

**Boy Scouts of the Philippines  
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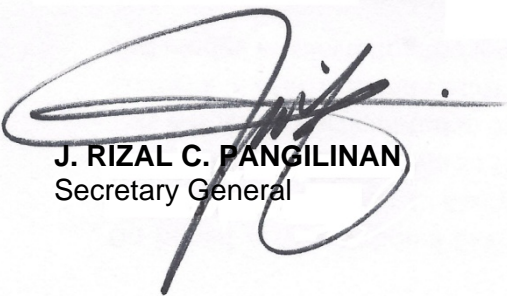
**NATIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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

**SUBJECT :** 2012 SCOUTING MONTH CELEBRATION

1. October of every year is the celebration of Scouting Month as declared under Presidential Proclamation No. 1326. Presidential Proclamation No. 267 has also declared the month of October of every year as “National Children’s Month” to emphasize the importance on the role of the child within the Filipino family and within the Philippine Society. The same Proclamation upheld the Constitutional declaration which “the State recognizes the vital role of the youth in nation building and shall promote and protect their physical, moral, spiritual, intellectual and social well-being. It shall inculcate in the youth, patriotism and nationalism, and encourage their involvement in public and civic affairs’ (Section 13, Article III)”.
2. Our theme for the celebration of the Scouting Month is “Be Prepared: Leadership for Life”. Highlights of the celebration are as follows:
  - a. Peace Torch and Baton Relay (Peace Run) (October 01)
  - b. A GIFT to the World (Nation-wide Tree Planting Activity)
  - c. 2012 Search for the Ten Outstanding Boy Scouts
  - d. 9<sup>th</sup> National Rover Moot, Calaca, Batangas
  - e. JOTA/JOTI
  - f. Thanksgiving Mass (October 01/31)
3. Local Councils are therefore encouraged to hold activities relevant to the theme in support of the celebration. To ensure that the objectives of the celebration are achieved, it is vital that activities be focused on the following areas:
  - a. Leadership, Character & Skills Development
  - b. Challenging and Adventurous Activities
  - c. Emergency Preparedness and Response Training
  - d. Community Service and Community Development
  - e. Environmental Projects (e.g. protecting water resources, energy conservation, planting trees, recycling waste)
4. All Council Scout Executives must take advantage of the celebration to promote to our stakeholders that the cause of Scouting is “Education for Life” and must be perceived by the public as a mainstream force of the society in developing the character of our young people.
5. All Regional Scout Directors are enjoined to spearhead and monitor the activities of the Councils in their respective area and submit post activity/pictorial report on or before November 05, 2012.
6. 0For widest dissemination, guidance and appropriate action.

  
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