



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

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## September 2016

### **Group**

Sat 3rd Sep	Fund-Raising Car Wash @Council of Europe Square	0900-1700hrs
Sat 17th Sep - Sun 18th Sep	#LetsTalkScouting Leaders' Forum @MCAST	0900-1100hrs
Sun 25th Sep	Church Parade @HQ	0830-1045hrs

### **Beavers**

Wed 7th Sep	Parents Meeting @HQ	1830-1930hrs
Wed 14th Sep	Usual Meeting @HQ	1830-1930hrs
Sat 17th Sep	Cookout @HQ	1000-1300hrs
Wed 21st Sep	No Meeting	
Sun 25th Sep	Church Parade @HQ	0830-1045hrs

### **Pack**

**5 Moving on Beavers will be starting their moving on this month and should attend where marked (+MOB). First meeting with Pack is on the 9th September**

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Sat 1st Oct	Olive Grove Activity (+MOB) @HQ	0845-1230hrs

### **Troop**

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Fri 9th Sep	Paddle Boats @HQ	1600-1930hrs
Fri 16th Sep	Night Hunt Patrol Competition @HQ	1815-2200hrs
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### **Unit**

Thu 1st Sep - Fri 2nd Sep	Raft Building @HQ	1530-1000hrs
Sat 3rd Sep	Group car wash @Council of Europe Square	0900-1700hrs
Sat 10th Sep	Swim, Kayaking & BBQ @HQ	1500-2300hrs
Fri 16th Sep	Night Hunt including troop patrol competition @HQ	1745-2200hrs
Sat 17th Sep	Cookout with Beavers @Near football ground	0900-1200hrs
Sun 18th Sep	National Scout Youth Forum @MCAST Paola	0830-1600hrs
Fri 23rd Sep	Spiritual Session + Erasmus Program @HQ	1900-2230hrs
Sun 25th Sep	Church Parade @HQ	0830-1045hrs
Fri 30th Sep	Surprise Session @HQ	1900-2230hrs

### **Band**

Sun 18th Sep	Band Rehearsal @HQ	0800-1100hrs
Sun 25th Sep	Church Parade @HQ	0800-1045hrs

## Group

### Membership - All Beavers, Cubs, Troop, Ventures and Rovers

Membership for the period September 2016 to February 2017 is to be paid by the end of December 2016. Hence all members are kindly requested to pay the amount due of Eur30 by the end of December 2016. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

### Shubija - Beavers, Cubs, Troop, Ventures u Rovers

Il-kontribuzzjoni ta' shubija ghall-perjodu Settembru 2016 sa Frar 2017 għanda tithallas sal-ahhar ta' Dicembru 2016. Ghalekk kull membru huwa gentilment mitlub jagħmel il-hlas ta' Eur30 sal-ahhar ta' Dicembru 2016. Napprezzaw il-koooperazzjoni tagħkom.

### **Sat 3rd Sep Fund-Raising Car Wash @Council of Europe Square 0900-1700hrs**

The last time we tried to organise a car wash we weren't so lucky - but we won't let that discourage us from washing your cars yet again.

Bring your car over to Council of Europe Square (opposite Chain Supermarket) and have your car washed by hand by our enthusiastic scouts. Not only will you enjoy driving away with a clean and shiny car, but you will also be helping our group raise funds to invest in new equipment and upcoming projects.

So KEEP THE DATE FREE (And your cars dirty)!!

### **Sat 17th Sep - Sun 18th Sep #LetsTalkScouting Leaders' Forum @MCAST 0900-1100hrs**

#LetsTalkScouting is a forum focused on discussing the different parts of the scout and training program. It will be split between general discussions in the morning and sectional workshops in the afternoon on Saturday, together with sessions discussing the leader training program Sunday morning.

This forum will mainly focus on discussing the current programs and is most importantly focused on getting feedback from **all of you Leaders and Rovers!**

Sessions will be held at the MCAST in Paola at the following dates and times:

Sat 17th Sep: 0900hrs - 1800hrs

Sun 18th Sep: 0900hrs - 1100hrs

**All leaders and rovers are encouraged to attend this forum.  
PLEASE REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE ON SCOUTKEEPER!**

### **Sun 25th Sep Church Parade @HQ 0830-1045hrs**

All group members are to meet at HQ in full summer uniform (any members with missing uniform elements are to discuss alternatives with their section leader) at 0830hrs sharp.

We will be marching to Reggie Miller Square where we will have some presentation ceremonies. We will then participate in the 0930hrs Mass, following which we will march back to HQ. The parade ends at HQ at around 1045hrs.

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## Beavers

### **Wed 7th Sep Parents Meeting @HQ 1830-1930hrs**

Today we will have a meeting for the parent. This will serve as an information session on our usual meetings, activities, program and other useful information. It is important for all parents to attend.

### **Wed 14th Sep Usual Meeting @HQ 1830-1930hrs**

Today, we will have our usual meeting, where we will revise our lodges and have our monthly scouting session. Beavers are to book and pay €3 for our cookout activity.

### **Sat 17th Sep Cookout @HQ 1000-1300hrs**

Today, we will be meeting near the Fgura Football Ground for our annual cookout with the Venture Unit. Apart from enjoying ourselves and eating some delicious burgers and sausages, we will also be learning how to prepare and light an outdoor fire. Beavers will not be allowed near the fire, but can gather wood and see how it's prepared. Bring your own cutlery bag (Knife, fork, spoon, plate, cup & tissues) . All food will be bought by the leaders.

### **Sun 25th Sep Church Parade @HQ 0830-1045hrs**

Another church parade has arrived. Beavers are to wear their full uniform. For those beavers who do not have a uniform, can attend with the activity t-shirt. See group details for more information.

Moving on beavers are to attend with the beavers.

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## Pack

Dear Parents

Cubs have no meeting on Saturday 17th September since during that weekend there is a Scouters' Forum organized by Island Head Quarters.

Please also pay attention to the booking dates and may I kindly remind you that if a cub is unable to attend a meeting where there is a booking, the parent should inform Akela whether the cub will be attending the activity for which there is the booking. Also, if a cub will not be booking for an activity, the parent should also inform Akela or Raksha on the booking date accordingly. The booking process will also be made faster and easier on the leaders if the exact amount is paid without having to give change and consent form not forgotten.

Your co-operation will be greatly appreciated in order for the section to be more efficient and this will also lessen the hassle for the leaders in chasing parents to get a reply re booking afterwards.

THANKS :)

**Sat 3rd Sep** **Group Car Wash @Council of Europe Square** **0900-1700hrs**

Details already appeared in our August circular; however, just as a reminder cubs are to come with any old activity T-shirt (if they want), cap, but NO scarf and preferably use jelly shoes/beach clogs. Sixes should attend as follows:

**Blue Six - 0900-1100 hrs; Green Six - 1100-1300 hrs; Red Six - 1300-1500 hrs; Yellow Six - 1500-1700 hrs.**

This is a service activity towards our own Group since it is a fund-raising event so cubs should attend and give their full support.

**Fri 9th Sep** **Sessions/Ice-Breaking Games (+MOB) @Gnien Kottoner** **1730-1930hrs**

Parents please note that this meeting is on a Friday evening and not Saturday and in case of bad weather, meeting will still be held at our Headquarters at the same time (but only if informed by an sms from the pack leaders).

Today we welcome 5 new moving on beavers who will start attending meetings with Pack and move on with our Section at the end of November :) and that is why today the games will be chosen to get to know each other more.

Then we have our monthly session and cubs are to make sure to get their Cub Book with them.

**Sat 24th Sep** **Spiritual/Drill (+MOB)/Booking for Olive Grove Activity @HQ** **1130-1330hrs**

Shada today will deliver a spiritual session and afterwards we will be having a small drill in preparation for the church parades which will re-start from this month onwards - the first one being on the next day - Sunday 25th September.

Today we have booking for an Olive Grove Activity to be held on Saturday 1st October (+MOB) - details given also in this circular. Kindly get Consent Form + €7 which includes transport and a small bottle of pure extra virgin olive oil for each cub attending.

**Sun 25th Sep** **Church Parade @HQ** **0830-1045hrs**

Time to take out our parade uniforms, see that they fit well, and polish those black shoes!! Parents are to make sure that badges acquired by their kids are properly sewn on. This is the first parade of the autumn season and cubs should all feel proud to wear the Group's uniform and march with us.

Details are in the Group Section of this circular and MOB's should attend this parade with the Beavers Section please.

**Sat 1st Oct** **Olive Grove Activity (+MOB) @HQ** **0845-1230hrs**

This is a very interesting, informative, hands-on activity. We will be going to a field (grove) where olive trees are grown and there we will be given a briefing on how olive trees are grown all the way to the pressing procedure from where we get our olive oil. The cubs will be given the opportunity to pick some olives themselves (since it will be the season to do so) and then we stop for a break where the grove owners will kindly prepare some "hobz biz-zejt" for the cubs.

Cubs should come in full activity uniform and get enough water to drink for the day. If they so wish they can get an alternative small snack (if they do not prefer "hobz biz-zejt").

Included in the price for this activity (apart from the transport) is a small bottle of pure extra virgin olive oil for the cubs to take back home :) An experience not to be missed!!

Booking for this activity was done during the last meeting of September - on Saturday 24 th September.

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## Troop

**Sat 3rd Sep**

**Car Wash @Council of Europe Square**

**0900-1700hrs**

The long awaited car wash is here :) Below please find the roster for the day. Scouts will be advised during the previous meeting about which slots their patrols will get.

**Today is the last day to book for next week's paddle boats activity. A €6 fee is to be collected along with a duly signed consent form.**

Below are the slots for the car wash roster.

Patrol A:9:00 -11:00	Patrol B:11:00 -13:00	Patrol C:13:00 -15:00	Patrol D:15:00 -17:00
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**Fri 9th Sep**

**Paddle Boats @HQ**

**1600-1930hrs**

It is time for a swimming and paddle boat activity. Do not forget the sunblock and a cap for this activity.

**Today is the day when you can order your troop badges. If you are interested in purchasing the badges, please come to the meeting @ 15:45 so we can settle this early on.**

**Today is also the last day to book for next week's patrol competition. A duly signed consent form together with a fee of €2 is to be handed in by today.**

**Fri 16th Sep**

**Night Hunt Patrol Competition @HQ**

**1815-2200hrs**

Today the Venture Unit will be organising a night hunt in Valletta for us as a Patrol Competition. This will consist of various checkpoints that will encourage collective team effort and evaluate scouting skills. *It is recommended that all patrol members revise their scouting skills before this activity.*

Do not forget to bring plenty of water with you and a packed lunch or snack if you like.

**Last day to book for this activity was Friday 9th September**

**Sat 24th Sep**

**Sessions @HQ**

**1400-1630hrs**

Today we will have some sessions and tests. Don't forget your scout handbook and any works/projects you had to prepare.

**Sun 25th Sep**

**Church Parade @HQ**

See group details for more information.

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## Unit

**Thu 1st Sep - Fri 2nd Sep**

**Raft Building @HQ**

**1530-1000hrs**

As part of the venture program, 2 unit member are planning to build a raft that will float in the water and pass the night on it. Other unit members will assist in the build up of the raft.

**Sat 3rd Sep**

**Group car wash @Council of Europe Square**

**0900-1700hrs**

Today as unit members will help our group to raise funds that are highly needed to buy new equipment. Therefore, it is a must that all unit members will give some hours for this cause.

**Sat 10th Sep**

**Swim, Kayaking & BBQ @HQ**

**1500-2300hrs**

The summer season is almost over and soon be back to school. Therefore, today we will go at Gnejna Bay to pass some time at the beach, hire few kayaks, swim and finish this eve with a BBQ.

**Fri 16th Sep**

**Night Hunt including troop patrol competition @HQ**

**1745-2200hrs**

Today the venture unit organized a night hunt for our troop members. This activity has the objective to master leadership skills for patrol leaders and their assistants. This will encourage collective team effort and evaluate scouting skills that troop members possess. Furthermore, to master coordination and organizational skills for our venture unit.

Unit members must be on time to be briefed before troop members arrive at HQ.

**Sat 17th Sep**

**Cookout with Beavers @Near football ground**

**0900-1200hrs**

An activity that as unit members enjoy to do, a cookout with our young ones. Today, we will prepare the fire for our beavers in order for them to cook on it and take the opportunity to cook something for us as well. :)

**Sun 18th Sep**

**National Scout Youth Forum @MCAST Paola**

**0830-1600hrs**

Do you wish to have a say in shaping the future of scouting in Malta? Do you want to have your voice heard? Then join in the upcoming National Scout Youth Forum for discussions, fun challenges and the election of the next youth council.

The National Scout Youth Forum is being organised at MCAST - Paola, kicking off at 8.30am and ending around 4pm. The event will include a number of workshops to determine what we understand by youth empowerment, digital scouting, Vision2020 apart from a number of fun challenges and the election for the next National Scout Youth Council (Oct 2016 to Oct 2018)

In the run-up of the event we are asking you to do your part and help us by:

• **Registering yourself to attend the Youth Forum**

- Nominate yourself to be part of the next National Scout Youth Council
- Nominate your friend/s to be part of next youth council

You can do all of this **until Friday 9th September** via: [www.scout.org.mt/youthforum.html](http://www.scout.org.mt/youthforum.html)

#LetsTalkScouting #GetInvolved

**Fri 23rd Sep**

**Spiritual Session + Erasmus Program @HQ**

**1900-2230hrs**

Today our spiritual developer will give us another beautiful session to guide us in our normal life. It is important that all unit members attend.

Besides the spiritual session, Brian will give us a presentation about Erasmus. He is going to explain to us how this program works in order for us to get funds for future abroad activity. If you wish we can order some food to consume after these sessions.

**Sun 25th Sep**

**Church Parade @HQ**

**0830-1045hrs**

See group details for more information.

**Fri 30th Sep**

**Surprise Session @HQ**

**1900-2230hrs**

Today is going to be a surprise session. As our motto says "Be Prepared". I recommend that every member gets a spare short, extra T-shirt, towel and a bottle of water. Don't miss this one-time opportunity :)

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