to attend with Pack where marked (+MOB).**

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Wed 10th Nov	Shoelaces craft @HQ	1800-1900hrs
Wed 17th Nov	Scouting session @HQ	1800-1900hrs
Wed 24th Nov	Beaver's talk time @HQ	1800-1900hrs

### **Pack**

**Link Badge members (LB) are to attend with Pack & Troop where marked (+LB) whilst Moving on Beavers MOB's are to attend with Pack where marked (+MOB)**

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Sat 27th Nov	Tents Session +LB @S Lucija Gardens	0900-1200hrs
Sat 4th Dec	Packing a Rucksack (+LB) @Bulebel	0900-1100hrs

### **Unit**

Fri 5th Nov	First Aid and Basic Knots Session @HQ	1900-2130hrs
Fri 12th Nov	Camp program preparation @HQ	1900-2130hrs
Fri 19th Nov	Team building games @HQ	1900-2130hrs
Fri 26th Nov	Mapping and Lashing session @HQ	1900-2130hrs

### **Band**

Wed 10th Nov	Band Rehearsal @HQ	1815-1945hrs
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# Group

Dear Members,

You are kindly reminded that the membership fee of €40 for the period SEP 2021 to FEB 2022 is due by the end of October.

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](mailto:gsl@fgurascouts.org) or our Treasurer on [treasurer@fgurascouts.org](mailto:treasurer@fgurascouts.org)

**Fri 10th Dec - Mon 13th Dec**

**Troop+Unit - The Olympian Camp @Rinella Scout Campsite**

**1700-1500hrs**

We're super excited about this one - we're going camping again! This will be our first camp since the COVID-19 pandemic began and we just can't wait!

The pandemic still isn't over so we'll be taking some extra measures to ensure a safe camp experience for everyone. Here are some measures which you should know about:

- The camp will be limited to Troop and Unit members only to keep the number of people present low and better ensure social distancing throughout the camp.
- Masks will be worn at all times - the only exceptions being for showering, eating and sleeping.
- We will be allocating 4sqm of tent floor space per person (that means 2/3 people sleeping in a 5-person tent).
- Attendees will be sub-divided into groups of 6. They will eat, sleep and participate in activities with members from the same group throughout the camp.
- There will be plenty of hand-sanitizing stations around the campsite.
- We will be checking the attendees' temperature at least twice a day.
- Anyone exhibiting any symptoms will be sent home immediately and asked to report back once s/he is seen by a medical professional.

We are aware that camps pose a significant risk of spreading illnesses and we always take a number of measures to mitigate this risk as much as possible. COVID-19 poses an added challenge for us, but we feel confident that with the added measures we'll be implementing, we can lower the risk to an acceptable level. Members' and parents' cooperation during this camp will be even more important than usual - we know the conditions are not ideal but we're determined to make the most of the situation. Make sure to stay tuned to your section leaders for any further instructions and/or equipment lists.

**The Camp Fee will be of €45 for the full camp** which covers the cost of the campsite facilities, water and electricity costs, all activities and materials, sanitary supplies, three meals a day, tea breaks and as much drinking water as is required. Camp fee will be collected during the section meetings along with a filled-out [consent form](#).

Members will be asked to bring with them a filled-in [Health Form](#) on the first day of the camp and those members who have been vaccinated against COVID-19 will be asked to show their vaccination certificate. Nevertheless unvaccinated members are also welcome to attend the camp.

## Beavers

**Wed 3rd Nov**

**Autumn Craft @HQ**

**1800-1900hrs**

As we have now geared up for our current season, we will celebrate it by doing an Autumn themed craft. Beavers are reminded to bring their pockets filled with colors, UHU stick and round end scissors. All items will be bought by the leaders. There are no fees involved for this activity.

**Wed 10th Nov**

**Shoelaces craft @HQ**

**1800-1900hrs**

This week we will do another craft with the aim to practice the most important knot which we use in our everyday life. For this craft we will need just our pocket full of colors, UHU stick and a round end scissor. All items will be bought by the leaders. There are no fees for this activity.

**Wed 17th Nov**

**Scouting session @HQ**

**1800-1900hrs**

For this session we will continue practicing our shoe laces. Moreover, we will also practice how scouts fold our scarfs. It is important to bring their scarfs together with the Beaver's handbook.

**Wed 24th Nov**

**Beaver's talk time @HQ**

**1800-1900hrs**

Today our Beaver will have the chance to talk about all sorts of things. They can talk about important topics such as which activities they have enjoyed most, or what they'd like to do in the future. It could also be about friends, school, or anything else. The important thing is that everyone listens to each other whilst respecting each other's opinion. Today our Beaver will have the chance to talk about all sorts of things. They can talk about important topics such as which activities they have enjoyed most, or what they'd like to do in the future. It could also be about friends, school, or anything else. The important thing is that everyone listens to each other whilst respecting each other's opinion.

# Pack

Dear Parents

Since we are approaching the winter months, it might not always be possible to hold outdoor meetings because of the weather; but unfortunately for the time being we cannot hold meetings in our HQ. So please stay up to date with our Facebook Group so that you will be aware in time of any changes to the monthly circular. Moreover, certain meetings which were normally held in our HQ will now be held online so we will be having a mix of online and outdoor meetings in the coming months.

As always attendance for sessions is of the utmost importance so that the scouting progress of a cub does not fall backwards. It is not always possible to make up for lost sessions so cubs should do their utmost not to miss them.

Consent Forms should only be provided when asked for in the circular and rainjacket in the backpack for the coming months is a must!! No need to be reminded in each and every circular....as scouts we should always be prepared!

Details in the circular should be given particular attention and any updates after this is out, will be in our Facebook Group .....so stay tuned :)

Akela & Pack Leaders

## **Fri 5th Nov Sessions (+LB) & (+MOB) @Online 1845-2000hrs**

The login time for this meeting is 1845 so that we will possibly start our sessions before 1900. The link will be posted in the Fgura Cub Scouts Facebook Group in the morning.

When we have online meetings cubs should attend with activity t shirt and scarf (no need for cap). Please keep your Cub Book near you.

Today we will be split into breakout rooms according to the arrow that the cub is doing - Tender Paw, Bronze, Silver and Gold. At the end of the sessions we will meet together again to end the meeting.

## **Sat 13th Nov Tea & Toast (+MOB) @Gnien Kottonera 1500-1700hrs**

Autumn is ideal to savour some nice warm toast and a nice hot drink in the outdoors and we will be preparing these for you to enjoy. All you have to do is get your cutlery bag - (make sure you have unbreakable items in it) and what we will be using is the flat plate and the cup but please leave all the items in it - to be prepared :) Remember that all items are to be clearly marked with child's name

Cubs should come in full activity uniform (cap and scarf) and get your cutlery bag in your usual backpack together with tissues, wipes and sanitizer.

**Consent Form not needed today but cubs should get Eur 1 with them for items bought by the leaders.**

## **Sat 20th Nov Hike (+LB) & (+MOB) @Cospicua Terminus 0930-1500hrs**

We're going to have our very first hike after a long time and for this time we decided to stick to the south of Malta.

We will meet at the Cospicua Terminus which is exactly opposite the Cafe Riche. Parents can pick their cubs when hike finishes from the Marsascala Family Park.

Cubs should come in full activity uniform with proper running shoes and their padded backpack should contain: packed lunch and healthy snacks, enough water for the day; tissues & wipes, sanitizer and obviously the rain jacket! Cubs who have completed the First Aid session in the Silver arrow can get their personal First Aid kit with them - it should be small and light!

**A duly signed Consent Form should be handed to the leaders upon arrival.**

## **Fri 26th Nov Quiz (+LB) & (+MOB) @Online 1845-2030hrs**

We're going to end this month with a bang since we're going to have an online quiz with none other than our quiz master Bagheera :)

Prepare yourselves for questions regarding scouting, general knowledge and light stuff and we will go on a voyage of learning, fun and snippets of irony and laughter that Bagheera will throw in from time to time!!

Logging in starts at 1845 hours to begin not later than 1900 hours.

Link for this online meeting will be posted in the morning in our Facebook Group.

# Troop

Please note that as we are entering winter and with the restrictions as they are, all of our events still have to be done outside. Please read the PLAN B segments of each event and keep an eye on the Facebook group for any weather related updates.

## **Thu 4th Nov** **Camp Booking (+LB) @HQ** **1830-1930hrs**

Finally it's time to go camping again after a long time. The winter camp will be held from 10th till 13th December in Rinella. We will still follow all covid guidelines as instructed by IHQ including the ones related to camping. More details regarding the camp, equipment to bring and safety that will be taken/ guidelines to follow due to covid will be given during the meetings. See note in group section of circular as well.

Today we will be at the Hq for one hour from 6.30 pm till 7. 30pm to collect bookings, payment of €45 and consent forms for the winter camp.

If anyone have any questions regarding the camp or wishes to attend but cannot come today, you can contact the scout leader, Gail, on messenger, mobile (99636806) or email ( sl@fgurascouts.org )

## **Sat 6th Nov** **Fire and Shout! (+LB) @Bulebel** **0800-1700hrs**

For this week we go on an adventure! ASL Keith has prepared for us all a Cookout in the aid of completing his basic leadership badge. In addition, all of those that attend will also complete Cook base camp number 3 - Fire and cooking.

We will be meeting and ending at Bulebel and transport will take us to Mosta Valley for some cooking. **Please note you will need to bring your own food** - some examples: burgers, chicken, sausages, kebabs, etc

Bookings and paymnt of Euro 4 for this activity will be taken on 30th September - a post on Facebook will be sent out.

PLAN B in case of rain: Instead of Mosta valley, we will go to Qawra HQ with the transport and cook on stoves.

Bring consent form, your own food, cutlery, water, raincoat, scarf, hand sanitizer and first aid kit.

## **Sat 13th Nov** **Mapping Session +LB @Zabbar Park (San Klement)** **0900-1100hrs**

This week we will be recapping our mapping skills once again in aid of the next event on the 20th - the 5km hike!

Leader's will be split into base camp and advanced in line with the Mountaineer Award, so choose your area to advance or revise your knowledge.

Bring Mountaineer Award book, consent form and scarf.

PLAN B in case of rain: meet at Bulebel.

## **Sat 13th Nov** **PLC @Zabbar Park (San Klement)** **1100-1200hrs**

This meeting is only for PLs and APLs

We will be discussing and planning the remaining activities in November as well as some activities for December.

Bring: ideas for activities, pen and paper

PLAN B in case of rain: Meet at Bulebel

## **Sat 20th Nov** **Orient-here Orient-there TAKE 2 @Zabbar Park (San Klement)** **0900-1100hrs**

Second attempt of the 5km hike - here's hoping the weather will be in our favour this time!

As normal bring: consent form, comfortable walking boots, water, raincoat, scarf and first aid.

## **Sat 27th Nov** **Tents Session +LB @S Lucija Gardens** **0900-1200hrs**

With the upcoming smaller winter camp in December, it's high time we reminded you all about what a tent is and how to put one up.

With the restrictions as they are, we are limited to 2 people per hike tent so therefore you need to be extra diligent and knowledgeable on tent care and preparation.

Bring Mountaineer Award book, consent form, water, raincoat and scarf.

PLAN B in case of rain: continuation of knots session at Bulebel.

