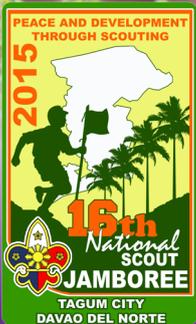




**'TIL WE MEET AGAIN.** The 16th NSJ formally ended but the memories and the joy will linger forever.



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**LAST ISSUE!**

# Nat'1 Jamboree rich in lessons formally ends

**TAGUM CITY—A National Jamboree rich in lessons will be forever etched in the hearts of more than 21,000 Scouts and Scouters—lessons they are bringing home as the 16th National Scout Jamboree formally closed last night.**

In a span of one week, participants engaged in fun-filled, adrenaline-pumped activities specially designed to test scouts' endurance and strength aimed at developing core life skills and 21st century leadership capabilities through team building, cooperative learning, group dynamics, creative problem-solving and decision-making skills.

The 16th National Scout Jamboree featured 16 main and special modules, respectively, that included Aquatics and Water Fun, Mountaineering and Expedition, Emergency Preparedness, Global Development and City of Science, Prayer Hill and Culture, Go Green and Recycling, Scouts of the World Award and the Messengers of Peace.

Other modules are Adventure

Trail, Challenge Valley, Go Green and Recycling, World Scout Environment Programme, Youth and United Nations Global Alliance and Martial Arts.

In his send-off message, Camp Chief Mayor Allan L. Rellon hailed the perseverance of Scouts during the conduct of the week-long activity staged mainly at Energy Park here.

*"As your Camp Chief, I am glad by how you have shown your strength and perseverance during the past days. Happiness is evident on your faces despite the stress and hot weather,"* he told Scouts gathered during last night's closing program.

Mayor Rellon also challenged the Boy Scouts to uphold the values each Scout should possess *"to become more active in the noble task of nation-*

*building."*

*"When you go home, embrace your responsibilities as Scouts, strive to become more worthy to be called a Filipino and bear in mind to do a good turn daily,"* he added.

The local chief executive, who is also the Chairman of the Eastern Mindanao Region of the BSP, also told

Scouts to consider themselves as *"adopted sons and daughters of Tagum because we now share a special bond."*

Prior to the formal Closing Ceremony, a Grand Camp Fire was held at the Grand Arena where different presentation by sub-camps highlighted the diverse yet united Scouting community of the Philippines. **Louie Lapat/CIO Tagum**

## Drizzle fails to stop fancy drill tilt

Selected scouts from all over the Philippine archipelago unleashed their prowess and skills as they marched towards the Grand Arena of the E-Park where the Fancy Drill for this year's 16th National Jamboree was held.

Though the scouts experienced drizzles and the weather did not cooperate with them, still the undaunted spirit of oneness prevailed in each of the scouts, eagerness was on their faces, each one hoping for the best.

Armed with keen senses to listen to their leader's command, each of the scouts tried to outdo other councils with their uniformed hand gestures, synchronized marching and active, energetic and dynamic formations which left the spectators shout with utmost anticipation.

From the start to the end, each delegation did not fade its enthusiasm and energy.

This national jamboree was indeed a great experience for everyone when they were able to associate with other scouts from other places in the country. **Mr. Lazaro Suello Jr., Marjory Gedaro / Correspondents**



From the Desk of  
**NSJ Camp Chief**  
*Hon. Allan L. Rellon*

## See you again in Tagum

How time flies! It was just last Saturday when we formally opened the 16th National Scout Jamboree. Tonight, we shall end this Jamboree on a cheerful note—simply because the objectives of this gathering were achieved. On behalf of a grateful city, I am extending my congratulations to all of you for surviving the challenges during this week-long event. By overcoming these challenges, you have proven that you are now ready to hurdle life's great challenges. This Jamboree offered you a real-life classroom that is surely a once-in-a-lifetime experience. This experience begs the desire, as accurately summarized by Vice President and BSP President Jejomar Binay during our opening program: Scouting pa more!

It is our fervent wish that as you go home tomorrow, may you bring with you the lessons of this Jamboree; lessons that will prepare you to hurdle life's tremendous challenges. This being said, I hope one day you will look back to this experience and say that Tagum City and the 16th National Scout Jamboree have shaped your DNA to become messengers of peace and development. Above all, may this experience push you to become more active in the noble task of nation-building.

As your Camp Chief, I am glad by how you have shown your strength and perseverance during the past days. Happiness is evident on your faces despite the stress and hot weather. I have seen this in the Boy Scouts who braved the Challenge Valley, walked in the outskirts of Madaum Forest and those who had great time in Aquatics and Water Fun. I also admire that despite of the torrential rain last Saturday, you stayed. This shows that indeed the spirit of scouting is alive in your minds and hearts.

It was only last May of this year when we submitted our bid to host this National Jamboree here in the City of Tagum. After winning the hosting rights, our battlecry has been simple: See you in Tagum and together, let's create a story of Tagumpay. Looking back at what had transpired over the past days, I can humbly declare that indeed the 16th National Scout Jamboree is a Tagumpay!

Tomorrow might be the end of this week-long Jamboree, but the memories of this event will stay in our hearts forever. We will pray to the Lord to guide you as you all go home to your respective hometowns. Like the feeling of warmth of the campfire, may you always remember the warmth of the Tagumenyo hospitality and gratitude. By extension, consider yourselves the adopted sons and daughters of Tagum because we now share a special bond.

It is a great honor to host you here in Tagum, and an equally great honor to be your Camp Chief. This Jamboree is only a training ground. When you go home, embrace your responsibilities as Scouts, strive to become more worthy to be called a Filipino and bear in mind to do a good turn daily. See you again in Tagum! Rest assured with the thought that we will see each other again in the near future. Mabuhay ang Pilipinas! Mabuhay ang Boy Scouts of the Philippines! 16th NSJ, Tagumpay!

## Jambo Fiesta: 8



Jamboree fiesta played a very significant part of the 16th NSJ as the scouts shared their culture through street dance competition, distinct cuisines. The fiesta is part and bundle of Filipino culture. Every corner of the Philippine Archipelago has at least one local festival in honor of a saint.

A very colorful and fun-filled festival of cultural dances from all parts of Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao were executed by the scouts in the Jamboree Arena. Scouts embraced the culture and traditional diversity as the scouts from all parts of the country performed colorful cultural dances and songs in celebration of the jamboree fiesta. Series of cultural presentations



## Palarong Pinoy at its

Armed with their skills and the spirit of no surrender and they reengaged themselves with another equally challenging Philippine traditional game, so called "Palarong Pinoy" and showcased the cultural activities of Filipino on the sixth day of the 16th National Scout Jamboree.

The Boy Scouts got into the real world of experiencing what the Filipinos ahead of us that should be restored to enrich our Filipino culture. "Because of this activity, our unity as a team was tested," said Vaodap, a scout from Makati City Council.

Scouts from all over the Philippines unleashed their skills in various activities such as palosebo, kadangkadang and other Filipino games.

"I was grateful that I experienced playing those kinds of games that I played these days," Kenneth Bryan Facun from Sta. Rosa City Council said.

Playing the Filipino games made the scouts realized that the benefits of being tired all throughout the activities can be more fun than virtual games on the internet. They were able to identify the benefits if being engaged with physical activities in terms of physical, mental and social aspects.

Towards the end of the event, the scouts were drained and exhausted but their energies but it was all worth it because of their once in a lifetime experience. **Sanchez, Winevie Agonia, Correspondents**

# a mirror of rich Pinoy culture



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with scouts donning their tribal costumes and showcasing different festivals such as the Sinulog, Kadayawan, Dinagyang, Ati-Atihan, Higantes, Pintados, and Maskara Festivals.

"It's so much fun experiencing the street dance competition, dancing and performing Pintados Festival in the middle of a crowd. It was great honor for me especially I was the one holding the sacred Patron", Maja Snow V. Zaragoza II, a scout from Tacloban City was quoted as saying. Many were excited about the result of the street dance competition wherein the Davao del Norte Council got the third place, Davao del Sur Council grabbed the second place and Zamboanga del Sur seized the championship trophy.

Indeed, the scouts were able to realize that the different events mirrored the rich historical background, diversity and way of life as Filipinos which would surely make each of them proud.  
**Mrs. Alma Mercado, Margie Nuñala/Correspondents**

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## Karanasang Kadalasan

Rhendiel Sanchez, Margie Nuñala, Correspondents

*Humigit kumulang dalawampu't- isang libong kalahok,  
Mula Mindanao, Visayas at Luzon .  
Kanilang sarili'y hinulma at nililok  
Bawat isa'y hindi inatrasan ang mga hamon.*

*Sa kanilang araw araw na paggising  
Bagong karanasan ang kanilang hinarap  
Kanilang magulang ay wala man sa kanilang piling  
Ngunit sila'y tumayo at nagsariling-sikap.*

*Sa kabila ng malakas na buhos ng ulan,  
At malakas na mga patak nito  
Kanilang kagustuhan ay hindi napigilan,  
Hindi hininto kasiyahang naramdaman.*

*Umulan man o umaraw,  
Ang Boy Scouts ay laging handa.  
Pagkat nagbibigay linaw sa hinaharap  
Sa kapwa kabataan dapat tularan*

*Sa nalalapit na pagtatapos ng jamboree na ito  
Bitbit nila'y karunungan isinapuso  
Kanilang alaala hindi nila iiwan  
Ang kanilang hindi mapantayang karanasan.*

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## Now that the 16th National Jamboree comes to an end, we asked some of the participants on what they can say about the week-long event. Here's what they have to say.

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**“One thing that I learned from the 16th National Scout Jamboree as a solo delegate is that my greatest glory is not in never falling but in rising each time we fall.” – VS Earon Philip Villamora, Iloilo Council**

“Ang hirap ng Challenge Valley, pero and saya, the best talaga.” – John Christian Montemayor (Oriental Mindoro)

**“ Andami ko pong natutunan. Marami po kaming nakilala at tinuruan po kami dito na maging self-reliant.” – Kolin Echano, Santa Rosa Council**

**“ Two days po naiwan yung case ng softdrinks namin sa palengke. Pagbalik namin, isinauli pa! Kung sa amin dun sa Maynila, wala na ‘yun, Very Honest ang Tagumeños.” –Inah Maricar I. Clemente**

“ Natutunan po naming maging independent, at ‘wag masyadong mag inarte.” – Christopher Riazoo (Manila Council)

**“ Kung ako’y babalik sa pagiging bata, dito ako hahanap ng asawa.” – Homer Muriel, Contingent Head of Metro Manila.**

“ I love the beaches here, so very nice. Our country is dry that’s why I love it here.” – Bedika, Nepal

**“ Natuto kaming maging responsible dito sa jamboree na ito.” –John Christian Montemayor, Oriental Mindoro**

**“ This year’s jamboree held in Tagum City is very worthwhile. The campsite is more than enough to 21,146 scouts. Bilib ako, na-accommodate lahat ng participants.” – Lutgardo R. Ibañez, EBM-Rizal Council**

**“Para po sa akin, ito po ang Best Jamboree ever!” – Danielle Mark Ibatuan (Eastern Pangasinan )**

## MESSAGE OF GRATITUDE

In a few hours, we will all experience the conclusion of the largest gathering that our city has ever hosted; the 16th National Scout Jamboree which is deemed the largest scouting conclave in the country.

It was not a small and easy task to guarantee that the week-long national event would be failsafe. After all, there could be as many factors that would turn the tide around from our completely having a successful national jamboree.

Indeed, it was no small feat to keep glitches, if there ever were any, at the minimum. This was largely attributed to the tireless and unwavering determination of the people who composed the National Service Team of the BSP who stood resolute in their desire to produce the best National Scout Jamboree ever held in the Philippines.

Admittedly, we may have experienced highs and lows in this 7-day journey; however, what really matters is the ways and means by which have positively dealt with the troubles or problems that snuck up unbeknownst to us. We soldiered on and moved forward. That, in itself, is a story of Tagumpay.

Along this line, allow me to express my utmost gratitude to the heads of committees and their sub-committee members for their whole-hearted support and contribution to the cause of the scouting movement in our country.

Thus, to the Administration and Finance Committee, with its Sub-Committees on Reception & Protocol, Fund Raising, Tourism & Promotions, Transportation, Finance, Ways & Means, Registration, Documentation & Media Relations, Souvenirs & Tokens, General Services/ Commissary, Awards & Certificates, Secretariat, the National Service Team and the Service Staff—

The Committee on Crisis Management, its sub-committees on Traffic Control & Security, Safety & Risk Assessment Management System, the Medical/First-Aid Stations and the Food Safety & Security –

The Committee on Logistics with its Sub-Committees on Camp Site Development, Electricity/ Lights & Sounds, Supplies & Materials, Sanitation, and Water –

The Committee/ Program under which the Main Modules on Aquatic & Water Fun, Mountaineering & Expedition, Emergency Preparedness, Global Development & City of Science, Prayer Hills & Culture, Go Green & Recycling, Scouts of the World Award and Messengers of Peace belong –

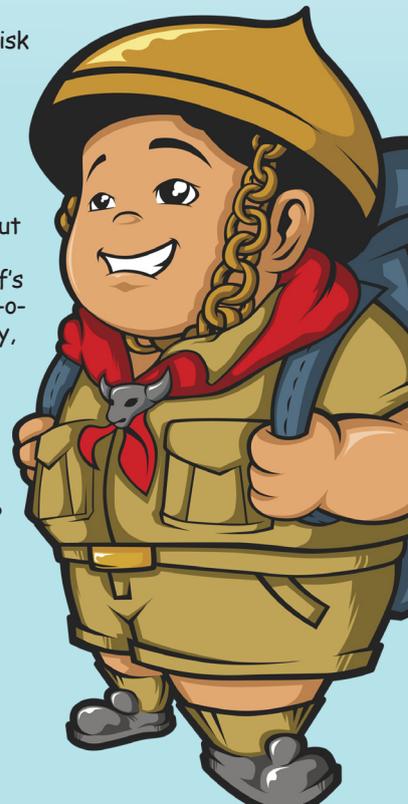
The Special Modules on Adventure Trail, Archery, Challenge Valley, Sports, Martial Arts, World Scout Environment Program, Larong Lahi, and YUNGA & Scouts Go Solar –

The Special Events Committee, with its sub-committees on Grand Opening & Closing Ceremonies, Camp Chief's Night, Sub-camp Campfire, Fun Run for Peace, Woodbadge Reunion, Cultural Nights, Scouts Rally, Showando, Skill-o-Rama, Fancy Drill, National Court of Honor, Youth Jamboree Concert, Youth Forum, Jambo Fiesta, Palarong Pinoy, Rover Scouts Get-together, and Inter-faith & Religious Services –

To the Vice Camp Chiefs for Administration as well as Operations, to the Camp Director, the Assistant Camp Director and the 10 sub-camp chiefs, their assistants and their directors—

A word of thanks might never be sufficient to convey just how deep-running my gratitude for your collective efforts to have this 16th National Scout Jamboree a 100% Tagumpay!

All the best,  
*Jambo*



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