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Department of Education
Region VI - Western Visayas
DIVISION OF AKLAN
Kalibo, Aklan



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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 435 s. 2019

**TO: Public Schools District Supervisors
Institutional Heads
Unit Leaders**

**SUBJECT: AKLAN COUNCIL, BSP SUPPORTS THE INTEGRATION OF TREE
PLANTING ACTIVITY TO ALL PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES OF THE BOY
SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES**

1. The Aklan Council, Boy Scouts of the Philippines encourages all Scouts and Unit Leaders especially outfit with Eagle Scout Applicants to support the integration of tree planting activities of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.
2. Attached is the BSP, National Office Memorandum No. 77 s. 2019 for your reference.
3. It is understood that in the conduct of this activity, as stated in **DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2017**, all must follow the following:
 - a. Ensure relevance and alignment with the educational competencies of the K to 12 Curriculum and leadership development of learners;
 - b. Uphold child protection principles and that no learner shall be disadvantaged in any form; and
 - c. Observe the safety and security protocols for all participants before, during and after the activity.
4. DepEd Personnel who are participating in the said activity shall ensure compliance with the **no-disruption-of-classes policy** as stipulated in **DepEd Order No. 09, s. 2005** (*Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-on-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith*).
5. Scout Leaders who will participate in the said activity are entitled to Service Credits where they apply in accordance with **DepEd Order No. 53, 2003** entitled: "Updated Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers". On the other hand, non-teaching personnel including the management staff shall be provided with Compensatory Time Off (CTO) as per Civil Service Commission (CSC) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Joint Circular No. 02, s. 2004 on Non-Teaching Monetary Remuneration for Overtime Service Rendered.
6. Full support, cooperation and immediate dissemination of this memorandum are desired.


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TO : All Regional Scout Directors, Council Scout Executives, and Officers-In-Charge


SUBJECT : Integration of Tree Planting Activity to all Program and Activities of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines

1. Trees play a critical role for people and the nation. Numerous studies have demonstrated that the presence of trees and urban nature can improve people's mental and physical health, the property values in a neighborhood and beyond. Trees are essential for healthy communities and people. The benefits that trees provide can help the country meet 15 of the 17 internationally supported United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. This critical review provides a comprehensive argument that trees should be considered an important part of all of the program and activities of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines as we do our part toward reaching these sustainability goals.
2. Over the last century, the trees that cover around us has been greatly compromised due to deforestation, leaving the green cover down to an all-time low of about thirty percent (30%). According to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), an estimated Eighteen Million (18M) acres, or (7.3 million hectares) of forest are lost each year. The overwhelming evidence from the scientific literature suggests that investing in trees is an investment in meeting the UN SDG, and ultimately an investment for a better world. The Boy Scouts of the Philippines believes that an effective strategy to assist in meeting these goals is to plant and protect trees, in cities and provinces where our Scouts and Scout Leaders live.
3. In this connection, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines is integrating Tree Planting and Nurturing Activity to all of its program and activities starting November 2019. This environmental project is envisioned to be a holistic endeavor designed in meeting the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (UN-SDG) and at the same time to implant into our Scouts' and Scout Leaders' mind the benefits of trees for a liveable and sustainable nation.
4. All National, Regional, Local Councils and Institutional Level programs and activities are henceforth be integrated with Tree Planting as the highlight of the activity. These activities include, but not limited to the following:
 - All Jamborees (Camporees, Rover Moot, Venture Camps, etc.)
 - Advancement Camps/Backyard Camps/Overnight Camps
 - Kawan and Kab Holidays
 - Betterworld Programs and Activities

- Training Courses (BTC, ATC, CMT, CLT)
 - Seminars and Workshops
 - Board of Reviews
 - Meetings/Group Planning's, etc.
 - General Assemblies/Christmas Parties
5. In the same manner, *Tree Planting and Nurturing Activity will be made as component and important requirements in the following:
- a. Higher Awards Candidate --must have planted and nurtured at least ten (10) trees
 - b. Lower Awards Candidate - must have planted and nurtured at least five (5) trees
 - c. Eagle Scout Candidate - must have planted and nurtured at least ten (10) trees
 - d. Venture Scout Candidate - must have planted and nurtured at least five (5) trees
 - e. Chief Scout Nation-Builder - must have planted and nurtured at least ten (10) trees
 - f. Lorillard Spencer Award - Tree Planting and Nurturing Activity will be one of the criteria under Council activities.

**to take effect January 2020*

6. For information, compliance and widest dissemination.


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