

Davao City Council is biggest delegation in 16th Nat'l Jambo

TAGUM CITY—Different local councils in Eastern Mindanao Region sent the most number of delegates during the 16th National Scout Jamboree here, with Davao City earning the distinction as the biggest council delegation.

Based on an official list released by the National Secretariat, Davao City Scouts participating in the week-long Jamboree here totaled to exactly 2,942.

Coming behind Davao City is the host council—the BSP Tagum City Council—with a total number of participants at 1,597.

The BSP Compostela Valley Council was also able to send a total of 1,234 participants while BSP Davao del Norte Council has a total 1134 participants. All of these councils belong to Eastern Mindanao Region.

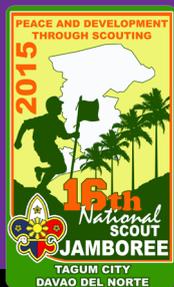
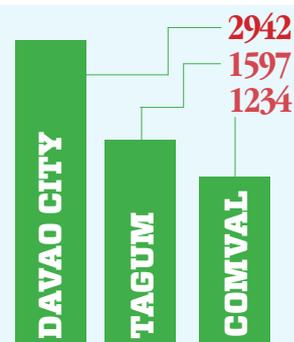
Rounding off the Top 5 biggest delegation is the Davao del Sur Council with 860 participants. All of these councils belong to the

Eastern Mindanao Region.

As of 7 AM yesterday, the total number of participants converged here now ballooned to 21,179, making it as one of the largest gathering of Scouts ever assembled in the history of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

Local organizers led by Camp Chief Mayor Allan L. Rellon said the spike in the number of participants is unprecedented since it only expected an estimated 15,000 for the National Jamboree
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TOP 3 DELEGATIONS



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TEAMWORK. Boy Scouts prove that in unity there is strength during one of the obstacles at the Challenge Valley, one of the modules every Scout must participate in the National Jamboree. Module activities kicked off yesterday.

LEO TIMOGAN/CIO TAGUM

Scouts renew environmental commitment

AFTER WATCHING the video presentation of the Youth and United Nations Global Alliance on the importance of education in resolving issues on biodiversity, conservation and climate change under Special Module 8 of the 16th National Scout Jamboree at University of Southeastern Philippines, scouts signified their determination to contribute to saving Mother Earth which housed the seven (7) billion people today.

Recognizing the danger of the increased number of climate change refugees due to the possible disappearance of small islands in the Pacific, scouts chorused planting trees, segregation of garbage and conservation of energy as the common solutions to the environmental crisis like the increased water level brought by the melting of ice caps.

Scout Rowmil Sucayre of Davao City contingent underscored the importance of creating a core group within the school or community that will serve as the threshold of

environmental initiatives.

“We can help solve the problem on climate change by holding an open forum with my fellow youth and share with them how to take care of Mother Earth,” Sucayre said.

Since everyone are all part of the web of life, Scout Christian James Droso committed himself and his fellow scouts to assemble every weekend to plant trees aside from cleaning the environment in an effort to save the forest with 1.75 million discovered diverse species which are believed to have reached 30 million species by the scientists.

“To ensure the sustainable survival of nature, we have to make a checklist on the course of action to be undertaken with the help of our teachers and other organizations,” Droso suggested.

The scouts were also taught how to make a sun clock with the use of pencil erected at the center of circular place and scouts are made to draw the sun's rays as it changes its position all throughout the day. **Keigh Dano, Harley Aglosolos/Correspondents**



HAREN PULALFINIS

PERSONAL RESOLVE. A scout explains his personal move in solving environmental problem.



**two
cents**

We asked the participants and their relatives

"The venue of the Jamboree is spacious enough to accommodate all the scouts. We expect more learning and fun, having fun."

**STEPHEN C. UNIAN
GENERAL SANTOS CITY CONTINGENT**

"Tagumeños' humility and hospitality made us feel at home even we are far away from home. The warm welcome proves that we are one family."

**MAR NUEL DE JESUS
CENTRAL LUZON CONTINGENT**

EDITORIAL

Genuine Service

True public service is done behind the flashes of the camera, the lure of the spotlight and the intention for recognition. This best describes the community service initiated and sustained by the different contingents of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines in their own community.

An interview by the Jambo Balita correspondents to the participants from the three biggest islands in the country reveals heroic stories that are left unsung unless written. Contingent from Antipolo City of Luzon is just one of the many groups that organized clean-up drive in their community thereby creating a health-conscious environment. This activity taught the scouts not only to coordinate with other organizations in their school but also collaborate with community leaders like the barangay council.

Embattled by natural calamities like the Bohol quake and Typhoon Yolanda in 2014, the Boholano Scouts of the Visayas who were also victims were never out of the picture as they volunteered in the distribution of the relief goods to fellow victims. Aside from that, their commitment to create a sustainable environment never wavered as they sustained their coastal clean-up, mangrove planting and tree planting every year.

The focus of the Zamboanga del Sur Council in Mindanao is creating a livelihood program in congruence with their environmental advocacy by planting cassava root crop in the community and in every school with the use of organic farming. Their produce was used as an ingredient in making beer and bread. Six years of implementation has created a sustainable livelihood in the community.

These are just few of the hundred stories of the scouts' contribution to making a better community. Even without recognition, the scouting advocacies live on because the spirit of genuine service is innate in every scout.



LEARNING

**MARTIAL
ARTS,**

THE SCOUTWAY



Participating Scouts and Scouters on their opinion about anything related to National Jamboree. Below are their two cents.

“We are much excited for the other activities that we have to undergo in the coming days. As this National Jamboree unfolds everyday, we begin to believe that it would be the best National Jamboree ever.”

JOHN PAUL PINEDA
SOUTH COTABATO COUNCIL

“The spirit of brotherhood is evident because on our first day, we already gained friends from different contingents.”

ANGELO GUZMAN
LEYTE CONTINGENT

“When I come back home, I want to share to my parents and other companions that attending this jamboree is worth it all.”

DAFFEL SAGARINO
BOHOL CONTINGENT

Some thought it was difficult. Others thought it was scary. But as the session on Special Module 5 - Martial Arts went on, scouts realized that they were wrong. They never thought that learning self-defense can be fun.

Instead of enjoying the shade of a gymnasium, scouts dared the heat of the sun at the New City Hall of Tagum City just to learn the basic terms in taekwondo like ‘chariot’ which means attention, ‘kyeong-re’ which means bow and ‘joombi’ which means ready. Though drenched in sweat, the scouts focused on the objective of the session which is self-defense and not “ego defense.”

In less than two hours, they have learned the basic moves like blocking, punching and kicking.

“I have learned how to block my opponent and how to take offensive. Now I become more confident in facing untoward incidents. At least I can protect myself,” said Jan Dexter Diaz of South Cotabato Contingent.

Trainer Sharmaigne A. Maquilan stressed that the scouts can apply these skills in real-life situation but only in emergency cases.

“Aside from self defense, they can also become holistically fit as they go through sports. So engage yourself in sports so you can have a healthy lifestyle,” Maquilan urged.

Aside from hand to hand combat, scouts made use of rattan stick in the second session of the module in learning the Philippine national sports and martial arts in the Philippines – arnis.

Any stick may do in protecting oneself by disarming any offenders with dangerous weapons. After sparring with a partner, the



HAREN PULA/LFNHS

scouts feel more empowered with their new learning without the complications of martial arts but with the enjoyment.

“I can apply arnis as a self defense. I have enjoyed learning it too and I know that this is a big help not only in protecting myself but in protecting others,” said Mark Labo of South Cotabato.

With this learning, the scouts’ responsibility to protect has expanded from self to others. This made martial-arts and arnis a meaningful sports. (Cathy Jane Florida, photo by Harley Agsololos)



PHILIPPINE Jamboree THEN AND NOW

KELVIN PALERMO/CIO TAGUM

ONCE IN EVERY FOUR YEARS. The holding of the National Scout Jamboree once in every four years is always a magnet for young Filipinos, making it one of the highly-anticipated youth assembly in the Philippines since 1954. **ABOVE** Participants of the 16th National Scout Jamboree in Tagum City gather for an Inter-Faith Religious Service yesterday, October 25.

The scouting movement in the Philippines started over a century ago with the formation of the Lorillard Spencer troop in the **Zamboanga Peninsula**. However, it was only after the passing of forty years that the country was able to hold its **first National Scout Jamboree** in 1954 at Rolling Hills, Balara, Quezon City.

Since then, the Boy Scout of the Philippines has had a total of **22 national scouting jamborees** with a total of more than 209,845 participating scouts in between.

Out of the 22 national scouting events, there were 5 national jamborees that were held separately for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. These were the 6th National Scout Jamboree (1978), 7th National Jamboree (1983), 8th National Jamboree (1987), the National Peace Jamboree (2013) and the Philippine Scouting Centennial Jamboree (2014).

In the entire history of the Boy Scout of the Philippines, there are four national jamborees with an impressively massive turn-out in relation to participating scouts. The 5th National Scout Jamboree held in 1974 and the 9th National Scout Jamboree held in 1991 which were both held at Mt. Makiling, Los Baños, Laguna had a total number of 22,475 participants and 25,000 participants, respectively. Incidentally, the **1st Asia-Pacific Jamboree & Golden Jubilee Jamboree** and the 12th Asia-Pacific Jamboree were also simultaneously held during the said national events.

Rounding off the jamborees with a large number of participants are the 11th National Scout Jamboree (aka Philippine Centennial Scout Jamboree) held in Clark Field, Pampanga on 1998 with the 34,449 participants which is the largest ever recorded in the BSP history, and the current 16th National Scout Jamboree (2015) in Tagum City, Davao del Norte with a total of 20,587 participants registered a day before its grand opening ceremonies on October 24, 2015. (Mary Christma Richi Gulle/CIO)

