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CLEAN ENERGY. Scouts learn how to cook an egg using parabolic solar cooker.

Scouts vow to use clean energy

IMPRESSED BY the different gadgets which worked by harnessing the limitless energy from the sun, scouts made a resolve to utilize clean and renewable energy in their own little way by utilizing flashlights, lamps and cell phone charger with solar panels.

Richard Bagtas from Bulacan Council discussed the process on how solar energy was created and showed the successful examples in the Philippines where houses were installed by MERALCO with solar panel worth P100,000. He also presented how these houses generate energy for their daily needs and gained income at the same time by contributing to Meralco posts their excess energy.

Instead of using disposable batteries which are poison to the environment, Scout Vien Jasper Lacarte of Dipolog Council promised to use gadgets like flashlights with solar energy which he considered as very helpful in times of calamities.

“We should not underestimate the power of Mother Nature,” Lacarte stressed.

Scout John Timothy Barrera from Capiz Council said that he will convince his parents to use solar energy instead of traditional energy that is not renewable.

“With the use of clean energy, we shall be spared from burning fossil fuels which worsen climate change,” said Barrera.

Bagtas cautioned solar users to wipe the dust from solar panels regularly to maintain its effectiveness. **Justynne Keigh Dano/Correspondent**



Nat'l Court of Honor hails Eagle Scouts

BANKING ON THEIR different training experience as scouts and their advocacies, 102 exemplary scouts from different councils of the country were recognized as Eagle Scouts during the National Court of Honor for Eagle Scouts at the University of Southeastern Philippines Gym, Tagum City on October 27, 2015.

Prior to this giving of recognition, an eagle scout must have undergone the rank in scouting as explorer and adventurer and must have possessed 21 merit badges and special training badge.

As the first and only female eagle scout awardee of the 16th National Scout Jamboree, Scout Rica Michelle Aguilar of Zamboanga stood out from the rest with her accomplishment as volunteer and rescuer during the Zamboanga siege in 2013 where she considered the opportunity as a meaningful experience more worthy than any award.

“Even if it's dangerous, scouts still help the Zamboanga Emergency Service Core in serving the people by pitching tents for the evacuees that serves as shelter box and we also help in giving relief goods for them,” Aguilar said.

Another awardee from Davao City Council named Christian Jhon Saludar initiated programs that taught children in the community the proper sanitation.

“It is a great accomplishment to go outside our comfort zone and reach out just to improve the plight of the children especially when it comes to education on sanitation,” Saludar said.

The awardees shall be given a medal and certificate from the Boy Scouts of the Philippines National Council. **Cathy Jane Florida/Correspondent**

Boholanos reign supreme in Visayas night

The country's different local scout councils that were gathered on the evening of Day 3 of the 16th National Scout Jamboree were treated to a flamboyant show of talent by nine of the local councils of both the Eastern Visayas and Western Visayas regions during a competition of cultural presentations on the Visayas Cultural Night last Monday, October 26, 2015.

The Bol-anon scouting delegates from Bohol earned major points to win the said contest while the local scout council of Iloilo placed second. The scouting contingents

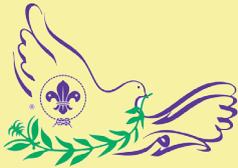
from the local council of Antique rounded off the winners of the said competition.

As with the evening activities held on Sunday night for the Luzon contingents, the Visayas Night was held as a way of showcasing the richness of the cultural heritage and traditions of the Visayan people that are still reflected today.

The other delegates who competed during the Visayas Cultural Night were the local scouting councils of Calbayog, Tacloban, Negros Occidental, Leyte, Bacolod and Guimaras. **Richi Gulle/CIO Tagum**



From Nepal with Love



Peace, not elusive anymore

Providing a venue for young people to learn more about peace education, Main Module 8 Facilitator Oscar M. Edig unveiled the skills on how to be a good messenger of peace, as PEACE stands for Patience, Encouragement, Anger Management, Cooperation and Evil Enemy.

Scouts learned the value of patience as they played the life-size snake and ladder of the USEP Gym where they tossed a dice and moved according to the number of the said dice, not knowing whether they would move closer to or farther away from the finish line.

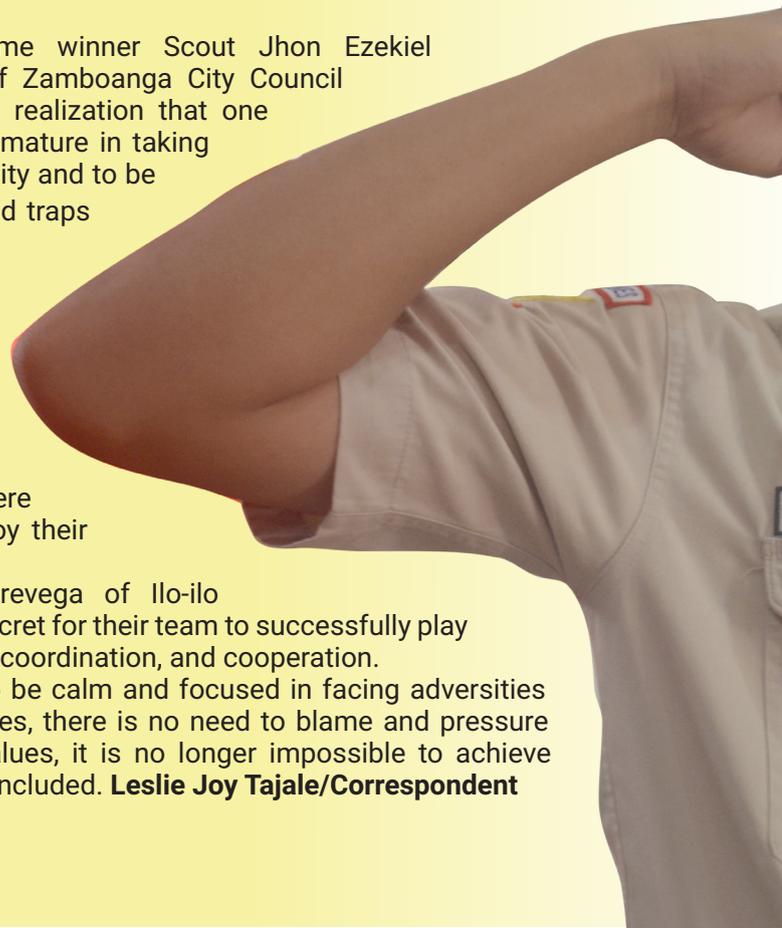
Game winner Scout Jhon Ezekiel Gadiana of Zamboanga City Council shared his realization that one should be mature in taking responsibility and to be

aware of the obstacles and traps of life.

Teamwork is the key to successfully play the networking game where scouts need to align six balls representing planets suspended on connected strings held by eight scouts where every team may employ their own strategy.

Scout Jessa Sobrevega of Ilo-ilo Council said that the secret for their team to successfully play the game is teamwork, coordination, and cooperation.

"In life, we need to be calm and focused in facing adversities and when failure comes, there is no need to blame and pressure others. With these values, it is no longer impossible to achieve peace," Sobrevega concluded. **Leslie Joy Tajale/Correspondent**



Their presence made the 16th National Scout Jamboree internationally relevant by making a global village through scouting. The 14-hour travel from Nepal did not exhaust the Nepalese as they joined the parade during the opening program. It was their first time to be drenched by rain yet they still enjoyed the experience.

Most of the scouts from other countries would prefer international scouting activity held in Europe but Scouter Sijal Shrestha said that their 23-scout team preferred to join scouting in the Philippines.

The jamboree lived up to the Nepalese's expectation since they found Filipinos very hospitable. It was here that they felt very special not only because of the warm atmosphere but because of the warm smile of the Filipinos.

Scouting in their country had no difference at all with that of the Philippines. In fact, they had their own advocacies such as preparedness against calamities like flood

and they volunteered in times of calamities and helped in the orphanage.

"Scout should act in terms of scouting spirit and they should learn to be independent in order to make a better world and never give up on challenges," Shrestha said.

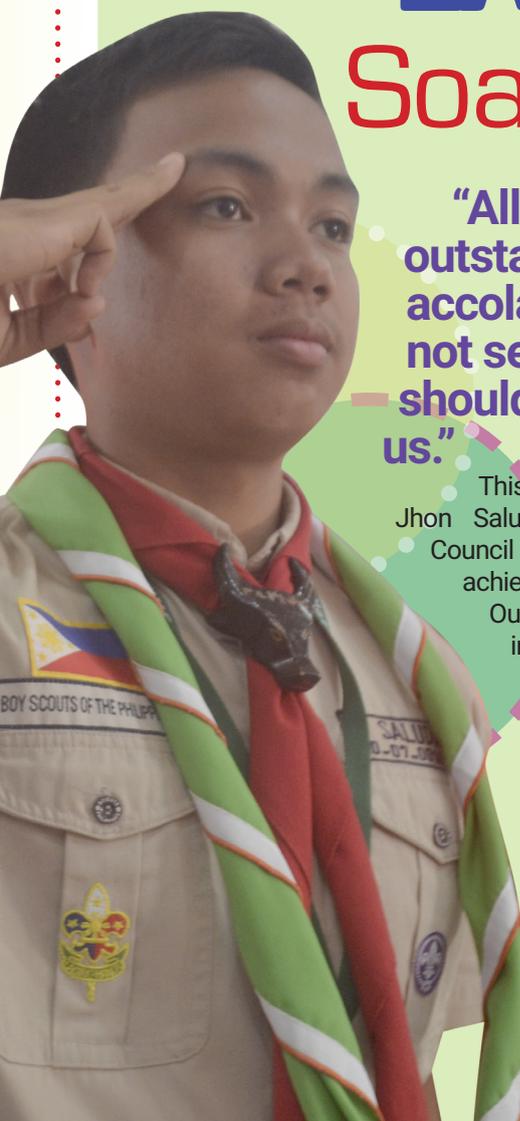
One thing Filipinos could learn from them is never to waste food. "Take only what your stomach could take," Shrestha advised. They do not even succumb to special treatment as they washed their own plate at the mess hall after taking their meal. They also prefer vegetable than meat.

It was easy to start talking with them. You simply had to say, "Namaste" which means "hi". If you wanted to manifest your symbol of friendship and equality between men in the eyes of God, then you can touch their feet.

While there is still time, take the chance to befriend them. One "Namaste" is all it takes to start the friendship. Justynne **Keigh Dano/Correspondent**



EAGLE SCOUT'S FLIGHT: Soaring High, Staying Low



"All scouts are outstanding. These accolades must not separate us but should inspire us."

This is how Christian Jhon Saludar of Davao City Council described his achievement as one of the Outstanding Boy Scouts in the Philippines and as one of this year's Eagle Scout Awardees. For him, scouting is not about self. It's about service. A duty to God, to others and to oneself.

His initiated community service has taught children in his community the proper sanitation with the

lectures and activities they have given to the children.

"We contribute to the holistic development of the children and promote their health at the same time. It is

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very important for them to clean their surrounding so they could prevent illness," Saludar said.

Other activities in scouting like tree planting, mangrove planting, relief operation during calamities and reaching out to the poor means time taken away from pleasure and from

the comfort of home. But he endured them all.

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"If I can make others smile, then I become happy which I could relate to our founder Baden Powell's line, 'The real way to gain happiness is by giving happiness to other people,'" Saludar stressed.

Christian encouraged his fellow scouts to do their best in every field they are engaged with. "If you can catch a dolphin, don't settle for a fish. Just do your best and do not aim for the awards but aim for the experience," Saludar urged. **Cathy Jane Florida/Correspondent**



Scouts take adventure as LEARNING

ACCOMPANIED BY a bumpy ride on a truck and a pamper of dust due to rough road, the scouts embarked on a journey they call “adventure” to Madaum, Tagum City on the Special Module 1 Adventure Trail.

Living the spirit of obedience as a scout, the adventure seekers heed the instruction to keep their voice low so as not to disturb the inhabitants of the virgin forest and not to drive them away while keeping their balance against the slippery trail.

Some may have been disappointed because they only heard the chirping of the birds but at least they have seen the picture of the birds with description printed on a tarpaulin which the staff described as the “ibon na walang layang lumpad.”

But their disappointment was transformed into amazement as they were treated by the sight of the monkeys;

some were peacefully sitting on the ground while the others were boisterously hanging on the palm tree while eating its fruit and throwing seeds at the scouts.

Scout Vincent Jerome Bayan of South Cotabato

Council appreciated the information he learned on the different species of the bird while enjoying the sight of gigantic Dao Tree whose roots where higher than the scouts.

“I learned that the forest is very important and we need to protect it because it is the shelter for animals and we need plant trees at the same time,” said Scout Nath Justine Rei Fuentes of La Union Council. **Harley B. Aglosolos, Correspondent**



Online Talk

Sctr. Judith Lomboy-Ampatuan of Cotabato Council shared with us on Facebook her Council's experience last Saturday when a torrential rain left many sub-camps with mud. What transpired was something she labeled as “True Scouting Spirit.”



“Thank you ANTIQUE COUNCIL for adopting our school (Lord of Peace Learning Center-Cotabato City Council). Heart warming gesture. The heavy rain last Saturday afternoon soaked our tents and some belongings, and our boys were literally “mga basang sisiw” but they did not complain because it's part of what they've signed-up for. But the rain left our area in puddles and sticky mud, a sorry state for the 19 little boys, but they're still upbeat and managed to sleep through it all. Came Sunday morning they woke-up to little puddles but more muddy area. It's time to move the troop. The teachers asked the Cotabato City Council to relocate our troop. Where to? the concrete walks were all occupied. We have asked several councils near our area if we can share their camp/area but received noncommittal answer. It was well in the afternoon when this council (pictured below) took us in without hesitation, adopted our school, they gave-up a good portion of their activity area for us, and extended some of their materials to set our tents. Now our new area is right in the middle of their camp. A Mindanao camp inside a Visayan Camp.