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EURO LETTER

Internal memo of the WFIS Europe



Sub-Camp Bear



Sub-Camp Eagle



Sub-Camp Bison



Sub-Camp Must...



Staff-Camp Puma



Wolf Cubs



LAST CALL!

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WORLD FEDERATION
OF INDEPENDENT
SCOUTS - EUROPE

WFIS-Europe is a Scout organization for independent scouts. We meet in camps, leadertraining and jamborees. WFIS-Europe was created in 1999 and is an organisation under WFIS World-Wide. Every scout organisation can join WFIS-Europe if they are not member of another world organisation. If you want to know more about WFIS-Europe, please contact one of the members of the committee.

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ST. GEORGE'S DAY MESSAGE 2023

When we as Scouts gather today on 23rd April, in various places around the world, we do so to pay tribute to St. George, as we make again our Scout Promise.

Lord Baden-Powell chose St. George as the Scout movement's role model because of the qualities and values that St. George stands for.

According to the legend, George was a knight who went into battle against the dangerous and evil dragon to save a princess whom the dragon wanted to eat. He fought the dragon and killed it. He did not do this to get honour and glory, nor to get half the kingdom and the princess promised as a reward to whoever could slay the dragon, he did it because it was the right thing to do and he rode on into the world without claiming his reward.

In doing so, he came to stand as a role model and a symbol of some of the things that we as scouts should stand for, courage, strength, orderliness, honesty, and doing what is right, without expecting to get something for doing it.

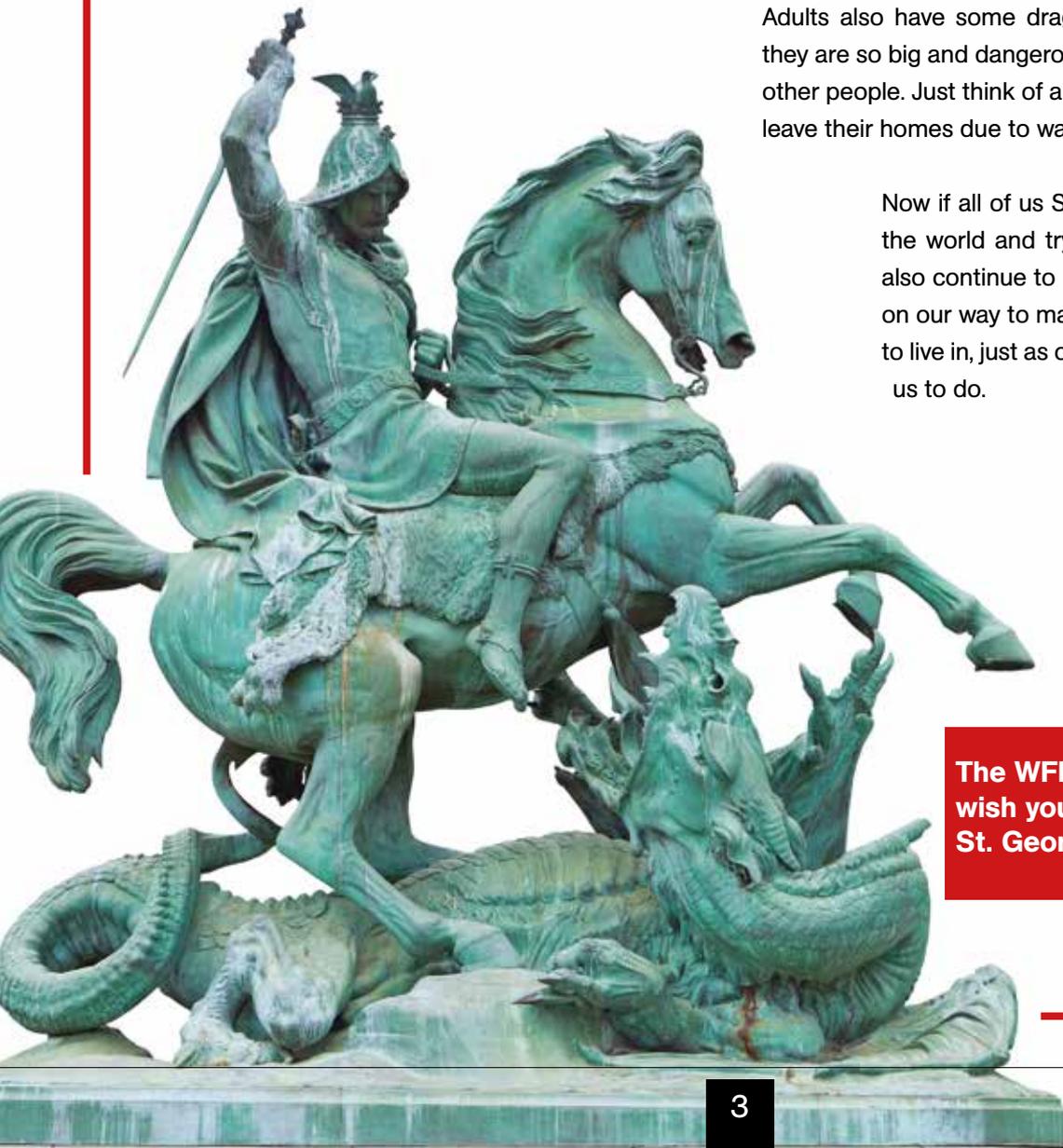
The dragon became something we associate with evil, bad and dangerous, something which must be fought. Now today, there are not big dangerous dragons that need to be killed, or princesses that need to be saved but many of us humans have little dragons inside ourselves, dragons that have to be fought every day and we all know some of them. For children, it might be the teasing that makes you tease someone else until that person gets upset, or the disobedience that makes you not listen to what your parents say. It can also be the bad dragon that makes you harm animals or other people.

Adults also have some dragons to fight and very often they are so big and dangerous that they do great harm to other people. Just think of all the people who have had to leave their homes due to wars in the world.

Now if all of us Scouts stand together all over the world and try to fight these dragons and also continue to do this as adults, then we are on our way to making the world a better place to live in, just as our founder Baden-Powell told us to do.

**Always remember,
together we are
strongest.**

**The WFIS Steering Committee
wish you all a very good
St. George's Day**





EURO CAMP WILL BE HELD IN BEXBACH
IN GERMANY FROM 29 JULY TO 5 AUGUST 2023

Registration form is available on www.wfis-eurocamp.org/ and www.wfis-europe.org/

We would like to remind those who are still considering their participation despite the registration deadline has passed, that they should fill in the registration form which is available on www.wfis-eurocamp.org

A EURO CAMP is a unique experience and we hope to see many of you there.



Don't forget
prepare a traditional
native indian arrow
(max. Length 65 cm)
to bring it to Eurocamp.
They must be presented
at the Opening Ceremony.
Just one arrow
per delegation

FURTHERMORE, WE WOULD LIKE TO REMIND ALL PARTICIPANTS OF THE TWO MAIN CONTEST:



International Scout Song Festival
Festival de la Canción Scout
Pfadfinderlieder-Festival
Festival de la chanson scout

Participation:
 Individual
 Patrol's
 Groups
 Association

Send in a short Description of the performed Song in English
BEFORE 1st JUNE'23

Perform a typical traditional Scout Song from your Country, Area or Association.
 Max. 4 minutes per act.
 Unplugged instruments only.
 No loudspeakers system.

Camp Song!!

QR code linking to Camp Song!!

■ And The song festival, will serve as an exceptional event to get to know the songs prepared by the scout groups. Don't delay in preparing your ideas, for both challenges!!... we encourage you to participate with them so that we can all enjoy.

And even if you don't participate, remember that you can learn the camp song by accessing it through the QR link you see here. Send your song theme description to: eurocamp_2023@wfis-europe.org



Pioneering Challenge Contest
For all scouts, senior scouts and rovers in their units or acting together as a team

The selected winner model must be real size assembled by the submitting team before the Eurocamp'23 opening ceremony on Saturday before lunch

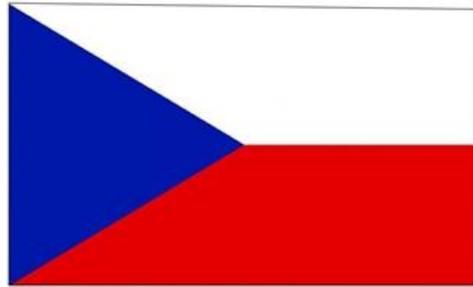
Submit in English the following project documentation
BEFORE 1st JUNE'23

Challenge A:
 Main camp entrance gate
 Max headroom: 4.5 m
 Opening wide: 3 m
 Using less than 50, 2m poles.

- Chosen challenge (A-gate or B-flags)
- List of participants and their affiliation.
- The paper drawing of the door/courtyard with dimensions
- Materials used (rope, # poles, tables, etc...)
- Stages or phases of construction and assembly
- Photographs of a scale model of the submitted design.

Challenge B:
 Flag courtyard
 Allowing the hosting of 25 flags
 Using with less than 50, 2m poles.

■ The pioneering contest in which patrols, troops, rover communities or groups propose a project for the design and assembly of the camp's main gate or the camp's flag yard, and will end at the beginning of the camp. Send your pioneering projects to: eurocamp_2023@wfis-europe.org



WFIS Workshop Orlovy 2023

15. – 17. 9. 2023



When: 15. – 17. September 2023

Where: Czech Republic, lodge Orlovy

This place have real Genius loci for us. Here was „born“ Czech scouting and nearby was held also first Czech scout camp.

How you get to workshop

Exact location: 49.58082330558525, 15.41006815847814



If you would like to arrive **by car**, you need to reach location 49.58815204949606, 15.415683352924539. If you follow this you will reach point where „road ends“ ;-). Last part of way you have to go through forest, but it is accessible by car and will be marked.



If you will chose another way of transportation. We recommend you use **plane** to **Václav Havel Airport Prague (PRG)**. From airport is going direct bus to the main train station (**Praha hl. n.**).

From this place you could catch a **train** to station **Světlá nad Sázavou**. This will be for you final destination from which will be provide shuttle (also on way back) or you can use local bus transport.

Accommodation

In building of **lodge** are **beds**. So in the complex will be also ready **tents**.



You will need **take with you** dining utensils, sleeping bag and mat.

Base will be **opened** at Friday 15. 9. 2023 from 15:00.

Meals

will be prepared from Friday's diner till Sunday's breakfast. On request will be prepared package on your way back.



Price: 65,- euro per person

Closing ceremony

is planned on **Sunday 17. 9. at 9:00.**

Program

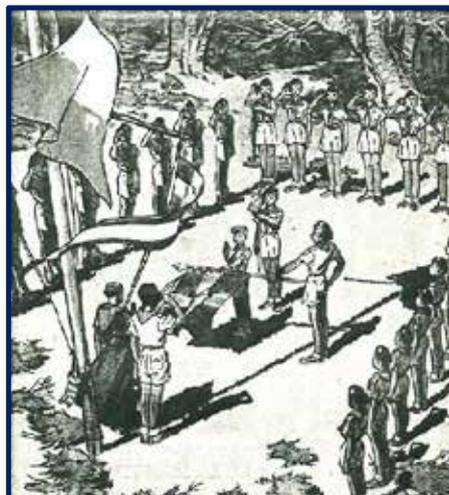
- Tee pee construction
- Casting of animal tracks
- Decorating with leather
- Ceremonial camp Fires (preparing torches, etc.)
 - Wood carving
 - Walking to the place of the first Czech scout camp



Please send your applications before **30. 6. 2023**

to address: hanka.zelva@gmail.com

We are looking forward to you





SPAIN



David Serrano

REFORESTATION OF BURNT AREAS

On the 14th of January 2023 in Pedro Bernardo (Avila), a village in Spain, a reforestation of areas burnt in the last summers was organised.

This village has had four big fires in the last 30 years. But the Asociación Vecinal Pedro Bernardo Siempre Verde and the Plataforma Planta Un Árbol Scout organised this activity.

More than 170 scouts from Grupo Scout Nómadas (WFIS), Grupo Scout Hotara (WFIS) and Grupo Scout Tomahawk (ORUS) participated in this activity.

The activity was divided into two parts. The first part of the activity was in the morning where all volunteers were divided into three groups: the Beavers did a seed bomb workshop following the „Nendo Dango“ method, for future reforestation. The Cubs did the Bernaldo Bear route

where they sowed seeds and saw what a varied forest of autochthonous species looks like and finally the Scouts and Rovers did the planting of leafy species such as chestnut, rowan, ash, arraclar, kerquiaceae such as oak, holm oak, cork oak, gall oak and other shrub species such as cornicabra, strawberry tree, or holly in an area conditioned and protected with a fence against herbivores, created specifically to ensure the survival of the species planted.

A natural encounter that has served to form a mixed forest which, when it matures, will be a point from which the seeds will spread and expand the species that form it, thus recovering and increasing the biodiversity of the forest. After lunch, the activity was completed with

a photographic gymkhana around the village where the Scout groups were able to walk around and get to know some of the most characteristic places of the Balcón del Tiétar.

This activity was very appreciated by all and even appeared in several digital and printed newspapers of the province.

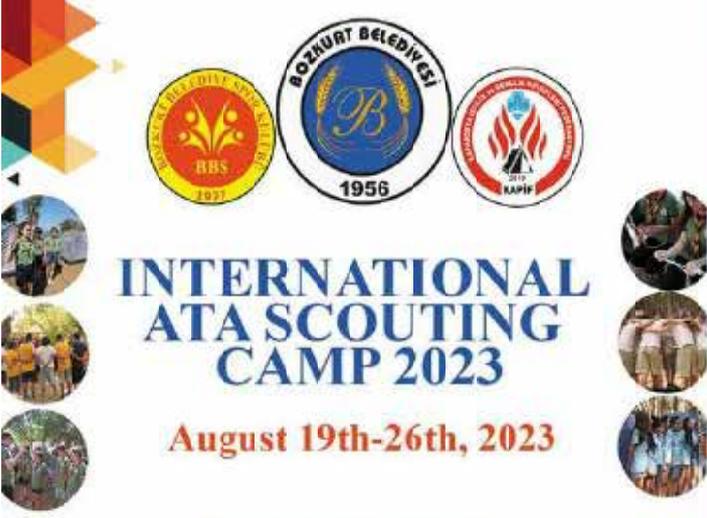


**GRUPO SCOUT NÓMADAS
FPG SPAIN**
<https://gscoutnomadas.org/>



TURKEY
KAPIF

INTERNATIONAL SCOUTING CAMP



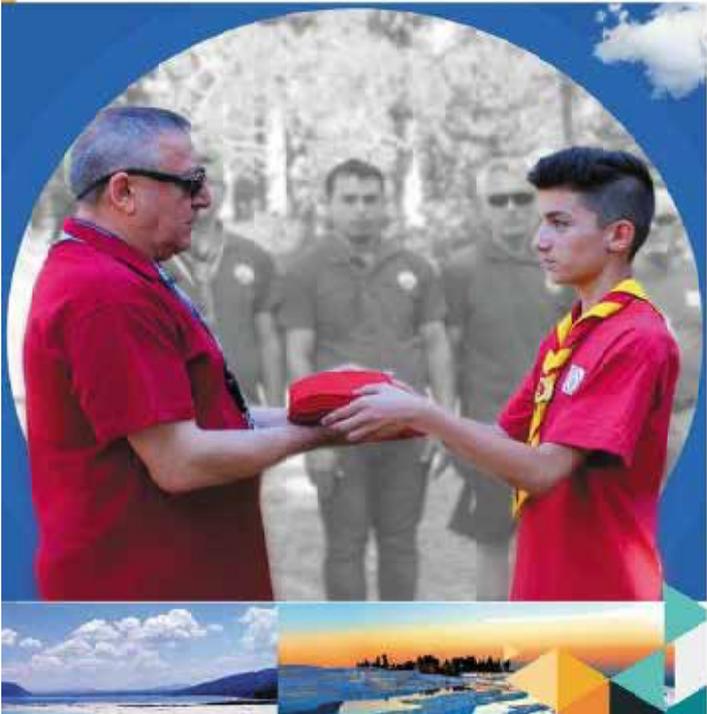
INTERNATIONAL ATA SCOUTING CAMP 2023

August 19th-26th, 2023

ADRESS:

Çambaşı / Bozkurt
DENİZLİ / TÜRKİYE

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INVITATION

ACTIVITIES

- * Hike for Cubs (3 km.)
- * Hike for Scouts (6 km.)
- * Hike for Rovers (9 km.)
- * Orienteering
- * Horse Riding
- * Workshops (painting, handcrafts,)
- * Trips to The Travertines of Hierapolis and the Lake Salda

SPORTS

- * Dart
- * Bocce
- * Table Tennis
- * Volleyball



FACILITIES

- * Camp Office
- * Camp Shop
- * WC & Showers
- * First Aid Centre
- * Meeting Place

Note: There will be subcamps for different age groups.

HOW TO REACH THE CAMPING SITE

There are direct flights to the Çardak Airport from Istanbul and Ankara. Shuttle Service from the Çardak Airport to the Camp Site and from the Camp Site to the Çardak Airport.

REGISTRATION

The deadline for Registration & Payment is June 31st.2023.

Çambaşı mah. Karagöl mevkii
Bozkurt-DENİZLİ / TÜRKİYE

PARTICIPATION FEE

130 Euros (It has been calculated depending on the current prices .)

The fee includes ;

- All meals from August 19th to August 26th, 2023
- Camp Badge
- Workshops
- Activities
- First Aid
- Shuttle Service from the Çardak Airport to the Camp Site and from the Camp Site to the Çardak Airport.

Note: Excursions are not included to this price. The prices for the excursions will be announced later on.

Koordinatlar: 37.735413, 29.495150

ÇAMBAŞI KAMP ALANI

Çambaşı Camping Site which is a part of the forest that is 10.000 square meters wide and 1800 meters high from the sea level and is near the Lake Karagöl. It is 11 km. far from the town called Bozkurt in the province of Denizli and 8 km. far from the intercity road.





ITALY



THINKING DAY 2023

Every year the Assoraidier Groups of the Lazio Region celebrate the Thinking Day together, organized in turn by one of the various groups. This year it was Roma 4's turn to host Roma 2, Pomezia Group, Sora Group and Ardea Group.

We were joined, and it was beautiful, by two associations of the WFIS - Federscout of Rome: Antares Scouts and Roma 51 of the ASE (Associazione Scout d'Europa) and at the end we were more than 350 scouts. The activities went very well and we hope to repeat similar experiences in the future. Together we are strongest.

Although the day had been postponed due to bad weather, this Thinking Day was full of activities, smiles, and cheerfulness, making the last few years spent apart from each other just a distant memory. This was a difficult time spent looking forward to adventures, to laughing with our scout brothers and sisters and running on the sun-kissed meadow. However, the presence of over 350 scouts proved that there is great will and desire to meet each other again, making possible what was thought impossible.

Olavur - Assoraidier Roma 4



ASSORAIIDER LAZIO
www.assoraidier.it



FEDERSCOUT
SCOUT NAUTICI ANTARES
ASE - ASSOCIAZIONE SCOUT D'EUROPA
<http://www.federscout.it/wp/>



We had a wonderful day; we appreciated the opportunity to share the Thinking Day with other associations. The theme of this Thinking Day was about making everybody aware of the issues of environmental respect and recycling. Cub Scouts from all groups enjoyed the activity “Trash in the Sea”, while the Troops and Rovers had the opportunity to make new scout friendships with other associations. The scout brothers and sisters were also delighted and blessed by a beautiful sunny day at the green and clean park in Spinaceto (a district in Rome).

Federscout - ASE Roma 51



SPAIN



▼ Carlos L García - "Lince Solitario"

HURRAH FOR THE AUTHENTIC AND GENUINE SCOUTS!

If Baden-Powell could be raised from the dead and he saw this article, there could happen two different things: he could immediately die due to a heart attack or he could burst out in rage and start hitting people with a cane.

Let us explain...

During the last April 5th, the catalan administration published a brand new law about scouting and its recognition. Obviously, this point deserves our total support and admiration, because it is about the government recognizing directly the big effort, dedication and time the scout leaders are giving to our community in a law. And they do it for free, there's nothing they get in back but love. Of course, all boys and girls, we are scouts and we have been prepared to be ready and help our community. It is what we are and we are proud of it.



ASSOCIACIÓ CATALANA DE SCOUTS
www.ac-scouts.org/
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<https://www.facebook.com/ACSWFIS/>

At this point I would like to ask if you, reader, have any health issue, get your pills close to you, or better a defibrillator... Pink color and heavenly music finish here, when with the support from different political parties, the biggest catalan federation of scouts has accomplished this law to promulgate that they are the only, real and genuine scouts representatives in our Spanish Autonomy. Yes, you can rub your eyes, the words you are reading are true.

They promulgate to be:

- ▶ The only federation of scouts in Catalonia (of course, excluding all the other scouts who are in Catalonia if they are not inside their federation, which means, if we have the law in our hands, are illegal -yes, we would be illegal-)
- ▶ They are the ONLY federation allowed to use the terms like boy scout, girl scout, scout, scouting, guide,



girl guide or EVEN the lis flower

】 They are the only ones who can use the scouts uniform, the badges or other representative images, as well as the neckerchief. etc.

】 The only ones who can receive monetary help by the government are them.

】 The future associations that may want to get registrate in Catalonia must be part of this federation. If not, they are illegal.

I breathe... I take air... I exhale... Let's drink water...
Let's take the pill..

And there comes the BIG question we wonder after we read the text:

Does REALLY the government take as theirs a universal methodology, which isn't local, nor regional, nor Spanish... UNIVERSAL and claim an ONLY federation as true, real and genuine scouts in the whole community?

It looks they can. We follow the scout law, the one promulgated by Baden Powell. In so many countries, the 4th law says: "The scout is everybody's friend and brother of other scouts". Is it possible, the ones this Federation has lost this article? May it be erased by a kind of magic? Or it may be changed by government laws...

As a first thought, the public opinion (the non-scouts related) will feel there are real and fake scouts. And since we have not the luck of having catacombs like our roman brothers do, we are going to have to do our activities lost in the fields. Well, let me tell you this is NOT going to happen.

We keep teaching unpolitical, secular, integrating, feminist, sincere and traditional scouting, and we will keep doing it. We will keep being proud of being the first Scouts Association internationally recognized by a Federation.

WE are WFIS Scouts.

At this point, I think that Goliath did not know how to take value of the great potential David had. We, as WFIS representatives in Catalonia, know we can count with the great David's potential. And yes, brothers and sisters... That potential is YOU. The



(In the red card you can read: I am an ACS scout)

wave can be social media: Google Maps is where you can help us. If you want, let us a comment in your own languages, talking about scouting or anything you think could be nice in our situation, and let us some stars (the ones you consider)

Google Maps:

<https://goo.gl/maps/MaUe1tNHvGm3DDDev7>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=associaci%C3%B3%20catalana%20de%20scouts%20-%20wfis%20catalunya>

At this point, we need to keep working in our association. Many of you know me since many years ago, and I have never asked anything for me. Now, what I am asking for is for the boys and girls, scouts from Catalonia.



HANDICRAFT 2022

The Handicraft 2022 Project came to an end!

Thank you very, very, very much... we had a massive participation and we carefully evaluated each piece of work.

Since we received so many entries and all of them were great, in the end, we decided to award one winner for each age group and **all participants will receive a badge and a participation certificate.**



Amelya Fareed

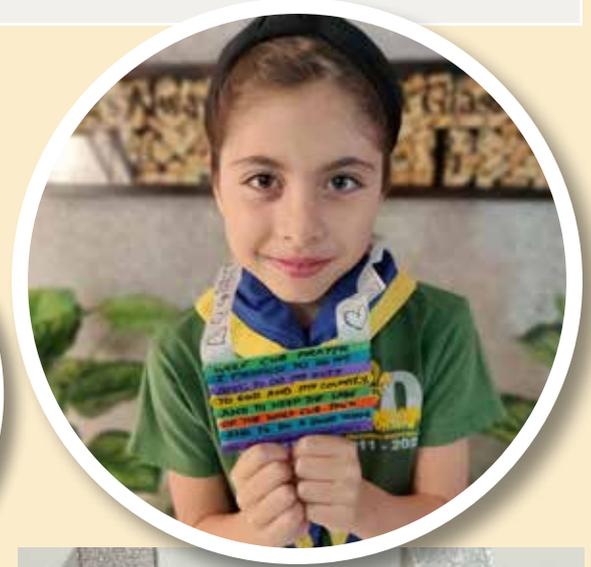
4 years old
Baden Powell Scouts Malta
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Ella Attard

8 years old
Baden Powell Scouts Malta
Żebbuġ





Miguel Mallia

10 years old
Baden Powell Scouts Malta
Mtarfa

Julia Antonia Micallef

12 years old
Baden Powell Scouts Malta
Mtarfa



Jade Azzopardi

7 years old
Baden Powell Scouts Malta
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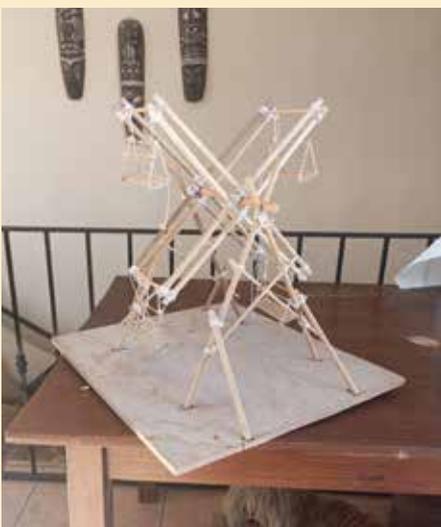
Mikhail Pisani
9 years old
Baden Powell Scouts Malta
Mtarfa



Nikita Pisani
5 years old
Baden Powell Scouts Malta
Mtarfa



Raphael Meli Muscat
6 years old
Baden Powell Scouts Malta
Mtarfa



Shiron Cilia
15 years old
Baden Powell Scouts Malta
Żebbuġ

PROJECTS 2023

HANDICRAFT 2023

- > **It's a project for everybody!**
- > **each work will be carefully evaluated considering the age of each participant**



This project can be done by anybody, from the youngest Beaver to the oldest Rover.

It is very simple, all it is to be done is a homemade handicraft, it could be a drawing, a pioneer model built in scale, or sew a leather sheath for the axe, or anything that is Scouting and that can be done at home during the long lockdown days/months.

There will be a winner and each participant will receive a participation certificate.

THE ACTIVITY WILL HAVE ONLY ONE PHASE:

Each participant must send by **October 31, 2023**

a maximum of 4 photos of his/her handicraft by e-mail to

handcraft@wfis-europe.org indicating: name, surname, association, group and, most important of all, the age!

Each participant may participate with only one handicraft.

So... start working! The judges are already waiting to see all your wonderful works!

PIONET... 2023



- ▶ **It's for all European Patrols**
- ▶ **2 phases** in which the Patrols will be evaluated
- ▶ the Patrols will have to work very hard to win!

PIONET... is a pioneering competition for Patrols, with complex and elaborate pioneering constructions, with an adequate design, a perfect technical realization and an equally important presentation of the construction.

The final result will be the sum of the work of the Patrols, so the report will have to show in particular the contribution that each Scout has given.

THE ACTIVITY SHOULD BE DEVIDED INTO TWO PHASES:

1 First phase: each Patrol must do a complete design of the structure and calculation of the materials and a report in English must be submitted, as detailed as possible, by **July 31, 2023**. The report must include the name, a photo and the role of each Scout in the Patrol.

All reports must be sent by email to:

pionet@wfis-europe.org

2 Second phase: realization and consequently, submission of a detailed report with photographs by **December 31, 2023**.

All reports must be sent by email to:

pionet@wfis-europe.org

- The works will be evaluated by "professionals". The sum of the votes of each individual phase will provide the final classification.
- There will be three prizes for the first three classified Patrols.
- Each Scout that participated will receive a badge and each Patrol a participation certificate.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

An e-mail must be sent to:

pionet@wfis-europe.org

that says: "We are the XXX Patrol (and the name of the Association and Nation) and we want to participate at PIONET...!!!!"