



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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October 2021

Group

Fri 15th Oct - Sun 17th Oct Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) @Online

Beavers

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Sat 16th Oct	Joti 2021 - Joint Activity @HQ	1000-1100hrs
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Pack

Fri 1st Oct	Sessions (+LB) and (+MOB) @Gnien San Klement	1745-1900hrs
Fri 8th Oct	Health & Fitness (+MOB) - Part 1 @Online	1845-2000hrs
Fri 15th Oct - Sun 17th Oct	JOTI-JOTA @Online	
Sat 23rd Oct	Fgura Treasure Hunt (+LB) @To be announced	1600-1800hrs
Sat 30th Oct	Athlete's Badge (+LB) and (+MOB) @Bulebel	1600-1830hrs

Moving on Beavers (MOB) are to attend with Pack where marked (+MOB) and Link Badge members (LB) are to attend with Pack and Troop where marked (+LB)

Troop

Sat 2nd Oct	Orient-here, Orient-there +LB @Zabbar Park	0900-1100hrs
Sat 9th Oct	To the rescue! +LB @S Lucija Chinese Gardens	0900-1100hrs
Sat 9th Oct	PLC @S Lucija Chinese Gardens	1100-1200hrs
Sat 16th Oct	JOTI/JOTA +LB @Bulebel	0900-1700hrs
Sat 23rd Oct	Cook Base Camp Sessions @Gnien Kottonera	0900-1130hrs
Sat 30th Oct	Pumpkin Carving Competition @Zabbar Park	0900-1200hrs

Unit

Fri 1st Oct	Pizza and movie night @HQ	1900-2200hrs
Sat 9th Oct	Ready Steady Cook @HQ	0900-1300hrs
Fri 15th Oct - Sun 17th Oct	Joti/Jota @Online	
Fri 22nd Oct	Quiz @HQ	1900-2130hrs
Fri 29th Oct	Among us @Gnien Kottonera	1900-2130hrs

Band

Wed 13th Oct	Band Rehearsal @HQ	1800-1930hrs
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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 or our Treasurer on treasurer@fgurascouts.org

Fri 15th Oct - Sun 17th Oct

Jamboree on the Internet (JOTI) @Online

The Jamboree On The Internet (JOTI) is an annual online event which encourages scouts from around the world to meet online, get to know each other and complete a number of virtual challenges.

To participate, an adult will need to register on the <https://www.jotajoti.info/> website. If you already took part last year you can log in with the same username and password you used then.

Once you are logged in on <https://www.jotajoti.info/>, you may click on the big white button with your name on it (top right hand corner) and click on "Register Child" to register your son/daughter to the event (If applicable).

There will be a number of online challenges to complete called "My Challenge Valley", but no details about these have been published yet. Stay tuned to our Facebook page for more information nearer to the date.

Beavers

Please do not forget to join our Facebook group for the latest updates on any activities and other useful information.

Wed 6th Oct

Scouts around the world @HQ

1800-1900hrs

We will start the month of October learning around other beaver colonies around the world to prepare for next week activity - Joti 2021. This event is considered to be the world's largest digital event with the aim to promote friendship with other scouts around the world.

Sat 16th Oct

Joti 2021 - Joint Activity @HQ

1000-1100hrs

JOTA-JOTI is the world's largest digital Scout event taking place online and over the air. The educational event brings together more than 2 million Scouts every year in October for a weekend of Scouting and friendship. Young people can learn about communications technology and connect with fellow Scouts from over 171 countries.

For this activity we will try to communicate with as many scouts as possible not only in the local sphere but also from abroad.

Sat 23rd Oct

Afternoon Tea and Toast @ Fgura Football Ground

1500-1600hrs

Today we will enjoy ourselves with some tea/hot chocolate/milkshake to match all of our taste buds :)

Beavers will first gathering wood and then see how to prepare an outdoor fire. Please be reminded to bring their cutlery bag(plate, fork, knife, cup, napkins and wipes), a rain jacket and enough water to drink to last the whole activity in a wide strapped backpack. Food will be bought by the leaders and thus we will collect €2 for all the ingredients. Beavers are to wear full activity uniform including cap and scarf.

Wed 27th Oct

Gift to a friend @HQ

1800-1900hrs

Today we will be having our monthly beaver session - A Gift To A Friend. Beavers are reminded to bring their Beaver Handbook and pocket. Together we will do an interesting craft and after exchanging it with ourselves. We will today be collecting €1 for the items required.

Pack

Dear Parents

For the month of October we will try to meet outside, since HQ is not big enough for the amount of cubs we have at the moment with the present restrictions. If there are any changes and meeting will either have to be cancelled or held online because of the weather, you will definitely be informed by a post in the Fgura Cub Scouts Facebook Group so please make sure you stay up to date. We have only planned one meeting online on the 8th of October and details can be found in this circular.

Moreover we got to know that since some boys will be having their Doctrine lessons on a Friday up till 6.30pm, we decided to move timing of Friday meetings to 6.45pm, since Friday is the only day when Doctrine lessons can be held for these boys. This applies from the 8th of October onwards since that is the date when Doctrine lessons start.

Moreover when meetings need to be held during daylight, we decided to do them on a Saturday afternoon for the convenience of the leaders. The chances are that from 4pm onwards there will be no other extracurricular activities as well. As you can appreciate the leaders have their own families and commitments, so we do our best to accommodate not just the cubs but the leaders as well :)

In the first meeting of October we will be collecting the monthly fees due from July-September 2021 since we are collecting them every 3 months. If there are cubs who wish to pay for 6 instead of 3 months and pay up till December 2021, they are most welcome to do so. Cubs are to get their fee in a sealed envelope with the name of the cub and the amount written on it and give it to Hathi as soon as they arrive before going to form in their respective six. They are also to get their monthly fees booklet in order to be updated accordingly. Just a reminder that monthly fee is Eur1 per month.

P.S. The 6 MOB's should not start paying their monthly fees with us now (since they become cubs in the month of December) and so should start paying their monthly fees with Pack from January 2022 :)

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
AKELA & PACK LEADERS

Fri 1st Oct Sessions (+LB) and (+MOB) @Gnien San Klement 1745-1900hrs

For the first meeting of the month we decided to do sessions and so all cubs should get their Cub Book. As usual, cubs should come in full activity uniform with cap & scarf and wear their mask, Cubs should also get enough water to drink and their sanitizer.

MOB's today are to get with them the "Nghinu lil Haddiehor" part of the Tender Paw duly completed and initialled by a parent. These good deeds had to be done over a span of 7 days (not necessarily over a single week - they can be random). These should be given to the leader doing their session.

Today we are also collecting the monthly fee from July - September. Those cubs wishing to pay until the end of December can do so as well. Fees are to be put into a sealed envelope marked with name of child and amount and given to the leader in charge before the meeting starts. Cubs should also get their monthly fees booklet with them to be updated accordingly. **Punctuality is important and cubs are to make sure to arrive on time so that the monthly fees can be finalized before the meeting starts at 5.45pm.**

Please note that MOB's should start paying monthly fees with pack as from January 2022 and not now since they become cubs in December 2021.

Fri 8th Oct Health & Fitness (+MOB) - Part 1 @Online 1845-2000hrs

This meeting will be held online since Raksha will be doing the first part of this badge and she is expecting her baby soon :) Raksha will be talking about healthy eating and ways to keep fit and adopt a healthy lifestyle and she will be giving the cubs a task to do to present it next month in another meeting and finalize this interesting badge.

For this meeting we suggest that (if possible) the parents and siblings attend with the cub since this is something which is beneficial to all the family and the family can then do a joint effort to remind each other to follow healthy practices :)

ZOOM link for this meeting will be posted in the Fgura Cub Scouts Facebook Group a day before or on the same day in the morning.

Fri 15th Oct - Sun 17th Oct JOTI-JOTA @Online

This has always been an online event since it involves scouts from all over the world with the difference that we can join in from home since we cannot meet at our HQ.

All cubs are encouraged to take part. Please see Group Section for more details.

Sat 23rd Oct **Fgura Treasure Hunt (+LB) @To be announced** **1600-1800hrs**

This treasure hunt will be conducted in sixes with a leader assigned with each six. We will be meeting at different points in Fgura so that obviously we will not do the treasure hunt together. Pick up point at the end of the activity will also be communicated later.

Cubs are to come in full activity uniform (with cap and scarf) and wear a mask. They are to get a small backpack with a bottle of water and their sanitizer.

As we do with every pack meeting, a post will be made in the Fgura Cub Scouts Facebook Group giving details of meeting and pick up places on the day or a day before.

Sat 30th Oct **Athlete's Badge (+LB) and (+MOB) @Bulebel** **1600-1830hrs**

We were going to do this badge in March however we had to cancel it so now that the weather has cooled down we took the opportunity to do it.

For this meeting cubs CAN COME WITHOUT CAP AND SCARF but wear their activity t shirt, a pair of shorts and obviously good trainers or running shoes. A small backpack with enough to drink and a sanitizer is important.

Cubs should obviously be with their mask on and this will be taken off every time the cub needs to do his turn for the different parts of the badge (when they will be with a good distance away from the other cubs) and put it on again until his or her next turn. So we suggest that the shorts has side pockets for this purpose. Those cubs who wear glasses need not worry since these will be kept by the leaders until the cub performs his or her turn.

So come and enjoy yourselves, stay fit, be healthy and attain a badge too in the process :)

Troop

By the 18th (JOTI/JOTA) please make sure that ALL scouts fill in page 18 of the Mountaineer Award book.

During JOTI/JOTA activity, leaders will check the scouts mountaineer award book, if complete, the mountain boots badge will be awarded to the scout (this applies to all troop members except link badge).

Sat 2nd Oct **Orient-here, Orient-there +LB @Zabbar Park** **0900-1100hrs**

We will be doing a 5km hike starting from the Zabbar park. This is an opportunity to refresh mapping skills from the Orienteering base camp.

Bring consent form, water, scarf, waterproof, comfortable shoes and raincoat.

BOOKING for JOTI/JOTA today - 8 EUR for private transport, badges and campsite.

Sat 9th Oct **To the rescue! +LB @S Lucija Chinese Gardens** **0900-1100hrs**

Delayed activity from September, but this time all scouts know first aid base camp.

Mr.E is up to his terrible antics again, come to Santa Lucija Chinese Gardens to find out more and to foil his plans!

Bring consent form, water, first aid kit and scarf

Sat 9th Oct **PLC @S Lucija Chinese Gardens** **1100-1200hrs**

This event is only for PLs and APLs.

The leaders and the PLs and APLs will be discussing activities for October and planning the month ahead.

Bring note pad and pen as well as get some activity ideas from your patrols.

Sat 16th Oct **JOTI/JOTA +LB @Bulebel** **0900-1700hrs**

The BIG event of this month! For those new to JOTI/JOTA this is a 3 day international event around the world focused on communication methods (Jamboree on the Internet/Air) we will be speaking to scouts around the world.

We have a number of activities planned for this, including our very own escape room. This is a 3 day international event,

We will be traveling to Ghajn Tuffieha with public transport for this, please ensure you have booked on the 2nd October with 8 EUR for transport (private), campsite and badges.

Reminder, during JOTI/JOTA activity, leaders will check the scouts mountaineer award book, if complete, the mountain boots badge will be awarded to the scout (this applies to all troop members except link badge).

Bring consent form, packed lunch, snacks, mask, sanitizer, mountaineer book, water, scarf and laptop (if you have).

