

Boy Scouts of the Philippines

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NATIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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To

National Office Directors and Executives

Regional Scout Directors and Executives

Council Scout Executives and Officers-In-Charge

Commissioners at all Ranks and Levels Lav Leaders and Members-at-Large

All Others Concerned

SUBJECT

SAFE FROM HARM E-LEARNING COURSE WORK CERTIFICATION

- 1. Pursuant to the Decision of the National Executive Board in its Meeting on 28 February 2020, the National Office, BSP, shall require all Scout Leaders, both Volunteers and Professionals alike to take the WOSM's Safe from Harm E-Learning Course Work Certification available at the services.scout.org/service/6 under the category of Safe Environment.
- 2. This undertaking aims to strengthen the awareness of all Adults in Scouting (Volunteers and Professionals) about the significance of the Keeping Scouts Safe from Harm (SfH) Policy and other related policies and regulations pertaining to Child Protection Laws of the country. It further seeks to equip our Scout Leaders with the Basic Knowledge and Skills in handling difficult circumstances and situation dealing with potential risks related to child abuse especially before, during and after Scouting activities at the Schools, Districts, Councils, Regions and National levels.
- 3. Safe from Harm is one of the thirteen (13) WOSM Services that is tailored to support National Scout Organization in improving its child and youth protection at all levels, by ensuring Scouting provides and promotes safe environment for children, young people and adults at all times.
- 4. This shall help build and create Safe Environment for all our Scouts that will promote their wellbeing and growth as an individuals. Due to its importance, ensuring safe environment for all our members requires action steps and initiatives, including proper procedures and systems in place to handle such situation and must be considered as our priority in Scouting.
- 5. To start this Online Certification Course Work, every individual must have an active email address and be able to create their profile or account at www.scout.org. Once the account is created, the person can start accessing the services.scout.org/service/6 using his/her scout.org profile.
- 6. There are two (2) specific E-Learning Course work available in this site as follows:
 - a. SfH1: Safe from Harm for Everyone https://www.scout.org/elearning_sfh1
 - b. SfH2: Course for WOSM Volunteers and Staff https://www.scout.org/elearning_sfh2

- 7. Both courses require an ample time to finish, these include reading several articles, particularly the WOSM Resolutions and Policies related to Safe from Harm, Videos and Exercises, as well as the series of questions related to each topic. Make sure to keep the records of your email address as it will serve as your login details should you decide to take the course on series of schedules.
- 8. Once you have completed both E-Learning Course Work, you may print or download the copy of your Certificate, this shall serve as your proof of completion, which will be required in your future application as member of the International, National, Regional and Council Service Teams in Scout Jamborees, Venture Camp, Rover Moots and other Scouting events.
- 9. This SfH Certificate shall be a pre-requisite for Adult Membership Re-Registration. Adult Leaders who have previously completed this E-Learning Course Work from their past International Jamboree experience and other Scouting gathering and events need not take this online course, unless your previous SfH Certificate is more than three (3) years.
- 10. The National Executive Board enjoins everyone to promote and undertake series of programs, projects and activities that will further strengthen our systems, procedures and processes that will ensure safety of all our members, both youth and adults at all times.
- 11. Should you have further queries you may refer them directly to **MR. YASSER F. SARONA**, Program and Adult Resources Development Executive, at (02) 527-8317 loc. 524 or via email at yasser_bsp@yahoo.com
- 12. For information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.

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