



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

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## October 2023

### **Group**

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Sun 15th Oct	Courtesy Visit at HQ & National Event - Festa Scouts 2023 @HQ	0800-1700hrs
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### **Beavers**

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Fri 27th Oct	Talent show rehearsals / sessions @HQ	1800-2100hrs
Sun 29th Oct	Jum il-Fgura Church Parade @HQ	

### **Unit**

Tue 3rd Oct	JOTI JOTA Planning Team @HQ	1900-2100hrs
Fri 6th Oct - Sat 7th Oct	Night Hike @HQ	1900-0200hrs
Sat 14th Oct	Knights Ceremony @HQ	
Sun 15th Oct	Courtesy Visit at HQ & National Event - Festa Scouts 2023 @HQ	0700-1700hrs
Sun 15th Oct	Festa Scouts @Bulebel	0915-1700hrs
Tue 17th Oct	JOTI JOTA Camp Planning Team @HQ	1900-2100hrs
Fri 20th Oct - Sun 22nd Oct	JOTI JOTA Camp @Bulebel	1700-1700hrs
Fri 27th Oct	Talent Night Rehearsals @HQ	1930-2130hrs
Sun 29th Oct	Fgura Day Parade @HQ	0815-1100hrs

### **Band**

Wed 4th Oct	Band Practice for Glockenspiels and Bagpipes only @HQ	1700-1800hrs
Wed 11th Oct	Band Practice for Glockenspiels and Bagpipes only @HQ	1700-1800hrs
Wed 11th Oct	Band Meeting @HQ	1800-2000hrs
Sat 14th Oct	Investiture Ceremony of the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem @HQ	1515-2015hrs
Wed 18th Oct	Band Practice for Glockenspiels and Bagpipes only @HQ	1700-1800hrs
Wed 18th Oct	Band Meeting @HQ	1800-2000hrs
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## Group

For adults in Scouting there is a clear opportunity to work with the young people in their community between the ages of 5 and 26. This opportunity allows Adults to help develop the future of our youth members in a FUN and EXCITING way.

The Adults are responsible for helping to plan and deliver programs that support young people in reaching their full potential. Our youth gain valuable skills in an environment of "responsible risk taking"; there is a great sense of personal satisfaction seeing them take on a new challenge and build their confidence.

The Scout Association of Malta operates a voluntary, non-political, non-formal educational movement for young people, open to all without distinction or origin, race or creed. Our Adults come from all walks of life - parents, former scouts, individuals with no previous scouting experience whatsoever.

One of Scouting's fundamental values is to encourage the physical, intellectual, emotional, social and spiritual development of young people so that they grow up to be responsible citizens, for a better society.

Why don't you join in on one of the largest youth organisations in Malta and also in the World, by becoming part of the Adult Support? This unique opportunity will provide you with the training to guide a team of young people through a range of challenging and exciting activities.

Contact us for further information.

### **Sat 14th Oct                      Investiture Ceremony of the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem @Bulebel                      1600-2000hrs**

The Fgura Scout Group has been official invited to open the Investiture Ceremony of the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem and in the presence of the Archduke of Austria.

Transport - Free - Pick up from Bulebel at 16.15hrs and back to Bulebel at 20.00hrs.

Dress Code: Full Uniform (Black Shoes) - keep it smart and tidy for that we need to use the shirt the next morning. The dress code for non-uniformed members is smart and formal.

### **Sun 15th Oct                      Courtesy Visit at HQ & National Event - Festa Scouts 2023 @HQ                      0800-1700hrs**

We shall start the day by forming up a 'Corteo' at 08.00, HQ with Uniform Shirt, Scarf + dark blue jeans. You may wish to wear the activity short underneath so that we can change prior to setting off to Ghajn Tuffieha. Please bring with you a shirt hanger (spalliera) with a name tag so the Uniform Shirt can be left at HQ and then picked up after Festa Scout.

The Archduke of Vienna, representing the Order of St. Lazarus, shall pay a visit early morning at HQ to inaugurate the new AED equipment to be donated to the Group.

Soon after, we shall depart to Ghajn Tuffieha, catching our transport from Bulebel. The Beaver colony will meet us there at 09.15hrs.

Festa Scouts is a national event organized by the Scouts Association of Malta once every two years and its main aim is to promote scouting. This year it shall be held at Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite. Rover, Venture, Troop, Pack and Beaver Members shall be participating.

The event shall be open to the Public and thus, we would like to encourage parents, relatives and friends to plan a visit on the day.

We shall be back at 17.00hrs - Bulebel. Please make sure that you bring packed lunch and water. Transport fee is 3.50 Euro per person.

### **Sun 29th Oct                      Jum il- Fgura - 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 11.00hrs .

# Beavers

During the month of October, we will start our meetings at 18.00. We will start our talent show preparation and thus we encourage all beavers not to miss any meetings.

**Wed 4th Oct** **Talent Show preparation + games @HQ** **1800-1900hrs**

We will continue practicing our moves for the upcoming talent show to get more confident. The meeting will be followed by some games :)

**Sun 15th Oct** **Festa Scout @Bulebel** **0915-1300hrs**

This activity occurs once every two years. This year we will also be celebrating 115 years since the first scout meeting was held in Malta. We will head over Ghajntuffieha together with other colonies for a full day of activities. This activity will finish at Ghajntuffieha campsite at 13.00 whereby beavers can be picked up by their parents. There will be lots of activities and parents can get a taste of what scouting is all about. Thus we encourage all parents to go around and participate in the activities throughout the day. For those who cannot pick up their kids, please contact Keo.

**Sat 21st Oct** **Jamboree on the internet @HQ** **1430-1700hrs**

Through this event, we will meet virtually with our colonies online. We will learn many interesting things about other countries such as their traditional food, songs, culture and language. We will also learn about other beaver colonies around the world.

**Wed 25th Oct** **Talent show preparation @HQ** **1800-1900hrs**

Another opportunity to get more confident for the upcoming talent show! We require all beavers to come in full energy and ready to practice our moves :)

**Sun 29th Oct** **Jum il-Fgura - Church Parade @HQ** **0830-1100hrs**

Today we celebrate our local village. Please see group section for more details.

# Pack

**Dear Parents & Cubs,**

**For this month it is important that the cubs do not miss any talent night rehearsals so that we give a good performance on the night.**

During this month we will also be attending two activities that show scouting around the world and Malta.

On the 15th of October we will be attending Festa Scouts which only occurs once every two years. This year we will also be celebrating 115 years since the first scouts were set up in Malta. As a group we will also be organizing an activity during the Festa Scouts.

Meanwhile on the 21st of October in the afternoon we will be joining our Troop and Venture sections which are organizing a Joti/Jota weekend camp. The Joti/Jota is a worldwide activity where scouts meet with other scouts around the world using different sorts of communication. This includes talking over the internet or over the radio among other things.

## AKELA & PACK LEADERS

**Sat 7th Oct Rehearsals + Booking for Festa Scouts and JOTI'JOTA @HQ 1430-1630hrs**

Today we will be continuing the rehearsals for the talent night. We will also be taking the bookings for the Festa Scouts activity on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October and for the Joti/Jota afternoon on the 21<sup>st</sup> October.

**It is important that both bookings are placed in separate envelopes with the consent form and money.**

For Festa Scouts Consent Form and Eur 3.50 for transport.  
For Joti/Jota afternoon Consent Form and Eur 3.50 for transport.

**Sat 14th Oct Investiture Ceremony of the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem @Bulebel 1600-2000hrs**

See Group Section for details and on the day, those attending should bring a consent form with them.

We will be uploading a Google sheet attendance form on our Facebook Group a week before the 14th so that cubs will be able to mark their attendance. No transport fee is required for this activity since it is sponsored by The Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem who are hosting the event.

**Sun 15th Oct Courtesy Visit at HQ and National Event - Festa Scouts @HQ 0800-1700hrs**

We will be meeting early at our HQ (8.00am) for a ceremony after which we will go to the Festa Scouts activity at the Ghajn Tuffieha campsite. It is important that everyone is punctual.

Cubs are to come with uniform shirt and dark blue jeans together with scarf. The activity T shirt is to be worn under the uniform shirt in order to remove the uniform shirt before going to Festa Scouts. **The uniform shirt must be clearly marked with the name of the cub.** For this occasion comfortable shoes can be worn instead of the black parade shoes.

For the Festa Scouts activity cubs must bring a packed lunch, enough water to drink for the day, cap (to be worn with the activity t shirt after the ceremony) and money for the Tuc Shop (not more than 5 euro)

Booking for this activity was done on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October.

**Sat 21st Oct Joti/Jota afternoon @Bulebel 1300-1800hrs**

Today we will be meeting at Bulebel to go to Ghajn Tuffieha campsite where we will be taking part for a short while in the Joti/Jota camp organised by the troop. We will learn about different forms of communication and communicate with other scouts across the world.

Cubs are to wear activity uniform with cap and scarf and bring enough water with them to drink and a small snack..

Booking for this activity was done on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October.

**Sat 28th Oct Rehearsals @HQ 1430-1630hrs**

We will once again continue our preparation for the talent night.

**Sun 29th Oct Fgura day Church Parade @HQ 0830-1100hrs**

See Group Section for further details.

# Troop

Hello Scouts,

We have another month full of fun and interesting activities and a section camp together with the Unit to close off the month. In fact, throughout this circular there will be a meeting every Tuesday from 7-9pm for the dedicated planning team of the JOTI JOTA Camp

Although we only have one Talent show rehearsal this month, it is imperative that you prepare yourself/learn scripts at home and that you attend all upcoming talent show rehearsals on the 27th of October and November. Attendance for all rehearsals is obligatory.

**Tue 3rd Oct** **JOTI JOTA Camp Planning Team @HQ** **1900-2100hrs**  
Meeting set only for those who are involved in the planning of JOTI JOTA Camp.

**Sat 7th Oct** **Olive Picking + MOV @HQ** **0830-1230hrs**  
It is time to appreciate the work behind that splash of olive oil in your Maltese bread.

Transport will take us from HQ to Stella's Garden Centre, where each scout will have the opportunity to watch and get involved in the olive pressing process from start to finish. Maltese ftajjar for everyone will be provided to taste olive oil, so packed lunch is not required. Bring with you a consent form, bottle of water and snacks. Come in activity wear + cap + scarf.

The fee of €5 were collected on 22/9/23. **Today is the deadline to book/pay for transport to attend Festa Scouts- €3.50 per person.**

**Sat 7th Oct** **PLC + Cleaning HQ @HQ** **1230-1500hrs**  
PLC for PLs and APLs only. We shall discuss the activities for next month over a few pizzas. Chairman to prepare Agenda and Secretary to get printed minutes. At the end of the PLC we will dedicate time to finalize the talent show scripts and to clean the hall, as it is our turn to clean the HQ.

**Tue 10th Oct** **JOTI JOTA Camp Planning Team @HQ** **1900-2100hrs**  
Meeting set only for those who are involved in the planning of JOTI JOTA Camp.

**Sat 14th Oct** **Investiture Ceremony of the Order of St Lazarus of Jerusalem @HQ** **1600-2000hrs**  
Refer to Group Section Circular for all details.

**Sun 15th Oct** **Courtesy Visit at HQ & National Event - Festa Scouts 2023 @HQ** **0800-1700hrs**  
We will be meeting early at HQ for a ceremony after which we will go to the Festa Scouts activity at the Ghajn Tuffieha campsite. All troop members are to come with uniform shirt and dark blue jeans together with scarf. The activity T shirt is to be worn under the uniform shirt in order to remove the uniform shirt before going to Festa Scouts. Please make sure that your uniform shirt is marked with your initials. For this occasion comfortable shoes can be worn instead of the black parade shoes.

What to get for Festa Scouts? Consent form, packed lunch, enough water for a day, cap and €5 for Tuck Shop/badges.

The fee of €3.50 for transport were collected on 7/10/23-during the olive picking session. Refer to Group Section Circular for more details. PS: Today, we will provide the camp booklet for JOTI JOTA Camp.

**Tue 17th Oct** **JOTI JOTA Camp Planning Team @HQ** **1900-2100hrs**  
Meeting set only for those who are involved in the planning of JOTI JOTA Camp. Today, we might ask you to prepare the food and equipment in preparation for the camp.

**Fri 20th Oct - Sun 22nd Oct** **JOTI JOTA Camp @Bulebel** **1700-1700hrs**  
Prepare yourself for a fun filled weekend at Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite with the ventures. We shall explore various means of communications which were or are still in use worldwide.

Transport will be organized to take scouts from Bulebel to Ghajn Tuffieha on Friday night. However, on Sunday night, please pick up your kids from Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite at 5pm.

Please note that consent form and health form together with any medicines if applicable will be collected on Friday - before we leave Fgura. No campbed and mobile phones will be allowed. The camp handbook will be distributed during Festa scouts.

The fee of €50 were collected on 22nd of September 2023.

**Fri 27th Oct** **Talent show rehearsals / sessions @HQ** **1800-2100hrs**  
Let's start rehearsing for Talent show 2023 and if time permits, we shall also try to cover some scouting skills. Please get the mountaineer award book, notebook, pen, water and come in activity wear.

**Sun 29th Oct** **Jum il-Fgura Church Parade @HQ**  
Refer to Group Section Circular for full details.

# Unit

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<b>Sat 14th Oct</b> Refer to Group Sections	<b>Knights Ceremony @HQ</b>	
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<b>Sun 29th Oct</b> Refer to Groups Circular	<b>Fgura Day Parade @HQ</b>	<b>0815-1100hrs</b>

