



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

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## September 2022

### **Group**

Sat 3rd Sep	Fundraising 'Majjalata' @Xghajra Scout HQ	1900hrs onwards
Sun 25th Sep	Church Parade @HQ	0830-1045hrs
Sun 2nd Oct	Family Fun Walk @TBA	1600-1830hrs

### **Beavers**

#### **Moving on Beavers (MOB) are to attend with pack where marked (+MOB).**

Wed 7th Sep	Scouting session @HQ	1800-1900hrs
Wed 14th Sep	Around the World @HQ	1800-1900hrs
Sat 24th Sep	Pizza Making Outing @HQ	0830-1200hrs
Wed 28th Sep	Pottery Session @HQ	1800-1900hrs

### **Pack**

#### **LB members are to attend with Pack & Troop where marked (+LB). Moving on Beavers (MOB) are to attend with pack only where marked (+MOB)**

Sat 3rd Sep	SEDQA life skills meeting (+LB) @Gnien San Klement	1430-1630hrs
Fri 9th Sep	No Meeting	
Fri 16th Sep	Mdina Treasure Hunt (+LB & +MOB) @Bulebel	1730-2100hrs
Fri 23rd Sep	Spiritual @Gnien Kottonera	1845-2000hrs
Sun 25th Sep	Church Parade (+LB) @HQ	0830-1045hrs
Sat 1st Oct	Proficiency Badges (+MOB) - Part 1 @Gnien San Klement	1430-1700hrs

### **Troop**

Fri 2nd Sep - Sat 3rd Sep	Overnight Hike @San Klement	1700-1300hrs
Fri 2nd Sep	Friends of the Earth Event (+LB) @Chinese Gardens	1800-2030hrs
Fri 9th Sep	PLC @Gnien Mintoff	1700-1800hrs
Fri 9th Sep	Sessions + Camp Planning (+LB) @Gnien Mintoff	1800-2000hrs
Fri 16th Sep	Fishing Part 1 - Theory @HQ	1800-2030hrs
Sat 17th Sep	Fishing Part 2 - Practice @Mskala - next to Brighton	0730-1130hrs
Fri 23rd Sep	BBQ and swimming time! (+LB) @Rinella Bay	1800-2200hrs
Sat 1st Oct	Mini Pioneering Session (+LB) @HQ	1000-1200hrs

### **Unit**

Fri 9th Sep	Executive meeting @HQ	
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### **Crew**

Sat 3rd Sep - Sun 4th Sep	Majjalata @Xghajra scout campsite	1900-0400hrs
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### **Band**

Wed 21st Sep	Band Rehearsal @HQ	1800-1930hrs
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# Group

**Sat 3rd Sep**

**Fundraising 'Majjalata' @Xghajra Scout HQ**

**1900hrs onwards**

Our Rover Crew have come up with a brilliant fund-raising initiative for our group.

Join us in the beautiful setting of the Tal-Grazzja Fort and Scout HQ in Xghajra (<https://goo.gl/maps/DE69KXHa2kuYqP347>) for a night of food, fun and refreshments.

For €20 you will be getting:

- Starter: Maltese platter
- Main: Slow-roasted pork with baked potatoes and salad
- Dessert: Fresh watermelon, melon and Halva (Helwa tat-Tork)

A Children's Menu is also available for €7 and consists of:

- Hamburger
- Chips
- Chicken Nuggets
- Ice Cream

Gluten-Free and Vegetarian options are also available as well as chicken for those who just don't like pork - just let us know when making your reservations.

**Seats are limited - so please book as soon as you can and by no later than the 27th August, by contacting Tracy Zerafa on 79061970 or by email on [zerafatracy@gmail.com](mailto:zerafatracy@gmail.com).**

You may follow the [Facebook Event Page here](#) for more updates.

**Sun 25th Sep**

**Church Parade @HQ**

**0830-1045hrs**

**All group members** are to meet at HQ in full uniform 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.

**Sun 2nd Oct**

**Family Fun Walk @TBA**

**1600-1830hrs**

If you've ever been to one of our fun walks - you already know that they're not to be missed. On the other hand, if you've never been - this is a great opportunity to find out what you've been missing!

The walk is well-planned purposely to be well-suited for all ages without being boring. This is not a fund-raising event and there is nothing to pay - just an opportunity for us to spend some quality time together in the outdoors.

We'll be posting more details later on, on our Facebook page and on the October issue of this circular. In the meantime make sure to keep this afternoon free ;)

# Beavers

**Wed 7th Sep**

**Scouting session @HQ**

**1800-1900hrs**

Today we will be welcoming new Beavers members into our colony. We'll brush up our skills on our section followed by some icebreaking games :)

IMP. There will be an informative meeting for those Beaver who will be starting their moving on. Parents of such beavers have been informed accordingly.

**Wed 14th Sep**

**Around the World @HQ**

**1800-1900hrs**

For today's session get ready to virtually travel around the globe, all the way from Europe to South America and learn about the Natural & Historical wonders of each continent.

We remind all beavers to pay 7 euro payment for our upcoming outing.

**Sat 24th Sep**

**Pizza Making Outing @HQ**

**0830-1200hrs**

Today we will head out to our capital city to an old traditional bakery and learn all about the baking process involved to make a delicious homemade pizza :) We will test our beavers and see who has a natural ability of cooking a delicious pizza.

A gentle reminder to come with your activity wear together with the scarf, packed lunch, and enough water for the duration of the activity.

**Wed 28th Sep**

**Pottery Session @HQ**

**1800-1900hrs**

During today's session, we will discover the beauty of pottery making. Afterward, we will have a try at creating something artistic with clay. More information will be provided through our facebook page.

# Pack

From this month 4 Moving on Beavers (MOB) will start attending with Pack and Beavers until the end of November (3 months) for their moving on period. They will move on with Pack at the end of November when we have our anniversary parade. A meeting with their parents will be held, beginning of September before they start attending with us and Keo will inform them accordingly.

On the other hand another 4 Link Badge members will go up with Troop Section during the September parade and from October onwards will attend all meetings with the Troop Section.

For the coming three months we will also be having a monthly meeting with SEDQA staff where a number of topics will be discussed with the cubs even through activities based on their age such as peer pressure and bullying; coping skills and decision making, wise use of technology, etc. The first time we organized such a meeting was 5 years ago upon the recommendation of The Scout Association of Malta and since it was a success we decided to organize it again but this time round a series of 3 meetings was suggested so as to cover as much topics as possible.

**Important Announcement:** Instead of the Group Winter Camp, a sectional camp with the Pack Section will be organized by our AGSL Brian Farrugia as part of his Woodbadge Training. This will be held at the Xghajra Scouts Campsite and the dates will be from Friday 11th to Sunday 13th November 2022. More details and bookings later on but please mark that weekend in your calendars.

Looking forward to our autumn/winter schedule once again :)

AKELA & PACK LEADERS

## **Sat 3rd Sep SEDQA life skills meeting (+LB) @Gnien San Klement 1430-1630hrs**

This is the first activity with SEDQA in a series of three spread over September, October and November where various topics like peer pressure and bullying, wise use of technology, communication skills, etc will be tackled obviously taking into consideration the cubs' age.

The cubs here will have the opportunity to address any difficulties they may have regarding such topics in an atmosphere where they feel comfortable and safe.

Cubs should come in full activity uniform (with cap & scarf) and get enough water with them to drink in a backpack.

**Today booking should be done for Mdina Treasure Hunt on Friday 16th September. A duly signed Consent Form together with the exact transport fee of Eur 3.50 should be given to one of the leaders in a sealed envelope marked with the child's name. If a cub cannot make it for today's meeting but would like to book for the treasure hunt, the parents should inform Akela through Messenger so as to take a note accordingly and payment done on the day of the activity. Thank you.**

## **Fri 16th Sep Mdina Treasure Hunt (+LB & +MOB) @Bulebel 1730-2100hrs**

We are going to Malta's first capital city - the Silent City - Mdina - to discover it's many interesting historical facts and hidden secrets in a treasure hunt organized by our Ikki :)

This is the very first outdoor meeting with the Pack for the new MOB's and we are sure they will love every minute whilst being assisted by the elder members of our Pack :)

Cubs should come in full activity uniform (+ cap & scarf); get a small snack with them and enough to drink and get not more than Eur5 with them in order to buy an ice cream at the end of the activity :)

Transport will pick us up from Bulebel and drop us down again in the same place. PLEASE DO YOUR BEST TO BE PUNCTUAL.

**Booking for this activity - Consent Form + Eur 3.50 was done on Saturday 3rd September.**

## **Fri 23rd Sep Spiritual @Gnien Kottonera 1845-2000hrs**

Today we're going to have a Spiritual session by Shada and we're going to hold it outdoors since it's still hot inside. Cubs should come in full activity uniform (+ cap & scarf) and get with them enough water to drink in a small backpack.

## **Sun 25th Sep Church Parade (+LB) @HQ 0830-1045hrs**

This is the last time that our 4 LB members will be attending with the Pack for their going up ceremony!

Cubs are to come with full parade uniform with all badges properly sewed on and with uniform belt and black shoes. We will march to Reggie Miller Square where we will have some ceremonies and then attend the 9.30am Mass and march back to HQ.

Cubs are to take a proper breakfast before coming to HQ.

**Sat 1st Oct**

**Proficiency Badges (+MOB) - Part 1 @Gnien San Klement**

**1430-1700hrs**

This will be the first of two proficiency badges meetings to give the opportunity to cubs to do a badge of their liking and present it in front of their fellow cubs. The second meeting will be a week later (Saturday, 8th October). If weather does not permit, the meetings will be held at our HQ,

It is important to note that cubs are free to choose whether they do a badge or not however we highly encourage them to do so.

We suggest that the younger cubs (bronze arrow cubs or MOB's) choose a badge which is easy to present like Pet Care, Hobbies, Collector, Artist, Craftsman; however if they feel they are able to do another badge they can go ahead and do so and if in difficulty ask Akela or any other leader of the Pack.

**It is important that the leaders are informed which badge the cub will be doing not later than the 12th of September since on that day pack leaders will be having a section meeting and we will group the cubs according to the badge they chose, so that if more than one cub chooses the same badge it makes more sense to group them together to see them and manage time wisely. That way the cubs will also know when they are to present their badge - either on Saturday 1st of October or the week after. They will obviously be informed accordingly by the leaders.**

**We do not wish the cubs to use power point presentations for these sessions but if they want a form of presentation they can do a traditional chart which can be more simple but represents more their own work and not a copy and paste.**

**In the weekend of Friday 9th or Saturday 10th September we will be doing a reminder post on the Cubs' Facebook Group regarding these proficiency badges, so that the parents can post which badge their son/daughter will be doing. Parents of MOB's will be given all the details when we have the parents' meeting (to be informed by Keo) since this will be their first time doing a badge with the Pack.**



# Unit

**Fri 9th Sep**

**Executive meeting @HQ**

Today we will be meeting to discuss the venture program and plan activities for the following weeks. Further details about the meeting date and time will be given at a later date.

# Crew

**Sat 3rd Sep - Sun 4th Sep**

**Majjalata @Xghajra scout campsite**

**1900-0400hrs**

As everyone might know one of the oldest member of the Crew - Christian - has worked at the utmost to ensure that we have the best Majjalata, so make it sure that on that date we will be present to help with any preparations needed.

Il-Majjalata will be held at Xghajra scout campsite on the 3rd of September from 7pm onwards. The price for each member is as follows:

- Adults - €20
- Kids under 10 - €7

For those who are still yet not booked, make it a priority to contact Tracy Zerafa on 79061970 or by email - zerafatracy@gmail.com - so you won't be disappointed for not finding a place ! and do so before the 27th of August.

Other important information during the night

- A big screen will be set for entertainment purposes
- A bar will be available for Alcoholic and Non-alcoholic drinks
- Bring your own Cutlery and Cups.

Hope to see you all there !!