



## **San Anton School Scout Group**

### **INFORMATION CIRCULAR**

**This circular is intended to be of help to you in understanding the San Anton Scout group. Please feel free to approach any Leader at any time should you have any queries.**

#### **1. Meetings:**

Meetings are held every Saturday afternoon on the school premises between 3.00pm and 5.00pm. It is expected that children be *brought in time* to participate in the opening of the meeting and to be picked up promptly after the meeting ends. An attendance record is kept throughout the year. Kindly inform one of the leaders beforehand if your child is unable to attend a meeting.

A small tuck shop is open after the meetings.

#### **2. Monthly Holy Mass:**

Mass is organised for all the cubs, scouts, ventures and their families and friends once a month. This celebration is part of the San Anton School Scout Group activities. We urge you all to participate. Holy Mass is celebrated after the Scout Meeting at around 5.15pm in the School Chapel and the children have a very active part in it.

#### **3. Uniform:**

Children are to wear their Group T-shirt or sweatshirt, comfortable shorts/trousers/jeans and running shoes to the meetings. All cubs are to have a Cub Cap and Green Shirt, which may be purchased from the Scout Shop at Island Headquarters, Floriana (in front of Sarria Church). At the Investiture Ceremony, usually held around November / December, the children will be given a Group scarf and a woggle. The scarves and caps *must* be worn to the meetings. The entire group is expected to attend this ceremony to welcome new members.

#### **4. Activities:**

A number of activities are held throughout the year. These include the annual Summer and Easter Camps where the children will camp under canvas for a few days. There will also be one-night sleepovers. Other 'fun activities' are organised, usually at the same Saturday afternoon time, and have in the past included Treasure Hunts and Bowling Afternoons amongst others.

An important activity that is regularly held is that of fund raising. This is usually done during or just after the Scout Meeting and we trust we can count on your support to make such events successful.

## **5. a) St George's Day:**

The Annual Rally (formerly known as St George's Day Parade) is held on a Sunday morning around April / May and the San Anton Scout Group participates in this activity in which all the Maltese Scout Groups and girl Guides march through Valletta. *It is expected that all cubs, scouts and ventures, without exception, attend this parade.*

## **b) St Anthony's Day:**

San Anton School celebrates St Anthony's day, the patron saint of the school, by holding a special Mass. *It is expected that all cubs, scouts and ventures, without exception, attend.*

## **6. Annual Parents' Meeting:**

The Group Scout Leader usually conducts this yearly meeting. It is an opportunity to exchange ideas, understand better a child's scouting progress and answer any queries you may have. We urge you to attend and participate. The meeting is held at the same time as the Scout Meeting.

## **7. Programme Work:**

There is set Programme Work that must be covered by the cubs and scouts. This is of great interest and valuable educationally. The Leaders will advise the children at the meetings on what work is required. A new national Cub Scout manual was published in January 2003. Badges are awarded for completion of each stage.

Proficiency badges (e.g. Swimmer's Badge, Book Reader's Badge etc) are also awarded for various other work and the cubs will be advised as to how they may earn some of these badges. Some of the badge work is done during camping trips.

Cubs and Scouts must progress in Programme work to be able to work for Proficiency Badges.

## **8. Group Organisation:**

The cubs are organised into groups of six and allocated a colour. Thus there will be a Blue Six, Red Six etc. During the year cubs will earn (or lose!) points for their Six for attendance, punctuality, correct uniform, behaviour, work etc. These points are cumulative and small gifts are usually given out to the Six-of-the-Month and Six-of-the-Year to acknowledge the cubs' work, effort and achievements. Scouts are organised into patrols.

## **9. Funds:**

The San Anton Scout Group is a non-profit organisation and any money collected through the registration fees, tuck shop or activities is spent on the scout group.

## **10. Leaders:**

Many of the Leaders of the San Anton Scout Group are San Anton School students' parents with a past experience in scouting. Many of the leaders are busy professional people and all their work and time dedicated to the Scout Group is voluntary.