



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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September 2020

Group

Wed 30th Sep Fund-Raising Car Wash (Scout@Home Edition) @Home

Beavers

We invite all beavers to participate in this month's car wash. Please see group details for more information

Wed 2nd Sep	Beaver Story @Virtual	1800-1900hrs
Wed 9th Sep	Visit to St Clement Park @St Clement's Park	1800-1930hrs
Wed 16th Sep	Pasta Craft @Virtual	1800-1900hrs
Wed 23rd Sep	No Meeting	
Wed 30th Sep	Around the World in One Hour @Virtual	1800-1900hrs

Pack

The present 3 LB members are to attend with Pack and Troop where marked (+LB)

Fri 4th Sep	Cottonera Walk (+LB) @Gnien Kottonera	1845-2030hrs
Fri 11th Sep	Spiritual (+LB) @Online	1845-1945hrs
Fri 18th Sep	Sessions (+LB) @Online	1845-2000hrs
Fri 25th Sep	Cookout (+LB) @Near Fgura Ftbll Ground	1800-2000hrs

Troop

Tue 1st Sep - Sun 6th Sep	Pebble Tower Challenge (+LB) @Anywhere	
Sat 12th Sep	Bike hike/Walking hike (+LB) @See note	0830-1130hrs
Fri 18th Sep	Sessions/Interest Badges and Games @Gnien Kottonera	1800-2000hrs
Sat 26th Sep	Sessions/Interest Badges and Games (+LB) @New Zabbar Park	0830-1030hrs

Unit

GOODLUCK FOR ALL YOUR EXAMS. STAY SAFE !!!

Fri 11th Sep	Swimming and BBQ @Beach	1900-2200hrs
Fri 18th Sep	No Meeting	
Fri 25th Sep - Sat 26th Sep	Night walk and Swimming @Bulebel	2200-0800hrs

Crew

Mon 14th Sep	Executive online meeting @Virtual	2000-2200hrs
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NOTICE RE. GROUP MEMBERSHIP FEES

Dear Members,

As you may have realized; this year we were unable to collect the membership fee for the period MAR-AUG 2020 which is normally due by the end of March. Given that the program of events was somewhat limited during these months and seeing as our landlord was kind enough to discount the rent of our HQ, we have decided on a one-off 25% discount on the membership fee for MAR-AUG 2020,

Now the group has finally managed to get internet banking access and we are starting to accept online payments. This will hopefully make it easier for members to settle their dues in time and for the Group to manage its accounts.

Although we are not making use of the HQ, the group's expenses have remained pretty much the same, with the bulk of our expenses being rents. We therefore ask for your cooperation to settle your membership fees as soon as possible. We also kindly remind you that the membership fee for SEP '20 to FEB '21 is due by the end of September.

Membership Payments Due:

- March to August 2020 (inc, 25% discount): **€ 30.00**
- September 2020 to February 2021: **€ 40.00**

Payments may be made as follows:

- By bank Transfer using Revolut or Internet Banking (instructions sent by email) - 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

Wed 30th Sep

Fund-Raising Car Wash (Scout@Home Edition) @Home

Most members will appreciate that the group is currently facing financially challenging times. The COVID-19 outbreak meant that we could not organise any of our usual fund-raising initiatives which we depend on to cover the group's costs.

This time of the year we normally organise a fund-raising car-wash, but this time we're doing it with a social-distancing twist to avoid having large groups of people in a single place.

We're inviting all our members to see how many cars they can wash from home. Perhaps you parents' cars need washing, or your brothers'/sisters', your aunts'/uncles' or even your neighbours'. See how many cars you can wash during the month of September and ask for a small donation for the Fgura Scout Group (there's no fixed amount).

Any donations collected should be placed in an envelope and handed to one of the section leaders or posted at HQ by the end of September. If you prefer, you may also pass on the amount collected by bank transfer.

You have all month - let's see what a team effort can achieve!

Beavers

During any activity all beaver are to bring the following items in in a wide strapped backpack:

- Enough water to drink
- wipes/tissues
- Hand sanitiser preferably in a zip-lock bag

Everyone must wear a mask for the whole duration of the meeting. When grouping up at the beginning and at the end of the meeting please observe 2 meters distance. If anyone is feeling unwell, please do not take any risks!

If there are some changes to our meetings, we will communicate such changes in our facebook group similar to what we have done in the past.

Wed 2nd Sep

Beaver Story @Virtual

1800-1900hrs

Ever thought where the beaver leader's names originated? We will figure it out during this meeting as will be going through the Beaver Story.

Wed 9th Sep

Visit to St Clement Park @St Clement's Park

1800-1930hrs

Unfortunately last month this activity had to be cancelled therefore, we shall try our luck once more. We shall be visiting the new park in Zabbar. For those who are not familiar with the location, the new park can be found at the end of Vjal Kottoner. The meeting point will be close by the entrance gate. We will go around the park and play some games afterwards. Beavers are reminded to apply insect repellent before this activity.

Wed 16th Sep

Pasta Craft @Virtual

1800-1900hrs

Those of you who love pasta will surely like today's craft. Beavers are to prepare some left over uncooked pasta, any type of pasta will do, some food coloring or paint in different colors, UHU stick, apron and some brushes.

We will be sharing templates in our facebook group.

Wed 30th Sep

Around the World in One Hour @Virtual

1800-1900hrs

Since most of us had to skip this year's vacation abroad, we will use this meeting to bring back some memories of our past vacations. We will be discussing different cultures and traditions and also different scout groups around the world.

Pack

Dear Parents

At the moment due to distancing restrictions we cannot meet at our HQ so meetings have to be outdoors or online. For September we decided to balance this out by holding both online and outdoor meetings; even due to the fact that the weather now will not always permit us to hold outdoor meetings.

The most important thing in this situation is to stay up to date on our Pack Facebook Group since, as you know this is a situation which is developing each and every day. If you don't see any update re upcoming meeting then it means that nothing changed but it is advisable that you check our Facebook Group before each and every meeting to see if there are any changes. From our end we always do our best to ensure that we advise you on time and not on very short notice however please understand that sometimes this is inevitable. So make sure you keep yourself updated on a daily basis. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

Have a look at the Scout @ Home Edition of the car wash we usually hold in September as fund raising for the Group. The leaders really wish to see ALL THE CUBS PUT IN AN EFFORT TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE GROUP THEY PROUDLY FORM PART OF.....MAKE US PROUD :)

Fri 4th Sep

Cottonera Walk (+LB) @Gnien Kottonera

1845-2030hrs

Please come with full activity uniform (including cap & scarf); get a backpack with enough water to drink, hand sanitizer and mask or visor should be worn for the duration of the activity. Along the way we will be stopping for a short drinking breaks more frequently than usual because of the masks/visors.

We will go for a short walk around Cottonera and cubs should be picked up from near Gnien Kottonera as well.

For this meeting cubs are to get a duly signed Consent Form.

Fri 11th Sep

Spiritual (+LB) @Online

1845-1945hrs

We will be meeting as 1 group and not split up into 2 groups and time shown is login time, i.e. 15 minutes before the start of the meeting (7pm) - PLEASE DO NOT LOGIN EARLIER AS THIS MIGHT CAUSE PROBLEMS. Login details will be posted on our Facebook Group on the same day in the morning.

It has been some time since we had a spiritual session and we felt it is really necessary to reflect a bit about our lives at this moment in time. No need for cap but please wear your scarf and activity t-shirt.

Fri 18th Sep

Sessions (+LB) @Online

1845-2000hrs

Time for another online session. Cubs just need to prepare their Cub Book near them.

We will meet as 1 group (login starts at 1845. Please do not login later than 1900). Then cubs will be split into breakout rooms together with the respective leader/s according to the arrow they are working on.

Login details will be posted on the Cubs' Facebook Group in the morning.

Fri 25th Sep

Cookout (+LB) @Near Fgura Ftbll Ground

1800-2000hrs

Cubs will be split according to the arrow they are working on with a leader or two so there definitely won't be groups of more than 15. We will have ample space for social distancing and every arrow will have its own fire so that everybody will remain in the same group for the duration of the meeting.

Apart from the Cub Book in their backpack the cubs should get their cutlery bag (plastic flat plate, plastic mug or cup, plastic crockery, & tissues), enough water to drink and a small cooler bag with some food items for the cookout (like burgers, sausages or nuggets). Cubs can get some salad with them as well if they wish.

Please get your hand sanitizer with you and mask/visor should be worn except obviously whilst eating or drinking.

Bagheera will inform the Gold arrow cubs if they need to get anything more with them in the previous online meeting when we have the sessions.

Troop

Please inform SL Gail via Facebook or sl@fgurascouts.org **by 6th September** if you are attending the bike hike or the walking hike.

If we do not hear from you by then we will assume you are not coming.

Tue 1st Sep - Sun 6th Sep **Pebble Tower Challenge (+LB) @Anywhere**

This weekly challenge is getting you to make a pebble tower!

Minimum of 5 pebbles/stones stacked on top of each.

Send pictures to sl@fgurascouts.org

Participation = 50 points

Sat 12th Sep **Bike hike/Walking hike (+LB) @See note**

0830-1130hrs

Another hike for this month, this time with a bike option.

Two different start and end points depending on if you wish to walk or bike.

Bike:

Starting point: Bulebel

End point: Bulebel

Walking:

Starting point: Marsascalea, near parish church

End point: Bulebel

Bring water, consent form, cap, scarf, sunblock, mask/visor, hand sanitizer and personal first aid kit. For those with the bike important to come with helmet.

Please inform SL Gail by the 6th September if you are planning on attending this event

Fri 18th Sep **Sessions/Interest Badges and Games @Gnien Kottonera**

1800-2000hrs

Session to review interest badge progress and some sessions, in addition we'll mix it up with some games.

Bring consent form, rope, water, sanitizer, mask/visor, scarf and torch.

Sat 26th Sep **Sessions/Interest Badges and Games (+LB) @New Zabbar Park**

0830-1030hrs

Continuation of interest badges and sessions and some fun games

To bring water, sanitizer, mask/visor, cap, scarf, own rope and consent form.

Unit

Fri 11th Sep **Swimming and BBQ @Beach**

1900-2200hrs

Today we will meet at 1900 and we will be having some time to relax and swim too. After we will be having a BBQ. Meet you there !!!

Fri 25th Sep - Sat 26th Sep **Night walk and Swimming @Bulebel**

2200-0800hrs

Today we will meet outside the HQ and we will be walking a walk during the night after that we will go to swim in the early hours of the morning. Don't forget your Scarf, Consent form, Water and ofcourse a swimwear. See you there !!!