



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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Group

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EARLY DEPARTURE FORMS

The Fgura Scout Group has introduced a new policy to bring itself in line with the policies of the Scout Association of Malta. With immediate effect, any members who for any reason need to leave an activity or meeting earlier than the time scheduled on the monthly newsletter are to present a signed copy of the "Early Departure Form" to the section leader in charge of the meeting / activity.

For those cases where the parent will be picking up the member in person, there is no need to fill in the form (although we'd appreciate it if you could still inform the section leader in advance).

You may download the form from the "Downloads" section of our website: <https://fgurascouts.org/downloads.php>

Sun 7th Oct **Family Fun Walk @HQ** **1415-1830hrs**

When was the last time you ventured out into the Maltese countryside and enjoyed some fresh air? The weather is cooler now and it's the perfect time to enjoy a nice walk in one of Malta's most beautiful areas. This time we'll be heading to Dingli and walking through the Buskett and Girgenti area. This is an easy walk which is suitable for all ages.

We'll be providing transport from our HQ and back along with bottled water, a snack and a tea-break along the way. What better way is there to spend a Sunday afternoon?! Booking information is included in the enclosed flier.

Note: Most of the walk will be over unpaved country roads - comfortable walking shoes are recommended. Please bring a raincoat with you just in case.

Sun 28th Oct **Fgura Day Church Parade @HQ** **0830-1100hrs**

It's a special day for the residents of Fgura - today we celebrate Fgura Day.

All beavers, cubs, scouts and ventures are to assemble at HQ at 0830hrs sharp dressed in full parade uniform.

The group will be marching to the Parish Church and participating in the 0930hrs Mass. A brief ceremony will be held afterwards in Reggie Miller Square. The group will march back to HQ after the ceremony and will be dismissed at around 1100hrs.

Thu 1st Nov - Sun 4th Nov **Group (Halloween) Winter Camp @Żurrieq Scout Campsite** **0900-1200hrs**

It's time for our annual winter group camp. This time we're changing the dates and the venue and we'll be trying something different.

The winter camp is open to all Cubs, Scouts and Ventures and the Beaver Colony will be visiting the camp for half a day on Saturday.

Camp Fee will be as follows and is to be paid in advance during the section meetings:

- Colony: €7 (inc. transport to/from HQ)
- Pack and Unit €25 (Friday afternoon to Sunday)
- Troop € 35 (Full Camp - Thursday morning to Sunday)

(Camp fees cover the cost of the camp-site facilities, water and electricity costs, all activities and materials, three meals a day, tea breaks and as much drinking water as is required).

Beavers

Wed 3rd Oct **Learning about animals @HQ** **1800-1900hrs**

Today we will have a very interesting meeting. Beavers are asked to bring their own pet with them. Pets need to be brought in a appropriate cage which will be safe for everyone. Those who do not have a pet can bring an animal soft toy with them. We will have a discussion to learn more about animals and how to care for them.

Wed 17th Oct **Scouting Session @HQ** **1800-1900hrs**

Today we will have a scouting session where we will sharpen up our general knowledge on scouting.

A duly signed consent form and Eur 5.00 will be collected today for Funny Farm activity.

Sat 20th Oct **Funny Farm @HQ** **0900-1200hrs**

Today we will meet at our HQ and head towards Siggiewi to visit a horse sanctuary. This will surely be an amazing experience where beavers will have the opportunity to see many horses. Horses are one of the most elegant and majestic animals and all have their individual personality.

Beavers are to wear full activity uniform including cap and scarf. Please bring a packed lunch, water, tissues, wipes and rain jacket in a wide strapped back pack.

Consent form and Eur 5.00 were collected on the 17th of October.

Wed 24th Oct **Games + Drill @HQ** **1800-1900hrs**

Today we will practice our marching skills for the Jum il-Fgura Parade. Afterwards we will play some games :-)

Sun 28th Oct **Jum il-Fgura Parade @HQ**

See group details for more information.

Pack

5 link badge members will be starting their link badge this month, to go up with Troop in April 2019; whilst 2 moving on beavers will also start their moving on period this month to move on with Pack in January 2019 (during AGM). Parents of these members were all informed and parents' meetings held as well.

All parents please take note that in the first meeting of the month - Saturday 6th October we have two bookings - for the hike of the 20th October and the Group Winter Camp in the first weekend of November. **Please get consent form + fee in a sealed envelope marked with name of activity and name of cub. Thank you for your continued co-operation.**

Sat 6th Oct Olive Grove Service Activity (+LB & +MOB) plus 2 bookings @HQ 0845-1200hrs

This activity was held for the first time two years ago and the olive grove owners appreciated the work of the cubs so much that we are being invited each year to help them pick the ripe olives for the season. Last year we did not attend due to the talent night rehearsals.

We will be going to a field where olive trees grow (grove) where we will be given very interesting information about how olive trees grow and how olive oil is made. Then the cubs themselves will have a hands-on experience in olive picking.

Then we will stop for a break where cubs will be given "hobz biz-zejt" (those cubs who for some reason do not like "hobz biz-zejt" are to get a small packed lunch of their own). Cubs should get enough water to drink for the day and are to come in full activity uniform (with cap & scarf).

Included in the price for this activity (apart from transport and the bread prepared) is a small bottle of pure extra virgin olive oil for the cubs to take back home with them!!

Booking for this activity was done on Friday 28th September 2018.

Today booking should be done for the following two activities:

1. **Hike on Saturday 20th October - Consent Form + €4 (including pancakes for the cubs :));**
2. **Booking for Group Winter Camp (see details in Group Section of this circular) - Full Camp €25 and One Nighters €16.**

Sat 20th Oct Hike (+LB & +MOB) @HQ 0830-1600hrs

We have been waiting for the weather to cool down to go for a lovely hike in the Maltese countryside. Apart from the scenic walk, the leaders will be preparing pancakes for the cubs as a treat when we stop for a break.

Cubs are to come in full activity uniform (+ cap & scarf); put on comfortable slippers and get a backpack with padded straps which should contain:

- flat plate, fork, knife, tissues & wipes (please get them in the cutlery bag but no need for the rest of the items);
- a packed lunch and a healthy snack (such as a fruit);
- enough water to drink for the day.

Booking for this activity was done on Saturday 6th October.

Fri 26th Oct Stunt Workshop/Preparation for Group Winter Camp (+MOB) @HQ 1800-2000hrs

Even though MOBs do not attend a camp for now, this meeting will prepare them for the next camp when they will be one nighters :))

Since the camp will only be a week away, today we will be going through the camp list so as to start packing up and look forward to this Group Camp.

We will also be doing a stunt workshop - what's this?? As you know a campfire is held during each and every camp and cubs are requested to improvise a stunt which can be singing a song, doing a piece of drama, telling jokes, etc. In today's meeting we're going to tell you how to go about doing these things so that stunt preparation will become something you will enjoy doing.....and you will start looking forward to the campfire stunt :)

Sun 28th Oct Fgura Day Parade (+LB) @HQ 0830-1100hrs

Today we join the local council, all the local organizations and the people of Fgura to commemorate Fgura Day with a church parade.

Please make sure that your parade uniform is in order and be punctual because of the formation of the cubs for marching.

All details are in Group Section of this circular.

Troop

Sun 7th Oct **Fund raising fun walk @HQ** **1415-1830hrs**

See group section for more details.

Sun 14th Oct **Gozo (+LB) @HQ** **0600-1900hrs**

Today we will be going to Gozo and have a fun packed day together. We will be meeting at the HQ at 6am sharp and be back at 7pm.

For this activity all members must come with the activity t-shirt, cap, scarf and slippers. Also to wear swim wear as we will be swimming while in Gozo. Important to bring packed lunch, snacks, plenty of water to drink, rain coat, sun block, first aid, beach towel and tal-linja card (or some money).

Booking of this event will be done by sending a message to the scout leader on 99636806 by not later than Monday 8th October. On the day of the activity all members must bring a signed consent form and the fee of €15.

Today we will also be taking the booking and payment of the Group Winter Camp which will be held from the 1st till the 4th of November. All troop members and link badge members are to bring the fee of €35 and a signed consent form by today.

Sat 20th Oct **JOTI with cospicua scouts @Cafe Riche, Birgu** **1245-1715hrs**

Today we will be meeting near cafe riche in Birgu @12.45. We will be joining the Cospicua scouts for the JOTI event. JOTI is jamboree on the internet, where you will be able to communicate and get to know scouts from all over the world.

Important to wear the group activity t-shirt, cap and scarf. To bring with you water, snacks, biro, notebook and a signed consent form.

Troop are to be picked up from cafe riche at 5.15pm.

Sat 27th Oct **Knots and Lashings session (+LB) @infront Football Ground** **1400-1630hrs**

Today we will be meeting in front of the Fgura football ground and from there we will walk to a new place called the St John's Gate/Bieb San Gwann.

We will be having sessions on knots and lashings. Important to bring cap, scarf, rain coat, water, the scout hand book and a signed consent form.

PLC (for patrol leaders only) will be held before the meeting at 12.30pm. We will meet infront of the Fgura Football Ground.

Sun 28th Oct **Fgura Day Church Parade @HQ** **0830-1100hrs**

All scouts are to assemble at HQ at 0830hrs sharp dressed in full parade uniform.

See Group section for more details.

Unit

Sat 6th Oct **Puttinu football @Fgura football ground** **0545-0800hrs**

Today we will meet in Fgura football ground at 6 am sharp to play few football matches against each other. Helping others is part of our Scouting promise and while having fun playing we will help raise funds for Puttinu. Other section leaders, council, helpers and even scout members from other section feel free to come and have fun with us. Kindly, inform our VSL regard your attendance.

Sun 7th Oct **Fund raising Fun Walk @HQ** **1400-1830hrs**

See group section for more details. Unit let help our group by attending :)

Mon 8th Oct **Executive meeting @HQ** **1930-2200hrs**

Today we will meet at HQ to discuss and plan for future activities and project. All executive members have to attend this meeting.

Sat 13th Oct **Interactive Day @Xrobb I-ghagin hostel** **0800-1600hrs**

Today some unit members will attend the interactive to take a special care of the leaders and helpers young ones. During that day we will organize some games and we will have some fun with them as well. :)

Fri 19th Oct **Joint activity Joti Jota + BBQ @1st Cospicua Scout HQ** **1900-2300hrs**

Today we will meet at the 1st Cospicua HQ to join them during this year Joti Jota activity. Afterwards we will have a nice BBQ, play some games and share summer experience. Do not forget to bring food to cook for the bbq and drinks. Let have some fun with our brothers and sisters of 1st Cospicua Group.

Sun 21st Oct**Wherigo @HQ****0800-1700hrs**

Today we will attend this activity called "Wherigo" in the Northern part of Malta. We'll be divided into 2 groups and follow the trail according to the "Where I go".

Don't forget to bring the consent form, activity wear, scarf, snacks and plenty of water. If you like to swim after the activity, don't forget to bring sunblock, beach towel and a swimsuit.

Today, the leaders will collect the winter camp fee and consent form.

Sun 28th Oct**Fgura Day Parade @HQ****0800-1100hrs**

During the Fgura Day we will join and march in the streets of Fgura with the local organization and other Fgura organizations. Make sure that your uniform is in order.

For more information and details have a look at the Group Section.