

## **1<sup>st</sup> Bridgwater Scouts Malta Camp**

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March – troop night.** Please give the leaders your EHIC card and a spare set of medication and inhalers if you take any. The leaders will carry this in their luggage. Adults to carry own EHIC and passport.

### **TRAVEL DETAILS Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

Meet on the platform at Taunton Railway Station at 08.00. If you are not there we will go without you and you will have to make your own way to Gatwick.

We will be catching the 08.19 train to Reading. We will then change and take train to Gatwick, arriving at 11.50

Flight details - Gatwick to Malta. Flight number Easyjet 8825. Leaves 15.30 arrives 19.40.

In Malta we will be catching a local bus to the campsite.

### **TRAVEL DETAILS Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April**

Local bus to airport.

Flight details - Malta to Gatwick. Flight number Easyjet 8824. Leaves 11.15 arrives 13.30

We will then catch a train to Taunton, changing at Reading. We have open tickets so will catch the first train. This will depend on arrival time of flight, time to get through customs and get baggage. There is a train at 15.03 arriving at Taunton at 17.10, it's unlikely we will have enough time to catch this train. The next one is 16.03 arriving at Taunton 18.51. There are trains after this time. We will text parents when we are on the train.

Parents to meet and collect scouts from the platform at Taunton Station.

### **ADDRESS OF CAMPSITE**

Scout Island Headquarters

Congreve-bernard memorial hall

E.S. Tonna Square

Floriana, FRN 1480

Malta

## **KIT:**

In day bag (small ruck sack) which will be your hand baggage on the flight.

- ⌚ PASSPORT – don't put in passport cover as it makes it bulky for leaders to carry.
- ⌚ Light weight waterproof coat
- ⌚ Drink in a bottle that will be thrown away before going through security.
- ⌚ Snacks and packed tea. (see below)
- ⌚ Empty carrier bag
- ⌚ Money in purse or wallet, maximum £12 (see below)
- ⌚ Pen and piece of A4 paper
- ⌚ Book, magazine, puzzle book (optional)
- ⌚ Pack of playing cards or small travel game (optional)
- ⌚ If cold you may want to put in extra sweatshirt.
- ⌚ Card with leaders contact numbers – we will give this to the scouts at the start of the camp.
- ⌚ Inhalers and medication (own set in addition to that given to leaders)
- ⌚ Camera (optional)
- ⌚ Small pack tissues

*Notes on hand luggage:*

*Maximum size 56 x 45 x 25cm. If you have a hand bag it must fit into this piece of hand luggage as only one piece of luggage allowed. If you have any liquids, for example: lip balm, hand creams, deodorant, toothpaste and inhalers, the following rules apply:*

*The liquid is in a container with a maximum volume of 100ml*

*All containers must comfortably fit into a transparent, re-sealable 1 litre plastic bag, measuring no more than 20 x 20cm, a bag is attached to this letter. This plastic bag must be removed from the hand baggage and shown separately to airport security.*

## **KIT IN HOLD LUGGAGE:**

In holdall or rucksack. Do not bring suitcases.

- ⌚ Sleeping bag, use a compression sack to reduce its size.
- ⌚ Bedding roll
- ⌚ Torch and spare batteries
- ⌚ SCOUT or EXPLORER SHIRT
- ⌚ Night wear
- ⌚ Underwear
- ⌚ 4 pairs trousers and or shorts
- ⌚ 5 tee shirts
- ⌚ Jumper / sweatshirt or hoodie
- ⌚ Wash kit – no aerosols. Shampoo / conditioner and shower gel will be provided.
- ⌚ Swimming shorts / costume
- ⌚ Towel, plus an optional small one.
- ⌚ Sandals
- ⌚ Pillow case (No pillow)
- ⌚ Insect repellent (no aerosols)
- ⌚ 4 empty carrier bags

- ⌚ Sun lotion
- ⌚ Hat
- ⌚ Alarm clock if it takes you longer than half an hour to wake up, wash and dress and tidy tent. Must not be on mobile phone.
- ⌚ Items given to you by leaders to carry in your luggage: length of string, 4 clothes pegs, 2 clothes hangers, tea towel plus one or two other small items. Pack this near top of bag as will be needed on arrival at campsite.

*Notes on hold luggage:*

*Only one piece of hold luggage per person.*

*Everything is to fit inside the bag.*

*All liquid to be double wrapped in plastic bags. Put in center of luggage where there is less risk of containers breaking.*

*Luggage label to be attached to outside of bag.*

*If you want to lock your bag don't lose the key or combination number or the leaders will have to break the lock or bag.*

*Max weight. 15kgs. YOU will be carrying your own bag and lifting it on and off the train so be sensible with the amount you take.*

*Pack your own bag.*

*Put items you need first near top of bag – sleeping kit and torch.*

### **MEDICATION and SUN LOTION**

If you take any medication including inhalers , please give the leaders a spare set a week before the camp. These will be kept by the leaders as spares. Remember to pack your medication and inhalers into your day bag.

If sunny the scouts will be told to apply their sun lotion. If you DO NOT want your child to use it please let the leaders have a letter before the camp indicating this.

### **FOOD FOR OUTGOING JOURNEY:**

You will need a drink in a bottle that will be thrown away before security. After security the leaders will buy you a bottle of water. Your name will go the bottle and you will then use this bottle all week so don't lose or damage it.

Have breakfast before you leave home.

Snack for train journey. Don't take too much junk – you will be cleaning up your own vomit!!

At the airport bring some money for a meal, cheapest and probably most popular with the scouts will be something like McDonalds. Suggest about £6.

Food on Easyjet flights is very expensive so bring a packed tea. Don't put it in a lunch box as this takes up more room. Remember no liquids such as yogurt.

Suggest filled rolls, crisps and fruit. You may want to bring a small amount of money for an extra drink or cup of tea. Again if you fill up on heaps of sweets and chocolate you clear up your own mess but nice little vomit bags are provided!

When we arrive at the campsite the leaders will provide supper.

### **WHAT TO WEAR ON JOURNEY**

- ⌚ Scout polo shirt or explorer polo shirt (for young leaders) Must be named.
- ⌚ Scout scarf and woggle
- ⌚ Red scout hoodie

- ⌚ Scout trousers – put name on them
- ⌚ Trainers
- ⌚ If it is cold you may want to put an extra jumper or tee shirt on but this must go underneath polo shirt or red scout hoodie.

## **MONEY**

As mentioned above you will only need money for the following:

- ⌚ Approx. £6 for meal at airport
- ⌚ Small amount to buy extra drink on outgoing flight.
- ⌚ The max you will therefore need is £12

At the airport DO NOT bring money to buy any other items such as food, gifts, magazines, books, make up, perfume, toys or snacks. Take everything you need with you from home. We say this for a good reason: if you buy anything you have to show your boarding pass. At the airport we will all sit in a central point where the leaders will stay. The scouts will be allowed to look around in small groups. The leaders will look after the boarding cards, if they hand them out to the scouts to buy items there is a very good chance boarding cards will be lost.

On the journey home the leaders will make sure the scouts will have plenty to eat and drink.

***The scouts and young leaders are not to bring any pocket money. They will not need it.***

## **PHOTOS**

The leaders will try and take plenty of photos. James will then put together a presentation which will be shown at our scout group AGM on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May. At the AGM all the scouts will be given their own copy of all photos taken to keep. Scouts may bring a camera (not on a mobile phone) if they wish but the leaders cannot be responsible for it.

## **INSURANCE**

We have taken out travel insurance with Unity Scout Insurance Services

Benefits:

- ⌚ Personal Injury – up to £5,000
- ⌚ Medical and Emergency repatriation expenses - up to £10,000,000
- ⌚ Hospital stay benefit abroad - up to £400
- ⌚ Supplementary travel and accommodation expenses - up to £15,000
- ⌚ Personal Belongings - up to £1,000 (limit £250 for valuables/£250 any one article, pair or set)
- ⌚ Money - up to £1,000 for Scout Party leaders, £200 for other Insured Persons aged 16 or over and £150 if aged 15 or under
- ⌚ Credit Card Misuse - up to £1,000
- ⌚ Loss of Passport - up to £1,000
- ⌚ Disruption (Cancellation or curtailment) - up to £1,000 for any one journey (maximum £75,000 for all Insured Persons any one journey)
- ⌚ Travel delay - up to £60
- ⌚ Missed Departure - up to £500
- ⌚ Personal Liability - up to £2,000,000

⌚ Legal Expenses - up to £25,000

\*Terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions apply, full details are contained in the policy wording, a copy of which is available from <http://www.scoutinsurance.co.uk/travel.html>

### **Scouts and young leaders do not need to take:**

Pocket money, pen knives, mobiles, aerosols, ipods or similar, electronic games or any electronic device apart from a camera which is optional. Camera and alarm clock must not be on mobile phone. The only sweets and snacks taken are for the journey out.

### **HOME CONTACT**

The home contact is John Ennals 01278 451974 or 07703 033947. This is for EMERGENCY use only.

Do not contact the leaders direct.

### **DAILY BLOG**

Whilst at camp we will try and add something to a daily blog on the Malta twinning site. Visit it at

<http://www.bridgwater-marsa.webeden.co.uk>

Please register before the scouts go to camp, you will be unable to view it if not registered. Click on login top right, follow instructions.

### **FIRST NIGHT AT CAMPSITE**

If we are delayed arriving at Malta it may be too late to try pitching unknown tents. If this happens the scouts may have to spend the first night in the hall. Girls one end, boys the other. Leaders in the lobby or kitchen. If any parents have any objections to this please inform the parents before the camp.

### **BADGE**

To be sewn on scout / explorer shirt. Right chest above challenge and award badges.