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## FOR YOUR DIARY

**Thu 25/09** – CSLs' Meeting  
**Sat 27/09** – Gilwell Reunion  
**Tue 30/09** – Scout Youth Programme Team  
**Thu 2/10** – Ethics Meeting  
**Sat 4/10** – Pasta Night hosted by San Gwann Scout Group and IHQ  
**Tue 7/10** – Executive Meeting  
**Thu 9/10** – GSLs' Forum  
**Weekend 10-12/10** – Cub Leaders' Camp  
**Mon 13/10** – Council Meeting

**Tue 14/10** – Commissioners' Meeting  
**Thu 16/10** – District Commissioners' Meeting  
**Tue 21/10** – CSLs' Meeting  
**Thu 23/10** – VSLs' Meeting  
**Weekend 18-19/10** – JOTA/JOTI  
**Weekend 31/10-2/11** – National Cub Camp  
**Weekend 7-9/11** – Annual Scouts' Camp at Ghajn Tuffieha  
**Weekend 8-9/11** – National Rally for Venture Scouts

## POINTS TO REMEMBER

### Loyalty to the Movement

*Aids to Scoutmastership B.-P. 1919*

Let the Scoutmaster remember that in addition to his duty to his boys he has a duty also to the Movement as a whole. Our aim in making boys into good citizens is partly for the benefit of the country, that it may have a virile trusty race of citizens whose amity and sense of "playing the game" will keep it united internally and at peace with its neighbours abroad.

Charged with the duty of teaching self-abnegation and discipline by their own practice of it, Scoutmasters must necessarily be above petty personal feeling, and must be large-minded enough to subject their own personal views to the higher policy of the whole. Theirs is to teach their boys to "play the game," each in his place like bricks in a wall, by doing the same themselves. Each has his allotted sphere of work, and the better he devotes himself to that, the better his Scouts will respond to his training. Then it is only by looking to the higher aims of the Movement, or to the effects of measures ten years hence that one can see details of to-day in their proper proportion.

Where a man cannot conscientiously take the line required, his one manly course is to put it straight to his Commissioner or to Headquarters, and if we cannot meet his views, then to leave the work. He goes into it in the first place with his eyes open, and it is scarcely fair if afterwards, because he finds the details do not suit him, he complains that it is the fault of the Executive.

Fortunately, in our Movement, by decentralisation and giving a free hand to the local authorities, we avoid much of the red tape which has been the cause of irritation and complaint in so many other organisations.

We are also fortunate in having a body of Scoutmasters who are large-minded in their outlook and in their loyalty to the Movement as a whole.

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**POPE JOHN II's MESSAGE**  
**TO THE ITALIAN CATHOLIC GUIDES**  
**AND SCOUTS ASSOCIATION**

**Camp "rallies" help youth get closer to God**

*The Holy Father sent a Message dated 28 July to the members of AGESCI, the Italian Catholic Guides and Scouts Association. The girls and boys of this organization participated from 28 July to 7 August in the Italian National Camp rally and had invited the Pope, who was unable to attend. "Where everything speaks of the Creator and his wisdom, from the majestic mountains to the enchanting, flower-strewn valleys, may you learn to contemplate God's beauty, and may your souls, as it were, "breathe"', the Holy Father wrote to the young people. He encouraged them to deepen their faith continuously, "making the most of love and respect for nature". "Today this is an urgent and obligatory task for everyone", the Pope said, "but it has always been so for scouts, who are motivated not by some vague "ecological feeling", but by the sense of responsibility that derives from faith".*

*The following is a translation of the Holy Father's Message, which was written in Italian and dated 28 July.*

Dear Scouts and Guides of AGESCI,

1. I still have a vivid memory of the visit that I had the joy to make to the participants in your national "Route", at Piani di Pezza in the Abruzzi in the summer of 1986. This year you have suggested a great new communitarian experience, the national Camp, that will take place simultaneously in four campsites, in the Provinces of Avellino, Cagliari, Perugia and Turin. This time, unfortunately, I am unable to accept your lovely invitation to be with you. I would like to assure you, however, that I remember you with affection and am close to you in prayer, so that each one of you, a young person or an adult, may live the days at "camp" to the full.

About three months ago I received in audience a large group of the leaders of your Association, and I assured them of the Church's confidence and trust in the content and method of AGESCI's proven educational proposal. Now, as I think of the thousands of you in the splendid settings where you will pitch your tents, I would like to return to one of the formative topics dear to you, that is, the importance you must give to continually deepening your faith through practical love of, and respect for, nature: today this is an urgent and obligatory task for everyone, but it has always been so for scouts, who are motivated not by some vague "ecological feeling", but by the sense of responsibility that derives from faith. The protection of creation, in fact, is a distinctive feature of Christian commitment in the world.

### **AGESCI camps are important moments for encounter with God**

2. Where everything speaks of the Creator and his wisdom, from the majestic mountains to the enchanting, flower-strewn valleys, may you learn to contemplate God's beauty, and may your souls, as it were, "breathe", opening to praise, silence and contemplation of the divine mystery. The "rally" in which you are taking part, therefore, as well as being an adventure holiday, becomes in this way an encounter with God, with oneself and others; an encounter favoured by a serious review of life in the light of the Word of God and of the principles of your formation project.

When Jesus took Peter, James and John with him to Mount Tabor, he certainly had the opportunity to admire with them the view of Galilee that one can enjoy from those heights. But this obviously was not his primary aim. He wanted to make his disciples share in his prayer and to show them his glorious face in order to prepare them to bear up under the harsh trial of the passion. Keeping things in proper proportion, is this not also the meaning of the "camps" that AGESCI offers its members? These are important moments in which, with the help of the natural environment, you will have a strong experience of God, of Jesus and of fraternal communion. All this prepares you for life, for founding your most demanding plans on faith and for overcoming crises with the light and strength that come from Above.

### **Style of AGESCI scouts and guides: service**

3. Dear friends, the AGESCI scouts programme seeks to form the personality of children, young people and adults, in accordance with the Gospel model. It is a school of life where one learns a "style" which, if it is well assimilated, endures throughout life. This style can be summed up in the word "service". And if this applies for every young person who takes part in this scouting experience, regardless of his faith, it is especially true for you, who call yourselves and want to be real "Catholics". Your service must be even more generous and disinterested, after the example set by Jesus who said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20: 35).

Dear Scouts and Guides, I assure you of my spiritual presence, strengthened by prayer, so that Our Lady, the faithful Virgin, may protect and accompany you.

With these thoughts and heartfelt sentiments, I bless you, your leaders and the entire AGESCI family.

From Castel Gandolfo, 28 July 2003

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***Noted by the Chief Scout Mr Vincent Cassar***

### **1. From the Chief Commissioner**

*Mr Godwin D'Anastasi*

- **National Scout Council**

The new National Scout Council has been convened by the Chief Scout on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August and it has met again on the 11<sup>th</sup> September. Matters of great importance have been discussed during these first two meetings. All Commissioners and Group Scout Leaders should now feel free to discuss their suggestions and comments with

any of the members of the Scout Council whom they have elected to represent them. The following is a list of the elected members of the Council and their respective appointments to other executive and administrative committees of the Association.

Mr Leslie Bonnici	Council representative on the Executive Committee
Mr Evander Borg	
Mr Mario H Calleja	Council representative on the Policy Committee
Mr Paul Camilleri	Deputy Chief Scout
Mr Kenneth Demartino	Chairman of the Policy Committee and Council representative on the Executive Committee
Mr Francis R Flynn	
Mr David Schembri	
Mr Paul Vella	Fundraising Advisory Committee

- **Secretary of the Association**

Mrs. Pauline Cefai Azzopardi (GSL Stella Maris College Scout Group) has been unanimously appointed as Secretary. We congratulate her on her appointment and wish her every success in this new position.

- **Appointments**

The Chief Commissioner has approved the following Appointments with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2003.

48/2003	Daniela Muscat	Acting Leader	B'Kara
49/2003	Tania Zammit	Auxiliary	B'Kara

- **National Summer Groups' Camp.**

262 Cub Scouts, Scouts, Ventures, and Rovers together with their Leaders from Dingli, Hamrun, Lyceum, Pembroke/St Andrews, Qrendi, Sliema, San Gwann, St. Michael and St. Julians, attended a National Summer Groups Camp held at Ghajn Tuffieha from the 29<sup>th</sup> August to the 7<sup>th</sup> September. The camp programme was varied and was compiled by members from different groups who offered their services.

The Chief Scout, Mr. Vincent Cassar, and Chief Commissioner, Mr. Godwin D'Anastasi was present on most of the days. Commissioners, Mr. John Micallef Engerer, Mr. Leslie Bonnici, Mr. Charles Bajada, Mr. Mario H Calleja, Mr. Michael J Cefai, Mr. John Brincat and Ms Avril Frenco visited the camp site. Mr. Adrian Borg, Mr. Evander Borg and Mr. David M Schembri, all Group Scout Leaders holding also Commissioner's appointment and Mr Josef Custo as leader of the Hamrun contingent and ADC Central were also present throughout or on various days.

I would like to thank Fr William, who is the Spiritual Director of the Lyceum Group, and Fr Jesmond Pawley, Group Scout Leader of the Qawra Scout Group, for finding the time in their busy schedule to celebrate Mass for all present in the absence of our Commissioner for Religious Dimension who was away from the Island.

- **Chief Commissioner Personal Award.**

The recently introduced Chief Commissioner Personal Award was presented to an individual and a Group during the Summer Camp.

Nikolai Portelli, who is a member of the St. Julians Scout Group, was presented with this Award by the Chief Commissioner for his success in being awarded the silver medal in the 4x100 meters relay at the recent Small Nations Games that were held earlier this year. Nikolai managed to break various records and the Award was in

appreciation of his achievements and also for bringing such a high honour not just to himself, but also for his Country and Association.

San Gwann Scout Group was also the recipient of this new Award. The Award was in appreciation of their continuous help to IHQ and other Groups in a number of ways with the least fuss.

## **2. Tunisian Scouts and Guides Malta Visit – September 2003**

*By Mr David Schembri Commissioner for Human Resources & Support*

Eleven Scout and Guide Leaders from the Monastir Scout Region lead by Regional Commissioner Mahfoudh Marzouk and the Monastir Medina Group Scout Leader Mourad Benzarti visited Malta between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> September 2003, as part of their International camp 2003.

Lodged at Island Headquarters in Floriana, the Scout and Guide delegation visited numerous tourist and historic attractions throughout Malta, courtesy of Heritage (Malta), who made Museum complimentary passes available for our foreign guests.

Visiting the Ghajn Tuffieha International Campsite during the Summer Scout Camporee 2003, our visitors entertained the Maltese scout groups present with fine interpretations of Tunisian dance and song, whilst enjoying the Maltese hospitality as its best during the Camporee's campfire. Regional Commissioner Marzouk later presented Chief Scout, Mr. Vince Cassar with a memento of the Tunisian Scout Conference held at Tunis in August, on behalf of the Tunisian Scout Association.

A joint "Tunisian / Malta night" was later in the week held at IHQ Floriana between the Monastir Scouts and Guides and the Qrendi Scout Group, featuring folklore and Traditional song and dance, blended with scout songs and campfire stunts. Attending the activity was the Malta Girl Guide Association's Chief Commissioner, Ms Lara Tonna, who spent time discussing guiding programs with our Tunisian counterparts. Later Regional Commissioner Marzouk also presented Chief Commissioner, Ms Lara Tonna with a small memento.

"We came to your Island knowing too well of the warm hospitality that is offered by the Maltese Association to Tunisian Scouts but never imagined the treatment and friendliness that our delegation were to receive from the local inhabitants wherever we ventured", Mr. Marzouk stated.

"Monastir Region has over two thousand three hundred scouts and Guides grouped into twenty five groups and it is our wish to receive Maltese Scout and Guide Groups in Monastir in the future"

## **3. Request for help**

*By Ing Mario A. Frendo Group Scout Leader Paola Scout Group*

Paola Group Scout Leader is calling for **two ventures or senior scouts** who would like the opportunity to help him run the Group as ASLs with the prospect of becoming Scout Leaders if successful.

Anybody interested please either e-mail on: - [fritz@onvol.net](mailto:fritz@onvol.net) or phone mobile 79707177

Thank you all

#### 4. Min-Naxxar Scout Group

##### Gieh lil Saviour Galea

*Mis-Sur Teddy Farrugia Group Scout Leader Naxxar Scout Group*

Nhar l-24 ta' Settembru li ghadda in-Naxxar Scout Group onora lil wiehed mill-ex-scouters tieghu Saviour Galea (mgharuf bhala Hadidu) ghax-xoghol li wettaq bhala scouter u Cub Scout Leader ghal bosta snin mall-group. Ic-cerimonja bdiet b'parata bil-banda tal-group sal-knisja parrokkjali fejn dak in-nhar inharget l-istatwa ta' Marija Bambina fuq iz-zuntier. Gew imberkin l-istandarti l-godda tal-group, cubs, scouts u ventures mill-arcipriet tal-parrocchia Rev. Salv Micallef. Wara saret cerimonja fil-h.q. taghna f'gieh Saviour Galea. Hawn sar diskors qasir mill-Group Scout Leader Teddy Farrugia u inqara profil ta' Saviour Galea mill-Is Scout Leader Bruce Cortis. Wara inkixfet irhama kommemortattiva u portrait ta' Saviour Galea, xoghol ASL John Barbara. Din l-irhama inkixfet min Saviour stess fil-prezenza ta' l-Is Scouters, kumitat u membri kollha tal-group u familjari tieghu. Ta' min isemmi li Saviour Galea barra li kien Scouters habrieki hafna fi hdan il-group, kien ukoll suldat f'diversi pajjizi fosthom, il-Kajr, Borneo, Malaysia, Australia, Viet Nam u ohrajn.

##### Attivitajiet mill-Kumitat tan-Naxxar Scout Group

*Mis-Sur Joe Depares Valenzia-Segretarju tal-Kumitat, Naxxar Scout Group*

Attivita kull xahar regghet ma' naqsitx. Apparti li naqilghu xi haga minn kull attivita, ghax wara kollox dak hu l-ghan, nzommu l-genituri maqghudin. L-attivitatijiet qieghdin intejbuhom. Dan juri bic-car ghall-konkorenza li qed ikollna u dejjem qieghda tizzied.

L-ewwel wahda li kellna kien Barbeque gewwa Ta'Qali ghat-tmiem tal-Maratona li ghamlu t-fal. Kellna wkoll Pasta Night li ghamilniha fil-H.Q.. Hawn zanzalna tlett chaffing dishes, li qabel konna nisselfuhom mill-IHQ. Hajr imur ghac-Chief Executive is-Sur Godwin D'Anastasi li dejjem kien pront u sellifhomna meta kellna bzonnhom. Ma' nixtieqx ninsa lill-Barilla li ghal darb'ohra sponsorjawlna din il-lejla. Il-qofol ta' l-attivitatijiet taghna lahqu fil-Barbeque tal-Kamp Annwali. Hawn kellna konkorenza ta' 200 ruh bejn genituri u qraba tat-tfal.

Din is-sena l-kcina mexxejniha ahna tal-Kumitat biss u xi helpers. Nixtieq niringrazzja speccjalment lis-Sinjuri Charlie Muscat u Pawlu Gove li kienu full-time fil-kcina mieghi. Ma' nixtieqx ninsa' lis-Sinjuri Madlene Vella, Nathalie Farrugia, Carmen Tonna u Sylvia Barbara li kienu helpers maghna fil-kcina kull meta setghu. Naturalment maghna kien hemm il-membri tal-Kumitat l-ohra, li meta ma' kienux fil-kcina kienu qieghdin jaghtu daqqa t'id lill-Leaders tal-Cubs fil-bahar.

Ghamnilhom menu varjat biex kemm jista' jkun nzommuhom fl-ambjent tad-dar ghax wara kollox, iz-zaqq l-ewwel. Fil-fatt qabel il-kamp ghamilna survey fost it-tfal biex naraw xi jhobbu l-aktar mill-ikel u wara hrigna menu addatat li jolqot lill-kulhadd. M'hux se nippretendi li ma' jkunx hemm xi tgergir, imam inzommuh minimu kemm jista' jkun.

Bicca xoghol ohra f'idejn il-Kumitat, kienet li, niehdu ritratt lil kull membru li kien fil-kamp u dan jixtruh b'tifkira tal-Kamp Annwali 2003. L-ideja ntlacet sew ghax ir-ritratti kwazi nxtraw kollha.

Ghal il-kamp kellna nixtru xi affarijiet ghall-kcina bhal shelving unit u work top iggalvanizzati. Xtrajna zewg water closets kompluti izda l-flushings gew sponsorjati. Biddilna s-sistema tad-drenagg, peress li dawn kellhom jifghu fil-fossa dirett. Iddubajna 15 il-Chestnut stakes biex it-tfal jkun jistghu jaghmlu l-gadgets. Hajr imur ghall-Landscaping Dept. Nixtieq niringrazzja lis-Sinjuri G.Vella u M.Debono ghas-servizz li tawna bit-trakkijiet kbar fil-hin liberu taghhom biex tellajna l-equipment kollu f'daqqa.

Kull Scout Group huwa bhal familja u biex tibqa' maqghud u jibqa' jsir xoghol b'team work, kull bicca xoghol zghira kemm hi zghira ghandha tigi apprezzata minn kulhadd. Dan huwa xoghol volontarju u meta xi hadd jkun qieghed jaghmel xi haga jkun qieghed jaghmilha minn qalbu zgur, ghax ghall-gid tal-Grupp. Ghalhekk kull bicca xoghol ghandha tigi apprezzata biex dik il-persuna taghmel il-kuragg u ma' titbieghedtx mill-Grupp.

Ghandu jsir kull sforz biex tinstema' l-opinjoni ta' kull min hu nteressat fil-Grupp. Xi kultant tant ikun hemm hegga biex isir xi progett li forsi ma' nisimhux l-opinjoni u l-idejat ta' kulhadd u mbaghad wara li dan jitlesta jibdew hirgien il-kummenti minn taht. Jien nahseb li t-tmexxija f'ghaqdjet volontarji bhal taghna ghandha tiehu inkonsiderazzjoni l-kwalitajiet kollha tal-membri biex b'hekk kulhadd ikollu c-cans li jikkontribwixxi t-talenti tieghu ghall-progress tal-Grupp. Ghaldaqstant il-Kumitat tal-Grupp ghandu jipprova kemm jista' jkun jiddelega l-awtorita tieghu, taht struzzjonijiet precizi, lil dawk il-membri kompetenti biex l-attivita li qed tigi organizzata tkun success zgur. Biex ikun hemm aktar commitment certi decizjonijiet l-ahjar jittiehdu madwar mejda, u wara li l-fatti jkunu maghrufin sew minn kulhadd involut. B'hekk kulhadd ikun jaf l-ghan wara kull decizzjoni u jkun jifhem ghaliex gie deciz hekk. Dan ma jfissirx li l-GSL ma jibqax imexxi, anzi dan jibqa' reponsabbli ghad-decizzjoni li titiehed bil-kunsens tieghu u jekk jara li xi haga sejra mhux kif gie deciz ghandu kull dritt jbidel biex isalva s-sitwazzjoni. Fl-ahhar mill-ahhar hu l-kap u hu jrid jerfa' r-responsabilita ta' kull ma' jgri fil-Grupp. Minnaha l-ohra tmexxija m'ghandhiex tkun Paternali, bhal meta missier jghid lill-uliedu "Ghamlu li nghidilkom jien ghax jien naf x'inhu tajjed ghalikom". L-inizzjattiva hija tajba imma din trid tkun awtorizzata mill-GSL jew mill-Kumitat. Ma' jstax ikun, li tqum filghodu b'ideja, tajba kemm hi tajba, taqbad u taghmilha. Jekk isir hekk ikun hemm tahwid u minflok li l-Grupp jimxi l-quddiem dan jifarrak.

Biex nikkonkludi nixtieq niringrazzja lill-membri tal-Kumitat kollha talli f'kull okkazzjoni gbidna habel wiehed, kif dejjem jighid il-GSL, ghall-gid tal-Grupp u xejn anqas lill-Leaders ta' kull section tal-pacenzja li jiehdu bit-tfal taghna, ghax wara kollox li naghmlu ahna, ghall-dawn ta' l-ahhar naghmluh.

## **5. TRAINING AND PROGRAMME SECTION**

*By Mr. Michael J Cefai, Commissioner Training and Programme.*

### **Training and Programme - Dates and Events**

Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Programme Team Meeting
Wednesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> September	Training and Programme Panel
Saturday, 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Gilwell Reunion
Tuesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Scout Youth Programme Team

### **Gilwell Reunion – 2003**

This year's Gilwell Reunion will be held on Saturday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2003 at IHQ at 6.00 pm. All present and past Wood Badge Holders are invited to attend this yearly gathering in Scout uniform. The programme will include, mass, the Award of the Wood Badge, concluding with a camp fire, weather permitting.

### **Training and Programme Advisory Panel**

The Commissioner Training and Programme has recently set up an Advisory Panel within the Department to advise him on matters of training and programme. The Panel is made up of Mr. Paul H. Camilleri, Mr. Joseph G. Grech, Mrs A. Frendo, Mr. Mark M. Pizzuto and Mr. Evander Borg.

### **Initial Adult Leadership Training Course (Level 1)**

Applications are open for Leaders to participate on the Initial Adult Leadership Training Course, which will be held on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2003 and Saturday, 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2003. Further details may be obtained from IHQ. Applications are to be handed in by Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 2003. Applications will not be accepted unless these are endorsed by the GSL and DC respectively.

### **6. Tarxien Scout Group Organises Mother & Son Camp**

*By Mr Carmel Mangani GSL Tarxien Scout Group*

The Zurrieq Campsite was the venue for yet another camp, this time a Mother and Cub Camp organised by the Tarxien Pack Section during the first weekend of September. The idea of this camp came directly from the parents. It was their wish to experience the life of a scout. They knew from their children that the life on a campsite is not the usual picnic or 'xalata'. There was something else that they wanted to experience. In fact the camp was well attended – fourteen mothers took part. Together with the cubs, the total amounted to twenty eight.

After settling in the "pack" was divided into mixed sixes and the mothers were 'warned' that they had to do exactly what the cub did. They were subject to duties and if need be also punishments. They had to take part in all the games and they had also to attend flagbreak and flagdown.

The cubs were less tense than usual. The mummy was readily available in case of need. But Baloo was prompt to advise each and everyone that the only mummy on the campsite was herself – the 'big mummy' they called her. All the cubs were instructed to refer to her only.

This idea was welcomed by most of the parents. They were looking forward to become a child once again, away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life. Moreover the husband was faraway caring for the home and the rest of the family. So that made life much easier.

The pack leaders did a good job. They had prepared themselves a long time before. A number of activities were organised that kept the pack busy the day long. Water games, quiz, discussions, craft just to mention a few. The set up was a perfect one, and one could easily judge that the aim of the camp has been reached. All those present came closer together in the spirit of scouting. After all this is what our Founder has taught us.

On Sunday morning the pack was joined by the fathers. Holy Mass was celebrated by Fr. Dominic followed by a special Sunday Lunch. The camp was a huge success, so much so that there was popular request for another camp – this time from papa'!

### **7 Just in Time – Gzira Scout Group**

*by Ms May Cassar Scout Leader Gzira Scout Group*

The Gzira Scout Group held their Annual Summer Camp in the second week of September at the Zurrieq Scout Group Campsite. Everything went smoothly and all those you attended the camp, Scouts and Leaders had a very good time. We were lucky that the expected bad weather was delayed until we left camp. Malta had its floods two days after we arrived home.

We would like to thank Mr. Anthony Zerafa GSL for his co-operation and help at all times.

## 8 Mill-Marsa Scout Group

### Summer Football League

*By Mr Alex Cutajar Scout Leader Marsa Group*

This is to advise all those interested that the National Scouts Summer Football League will be organized on October. All those interested are to contact Mr Alex Cutajar (Scout Leader Marsa Group). A meeting was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> September. All those interested should contact the above as soon as possible. A fee of Lm5.00 is to be paid and birth certificates of those competing are to be presented.

### Kamp Anwali f'Marsaxlokk miss-7 sa 23 ta Awissu

*Mis-Sur Joe Galea Assistant Segretarju tal Marsa Scout Group*

Bit-tema "Kamp Bhal-Ahwa u mix-Xemx stahba", il-Marsa Group ghamlet hmistax il-gurnata kamp li beda b'advance party mill-Hamis, u sal-Hadd il-Campsite koenet kompluta: Tmien ridge tents, zewg marquis kbar (kcina u dining tent), sitt tinet ohra varji ghal-iScouters, sitt showers u erbgha toilets, gateway u flagpole. Il-Kamp kien immexxi mil-Camp Chief il-GSL Alfred Savona u assistit min assistant Camp Chief H/CSL Joe Galea u mejjun min team ta ghaxar Scouters ohra. Saru diversi attivitajiet bhal lecturers, camping gadget, canoeing, drill competition u life saving. Kien hem zewg events li forsi nisslu f'it dwejjjaq li kienu it-tluq kmieni mil-Kamp tas CSL M Catania fuq xoghol barra min Malta u mewt ta omm il-QM L Castillo bl-iScouters jinzlu ghal quddies tal-funeral taghha. Ic-Chaplain Rev Fr Anton Dimech OFM CAP. Kien jigi jqaddes kulljum barra darbtejn li fihom gew iqaddsu zewg kapillani Fr Manwel u Fr Diego OFM CAP. Taz zewg parrocci Marsin. Il-Hadd 17 ta Awissu kienet gurnata specjali ghal kumitat tal-Grupp fejn qattaw gurnata maghna. Biss il-qofol kien il-Campfire li tmexxa mill-ex-VSL Anthony Cutajar flok CSL Mark Catania. Numru sabih ta genituri hbieb u supporters attendew il-Campfire. Waqt il-Kamp gew izuruna id-DC tas-South District Mr Lino Bonnici u c-Chief Scout Mr Vincent Cassar u s-Sindku tal-Marsa Mr F Debono.

Membri li b'xi moghod hadu sehem f'dan il-Kamp kienu 14 Scouters, 2 Rovers, 5 Ventures, 18 Scouts, 15 Cubs, u 9 nisa u tfal ta Scouters.

Billi kien hem xi kompetizzjonijiet f'dan il-Kamp kien hem dawn ir-rizultati:

Troop Best Scout Sc Antoine Saliba

Best Leader PL Dorien Grech

Best Patrol Tiger Patrol, PL Dorien Grech

Drill Competition 1<sup>st</sup> Sc Matthew Piccinino u Sc Jacob Piccinino. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dorien Grech

## 9. Roverway2003 – Portugal An Experience of a lifetime

*By Edward Vella Contingent leader Commissioner for Rover Scouts*

On the 30<sup>th</sup> of July at 10.30 hrs 16 scouts from Mosta, Rabat and Mellieha Scout Groups, met at Luqa Airport to take the journey of their lives. They were people *in motion* joining scouts from 25 European countries to *make the difference*.

Roverway2003 was a gathering of Ventures and Rovers held in Portugal between the 31<sup>st</sup> of July and the 11<sup>th</sup> of August. The 2600 participants formed 10 villages with 5 communities in each. The members of these communities were given a challenge in the form of a project during the first five days. This phase of the camp was called Manyways. During Manyways the communities were divided into sub-camps and spread out around Portugal. It was in this time that the Maltese contingent set off to Madiera Island. Their project was to explore the island and write a report describing its environment and wildlife. Other challenges included the restoration of old houses and boats, the re-enactment of old stories, building nests in a conservatory and

entertaining elderly people in their homes. The second phase of the camp was called Crossways and took place in a campsite close to Lagoa d'Elvediera. Crossways gave the participants the opportunity to share the adventures experienced in the Manyways period.

They were also asked to perform activities related to their particular country. Team Malta, named "Malta Youths", presented the song *Believe*, written by Emanuel Bonnici, one of the participants, and danced the famous *Maltija* dance. As in scout camps around the world daily activities were the order of the day. The scouts were exposed to challenges such as caving, sailing, diving, water polo, tracking, mountain biking and climbing. Culture activities included music, ceramics, hand puppets, traditional sweets, painting and site seeing. Although not very popular, the members also had the chance to participate in communication sessions, which included *volunteer – why me?* journalism, Europe and me, the war of sexes and radio scouting.

The opening ceremony held in Lisbon was one to remember, and the closing ceremony held at the campsite, was also fantastic. Once again the Maltese scouts were proud to represent their flag in an international event. We love to attend these events and this demonstrates the strength of scouting around our Island.

The theme of the camp was **People in Motion you can make the difference**. We were definitely in motion with all the other countries, and the difference could be felt in each and every one of us, during our endeavours. We shared so many new experiences during our journey in Portugal and it has helped us grow and be better scouts in Malta.

Special thanks go to Joseph Borg, Paul Galea and Clinton O'Neil from Rabat Scout Group and Lino Vella, Keith Deguara and Sandro Grima from the Mellieha Scout Group who were the back bone of the camp and without them it would not have been possible. Together the 400 International Staff Members, their efforts were combined to ensure the camp was a success and a memorable experience for everyone. Well done and keep up the good work.