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## 01 POINTS TO REMEMBER

### What are Values

*By a Quiet Campfire*

The Scout Oath and Law express a well-defined code of ethical and moral conduct. If you think about it, you'll see that these abstract ideas - trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, reverent - can become very concrete goals for young people.

No, these ideas aren't "new and improved." They've been around since the very beginning of Scouting. These new tools provide a means for teaching today's young people how to apply these abstract ideas in everyday situations.

Scouting is designed to keep young people busy and involved in all sorts of projects. Scouts learn by doing, and learning values is as action-oriented as other Scouting programs. And all are designed to help young people acquire the values that they will strive toward well beyond their Scouting years.

After years of talk about the "moral decay" in just about every area of American life, our society seems to be turning back to the traditional values that guided this nation to greatness. To pass these values on to our children through Scouting relies upon three components: caring adults, age-appropriate and purposeful activities, and meaningful roles in the community

Leadership training and the literature of Scouting have been revised to help caring adults become better, more effective Scout leaders ... to recognize that young people develop physically, mentally, socially - and, yes, ethically - at different rates ... to identify community service projects that drive home the message that young people, by interacting with people in their community, can have a positive impact on the world around them.

Building upon Scouting's long history of youth development, makes this heritage even more relevant in meeting the needs of contemporary youth.

<http://www.pinetreeweb.com/values.htm>

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## 02 FROM THE CHIEF COMMISSIONER

*Mr Godwin D'Anastasi*

### Tipper for the Association.

Thanks to the initiative of Mr Joseph Saliba, Group Scout Leader of Qormi Scout Group, the Association has obtained a tipper that can be used at its Ghajn Tuffieha Camp site or else wherever needed.

### Beret Badges.

Please note that the Scout Shop has just received a consignment of new beret badges which are to be used by the Scout, Venture and Rover Sections. They are also to be used by those Leaders who do not have plumes matching their epaulets. This is from immediate effect.

### 03 The PEACE-LIGHT from Bethlehem

By Mario H Calleja Commissioner for Public Relations from reports submitted to him by the Chief Scout, Mr Vince Cassar and Mrs Pauline Cefai Azzopardi GSL Stella Maris College Scout Group

**The Scouts of Malta represented by the Stella Maris Scout Group present to the President of Malta and other dignitaries the Peace-Light from Bethlehem.**



Last year the Stella Maris Group were in Rome to receive the Peace-Light from their counterparts in the Scout Federation of Italy. In fact two Scout Leaders from the Stella Maris Group accompanied by two Scouts and a Beaver Scout were in Rome earlier this week where they collected the Peace-Light from the Italian Scouts and brought this over to Malta. Together with another 1700 Italian Scouts on the 17<sup>th</sup> December they were received by His Holiness the Pope and for the first time ever presented to him the Peace-Light.

The light is not meant to be a religious symbol, but more importantly one of brotherhood, friendship and peace with friends and neighbours during the holiday season, regardless of their ethnic group or religion. The purpose is to reach as many people as possible, to bring to

communities the peace message and encourage everyone, especially Scouts, as members of an international movement, and other youth to actively create peace in their environment by being tolerant towards other ethnic, cultural, political or religious groups.

The Scout Association of Malta helped to bring this new Christmas tradition of the people of Europe and other parts of the world to Malta and take part in the distribution of the Peace-light from Bethlehem and bring home the message of "Peace to All People on Earth." On the 19<sup>th</sup> December a symbolic concert was held in which the Peace-light was distributed to local Scout Groups. Present for this activity were the Chief Scout, members of the Scout Council, the DC of the North District and the Birzebbugia, Fgura, San Gwann, St Venera and Qrendi Scout Groups who all took the Light to their locality. On the 20<sup>th</sup> the Light was presented to HE The President, Prime Minister, The Archbishop and the Leader of the Opposition during a ceremony at Freedom Square in Valletta.



Robert Baden-Powell Founder of the Worldwide Scouting Movement in his last message to the Scouts said "TRY TO LEAVE THIS WORLD A LITTLE BETTER THAN YOU FOUND IT"

May the Peace-Light from Bethlehem lead us to peace and fellowship across all borders and boundaries.

### 04 NEW FEDERATION OF IRISH SCOUT ASSOCIATIONS

Ireland, 18<sup>TH</sup> December 2003

We are delighted to inform you that from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2004 members of Scouting Ireland SAI and Scouting Ireland (CSI) have joined together to form a new association, **Scouting Ireland**. By moving forward as one these Associations seek to present a single, modern and relevant image based on the strength of both associations. The Chief Scout will be Mr. Martin Burbridge will be formally launching the Federation on the 31<sup>st</sup> January at Larch Hill, Dublin. More information may be found on the new website <http://www.scouts.ie/>



## 05 Census Returns - REMINDER

*By Mr Noel Muscat Doublesin Commissioner for Administration*

All are advised to submit their Census Returns by the end of February. All submissions are to be presented complete with all requested information. Late submissions will incur a penalty of Lm10.00

## 06 PACK 79 from NEW YORK looking for local contacts

Greetings,

I'm writing in hopes that you may be able to put me into contact with a scouting unit that has boys age eight in it. I am a Den Leader (Bears) for eight year old boys in upstate New York (about one hour north of New York City). We belong to Pack 79 of the Rip Van Winkle Council. <http://www.pack79.info>

We are working on a project titled 'Scouting around the World'. What I was hoping to do was to have my boys e-mail your unit and exchange pictures, make friends with fellow scouts and discover scouting in your country. We plan on creating a display at our annual Scout Show where my boys would explain Scouting in Malta.

We have a photo page of our visit last year to the Scout Show. The theme for that show was 'Best in Scouting' <http://home.hvc.rr.com/rvwpack79/2003ScoutShow.html>

Thank you in advance for your assistance,

Yours in Scouting,  
Kenny Ihnken  
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The SCOUT SHOP will be making a 'Stock Clearance Sale' from the beginning of February, which will include Army surplus clothing, sleeping bags Rucksacks and others. Discounts will be as never before.

## 07 Scout Groups assist in Charity Campaign

*By Mr Anthony Zerafa SiC Zurrieq Scout Group*

Three Scout Groups from the South District participated in the Charity Campaign in aid of Dar tal-Providenza Siggiewi organised by Radju RTK on the first day of the New Year.

Seven Ventures from Fgura Group met at 8:00 am at the Media Centre Blata Bajda and received pledges by telephone. They were later joined by seven other members of the Troop of the Zurrieq Group. They continued to man the telephones with other volunteers up till late in the afternoon.

Later in the evening five members of the Marsa Scout Group Band participated in the entertainment part of the campaign taking part at Dar tal-Providenza Siggiewi.

All participants wish to thank Tonio Bonello, Manager Programmes at RTK for the invitation and sharing the Christmas Spirit prevailing at RTK studios.

## 08 Meeting re European Jamboree 2005

*By Mr Franco Azzopardi International Commissioner*

Please note that a meeting is going to be held for all those interested in attending the European Jamboree in 2005, being held in the UK.

The meeting is going to be held at IHQ on February 3 at 18:00hrs. All groups are invited to attend even those who have not made up their mind. Please note that those interested in attending as international service staff (Ventures & Rovers) are also invited to attend. All those coming to the meeting are reminded to get the expression of interest form with them. This form is no commitment but just as an indication to numbers.

A link to the jamboree web site is <http://www.eurojam.org/>

## 09 FROM THE TRAINING DEPARTMENT

By Mr Michael Cefai Commissioner for Training

### FORTHCOMING TRAINING EVENTS

Sunday, 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Scout Youth Programme Workshop	Mt St. Joseph Mosta
Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> February	<u>Level 1</u> – Appraisal of Visits	IHQ
Tuesday, 17 <sup>th</sup> February	National Scout Backwoods Cooking Competition – Meeting 2	IHQ
Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Camping Skills Course (Module 1)	IHQ
Thursday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Leaders' Development Programme	IHQ
Saturday, 28 <sup>th</sup> February	<u>Level 2</u> - Introductory Adult Leadership Course (Part 1)	[TBA]
Thursday, 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Public Speaking Course (Module 1)	IHQ
Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Basic Scouting Skills – <i>Estimation</i>	IHQ

#### Scout Programme Workshop

The *Scout Programme Workshop* for Scout Leaders and their Assistants will be held on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2004, from 9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. at Mount St. Joseph, Mosta. The workshop is being organized by the newly formed Scout Programme Team, within the Training and Programme Department. The workshop aims to start a process of consultation with all the parties concerned so as to create a new and attractive Scout Programme. All Scout Leaders and their Assistants are invited to attend so as to contribute towards the formulation of this Programme.

#### National Scout Backwoods Cooking Competition

The *Scout Section* of the Training and Programme Department will be holding its first *National Scout Backwoods Cooking Competition* on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2004. The first meeting in preparation for this event will be held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2004 at IHQ at 6.00 pm., while the second meeting will take place on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2004. The Commissioner Training and Programme encourages all Scout Troops to participate in this event and hopes to see all Scout Leaders and/or their Assistants present at these meetings.

#### Leaders' Development Programme (LDP)

The first meeting of this continuous development programme will be held on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> February 2004 at IHQ at 6.00 pm. The main speaker at this meeting will be **Mr. Malcolm Naudi**, a well-known Maltese journalist, who will be speaking on "**Our Relations with the Press**". All Wood Badge holders and Group Scout Leaders are invited to attend this talk.

#### Camping Skills Course

The next *Camping Skills Course* will commence on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2004. Applications for this course are available from the Secretariat at IHQ. Adult Leaders, who have completed their *Level 2* or *Level 3*, will be given preference on this course since only 32 participants will be accepted. In order to qualify for the *Camping Skills Certificate*, participants must attend all modules and the weekend camp. The **Camping Skills Certificate** and the **Camp Leader's License**, are obligatory requisites for the appointment of any *Assistant Section Leader*.

#### Level 2 – Introductory Adult Leadership Course

The next *Introductory Adult Leadership Course* will commence on Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2004. Applications for this Course are open and may be obtained from the Secretariat at IHQ. A maximum number of 32 participants will be accepted on this course. The closing date for the submission of applications is Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2004. It is important to note that prospective applicants, who have not attended all of Level 1 and/or have as yet not submitted their Projects (that is, visits and End Projects) to the Training Department, will not be accepted on this Course.

#### Basic Scouting Skills Training

As from this year *Basic Scouting Skills Training* is being introduced by the *Training and Programme Department* as part of the skill training needed by Adult Leaders in all Sections. These Basic Scouting Skills, which are coordinated by the Commissioner Training and Programme, will be run on both *National* and *District Levels*. *Certificates of Attendance* will also be issued to those completing

these Basic Skills. The first of these Basic Scouting Skills Training Courses will be run by the South District and will focus on **Ropes and Knotting**.

The other Basic Scouting Skills Training Course will be held at IHQ on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2004 at 6.00 pm. This course will focus on **Estimation** and is open to a limited number of 15 Adult Leaders. Application Forms are available from the Secretariat at IHQ and the closing date for the submission of these applications is Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2004.

### Public Speaking Course

This course will commence on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2004 at IHQ and is mainly open to Commissioners, Group Scout Leaders and Section Leaders. Other Adult Leaders, who are interested in participating, will be accepted subject to availability of space, as the maximum number will be limited to 20

participants. The course is being directed by **Mr. Louis Micallef** and consists of 10 modules of 2 hours duration each. A *Certificate of Attendance* will be issued at the end of the course. Application Forms may be collected from the Secretariat at IHQ. Closing date for the submission of these applications is Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2004.

### Attendance at Courses

Adult Leaders attending training courses or other training events will be issued with a **Certificate of Attendance *only if***, the participating Adult Leader has attended either all the modules, or the full weekends, or all the days, or all the hours, and has fulfilled all the requirements of the course. **Full attendance and the fulfillment of all requirements are obligatory.** An Adult Leader, therefore, will be asked to attend once again that particular Course, or training skill/event, once the above requirements are not met.

## 10 December 2003 with the Fgura Scout Group

*By Mr Robert Gonzi GSL Fgura Scout Group*

Since our 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2003, the Group launched a new Annual Theme "The Group as One Big Family". The idea is to bring all sections, group council and parents closer together through a set of activities. What better season to start some great activities!!

As per previous years, the Pack and Troop Sections had their Christmas parties. The Pack tried their skills at the Eden Super Bowl which was then followed by a party at McDonald's Baystreet, whilst the Troop had a couple hours of fun in Corinthia's Jerma Palace heated pool, followed by a pasta buffet at Jerma's Nautico Restaurant. Great pasta and gateaux..... jummy jummy!!!

All the sections also found time to participate in activities towards the society. The Pack visited an old people's home for carol singing and also gave each resident a crafted Christmas father, done by the cubs themselves. Members of the Troop participated at the Stella Maris Scout Group Peace Light Concert and during the Midnight Mass on Christmas, 3 scouts in uniform, presented the Peace Light to the Parish Priest. The Venture Unit participated to the RTK charity programme L-Istrina on 1<sup>st</sup> January, for 3 hours (from 8:00am -

11:00am), answering phone calls from people donating money for a worthy cause.

We also had our usual Christmas Bazaar. This was organised by our Group Council with the aid of some group helpers. A great thanks to all those who gave a helping hand. The Group Council also organised a dinner for all council members, leaders and their families, which we all enjoyed.

Also, for our members' families, the Group organised two activities. The first activity was a visit to Santa's Toy Town in Popeye's Village. The activity was attended from over a 100 people. This was great fun, especially since one of the animators happened to be an X-Venture of our Group, and to the amazement of the young members, he knew all the scouting signs, promise and the names of their leaders. The second activity was led by our pack leaders. They organised bookings and transport for the Christmas Pantomime "Il-Milied ta' Charlie Chaplin". Again a good group of members together with their families turned up and all had great fun and hilarious moments.

Whilst we hope you all had a great warm, blessed Christmas, we wish you all the best for 2004.

## 11 YTC Bungalow

*by Mr Mark O'Neill CSL Zebbug Scout Group*

As already published in the IHQ Bulletin, the Zebbug Scout Group has been assigned to take care of the YTC Bungalow with immediate effect by Fr. Maurice Mifsud. The following are the prices and some of the conditions requested by Fr. Maurice.

The fees are as follows:

- Persons 14 and over, Lm 2 per person per night. Persons under 14 Lm1.50 per person per night.
- Water and electricity must be paid as per consumption to encourage conservation of water and electricity
- Also a Lm10 deposit must be paid in advance to confirm the booking, anyone who changes the date of the booking to another date should do so at least 2 months in advance or otherwise lose the deposit.
- Also Lm30 "Caution Money" will be collected when handing over the keys against any damages. The money will be given back in full provided that no damages will be found. Any damages found will result from the deduction from the caution money. If the amount of the expenses for damage exceeds the Lm30 deposit the difference should also be paid.

The place may also be hired for a particular day for seminars against a fee of just Lm 15 plus the consumption of water and electricity.

Those interested should book at the earliest directly to me CSL Mark O'Neill on 99496796 or [moneill@global.net.mt](mailto:moneill@global.net.mt)

Please note that bookings are on a first come first served basis and that other youth groups also use the bungalow.

For any more details or queries, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

## 12 Scout Air Weapon Shooting Challenge 2003

*By Mr David Schembri GSL Qrendi Scout Group*

A record number sixty scouts, ventures and leaders from the Qrendi, Sliema, St Michael's and St Venera Scout Groups braved the rainy weather on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December 2003, to compete in the traditional Malta Shooting Federation Scout Christmas Air Weapon Shooting Challenge, that was held at the Bidnija Indoor Shooting ranges, organized by the same Shooting Federation.

Shooting five "Sighters" and twenty five shoots with Air Rifles at a ten meter distance saw the Qrendi Scouts emerge as winners, with St Michaels

School, Sliema and St. Venera close on their heels and a "hand full" of points separating all the teams. The keenly contested competition saw a notable improvement in team standards, whilst Individual personal scores of members from all Scout Groups were also most encouraging.

Presenting awards to each of the participating competitors, the Shooting Federation Air weapons secretary, Mr. Joseph Camilleri thanked his colleagues Mr. Lawrence Darmanin and Mr. Martin Grech for their support throughout such scouting meetings.

Mr. Camilleri also thanked the respective Group leaders for their support and the respective scouts and venture scouts for their high sense of commitment and discipline, whilst expressing his association's wish to see more scouts participate in this discipline.

The Malta Shooting Federation Scout Christmas Shooting Challenge 2003 trophy was presented to the Qrendi Scouts, with the first, second and third "runner-up" awards going to the St Michael's, Sliema and the St Venera Scouts respectively.



## 13 Venture Unit 2004 Program of Activities

*By Mr John Micallef Engerer Commissioner for Venture Scouts*

A very important meeting for all Venture Scout Leaders is to be held at Island Headquarters on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2004 at 18.00 hrs regarding the year 2004 programme of events and the forthcoming National Venture Scouts Activity being The National Venture Scouts Camp (Expedition) 2004 to be held as from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2004. Please leave these days free from other activities and join your brothers and sisters in scouting, during this expedition and camping under canvas.

A committee for this activity is planned to be set up. Those who are interested are asked to forward their names.

## 14 International Jamborette "Go the NorWay 2004"

The Norwegian Guide and Scout Association (NSF) organizes the International Jamborette "Go the NorWay 2004" on Ingelsrud scout-centre from July

30 to August 7 this summer. The camp is open for all scouts and guides from the age 11 years and upwards.

## 15 ANNUAL UNIT/ROVER BOWLING TOURNAMENT

*By Mrs Pauline Cefai Azzopardi GSL Stella Maris College Scout Group*



No less than 14 Scout Groups participated in this year's Annual Unit/Rover Tournament organized by Venture Scout Leader Twanny Bugeja of the Stella Maris College Scout Group. Participating Units and Crews were from the Birzebbugia, Cospicua, Gzira, Marsa, Mosta, Naxxar, Paola, Qrendi, Sliema, St. Aloysius College, St. Augustin College, St. Michael School, Stella Maris College and Zejtun Scout Groups, who made use of 20 lanes at the Eden Super Bowl in Paceville in the presence of both the Commissioner for

Venture Scouts as well as the Commissioner for Rover Scouts.

The games kicked off at 18:30 hours with 108 Venture and Rover Scouts trying to strike. At the end of a very enjoyable evening, Trophies and a Shield were presented to those who came in the first three places. With 1448 points Stella Maris College won the competition, followed by St. Aloysius College achieving 1236 points in the second place, whereas, Cospicua Scout group placed third with 1171 points.

While thanking all those who participated, we do hope to meet you again throughout the year with the Annual Bowling Tournaments both for the Troop Sections as well as for the Leaders.

We are preparing the next issue of the Bulletin.  
Please send us information, news, activities and updated calendar of events.

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