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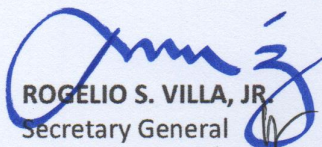
NATIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Number 21 S. 2020

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

SUBJECT : MONITORING OF SCOUTS "GO GREEN PROGRAM" IMPLEMENTATION

1. As one of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines contributions to ensure sustainability embodied in Goal No. 13 Climate Action of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) of the government, we launched the "Go Green" Program in 2008.
2. The 'Go Green' program became one of the banner projects of the BSP as its support to the global effort to save Mother Earth from total destruction. This unique program aims to instill among Scouts that tree planting does not end in planting the seedlings, but also nurturing them until they become fully-grown trees.
3. In the program, the BSP created the Go Green Merit Badge Series (Go Green, Grow Green and Earn Green). The Merit Badges were opened to KAB, Boy, Senior and Rover Scouts regardless of their rank. The Go Green and Grow Green, however, have become a required Merit Badges for Eagle Scouts (See attached BSP Memorandum Number 43, s 2008, dated 14 October 2008).
4. All Eagle Scout applicants are, therefore, required to accomplish and submit the Go Green and Grow Green Merit Badge forms, together with necessary documents, to the Program Section of the Field Operations Division of the BSP National Office for approval of their application effective January 2020.
5. The Scouts Go Green Secretariat will collect the accomplished Merit Badge forms for reporting and recording.
6. Attached, hereto, is the prescribed forms, requirements and procedures to earn the Go Green Merit Badge Series.
7. For your information, widest dissemination and strict compliance.


ROGELIO S. VILLA, JR.
Secretary General

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BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES
NATIONAL OFFICE
Manila

14 October 2008

NATIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM


Number 43

s. 2008

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

SUBJECT : **"GO GREEN! GO FOR THE REAL THING" PROJECT**

1. The Boy Scouts of the Philippines in partnership with the Coca-Cola Export Corporation has its on-going project entitled **"Go Green! Go for the Real Thing"**. This initiative was contrived in order to contribute to the achievement of one of the Millennium Development Goals launched by the U.N. Secretary General which is to encourage national governments to take action to ensure environmental sustainability.
2. This environmental project is envisioned to be a holistic endeavor designed to implant into our Scout's mind the effects of environmental degradation, climate change and global warming. Scouts will have hands on experience on plant propagation, i.e., sowing of seeds, potting of seedlings, taking care of saplings, etc. and to acquire skills on how to develop a source of income from trees and entrepreneurial spirit through the "Go Green Merit Badge Series". The ultimate objective is to help save Mother Earth.
3. This "Go Green Merit Badge Series" will develop the Scout into a proactive environmentalist, nature lover and entrepreneur. The Merit Badges are open to any KAB, Boy, Senior and Rover Scouts regardless of their rank. After the successful completion of each of the requirements, the Scout will receive the corresponding *Go Green, Grow Green and the entitlement to wear the Go Green Scout neckerchief. Earn Merit Badge*, an elective Merit Badge, will give a Scout the opportunity to earn and save money for his membership and participation to Scouting activities.
4. Go Green and Grow Green are now required Merit Badges for Eagle Scouts Rank, hence, effective January 2010 all candidates for Eagle Scouts must earn this two, in addition to the present number of Badges required for the rank.
5. National Office will provide the necessary logistics for the project under the *Seed Capital Scheme* and/or may grant Portable Nursery, provided regions/local councils, submit a letter of intent and qualify with certain requirements set forth in the implementing guidelines.
6. Attached to this memorandum is a brochure which succinctly explains the procedures and mechanics of the project including the Go Green, Go for the Real Thing Activity Module for your reference and implementation.
7. All Regions and Local Councils are encouraged to organize a special committee to draw up plans and program of action to ensure successful implementation of this project.
8. For your information and widest dissemination.


J. RIZAL C. PANGILINAN
Secretary General

- A) **Go Green MB**: This is the first step known as "*Go Green*" where a Scout will attend BSP sanctioned activities to learn about the life cycle of a tree, from Seed to Sapling. The Scout will start with the identification and choosing of the seed, sowing seeds, potting sprouts into seedling bags and transferring seedlings into sapling bags, all in a fun, hands-on, "learning by doing" activity, lasting only a couple of hours. The Scout will earn this MB when he successfully completes the requirements at the end of his Go Green activity. He will also be allowed to bring home a bag of sown seeds, (at least a dozen seeds) so the Scout can continue into the Grow Green MB Series.
- B) **Grow Green MB**: This is the second step known as "*Grow Green*" where a Scout will take home from the *Go Green* activity a bag of sown seeds (at least a dozen seeds) or if there is no Go Green activity organized in the local council you may proceed and complete Grow Green merit badge requirements and earn automatically the "Go Green merit Badge. The Scout will be encouraged to start his own little nursery in his home (backyard, balcony, window, etc.) The Scout will have a copy of the MB requirements where he will make a scrap book to document the growth progress of his seeds, seedlings and saplings. The completion of this MB will last many months up to a couple of years, as the Scout will have to care for and watch grow, his trees. Hence the nomenclature "*Grow Green*". The Scout will also be required to plant at least one (1) of his saplings in or around his home, community or school ground.



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GO GREEN! Go for the Real Thing! *Merit Badge Requirements*



Participate in a BSP sanctioned **“Go Green! Go for the Real Thing”** activity in any nursery, tree planting, ecology event or go to a professionally managed tree nursery and successfully complete the following requirements:

1. Give an idea about the life cycle of a tree, the various sources of seeds.
2. Explain how seeds develop and identify good quality seeds.
3. Illustrate the proper sowing of seeds in a seed box.
4. Demonstrate the proper way of pricking and potting of seedling into seedling bags.
5. Show the appropriate way to re-bag seedlings into sapling bags; and demonstrate the proper seedling and sapling care and maintenance in the plant depot area.
6. If your Merit Badge Counselor * (MBC) is satisfied with your performance doing the above requirements, request him/her and your unit leader to sign your Merit Badge card below after which you have already earned this merit badge.

** MBC can be any tree nursery professional who's main livelihood/business is a tree nursery that produces seedlings and saplings in commercial quantities.*

We hereby certified that

Scout _____
has successfully completed the requirements
for the **GO GREEN Merit Badge** to our
satisfaction.

Merit Badge Counselor Unit Leader
(print name under signature)



Scout
Unit
Date
Venue

GO GREEN!

Merit Badge
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Grow Green!

Merit Badge Requirements



Start a photo scrap book to document your completion of the requirements of this Grow Green Merit Badge. If you have done the "Go Green Merit Badge during any BSP sanctioned Go Green Nursery activity you may proceed to Step No. 3. If not, you have to start with step No.1 below:

1. Collect and choose the seeds that you are going to sow. You can research through the internet or neighborhood farmer, for the kinds and types of seeds that are appropriate to the climate and land condition in your area. 16 to 20 seeds are the suggested number of seeds that you are going to sow. Take a photo of your chosen seeds.

Date of choosing your seeds _____

Attested to and signed by: _____
Parent/Guardian or adult Leader

2. Sow the 16 to 20 seeds in the seed bag, seed box, empty cans, recycled plastic containers, etc., and using good quality of soil/compost. Have someone take a photo of yourself, while doing the actual sowing of seeds.

Date of sowing your seeds _____

Attested to and signed by: _____
Parent/Guardian or adult Leader

3. After several days, the seeds will sprout and grow to the appropriate size for transfer/potting to seedling plastic bags, empty soft drink cans or any kind of empty water containers in the appropriate size for your sprouts to grow into seedlings. Have someone take a photo of yourself, while doing the actual potting. You must produce at least 12 seedlings at one time.

Date of potting your seedling _____

Attested to and signed by: _____
Parent/Guardian or adult Leader

4. When your seedlings grow to at least 3 feet in height you may transfer them into sapling plastic bags or any large empty 6 liter or larger plastic/clay pot container (mineral water, clean paint pail etc)

5. After a year or more, a Scout should have large saplings from about 4 to 6 feet tall. This is the right time to plant all those saplings into their permanent planting site. Have someone take a photo of yourself together with your saplings. You must produce at least 12 saplings by this time.

Date of photo with your saplings _____

Attested to and signed by: _____
Parent/Guardian or adult Leader

6. You must plant at least one of your saplings in a properly designated planting area in your home, neighborhood, school or community. Have someone take a photo of yourself planting your sapling.

Date of the planting of your sapling. _____

Attested to and signed by: _____
Parent/Guardian or adult Leader

If your parent/guardian or Adult Leader is satisfied that you have successfully completed the requirements above, you can have him/her sign your Merit Badge card below. Show your photo scrap book and this properly signed requirement form to your unit leader so he can certify and officially sign your Grow Green Merit Badge card.

Once you have earned your Grow Green Merit Badge You are automatically considered to have also earned the Go Green Merit Badge.

Please register the successful completion of the Go and Grow Green Merit Badges in the official BSP web portal. www.scouts.org.ph

We hereby certified that

Scout _____
has successfully completed the requirements
for the **GROW GREEN Merit Badge** to our
satisfaction.

Merit Badge Counselor
(print name under signature)

Unit Leader



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