BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES

National Office Manila

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

SUBJECT: HOSTING/CONDUCT OF ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE

- 1. This office never fails to emphasize to uphold the training policies, guidelines, procedures and standards in the conduct of ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE.
- 2. We, therefore, reiterate/remind you that the issuance of Course Recognition Certificate shall be made on the following conditions:
 - a) Application for the recognition of training course shall be addressed and submitted to the National Office at least **twenty (20) days before the course starts**;
 - b) Staff list and qualifications;
 - c) That the members of the staff are duly trained for the course being applied for;
 - d) That the prescribed syllabus shall be strictly followed; and,
 - e) Attendance shall be a minimum of 24 and a maximum of 40 participants per course. Problem on attendance required must be cleared with the Secretary General.
 - f) Participants qualifications
 - Has complied the necessary requirements needed to qualify acceptance to the course.
 - Report of the Application for Completion of Basic Training (TA) must be submitted to the National Office one month before the scheduled course (ATC).
 - g) List of participants must be submitted together with the application for course recognition.
 - To give lead time to verify qualifications of participants.
 - h) Applications from other Councils, outside of the Host Region must be coursed through the National Office which shall then transmit the same to the Host Region;
 - i) Submission of the **Application to Attend** must be strictly complied with to a) determine if the number of prospective applicants warrant the conduct of the course; 2) ensure that the standard facilities/venue and amenities of a Woodbadge Course are well prepared and ready for use in accordance with **item j** of this memorandum, in case of more than one course per section.
 - j) Strictly observe/consider the facilities/equipment needed in a training site/venue to ensure that training standards are met and maintained:
 - Open space for outdoor assemblies (games, flag ceremonies)

- General Session Hall (that can accommodate all the participants of the course during inclement weather)
- Session Hall (to accommodate at least 40 participants with tables, chairs, equipped with blackboard/white board, a lectern with a sound system, an overhead projector and screen, electric fans and/or air —conditioning units.
- Assembly/Flag Area (open level area with at least 3 flagpoles)
- Staff Office
- Staff/Participants' Quarters
- Toilet and shower facilities
- Kitchen and Mess Hall
- Small group meeting area (standard Patrol/Color Group sites)
- 3. Any violation thereof, will resort to the disapproval of the issuance of the Application for Course Recognition.
- 4. As mandated in the International Training Manual and in accordance with the guidelines set by the National Training Commission, the management of a Woodbadge Course is the **SOLE** responsibility of the Course Leader and his Staff. Therefore, the following shall be strictly observed:
 - a) Challenge at the Yoke shall **ONLY** be handled by the Course Leader.
 - b) Closing Ceremony at the Flag Area should **not be discarded** especially when there is multiple courses, as this is not the only opportune time that the CL can officially close and send-off his participants but also the most important time for the course participants to express to their course leader their gratitude and appreciation of their unity and identity and as a fully cohesive and bonded group of inspired leaders.
- 5. It is also the desire of this office to give opportunity to more Leader Trainers, especially those who have just receive their 4-beads and younger Leader Trainers, to have the privilege to manage an Advanced Training Course so that we can develop more seasoned Trainers.

6. For strict compliance.

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