



THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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Group

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Sun 24th Sep	September Church Parade @HQ	0815-1100hrs
Sat 30th Sep	CAR WASH (Fundraising Activity) @parking lot close to HSBC	0900-1700hrs

Beavers

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Sun 24th Sep	Church parade @HQ	
Wed 27th Sep	Talent show practice + scouting session @HQ	1830-1930hrs

Pack

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

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Sat 9th Sep	Sessions (+LB) and (+MOB) @HQ	1400-1630hrs
Tue 12th Sep	LB Members meeting with Akela and SL @HQ	1800-1900hrs
Sat 16th Sep	Car Free Day - Bike Learning Activity (+MOB) @near Fgura Local Council	0900-1100hrs
Fri 22nd Sep	Talent Night Rehearsals (GOLD ARROW CUBS ONLY) @HQ	1830-2030hrs
Sat 23rd Sep	Talent Night Rehearsals (+MOB) @HQ	1430-1630hrs
Sun 24th Sep	Church Parade (+LB) @HQ	0815-1100hrs
Sat 30th Sep	Car Wash @Opp. Chain Supermarket	0900-1700hrs

Troop

Sat 2nd Sep - Sun 3rd Sep	Scouts Ahoy! +LB +MOV @Bulebel	0630-1800hrs
Thu 7th Sep	PLC @HQ	1700-1900hrs
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Crew

Sat 9th Sep	Football Tournament @Zebbug Football Ground	1730-2200hrs
Sat 16th Sep	Car Free Day & Bike Hike @Fgura Local Council	0900-1230hrs
Sun 24th Sep	Church Parade @HQ	0815-1100hrs
Sat 30th Sep	Car Wash @ Parking Lot - HSBC bank	0900-1700hrs

Band

Wed 6th Sep	Band Practice for Glockenspiels and Bagpipes only @HQ	1700-1800hrs
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Wed 20th Sep	Band Practice for Glockenspiels and Bagpipes only @HQ	1700-1800hrs
Wed 20th Sep	Band Meeting @HQ	1800-2000hrs
Sun 24th Sep	Church Parade @HQ	0745-1100hrs

Group

The Group wishes to appeal to all parents/guardians to encourage children in getting familiar with Cycling as a life skill. It is an asset for their future, especially getting to ride in an urbanized community, knowing how to maintain your bike and riding in line with the Highway Code. The Group shall be installing Cycling Racks at HQ to further promote this skill and we look forward to seeing you at the Car Free Day set on the 16th of September.

Sat 16th Sep

Car Free Day @Fgura Local Council

0900-1230hrs

Sat 16th Sep Car Free Day @Fgura Local Council 0900-1230hrs The Fgura Scout Group shall be participating in this year's Car Free Day scheduled on the 16th of Sept. 2023. Our group shall be taking part in Bike Instruction Sessions to be carried out in different groups as from 09.00 - 11.00. Children will be provided with lessons on how to ride a bike, road safety precautions and other details on bikes. And at 11.30, the Group shall lead a Bike Ride around the locality of Fgura. Roads shall be safely closed and monitored by Traffic Management Officers and this ride should take around 30 mins. The participation of parents, guardians and friends is highly recommended so as to initiate the idea of alternative mode of transport. We do also look forward to enjoying this day without the need to worry about traffic around.

Sun 24th Sep

September Church Parade @HQ

0815-1100hrs

September Church Parade - on the occasion our Band will lead the Group towards the Fgura Parish Church. A ceremony shall take place at Pjazza Reggie Miller, followed by 09.30 Mass Celebration and then marching back to HQ for some refreshments. Please ensure that any expired commemorative badges are removed and don't forget that a full uniform includes formal black shoes.

Sat 30th Sep

CAR WASH (Fundraising Activity) @parking lot close to HSBC

0900-1700hrs

This year's Car Wash Fundraising Activity shall take place at the usual place (i.e. Parking Lot in between Vjal Kottoner & Hompesch Road), Fgura from 09.00 till 17.00hrs. Members shall be guided by their respective Sections. Parents & helpers who wish to lend a hand are more than welcome. Kindly inform GSL or Council Chairperson with your interest for better organisation.

Beavers

Wed 6th Sep

New lodges + new members @HQ

1830-1930hrs

During this meeting, we will welcome new members and form new lodges. This meeting will be followed by some games.

Wed 13th Sep

Scouting sessions @HQ

1830-1930hrs

During this meeting, we will go through our scouting skill basics. We practice our skill when it comes to folding our scarf. It is important that Beavers bring their scarf for today's meeting.

Sat 23rd Sep

Walk around the countryside @HQ

0900-1300hrs

We will meet at 9 sharp at our HQ for a small walk around the countryside. The place will be determined based on the weather. Beavers are to bring a duly signed consent form together with a 4 euro fee for the transport, packed lunch, raincoat and a good pair of walking shoes.

Sun 24th Sep

Church parade @HQ

Please see group's section for more details. Those members having their investiture, please make sure to bring all required badges in a labelled bag.

Wed 27th Sep

Talent show practice + scouting session @HQ

1830-1930hrs

We will continue with our scouting sessions followed by our talent show practice. Later on we will play some games together :)

Pack

Dear Parents & Cubs

Please read this note carefully :)

During September we will be meeting every week now so as to gear up for the upcoming talent night. Since the four Link Badge members will be going up with Troop in September, they will be taking part with the Troop Section for the Talent night and so will not be attending meetings with Pack where we have rehearsals.

The Pack will be split into two for the Talent Night since the number of cubs for one performance will be too much on stage. So the Gold arrow cubs will have a performance of their own and the rest of the cubs another performance and they will be split up also for the rehearsals. The Gold Arrow cubs will be doing the rehearsals at Bulebel, whilst the rest of the cubs will do their rehearsal at HQ. You can see the details in the circular.

An important meeting in September is on **Saturday 9th September where all the pack will have Sessions from 2.00pm - 4.30pm**; the Gold at Bulebel and the rest of the cubs at HQ. Sessions are always very important for the arrow progress and these more so for the Link Badge members since they will have the last opportunity to attain their Gold arrow before going up with Troop. I have contacted the parents of the Link Badge members individually regarding this.

The Link Badge will be going up with the Troop Section on Sunday 24th September when we have the Church Parade. Parents are to remove all Pack badges from the uniform and buy a pair of green troop epaulettes from the Scout Shop to be exchanged during the ceremony. Please leave the start up badge (purple), the beavers link badge (blue - where applicable) and we will be issuing the cubs link badge (yellow) to be sewn before the Parade. If the Link Badge members get their Gold arrow they can leave it (and the Gold Arrow only from the other arrow badges) on the uniform.

After the Church Parade the MOB's (then cubs) should attend with Pack only whilst the LB (then scouts) should attend with Troop only.

So stay tuned with the circular and with the reminder post we do before each and every meeting so that nothing will be missed.

AKELA & PACK LEADERS

Fri 1st Sep Introduction to Talent Night (+MOB) @HQ 1830-2000hrs

The Talent Night is on the 11th November, and in order to prepare properly for it, we have to start early.

Today we will be preparing the cubs as to what is going to happen on the night and what we will prepare.

It is important to note that if for some reason the cub cannot be present with us on the 11th November, the leaders need to be informed as it is useless participating in the preparations.

Sat 9th Sep Sessions (+LB) and (+MOB) @HQ 1400-1630hrs

This meeting is especially important for the Link Badge members since they have the opportunity to conclude and obtain the Gold Arrow before going up with Troop Section. Parents of the link badge members have been informed of this individually.

All cubs are to get the Cub Book with them.

Since rehearsals will start today after the sessions and it is impossible for the whole pack to do the rehearsals all at one go; the Gold arrow cubs (including the LB members) will meet at Bulebel; whilst the rest of the cubs will meet at HQ. On this circular only HQ appears since I cannot include both HQ and Bulebel on the same date.

Tue 12th Sep LB Members meeting with Akela and SL @HQ 1800-1900hrs

This meeting is for LB members and their parents ONLY.

Myself and SL are eager to meet Ria Pisani, Liam Ellul, Yan Mizzi Peplow and Karl Mifsud together with their parents to discuss how the Link Badge period went and discuss any queries they might have so as to smoothen the transition process.

Sat 16th Sep Car Free Day - Bike Learning Activity (+MOB) @near Fgura Local Council 0900-1100hrs

Today is Car Free Day organized by the Fgura Local Council and as the local Scout Group we will take part. This will create awareness of how important it is to cut down on using the car where we can either walk or use the bicycle and today's activity will be promoting cycling in particular.

There will be cycling lessons for the cubs so as to encourage them to use the bicycle both for exercising and as a means of clean transportation.

Those cubs who have a bicycle are to get it with them whilst those who don't can still participate in this activity since information about the bicycle and how to ride it will be provided by an instructor.

At 11.30 the Troop will be taking part in a bicycle ride around the streets of Fgura and parents are encouraged to attend.

Troop

A few updates from the Troop Section:

1. For any outdoor activity (except parades), we will collect a consent form on the day of the activity.
2. MOV stands for Moving on Ventures, LB stands for Link badge members.
3. Deadlines for bookings/payments are to be respected. This month's deadlines include:

- On 22/9/23 a fee of €5 will be collected for Olive Picking Activity (7/10/23)
- On 22/9/23 a fee of €50 will be collected for JOTI/JOTA, a 3-day camp (20-22nd Oct)

4. JOTI/JOTA stands for Jamboree on the Internet/Jamboree on the Air. This activity takes place every year. It is intended to gather scouts from all over the world to speak to each other and make new scout friends on the internet or radio. We shall camp at Ghajn Tuffieha Campsite, more details will be provided.

Sat 2nd Sep - Sun 3rd Sep

Scouts Ahoy! +LB +MOV @Bulebel

0630-1800hrs

Pirates will invade Comino for the next two days. They will take over Santa Marija Tower and Comino Battery. Our troop members have planned two days jam-packed with fun scouting activities and a delicious menu. The girls shall be sleeping at Santa Marija Tower whilst the boys will be sleeping at Santa Marija Battery.

It is important that you travel light, as all personal and group equipment needs to be carried and transported on foot. For sleeping gear- a sleeping mat and light sleeping bag or light bed sheets are enough. A recommended equipment list will be provided during the BBQ/swimming activity on 25/8/23.

Before we leave Fgura, both consent form and health form will be collected, together with any medicines (if applicable). Bookings and fee (€40) for this activity were collected on 19/8/23.

Thu 7th Sep

PLC @HQ

1700-1900hrs

PLC is for PLs and APLs only. Chairman and Secretary to prepare Agenda and meeting minutes respectively. Evaluation of Scouts Ahoy! and JOTI JOTA will be on the Agenda.

Tue 12th Sep

JOTI JOTA Planning Team @HQ

1700-1900hrs

Two assigned scouts shall meet two ventures to start planning JOTI JOTA Camp, happening on 20th till 22nd of October 2023.

Tue 12th Sep

LB members meeting with Akela and SL @HQ

1800-1900hrs

This meeting is for LB members only. Akela and SL are looking forward to meet: Ria Pisani, Liam Ellul, Yan Mizzi Peplow and Karl Mifsud, together with their parents. This meeting is intended to go through any queries related to the troop section and share your experience with the troop so far.

Sat 16th Sep

Let's Play Drama! +LB +MOV @Fgura Local Council Hall

0845-1100hrs

All of you preferred acting for this year's talent show, so we planned a fun and interesting meeting to get those acting skills in shape. The Troop section will split into two groups. Each group will have an actor assigned and we will have various fun and team activities. In the end, we will group up by patrol to brainstorm for this year's talent show performance.

Attendance by all Troop members is obligatory for this activity. What to bring? Consent form and water bottle. Please come in activity wear and scarf.

Sat 16th Sep

Bike Hike by FSG @Fgura Local Council

1130-1230hrs

Those bikers out there are invited to join the Fgura Scout Group for a short bike hike. Get your bike, bike helmet and a water bottle. This activity is being organized by the Fgura Scout Group, during the car free day. For more details refer to Group Section.

Fri 22nd Sep

Scouting Sessions +LB +MOV @Ġnien Dom Mintoff

1800-2030hrs

Let's roll up our sleeves and get some requirements ticked off from the mountaineer award book. Duty patrol - prepare a game.

What to get? The mountaineer award book, consent form and water. Please come in activity wear and scarf.

Today we shall collect bookings/ payments of €5 for Olive Picking activity which will take place on 7/10/2023 and €50 for JOTI/JOTA Camp which will take place on 20th-22nd of October.

Sun 24th Sep

Church Parade @HQ

Refer to Group Section Circular.

Sat 30th Sep

Car Wash +LB +MOV @Parking Lot - HSBC bank

0900-1700hrs

Working at the car wash! For this fundraising activity, we need all the help we can get. Important to come in activity wear, cap/hat and closed shoes (suitable to get wet). Please get a water bottle + signed consent form with you. Each patrol will attend the car wash fundraising event at the following time slots:

Ballotra: 09:00-11:00

Falkun: 11:00-13:00

Iljun: 13:00-15:00

Pitiross: 15:00-17:00

Unit

Fri 8th Sep **Ready Steady Cook + MOV @HQ** **1000-1300hrs**

You will be cooking a 3-course meal including starter, main course and dessert by patrol. Leaders will judge your food presentation, taste, creativity, teamwork and cleanliness. Important to bring your own cutlery bag, water and other equipment which might be required.

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