

# SCOUTING HISTORY

## Scouting History

In continuation to the Scouting History in the Bronze Arrow, during the Silver Arrow the Cubs will learn more about Scouting in Malta. This session is split into two requirements. The first requirement is Scouting in Malta. The second part is the Scouting History of your Group.

Information about Scouting in Malta can be found below, but you must gather information on who started your Group, the date of opening, old H.Q.'s, etc. to pass to your Cubs. You can also suggest to the Cubs to find out if there are persons who were once part of the Group and get information from them.

## Scouting in Malta

The Scouts of Malta hold the distinction of having been the first outside the United Kingdom to embrace the new youth movement conceived by General Sir Robert Baden-Powell nearly a hundred years ago. Scouting was introduced on the island early in 1908 in Valletta, within months of the first troops being formed in the United Kingdom and the first troops were formally recognized in 1909. An association having as its objective the furtherance of the Scout Movement in Malta was formed under the title of "The Malta Boy Scouts Association" and was registered in 1913 as a branch of the British Boy Scouts Association. In 1966 the Maltese association became an independent body and a full member of the World Organisation of the Scout Movement.

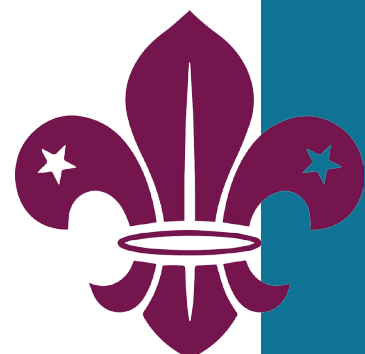
The Scouts of Malta were represented at the first overseas gathering at Windsor Great Park in 1911. When the First World War broke out the Scouts gave valuable service in the many hospitals that were set up to care for the thousands of sick. When the first World Jamboree was held at Olympia in London in 1921 it was the Scouts of Malta who proposed the title of Chief Scout of the World for B-P.

Scouting continued to flourish in Malta and on the eve of the outbreak of the Second World War the Scouts formed the backbone of the civil defence organizations and of the officers in the Maltese regiments. For their role during the aerial siege of Malta between 1940 and 1943, the Scouts of Malta were awarded the unique distinction of the Bronze Cross.

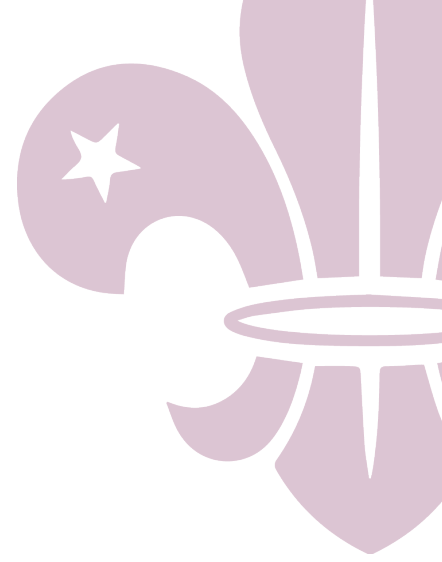
Malta has been represented at various world and regional scout conferences all the world including all Jamborees except one.

## Suggestions:

- You can visit the IHQ and do a tour of the plaques that are displayed there.
- Have a quiz.



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**Activity:** Quiz



**Objective:** Learn about Scouting in Malta



**Time:** 30 mins



**Outline:** The questions of the quiz would be related to a different topic, maybe Scouting History learnt in the Bronze Arrow, and the team which gets the right answer is given a hint about Silver's Scouting History. At the end of the quiz, each team is given an incomplete paragraph about Scouting in Malta, and the first team to finish it correctly wins.

E.g.:

The first Scout Troop in Malta formed in the year (1854, 1908, 1946) in (Sliema, Valletta, Victoria). A few years later, in the year (1860, 1990, 1913), Baden-Powell visited Malta and greeted the Scouts and Scout Masters, like we do in the Annual Parade.

Today, the Scout Association of Malta has over 2,500 members. From these 2,500, there are over (900, 100, 500) Cubs. Malta's groups are divided into (2, 6, 4) districts. In the Gozo District, there are the Xagħra Scout Group and the (Nadur, Victoria, Xewkija) Scout Group. Their scarf is (red & orange, light blue and yellow & deep blue, clear green & white and blue). The Xagħra Scout Group first opened in the year (1933, 1955, 2008). Explain to the leader what the Gozo District's badge looks like.



**Equipment:** Quiz, clues and 'Scouting in Malta' paragraph.



**Place:** Group HQ



**Group Size:** Arrow Group









**3rd Parties:** N/A



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## During the Activity:

-  – Working together on the Scouting History of the Association and of the Group helps the Cubs appreciate their roots and to relate to their scouting ancestors.
-  – The quiz can be done in the form of a race to ring a bell.
-  – The Cubs learn more about the Association and the Group, and understand that for things to become what there are, a lot of work is put in it.
-  – Have the Cubs imagine what it must have been to be a Maltese Scout in the early days.
-  – The Cubs understand further their place in the movement, maybe even some hardships the Group went through to become what it is. This may elicit feelings of admiration and pride.
-  – Admiring the work that people in Scouting did before us and being aware of the responsibility we have to keep this legacy alive and improving.

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## After the Activity:

When the Group celebrates its anniversary, it is nice to involve the cubs in the activity, maybe even through a role play for the parents.

