



## THE SCOUT ASSOCIATION OF MALTA, FGURA SCOUT GROUP

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## January 2025

### Group

Wed 1st Jan - Thu 23rd Jan  
Mon 6th Jan  
Fri 31st Jan

### May the Scouting Spirit keep guiding us throughout 2025! Best Wishes to all.

Nominations Open for the Parent's Council 2025 -2027 @HQ 0800-1200hrs  
2025 Kick Off Meeting for Leaders & Council Members @HQ 1930-2230hrs  
Annual General Meeting @Fgura Local Council 1930-2200hrs

### Beavers

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Sat 18th Jan  
Wed 22nd Jan  
Fri 31st Jan

New Lodges & Games @HQ 1800-1900hrs  
Buskett Walk @HQ 0845-1300hrs  
DVD Night @HQ 1800-2000hrs  
Annual General Meeting (AGM) @Fgura Local Council

### Pack

Sat 4th Jan  
Sat 11th Jan  
Sat 18th Jan  
Sat 25th Jan  
Fri 31st Jan

### Link badge members are to attend with Pack and Troop where marked (+LB). There are no Moving on Beavers for this month.

No Meeting  
Reshuffle of Sixes & Games @HQ 1430-1630hrs  
Activity at Mizieb (Sessions) (+LB) @Bulebel 0900-1500hrs  
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It's all about Sports! +LB @Santa Lucija School 1900-2130hrs  
AGM @Fgura LC Hall 1930-2200hrs

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Executive meeting @HQ 1900-2100hrs  
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Agm @Local council hall 1900-2100hrs

### Band

Fri 10th Jan  
Sat 11th Jan  
Fri 17th Jan - Sun 19th Jan  
Fri 24th Jan  
Sat 25th Jan

Band Rehearsal for Bagpipes @HQ 1800-1900hrs  
Band Meeting @HQ 1000-1130hrs  
Fgura & Zabbar joint band camp @Kalkara Campsite 1800-1200hrs  
Band Rehearsal for Bagpipes @HQ 1800-1900hrs  
Band Meeting @HQ 1630-1800hrs

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## Group

### IMPORTANT NOTICE: Revision of MEMBERSHIP FEE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Following last Annual General Assembly by the Association, a motion passed for all groups to raise their membership contribution up to 20 Euros in support of the Association.

To this effect, our membership fee shall now raise from 80 Euros to **100 Euros** per annum. You may wish to make a one time online payment by not later than January 2025. In case, there are any difficulties with payments or you wish to split payment, please get in touch.

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| <b>Wed 1st Jan - Thu 23rd Jan</b> | <b>Nominations Open for the Parent's Council 2025 -2027 @HQ</b> | <b>0800-1200hrs</b> |
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Nominations for the appointment of new members to the Parents' Council shall open on the 1st of Jan 2025 till the 23rd of Jan 2025.

The Parent's Council is appointed by the GSL and led by a Chairperson who works closely with the GSL. Meetings of the Council are held once a month and its role is meant to support the group with administration, communications, logistics and fund raising.

Notwithstanding its called Parents' Council, any adult of any age can join as long as you got scouting at heart. The Council is appointed every two years.

For more information, please contact GSL.

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| <b>Mon 6th Jan</b> | <b>2025 Kick Off Meeting for Leaders &amp; Council Members @HQ</b> | <b>1930-2230hrs</b> |
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All Leaders & Council Members

2025 holds new challenges and opportunities and this kick off meeting shall pave the way on how to prepare for another fantastic year.

**Fri 31st Jan                      Annual General Meeting @Fqura Local Council                      1930-2200hrs**

Annual General Meeting 2025

On the day, the group shall be presenting its Administrative and Financial Report for confirmation and also an awards ceremony will follow.

Furthermore, due information shall be given on the role of the Parents' Council whose terms in office comes to a close by February 2025. A new Parents' Council needs to be appointed.

# Beavers

**Wed 8th Jan**

**New Lodges & Games @HQ**

**1800-1900hrs**

The start of the new year comes with the reshuffle of new lodges within the colony. In today's meeting we will form new lodges each consisting of new members and a new lodge leader. Scouting themed games will follow once the new lodges have been formed.

**Sat 18th Jan**

**Buskett Walk @HQ**

**0845-1300hrs**

Get ready for an unforgettable walk around the countryside and lush gardens of Buskett. Together we will walk around numerous historical buildings and admire the beauty of mother nature firsthand.

A duly signed consent form and a 5 euro fee will be collected on the day. Beavers are to attend in full activity wear including scarf and should bring enough food and water for the duration of the activity.

**Wed 22nd Jan**

**DVD Night @HQ**

**1800-2000hrs**

During today's meeting, we will sit down altogether, relax and enjoy watching an entertaining movie.

Light snacks will be provided throughout the duration of the movie but beavers are encouraged to bring some additional snacks to share between themselves.

**Fri 31st Jan**

**Annual General Meeting (AGM) @Fgura Local Council**

Kindly refer to Group's section notifications for further details

# Pack

## Dear Parents & Cubs

**Please note that the first meeting for January is on the 11th January and not on the 4th as advised in the Pack Note of December 2024 circular.**

We hope you are enjoying your holidays and preparing yourselves for another year of amazing activities with our Group!!

As from this month we will start implementing the new Pack programme and our activities will be focused around the themes which have been chosen by the cubs themselves. The theme we will be covering for the first three months of 2025 will be Treetops and so the cubs should do their best to attend as much as possible since it will be difficult to recoup lost sessions.

In the circular we will be highlighting the meetings that will cover the parts of this new pack programme.

Let's make 2025 a year full of scouting activities.

## Akela & Pack Leaders

**Sat 11th Jan**

## Reshuffle of Sixes & Games @HQ

**1430-1630hrs**

The first meeting of each year is dedicated to forming new sixes and new Sixers and Second Sixers. This is done in order for the cubs to get to know each other better outside of their six and for other cubs (elder ones) to assume leadership roles as sixers and their assistants.

We will be holding some team building games after the new sixes are formed.

Today booking for next week's activity should be made by getting Consent Form and transport Fee of Eur 4

**Sat 18th Jan**

### Activity at Mizieb (Sessions) (+LB) @Bulebel

**0900-1500hrs**

The new pack programm will start today!!

We will be going to Mizieb area where cubs will have the opportunity to carry out scouting sessions outdoors in a more fun and hands-on way.

Cubs are to wear full activity uniform (hoodie/track suit trousers) + cap & scarf and a good pair of slippers or better still hiking shoes. The padded backpack should contain a packed lunch, enough water to drink for the day and very important - a rain jacket. **No need for Cub Book.**

## Sat 25th Jan

### Sessions (+LB) @HO

**1430-1630hrs**

The sessions might take place partially at HQ and partially outside but all cubs are to meet at HQ and then proceed according to what the leaders advise.

Those cubs who have a Cub Book should get it with them today and cubs are to come in full activity uniform.

**Fri 31st Jan**

## Annual General Meeting (+LB) @Fgura Local Council

**1930-2200hrs**

This is a very important event in the Group's calendar since it involves all the Group members together with their parents.

We will go through the year 2024 with details of all the events that took place, the financial position of the group and photos of all the main activities throughout the year. The GSL will also announce the Group's plans for 2025.

What's more awards will be given by all the sections for those members whose performance was outstanding in some way or other.

Cubs are to come in **full parade uniform** and we sincerely hope to see all members and their parents there.

# Troop

Welcome to 2025! Bring it on... Our first meeting in 2025 will be the annual internal competition - Zulu Challenge. During this yearly event, each patrol will compete to have their patrol name engraved on the Zulu Shield.

Two Announcements/Reminders:

1. Monthly fee of €1 per scout, get your booklets to renew your membership. These fees go towards troop administration and running costs.
2. Please note that during the first weekend of February we shall have the PLs and APLs Camp, this is only applicable to PLs, APLs and Recruits.

**Sat 11th Jan - Sun 12th Jan      Zulu Challenge Special + MOVs + ex MOVs @Bulebel      1530-1230hrs**

This year's Zulu Challenge is special, as it will be spread over two days. For this activity you must pack for one overnight stay (i.e. sleeping gear and mess kit but no showers).

Expect a challenging but fun 21 hours of scouting and the very last meeting as Ajkla, Delfin, Fekruna and Kobra :)

The fee of €20, which was collected on 20.12.24, covers food and transport.

The meeting will start and end at Bulebel, please get with you consent form and health form (incl. medicines if applicable) and your personal equipment in a rucksack/duffle bag and a daypack.

**Fri 17th Jan      New Patrols +MOVs +LB @Kappucini church      1830-2100hrs**

Let's get to know the new Patrols for 2025.

During this weekend, the Fgura Scout Band will be joining Zabbar Scout Band for a camp at their campsite located close to Kapuccini church (Kalkara).

We shall be joining them for 2 hours to get to know the new patrols and play icebreaking games with them. During tonight's meeting we shall announce the new PLs and APLs, get to know each other and play a few games.

What to get? Consent form, note book, pen, torch, raincoat, and first aid.

**Fri 24th Jan      It's all about Sports! +LB @Santa Lucija School      1900-2130hrs**

Ever wondered if you could be the next Beckham or the next Michael Jordan? Today we will compete in various ball games by patrol. Please come in activity wear including group scarf for the opening ceremony.

What to get? Water, first aid kit, raincoat, comfortable running shoes and comfortable running pants.

Today, we will take the bookings and collect the fee of €30 for those attending the PLs and APLs camp.

**Fri 31st Jan      AGM @Fgura LC Hall      1930-2200hrs**

The AGM is usually split into two phases. During the first phase we will look back at 2024 and learn about the future of our group. Whilst in the second phase, we will have the award ceremony and investitures. All parents are encouraged to attend, whilst all members shall attend in full uniform.

# Unit

## **Sat 4th Jan**

### **Cookout @Polverista**

**0900-1400hrs**

Let's start off 2025 by refreshing our outdoor cooking skills with a nice backwoods cookout. Bring with you some food able to cook in foil, foil, tongs, consent form, rain jacket, enough water and first aid.

## **Thu 9th Jan**

### **Ventures AGM @HQ**

**1900-2100hrs**

Tonight we are going to meet to discuss how our 2024 for the Ventures went and have a chat together as we will present our way forward for 2025.

Booking of transport for the Geocaching Hike on the 25th shall be taken tonight.

## **Thu 16th Jan**

### **Executive meeting @HQ**

**1900-2100hrs**

The first executive meeting of the year. Please come with ideas so that we could build an excellent programme this year. For Executive Members Only.

## **Sat 25th Jan**

### **Geocaching Hike @HQ**

**0900-1400hrs**

Today we shall be going for a Geocaching Hike starting from Seminarju.

We are to meet at HQ at 9am and take transport.

Bring with you consent form and enough water to drink. Further details necessary will be provided.

## **Fri 31st Jan**

### **Agm @Local council hall**

**1900-2100hrs**

See group details

# Band

**Fri 17th Jan - Sun 19th Jan**

**Fgura & Zabbar joint band camp @Kalkara Campsite**

**1800-1200hrs**

During this joint band camp, we will meet with Żabbar band members to share and play our marching songs together. We will start by practicing in sections and will eventually work on playing a new marching song as a group.

More information will be provided on the Facebook page.

The participation fee of €25 will be collected on Saturday 11th January, or via Revolut. This fee covers the campsite and food.