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NATIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

No. 35 , s. 2020

TO : National Office Directors and Executives
Regional Scout Directors and Executives
Council Scout Executives and Officers-In-Charge
Commissioners at all Ranks and Levels
Lay Leaders and Members-at-Large
Unit Leaders and Assistants
Parents and Guardians of Scouts
All Others Concerned

SUBJECT : Implementing Rules and Regulations on BSP N.O. Memorandum No. 34, s. 2020 dated 15 May 2020, with the Subject "Urban Agriculture Project (UAP) under the "Ahon Lahat, Pagkain Sapat Kontra sa Covid-19 (ALPAS Sa Covid-19)"

Pursuant to the BSP National Office Memorandum No. 34, Series of 2020 dated 15 May 2020, with the Subject entitled "Urban Agriculture Project (UAP) under the "Ahon Lahat, Pagkain Sapat Kontra sa Covid-19 (ALPAS Sa Covid-19) between the Department of Agriculture (DA) - Bureau of Plant Industry (BPI) and the Boy Scouts of the Philippines", please be guided on the following Implementing Rules and Regulations for your guidance and reference, as follows:

1. UAP Applicants

- 1.1. Interested applicants shall properly fill-up the attached Application Form (Annex "A") and send it through email to their BSP Local Councils and BSP National Office via sophiecastillo@gmail.com.
- 1.2. The BSP National Office shall immediately coordinate with the Local Council and the applicant in the assessment and evaluation as to the requirements of the project.
- 1.3. If the application is approved, BSP National Office, shall then endorse the application to the Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Plant Industry to provide materials and trainings on Urban Agriculture techniques, through actual trainings or online courses via, Youtube or live stream trainings.
- 1.4. Here are some of the Youtube sites where you can access useful and informative instructional and training videos about urban agriculture, as follows:

Urban Gardening Youtube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbYFhcKSE2mWYB0yD_Qr_8A

Ernie Lito Bollosa Youtube <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=UUeb0BaQ-D6fMKqwwdKpZRfg>

- 1.5. Likewise, here are some of the sites where you can see videos, images and photos that will give you helpful ideas and concepts about Urban Gardening, such as Vertical, Rooftop, School, Community, Balcony, Small Space, Backyard, Recycled, Containers, Plastic Bottles, etc.

Photos/pictures on Urban Gardening ([google.com/photos+urban+gardening](https://www.google.com/photos+urban+gardening))

Videos on Urban Gardening ([google.com/videos+urban+gardening](https://www.google.com/videos+urban+gardening))

- 1.6. The Department of Agriculture – Bureau of Plant Industry shall then provide:
 - a. **For Barangay Community/School/University/Public Office Gardens.** Initial agricultural inputs such as seeds, plastic sheets, nets for greenhouse, and knapsack sprayer, including Urban Agriculture garden modules and technical assistance.
 - b. **For Individual/Home Gardening.** Starter Kits that will include seeds of common vegetables suited in the area, soil, and polyethylene bags.
2. **Monthly Report.** The beneficiary shall submit a monthly report using the attached Progress Report Form (Annex "B") on production and sales/utilization data (if any), technologies developed/shared farm activities undertaken (if any), farm visitors and trainees served, problems encountered and other relevant accomplishments including photo documentation.

3. **Earning of Merit Badges and Quadrant Awards**

- 3.1 **For Boy and Senior Scouts.** With this Urban Agriculture Project, registered Boy and Senior Scouts will have an opportunity to earn additional related Merit Badges as follows:
 - a. Agriculture Merit Badge
 - b. Crop Production Merit Badge
 - c. Environment Merit Badge
 - d. Farm Management Merit Badge
 - e. Fruit Cultivation Merit Badge
 - f. Gardening Merit Badge
 - g. Go Green Merit Badge
 - h. Grow Green Merit Badge
 - i. Earn Green Merit Badge
 - j. Tree Farming Merit Badge
 - k. Soil and Water Conservation Merit Badge

Each registered Boy and Senior Scout will have the opportunity to earn the above-stated Merit Badges, with the help of their Troop Leaders, Outfit Advisors and Merit Badge Counselors upon:

- A. Signifying their interest to join the Urban Agriculture Project of the BSP-DA-BPI, through their respective Local Councils;
- B. Must have attended or participated in the Online Webinar about Urban Agriculture Project and other related Online Webinars or Instructional Videos from YouTube such as:
 - a. Soil and Water Conservation

- b. Hydroponics and Aeroponics
 - c. Use of In-Organic and Organic Fertilizers
 - d. Plan Guide and Calendar
 - e. Root Crop, Fruit and Vegetable Production at Home
 - f. Managing your backyard and home garden
- C. Obtain seeds from their Local Councils;
 - D. Start preparing for their urban garden spaces at home;
 - E. Start seed germination and proper care of seedling;
 - F. Start sapling propagation;
 - G. Satisfy the requirements of the Go Green, Grow Green and Earn Green Merit Badge requirements; and
 - H. Make a simple report, document and take photos of your urban garden and show proof to your Local Council as basis of your Merit Badge Certification.

3.2 For Rover Scouts

All duly registered Rover Scouts and Rover Circles as duly accredited Sponsoring Institutions in the Local Councils, shall earn and receive their Quadrant Awards for actively participating in this Urban Development Project. This also includes the earning of the highest rank in the Rover Scout Section, the Chief Scout's Nation Builder Award, in accordance with the guidelines provided in this implementing rules and regulations.

- a. **YELLOW QUADRANT AWARD** – for accomplishing projects or participating in activities that are worth at least 100 points.
- b. **GREEN QUADRANT AWARD** – for accomplishing projects or participating in activities that are worth at least another 100 points for a total of 200 points.
- c. **RED QUADRANT AWARD** – for accomplishing projects or participating in activities that are worth at least another 100 points for a total of 300 points.
- d. **BLUE QUADRANT AWARD** – for accomplishing projects of participating in activities that are worth at least another 100 points for a total of 400 points.
- f. **CHIEF SCOUT'S NATION-BUILDER** – for accomplishing projects o participating in activities that are at least another 100 points for a total of 500 points.

Registered Rover Scouts, together with their Rover Circles, will now have the opportunity to earn their Quadrant Awards and the Chief Scout's Nation-BUILDER Award for accumulating 100 points for each Quadrant by creating a Community Development Project related to the Urban Agriculture Project upon:

- A. Signify your interest to join and participate in the Urban Agriculture Project through your respective Local Councils;
- B. Together with your Rover Circle, look for a potential urban garden space in your Community or Barangay, Plan and meet with your Local Officials and discuss your Urban Agriculture Project with them;
- C. Gather support and involvement in the Community by means of permission to use the Barangay Hall, Public Parks and other appropriate open spaces within the vicinity of the Community as Suitable Areas for Urban Gardening project, including their commitment to provide access to water facility;

- D. Start to build up the project resources and acquire needed training and orientation in coordination with the Local Council, in partnership with DA-BPI;
- E. Must have attended or participated in the Online Webinar about Urban Agriculture Project and other related Online Webinars or Instructional Videos from YouTube such as:
 - a. Soil and Water Conservation
 - b. Hydroponics and Aeroponics
 - c. Use of In-Organic and Organic Fertilizers
 - d. Plan Guide and Calendar
 - e. Root Crop, Fruit and Vegetable Production at Home
 - f. Managing your backyard and home garden
- F. Obtain logistical support from BSP-DA-BPI, as to the seeds and other technical services from Urban Agriculture Project.
- G. Implement and monitor the UAP
- H. Make a simple report, document and take photos of your urban garden and show proof to your Local Council.

4. Urban Agriculture Project (UAP) under the Better World Framework

4.1 The Scouts of the World Award

For Senior and Rover Scouts ages 15 to 26, the Urban Agriculture Project also offers opportunity to earn the WOSM's Scouts of the World Award. Conduct a standard Scouts of the World Discovery for 21 Hours where the UAP will be conducted within the vicinity of a School or Community or Barangay.

Using the standard, Planning, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation procedure, conduct a standard Scouts of the World Award Voluntary Service for a minimum of 80 Hours on staggered basis that will lead to the establishment of the Urban Garden within the identified Suitable Areas in the school or community. This has to be coordinated and preferably in partnership with the concerned LGU. All reports shall be submitted to the National Office, BSP, thru the Local Council and Regional Office for appropriate assessment and corresponding action.

4.2 The World Scout Environment Badge

For Boy, Senior and Rover Scouts who wish to learn more about the most significant issues related to nature and environment – especially food security, responsible consumption and production. Learn the World Scout Environment Programme (WSEP) Aims 1 to 5 with the assistance of your Local Council WSEP Coordinator or Regional WSEP Coordinator.

The **WSEP Take Action Part** shall be related to the **Urban Agriculture Project** pursuant to the WSEP Aims and Take Action Guidelines as stated in the BSP National Office Memorandum No. 38, Series of 2016 dated 30 June 2016 regarding the World Scout Environment Badge and the World Scout Environment Programme.

4.3 The Messengers of Peace Ring Badge

Inspire and motivate other Scouts as Messengers of Peace, write and tell your success stories about your Urban Agriculture Project with action photos and logged all your Service Hours at www.scout.org as a Service Project. Do not forget to tag this under related

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For more information, you also check our Scouts for SDGs Hub at sdgs.scout.org and learn more about Scouts for SDGs Mobilization. Then you'll be qualified to wear your Messengers of Peace Ring Badge in your Type A Scout Uniform.

4.4. Plastic Tide Turners Challenge Badge

Scouts may start reducing, reusing and recycling PET bottles and other suitable plastic containers as an integral component of our Vertical (if limited space) Urban Gardening and learn more about the impact of protecting and conserving nature and environment by lessening single-use plastics. This will also start your journey as Plastic Tide Turner Champions.

To learn about it while doing your Urban Gardening project, you download the Plastic Tide Turner Toolkit at

<https://wedocs.unep.org/bitstream/handle/20.500.11822/28007/ChallengeBagdeTkt.pdf?s equence=1&isAllowed=y>

5. Should you have queries and concerns regarding the matter, you may communicate directly to **Ms. Sophia U. Castillo**, BSP Go Green and Plant and Nurture Trees Coordinator, via email at sophiecastillo@gmail.com or through her mobile number +69 98 594 0157.
6. Kindly share your inspiring stories, videos, pictures and narratives to our Public Relations Officer, **Mr. David Dominic M. Lanuza**, via email at ddml.bsp@gmail.com, prco.bsp@gmail.com and scouts.ph@gmail.com.
7. Please make use of our official hashtags #ScoutsPH, #ScoutsAgainstCOVID19, #LagingHandaPH, #ScoutsStayHomePH, #UrbanAgriculture, #MessengersOfPeace, and #Scouts4SDGs to keep track of our online engagement, reach and impact. You may visit our official website at www.scouts.org.ph and official social media accounts @boyscoutsPH in Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

For information, guidance and widest dissemination.


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Secretary General

Encl. Annex "A" – Application Form
 Annex "B" – Progress Report Form

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ANNEX "A"

SCOUTS URBAN AGRICULTURE PROJECT

Application Form

Location: _____

(Please indicate complete address)

Council: _____ Region: _____

Nearest National Crop Research Development and Production Support Center (NCRDPSC)

- ☐ Baguio (Guisad Valley, Baguio, 2600, Benguet)
☐ Manila (692 San Andres St., Malate, Manila)
☐ Laguna (Timugan, Los Baños, Laguna)
☐ Negros Occidental (6130 La Granja, La Carlota City, Negros Occidental)
☐ Guimaras (San Miguel, Jordan, Guimaras)
☐ Davao (Brgy. Bago Oshiro, Tugbok, Davao City, 8000)

Applying as a/an: (Please check one)

☐ Individual

Name: _____

Position: _____

Contact No. _____

Age: _____ ☐ PWD☐ Scouting Unit/Group/Institution

Name: _____ Leader: _____

No. of Members: _____ Contact No. _____

☐ Non-Scouting Group (to be accredited first by the local council)

Name: _____ Leader: _____

No. of members: _____ Contact No. _____

☐ Local Council (Only CSEs and OICs may apply)☐ Region (Only RSDs and OICs may apply)

Requirements:

A. Land (Please check one)

- ☐ Campsite ☐ Farm ☐ Office vicinity
☐ Park ☐ Backyard ☐ School
☐ Community ☐ Others: _____

**Please take note that fruits and vegetables need at least 6 hours of direct sun a day for good yields. The amount of sun doesn't have to be continuous though. You can have 3 hours in the morning with some shade midday and then 3 more hours in the late afternoon. Also, remember that the best soil for most plants to ensure optimum growth is a rich, sandy loam.*

Area: ____ square meters Target no. of plots: _____ Plot dimension: ____m x ____m
(width x length)

B. Other methods (in case a spacious land is not available)

☐ Containerized Gardening

Materials	Size	Quantity
Plastic bags		
Used Cans		

Pet bottles		
Old tires		
Drums		
Others: <i>(Please indicate)</i>		

☐ Vertical Gardening

☐ Square-foot Gardening

☐ Hydroponics

☐ Others: _____

C. Fruits/vegetables to be planted:

☐ Ampalaya ☐ Okra ☐ Patola ☐ Pipino ☐ Sili ☐ Talong ☐ Upo

☐ Alugbati ☐ Lowland Kangkong ☐ Malunggay ☐ Saluyot ☐ Upland Kangkong

☐ Lettuce ☐ Mustasa ☐ Pechay ☐ Kamote ☐ Kamoteng kahoy ☐ Gabi

D. Sources of Water

☐ Tap water

☐ River, Creek or Pond

☐ Others: _____

☐ Rainwater

☐ Well/Deep Well

E. Organic Fertilizer

☐ Dried leaves

☐ Kitchen Wastes and Scraps

☐ Wood Shavings

☐ Manure

☐ Free supply (barangay/municipality)

☐ Others: _____

F. Available Tools *(Please indicate quantity)*

☐ __ Rakes

☐ __ Trowels

☐ __ Watering cans

☐ __ Seedling Trays

☐ __ Shovels

☐ __ Shears

☐ __ Watering hoses

☐ Others: _____

G. Pest and Disease Management

☐ Organic / Biological

☐ Inorganic / Chemical

H. Pictures: *(Please attach at least 2 pictures of the proposed location)*

Applicant's Signature over Printed Name

Date of Submission

LOCAL COUNCIL ACTION
(For individual and group applicants only)

Remarks: *(Please indicate if there are lacking requirements)*

Endorsed by:

Date submitted to the National Office:

Name/Signature of CSE/OIC

NATIONAL OFFICE ACTION

Remarks: *(Please indicate if there are lacking requirements)*

Approved by:

Date received: _____

Date approved: _____

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ANNEX "B"

URBAN AGRICULTURE PROJECT

Monthly Progress Report

Location: _____ Garden No. _____
Council: _____ Region: _____ Date: _____

No. of plots constructed: _____ Actual dimension: ____ meters x ____ meters

No. of Garden Containers: _____ Material used: _____

No. of crops planted: _____

Crops planted: _____

No. of crops harvested (per kind): _____

Actual no. of gardeners: _____

Average no. of gardening hours per week: _____

Webinars/Online trainings attended:

Problems encountered:

Solutions applied:

Remarks:

Submitted by:
