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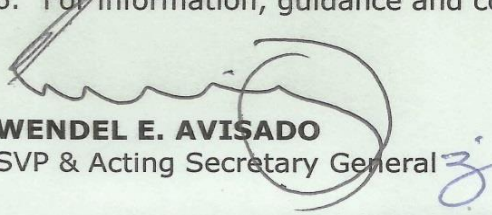
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NATIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM
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TO : **REGIONAL SCOUT DIRECTORS, COUNCIL SCOUT EXECUTIVES
AND OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE**

SUBJECT : **BSP SUPPORTS THE NATIONAL DISASTER
CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH**

1. In support to the "**NATIONAL DISASTER CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH**" this month of July 2014, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines enjoins all Regional Offices and Local Councils to help promote and support the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council – Office of Civil Defense's (NDRRMC-OCD) "National Disaster Consciousness Month" with the theme "**LIGTAS NA BAYAN, MAUNLAD NA PAMAYANAN**", which highlights the goal of the disaster risk reduction and management advocacy of the Philippines that is: safeguarding of communities from the adverse effects of disasters to promote sustainable development. The essence of the month-long observance is to promote public awareness on natural hazards and disseminate information on the steps to be undertaken to mitigate the adverse effects of such hazards.
2. BSP Regional Offices and Local Councils are expected to plan, organize and conduct Programs, Projects and Activities (PPAs) to include but are not limited to Emergency Service Training Course, Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Slogan and Poster Making Contests for Boy Scouts, Crowd Control, Evacuation, Earthquake Drill, Emergency Rescue and Transfers, First Aid, Basic Life Support, Mitigating the Impacts of Climate Change, Global Warming, Community Development and Environmental Projects for Senior and Rover Scouts. These PPAs for Senior and Rover Scouts should be in cooperation with your respective LGUs and its DRRMC Units.
3. The Boy and Senior Scouts conducting their weekly Patrol/Troop and Crew/Outfit Meetings relative to their Scout Advancement may start working on their requirements in line with National Disaster Consciousness Month as follows:
 - a. 2nd Class / Explorer Scout Rank – SAFETY Merit Badge
 - b. 1st Class / Pathfinder Scout Rank – FIRST AID Merit Badge
 - c. Outdoorsman Scout Rank – Soil & Water Conservation / Weather Merit Badge
 - d. Venturer Scout Rank – Camping and Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge
 - e. Eagle Scout Rank – Life Saving Merit Badge
 - f. Go Green and Grow Green Merit Badges
4. **Tell your Story and be a Scout: Messengers of Peace.** Inspire other Scouts all around the globe by telling your stories and uploading your pictures at www.scout.org as Messengers of Peace advocates, promoting Peace, Environment and Development. Let them know how Scouts can make a difference in promoting "**Emergency and Disaster Awareness**" to prevent loss of lives and properties during Natural Calamities and Disasters! Baden Powell once said, "A Scout is never taken by surprise; he knows exactly what to do when anything unexpected happens". Upload your Service Projects on Disaster Awareness and contribute to our Service Hours.
5. After action reports with complete documentation and pictures are expected to be submitted to this office one 1 week after the event via email at pard@scouts.org.ph, fod@scouts.org.ph and pr@scouts.org.ph for acknowledgment and recognition. The Council with the best report and documentation will be posted in our official website and facebook account as one of the best practices in **Disaster Awareness and Emergency Preparedness as well as in the Safety and Risk Management in Scouting.**
6. For information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.


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