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FRONTLINES



Happiest and Loneliest Animal



Quokka, the nocturnal marsupials found only on Australia's Rottneest Island are the happiest animals on Earth. The loneliest was Lonesome George, a Pinta Island Tortoise who died alone as he was the last one of his species who ever lived.

10 Most Populous Countries in 2019

China - 1.42B; India 1.37B; US-329.09M; Indonesia-269.54 M; Brazil -212.39M; Pakistan 204.60M; Nigeria-200.96M; Bangladesh- 168.06M; Russia - 143.90M; Mexico- 132.33M; Philippines rank 13th with 108.106M.



FASTEST BIRDS

Peregrine Falcon – Can dive at speeds of over 322 kph/200mph

White Throated Needletail – Top recorded speed of 171kph/106mph

Frigate Bird – Can reach speed of 153kph/95mph

Spur-Winged Goose – Can fly at 142kph/88mph



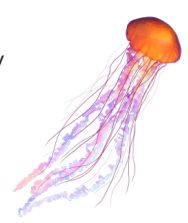
Friendliest Races

The three friendliest countries in the world are Portugal, Taiwan, Mexico, while the un-friendliest nations, according to expats staying there are Kuwait, Switzerland and Austria.



FACTS ABOUT JELLYFISH

- A group of jellyfish is called a "bloom" or a "smack"
- Jellyfish are said to be "biologically immortal " as they can regenerate themselves if their body starts to deteriorate through age or damage.
- Jellyfish roam the seas for over 700 million years, making them the oldest multi-organ animal.
- Jellyfish prefer to live in coastal areas.
- Box jellyfish is one of the most venomous animals. Its stings has the potential to kill humans within 5 minutes.
- Jellyfish are invertebrates: They have no eyes, ears, mouth, heart, brain and bones. Their skin is so thin oxygen can pass easily through their body.
- Jellyfish is 95-98% water.
- Jellyfish are carnivorous. They feed on planktons, small fish, crustaceans and even jellyfish.





“Living indoors without fresh air quickly poisons the blood and makes people feel tired and seedy when they don’t know why. For myself, I sleep out of doors in winter as well as summer. I only feel tired or seedy when I have been indoors a lot. I only catch cold when I sleep in a room.”

-Robert Baden Powell





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FROM THE PRESIDENT

ROBERTO M. PAGDANGANAN

WE CAN MOVE MOUNTAINS

I thank the members of the National Council and National Executive Board, some of them my colleagues when I was the National President back in 1996-1998, for giving me this opportunity to lead the Boy Scouts of the Philippines again. This is the third time that I got elected as National President. I feel great once again as I will take this as another opportunity to share my own brand of service to our organization. You will find in me a working president. I just hope that you will join me in this undertaking. With us working together, we can move mountains.

The rising number of children getting involved in various crimes, especially drug-related mischiefs, are very disturbing. It saddens me to think that the world is not fully aware that one of the only solutions to many social ills besetting the society is Scouting. I could still not believe why some sectors do not recognize the benefit of Scouting not just to its members but to the society as well. What a peaceful and developed community could be if majority, if not all of its young citizens, are Scouts.

We are threading on perilous time; the world is spinning faster; our technology is changing every second, that sometimes, we can no longer determine what it means to be human. Sooner or later, humanity could no longer bear the pressure of a more modern technology where the only distinction between humanity and robotics is the heart. We need Scouts to remind us that we still have reason to believe in the power of the human spirit.

Now is the time, I believe, to strengthen the presence of Scouting in the community. More clean up campaigns, more tree planting and more good turns daily. We should show them what Scouting can do to the community and to its young members. If we can do this, parents will send their sons and daughters to Scouting, more people will volunteer as trainers, and more will be willing to stand as sponsors or supporters to our activities. Let us also involve the parents to our activities. I remember the father-and-son camp when I was still a young Scout.

I appeal to our Scout leaders to send our Scouts to the street to clean, to help manage traffic, and offer help to their neighbors in a true gesture of service. Let us show them the way to a good leadership, after all, these boys and girls shall inherit this world we only borrowed from them. We need more Scouts to run this country in the future, we need Scouts who are willing to give distinction between humanity and inhumanity or Scouts who know the line separating apathy and concern.

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The President Returns

Five million trees, four million Scout members, the return of father and son camping and other relevant but forgotten Scouting activities. These are among the projects of come-backing Boy Scouts of the Philippines National President Roberto M. Pagdanganan, who regained the leadership of the BSP 23 years after his election in 1996 and again in 1998.

"These would be my contribution to BSP and I shall make these as highlights of my renewed leadership," he said.

The man speaking is no stranger to Scouting. He belongs to a group of people who refused to give up their neckerchief as proven by his colorful stints as volunteer Scout Leader in Bulacan Council and the National Office, where he got elected to the board in 1992 and subsequently as National President of the entire organization four years later. As a young Scout, he was one of the members of the Bulacan Council contingent to the 10th World Jamboree held in the Philippines in 1959 and since then had acquired his latent fondness for

Scouting.

Born from a humble beginning --his father, a former barangay captain and municipal councilor, was a carpenter-farmer and his mother a market vendor -- he was a consistent honor student and graduated valedictorian from elementary to high school. During his time, he was the first and only summa cum laude at the Manuel L. Quezon University's (MLQU) School of Engineering where he took up BS Chemical Engineering. Obet, as he is fondly called, earned his Master's Degree in Business Administration from the De La Salle University and his Bachelor of Laws from MLQU. He was conferred a Doctorate Degree in Education Honoris



Causa by the Bulacan State University in 1995 and took an Industrial Marketing at Ashridge Management College in England in 1977.

The new BSP president became a Chemical Engineering teacher at the MLQU and the Pamantasan ng Lung-sod ng Maynila and became a topnotch governor of Bulacan in the '80s. In being a professor and a governor and a "Scout leader," Obet believed that "the ultimate challenge and reward for a leader is to



Rodolfo C. Pangilinan
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Nais kong batiin ang mga editor at pamunuan ng *Philippine Scouting Magazine* sa muling pagbabalik ng makahulugan at makasaysayang magazine para sa mga Iskawts. Labis akong natutuwa sapagkat alam kong ang *Philippine Scouting Magazine* ay isang malaking ehemplo para sa ating mga kabataang miyembro. Marami itong kapupulutan ng aral at pagkatuto na sya naman nating itinuturo sa lahat ng kabataang Iskawts. Buo ang suporta ng aming Rehiyon sa adhikaing muling mapalaganap ang mabubuting balita para sa kapakanan ng lahat. Kung ano man ang aming maitutulong ay bukas ang aming pintuan para mas lalu pang ikatatagumpay ng *Philippine Scouting Magazine*. Hinihikayat ko ang aking kapwa Iskawts na suportahan ang ating magazine. Atin ito at walang sino man ang mas dapat magmahal sa legacy na ito kundi tayong lahat.

Mabuhay ang PSM!



Remembering Filipino Heroes in Tarlac

be able to help mold the youth to become better leaders and citizens.”

Before becoming an OIC-Governor of Bulacan, he was an entrepreneur and top executive at the Unilever-Philippine Refining Co., where he worked for 18 years and held various executive positions. While working, he underwent training in various management courses at the company’s training center and eventually at the Ashridge College of Management in England. Obet was a well-known street parliamentarian; he joined several street protests in the ’70s and ’80s. After the People’s Power Revolt in 1986, he was appointed OIC governor of Bulacan by then President Corazon C. Aquino. He ran unopposed when elections were held two years later. In 1992, he got re-elected to his post with record-breaking margin of 190,000 votes against his opponents. The margin was acknowledged to be the highest in the history of the province. Under his watch, Bulacan became a consistent recipient of prestigious national awards, foremost of which were the Gawad Galing Pook Awards and,

Regional Outstanding winner in Nutrition. The province also was the first recipient of the National Heritage Awards or the Gawad Pamana ng Lahi for Outstanding Local Governance in the Province Category. This recognition, dubbed as the Mother of All Awards, was a testament to Bulacan’s distinction as a top province in terms of cooperative, cultural development and social services. It was under his

administration that Bulacan gained the title “Cooperative Province of the Philippines,” for creating more than 900 cooperatives with total combined assets of P1.7 billion and P900 million in savings. This rare feat was made possible due in part to his strong belief in Sustainable Countryside Development through education, local autonomy and cooperative-entrepreneurial development where, according to him, the “key to national development lies in local autonomy and in a dynamic GO-NGO-PO synergy. Thus, his motto: “There should be less government in business and more business in government.”

A leading advocate of local autonomy for peace and development, he was the president of League of Provinces for three times starting in 1990.

With Scouting closer to his heart, he did not re-

fuse an invitation to join the board of Bulacan Council where he was elected chairman in 1987 and in 1990. During his term as president of the BSP, the Movement managed to breach the three million membership mark and became active part in the conduct of big national activities like the 1999 National Jamboree where more than 35,000 Scouts from all over the country joined the millennial event. As president of the BSP, he strongly advocated a “friendlier environment.” In a message published on the Diamond Jubilee Yearbook, he said: “By this resolve, Scout friendliness takes on a new meaning – that a Scout is not only a friend to his fellowmen, but a friend to the environment that sustains him. He is more than a guardian against pollution or deforestation today. He must be a living example of respect for the right of future generation to a healthy and beneficial world.”

Under his command, the BSP is now embarking on a renewed task to be the guardian of the environment by targeting five million trees planted by Scouts.



With Senior Scouts



Bienvenido B. Toledo
Regional Scout Director
Visayas Regions

I feel proud that the *Philippine Scouting Magazine* is now in circulation. I believe this is just the beginning of another journey for the magazine which has been witness to history of Scouting in our country. PSM has been a very important part of Scouting legacy. For years, it has become the primary source of information especially by Scout leaders and the young members who were on the look out for new ideas and information about Scouting. I encourage everybody to support our magazine in anyway we can. This is our own legacy to the next generation and ours to keep as a memento of our greatness. I congratulate the staff and of course, the national office, headed by our Secretary General, for reviving *Philippine Scouting Magazine*. I salute you, sirs and madams.

COLLECTING SCOUTING STUFF

By Nixon A. Canlapan

Scouting is an extra-curricular activity with many interesting extra-curricular activities. One of those is collecting, a “childhood” hobby that includes finding, gathering, accumulating, organizing and presenting objects or stuffs that interest a person.

Since the introduction of Jamborees and local and international events, collecting Scouting items has become a trend among Scouts from all over the world. This stemmed from the traditional swapping or trading activities in Scouting events. Except for antique items, which are at least 100 years old, or vintage, which may not yet be considered as antiques, or stuff with limited production, it is easy finding collectable items as they are readily available in some Scout shops or stores for sales. Most novice collectors start their hobby by purchasing items that were recently made or produced. And as time passes by, start to look for something that is unique and not easy to find.

Uniforms, neckerchiefs, patches, slides, belts, coins, issuances (souvenir stuffs), and commemorative stamps are the most common items for Scout collection. Scout collectors attending international or invitational training, moots, Jamborees and other activities



SCOUT LEADER SEVILLA with his Collection of Neckerchiefs

normally carry extra items for swapping with their counterparts from around the globe. Event organizers allocate trading zones to give participants the opportunity to swap items with one another as part of their free-time activity.

Scout leader Jade M. Sevilla is new in collecting. “I feel happy just looking at them,” he said. Sevilla is collecting neckerchiefs, patches and slides. He is one what we may call a novice. He started collecting after receiving a neckerchief from a Japanese Scout during the First ASEAN Jamboree in 1993 and a patch

during the 1994 exchange program between the Quezon City Council and the Chiba Council of the Scout Organization of Japan. Starting with only one neckerchief, his collections ballooned to 74 in just three years.

“Actually I did not even call it collection as there were only a few in my possession. I am not like those who have accumulated truckloads of collections,” he said. He stopped collecting after graduating from high school. “I kept what I had accumulated during my

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COMMON BUGS THE FUN IN

Of the eight letters comprising the word "Scouting", six are for "outing". This could be the reason why Scouting is commonly associated with the wilds, open fields, mountains, camping, hiking and outdoor cooking. The outdoors are the Scouts' own classroom; there are no walls, no ceilings, no floors stopping Scouts from getting out of their own comfort zones for adventures of a lifetime. To many, life in the forest or mountain, whether joining the Jamboree or troop camping or hiking, is one priceless experience worth remembering. Especially if the camp is worth a selfie.

However, not all is well at the outdoors. Beneath the pale moonlight lurk creatures which could be dangerous to one's health; some of them are little beasts that could cause big problems – bugs!

There are abundance of bugs everywhere. Even our house is filled with pesky bugs that could be as deadly as the one we could find in an open field or a creek in the forest. Bugs come in a variety of shapes and sizes and eating habits. However, not all could be instantly seen by the naked eye and most of the time, symptoms of bug bites manifest only several days after they were inflicted, in our case, days after a Scouting event.

Scouts must always be prepared before going for a camp. A bottle of insect repellent and anti-inflammatory lotion or anti-itch lotion should always come in handy to protect against bug

bites before or after the attack. It is common knowledge that Scouts should bring their first aid kits and toiletries for personal hygiene. The soap you bring may be useful more than you think.

Here are the five common bugs that should be avoided in camping:

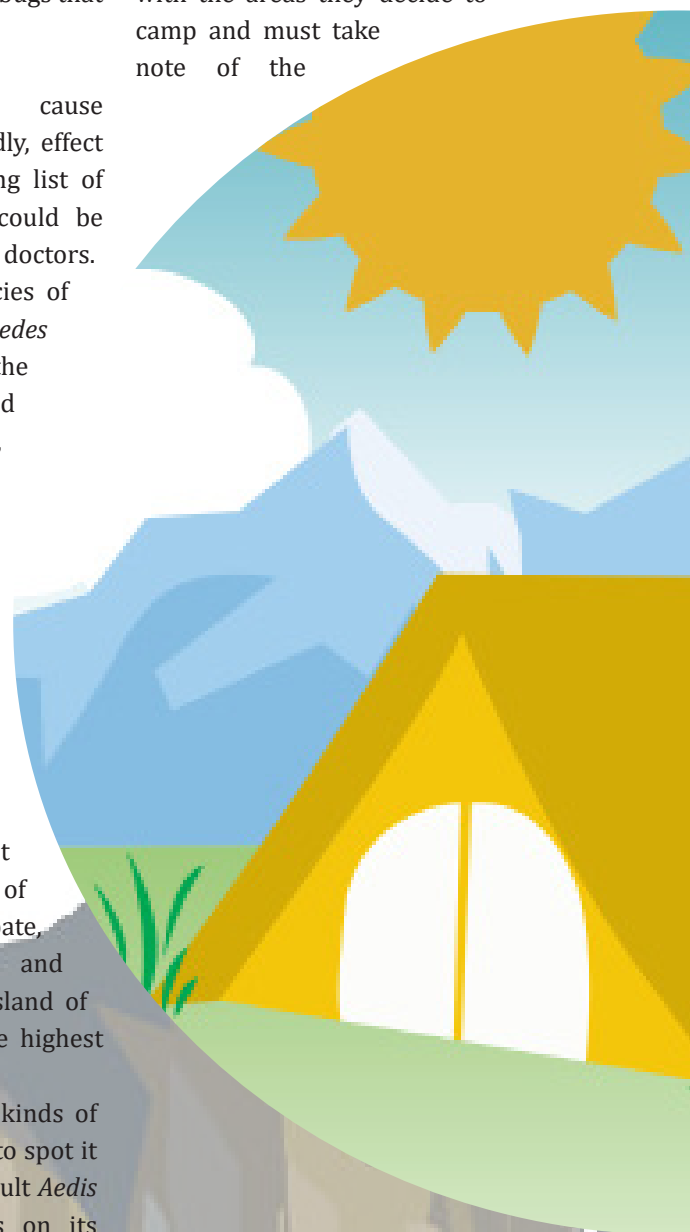
MOSQUITO

Mosquito bite can cause unimaginable, sometimes deadly, effect on its victims. They carry long list of vector-borne diseases that could be fatal if not properly treated by doctors. The three most common species of mosquitos to avoid are the *Aedes Aegypti*, which could transmit the deadly Dengue or H-Fever and chikungunya; *Anopheles SPP.*, responsible for the spread of malaria and *Culex spp.*, the main culprit for the Japanese B – Encephalitis. Repeated bites from these three culprits could also cause filariasis, a disease cause by microscopic round worms which could cause elephanthiasis where the limbs, genital organs swell to monstrous proportions. Most cases of filariasis occur in areas of Bicol, Quezon, Mindoro, Masbate, Mindanao, Palawan, Agusan, and the Mountain Province. The island of Palawan is known to have the highest cases of malaria in the country.

Scouts must avoid these kinds of mosquitos and should be able to spot it if they see one. Example, an adult *Aedis* mosquito has dark markings on its

body while *Anopheles* mosquito has pale and dark markings on its wings. *Culex* mosquito's wings and legs are covered with brown scales.

Scouts should also be familiar with the areas they decide to camp and must take note of the





BUGS THAT SPOIL CAMPING.



By Nixon A. Canlapan

surroundings. Areas littered with plastic bottles or used tires and other discarded food containers like styro cups that could hold clean water can be good breeding grounds for mosquitoes. Scouts must also remember to always dispose garbage properly, especially containers as they

could host mosquitoes that could hatch eggs that become blood-sucking little monsters in six to eight days. Creeks and puddles with unpolluted water, specially in cooler and darker areas, are good breeding grounds for Anopheles mosquitos, while Culex mosquito thrives on dirty or polluted stagnant water. The presence of larvae (*kiti-kiti* in Filipino) could mean the presence of mosquitos ready to suck blood and transmit disease.

TICKS

Who says that ticks can only be found on cats and dogs? Places with long grass, fallen leaves, trees and rats could be home to the pesky parasites known as the ticks. The ground you eye to pitch your tent could also be home to ticks specially if it is surrounded by trees and dead leaves. Scouts should take precautions when in these areas and must avoid lying or sitting on the ground. These parasites do not fly but they can jump and can readily attach themselves to potential hosts where they can stay for days of blood feast. They attach themselves to body parts like underarm and even genital areas. While they are not painful, it could cause discomforts like itching and could transmit bacteria that causes lyme disease, which is characterized by rashes, headaches, fever, chills and if the condition worsens could cause neurological and cardiac disorders.

Scouts can remove the ticks with hands but is is recomendable

to use gloves or tweezers and should immediately wash the affected area to avoid infection. It is best to check clothes or items brought from the camping as they could be infected with ticks. To avoid getting eaten by ticks, Scouts should never forget to bring insect repellent and apply it to skin before basking on unfamiliar territories.

CHIGGER

Many may not be aware but there is one species of arachnid that could spoil the fun in camping. There may never have been reports of chigger infestations in other parts of the country but studies found some of these invinsible (because they are hard to spot) parasites in areas of Leyte and Negros.

Chiggers can burrow itself under the skin and other areas of the body like ankles, waist and the spot between the toes and fingers and start wreaking havoc on affected areas like extreme itching, swelling which resemble pimples and could turn into wound or lesions from persistent scratching.

When hiking in unfamiliar vegetation which could be infested with chiggers, Scouts should wear long pants and high top shoes and tightly woven clothings. Scouts should also tuck in their shirts. Once attacked, Scouts must take a bath and scrub the affected areas with soap. Again, no first aid kit without antihistamine or anti-itching cream.

ANTS

There are many species of ants in the country and debate is still ongoing whether we have fire ant which is



HOW TO ENCOURAGE YOUR PARENTS TO SEND YOU TO CAMPING



Parents, sometimes, are too picky in allowing their children to join school activities. Most of the time, the problem boils down all to safety, expenditure and trust. Scouts are no exception to this parental concern.

Scouts cannot join bigger activities like camping, camporee, hiking or Jamboree without their parent's consent. Scout leaders make sure that a letter of consent is fully signed by the parents or guardian before a Scout could join. It goes with doctor certification if it is bigger Scouting activity, especially for Scouts with medical history. In public schools, leaders are required to obtain official travel order from the Department of Education to be allowed to join activities. Scouts, too, shall get the same before they could be excused from their classes. Private schools normally seek waiver from parents or guardian. An excuse letter, also from parents are required by the teachers.

Here are some tips for Scouts to be able to encourage their parents to allow them in joining Scout activity.



The last hurdle to joining Scouting activity is a "yes" from your parent

1. The economics of saying "yes"

Make sure that joining the activity would not cost your parents too much. Before asking them, try to save money for registration, uniform,

food, and other Scouting stuff. Scouting has been teaching its members to be thrifty and be resourceful and self-reliant. This is your chance. Not so long ago, Scouts were encouraged to earn money before joining camping or Jamboree. Program Assistant Lito Velasco of the Field Operations Division of the BSP said that during his time, they could not join Scouting activity without saving their own money for registration and other expenses.

"We normally would give our money to the patrol treasurer for safekeeping and when the camping or Jamboree comes, the treasurer would give the money back," he said. This way, he said, they would also start earning Merit Badges.

Ariel Manalo, also a Program Assistant, said Scouts during his time were allowed to solicit funds. "Aside from encouraging us to sell old magazines, newspapers, used bottles and plastics, we were also allowed to solicit money. However, soliciting should be properly done and must be approved by the Council and the Unit leaders," he said.

2. Ensure proper behavior– If there are things that most parents worry about are their children meeting

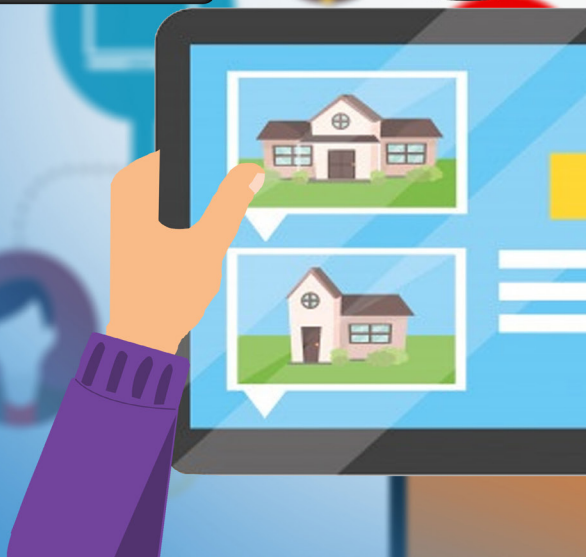




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REASONS WHY SCOUTING IS BETTER THAN GADGETS.

By Nixon A. Canlapan



There is no denying the massive advantages of modern technology to humanity. The super modern gadgets, which were the highlights of some James Bond and science fiction movies a long time ago, are upon us and are changing the way we think and act faster than we could spell the word technology.

As the world is changing faster than we could imagine, our lifestyles including the way we think, act are also changing. Everything in this world can be done using the gadgets, our households are literally slave to electronic gadgets. Our mom's kitchen are littered with gadgets from onion slicer to the blender to dish washer. Our dad used to have huge utility box containing carpentry tools, now, he can cut woods and paint the walls and smoothen surfaces with special all-in one gadgets that can be bought online. We can now talk to loved ones from any part of the world anytime we want. Gone are the days when we have to wait for hours on a long que at the PLDT to make a long-distance call. Telegram and letters, except for some like legal matters, are things of the past. Hey, just a few months back, you enjoy watching pirated CDs on your all-in-one CD player. Now, there are clear copies of blockbuster movies available on FB. Either you save it on your cellphone or watch it together with your friends on FB, but this constitute piracy. And oh, Super

Mario levelled up, video games look like they are real that even the hair are moving and yes, there are many games that one could enjoy playing with friends or not friends several oceans apart.

Before the cut-and-paste technology, school research was the most horrendous part of schooling. Now, doing assignments is more fun as long as you have the wifi that would connect you to the world wide web.

Scouting is also slowly but surely catching up with technology. Before there were only a Jamboree on the Air using the old but reliable ham radio (yes, we still use the ham radio), several years ago, we introduced the Jamboree on the internet. The BSP used to try Text Jamboree.

Some people are asking: With modern technology hovering around us, where learning can be had in just a click of the mouse, how can Scouting fare with the dizzying phase the modern technology offers, especially the nano technology of the modern gadgets? Is Scouting still relevant when most of would-be members would rather be left alone in their room playing Rules of Survival and the levelled-up version of Dota for hours without interruption than joining camping or hiking?

The answer is probably NO. And here are nine good reasons why Scouting is better than the gadgets.

HERE ARE NINE GOOD REASONS WHY SCOUTING IS BETTER THAN THE GADGETS.

1 YOU CAN NEVER PLANT A TREE WITH AN ANDROID

There is massive depletion of the ozone layer and Scouting is doing its share to hinder global warming. Scouts have moral responsibility to help preserve what has been left of the environment; this is our call. It is not bad taking a break and part ways with your gadgets and help plant trees. Tinkering with gadgets all day long is no equal to planting just one tree for an hour or two. Don't just wish that our planet is as beautiful as the picture of nature on the homescreen of your cellphone. Make it real, kick a leg and get a shovel.

2 SWEATING OUT IN AN OBSTACLE COURSE IS BETTER THAN KILLING ZOMBIES

No matter how far you have gone and how many you have neutralized, zombies will come endlessly from nowhere and you will always end up eaten alive unless you reboot. Zombie adventure tend to take your time away from physical activities. Sitting all day in front of the computer or playing your PS4 makes you sluggish, lazy and slothful. Take a break, Scouting requires members to be healthy and strong in body and spirit. It has program that will make you sweat it out in some activities. Camping and Jamborees offer different physical activities like obstacle course, wall climbing, hiking, athletics, boating, swimming and many more. You do not earn badges in catching picachu, but you will find winning friends through this games fulfilling.

3 MOBILE LEGENDS ARE NO MATCH TO THE LEGENDS TOLD AT THE CAMPFIRE

As an added Scouting fun in camping or Jamborees, Scouts gather at night for a campfire where stories are told or reenacted and wisdom are shared and gained. Here, Scouts are given the chance to showcase their talents in singing and dancing, drama and comedy skits and story-telling, oration and other group and individual performances. The adventure is real. No points collected but happiness is.

4 WHY TEXT IF YOU COULD TALK DIRECTLY TO YOUR SCOUT FRIENDS

Forget your jejemons because meeting old buddies and making new pals in camping activities are better than texting them. Here, you don't need to text long messages only to get a "Klang (short for Okay lang)" for an answer. You can have all the time in the world to talk and play together and bond together as you enjoy the company of each other in flesh and blood.

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YOU MEET FIRST BEFORE ADDING FRIENDS ON FACEBOOK

Meeting friends or would-be friends in person is better than searching for random names on Facebook. You don't just add strangers to your more than 4,000 friends for having good profile picture. There are posers out there using photos not their own; most of them are scammers. Scouting provides opportunity to meet new friends. It is better to shake the hands of a friend before adding them as your Facebook buddies.

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YOU DONT NEED WAZE AT THE CAMP SITE

Mind you, getting lost in a sea of 35,000 Scouts in one big Jamboree is more fun than finding address using Waze app. Aside from the camp maps there are many Scouts more than willing to point at the directions you want to go. They could be your friends, too.

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LEARNING BY DOING IS BETTER THAT LEARNING FROM GOOGLE

Have difficulty following written instructions? Join camping and you will do things before learning it the hard way. Maybe google has some step by step instructions on frying egg using candle and bondpaper, but your fellow Scouts know better than following instructions in bullet points. Remember: Scouting provides non-formal education. The best way to learn in Scouting is to do things right yourself. The rest will follow, you cannot google that.

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THAT IS WHY THERE IS THE 7TH SCOUT LAW

How much would it cost your mom to buy you a new gadget? How does an upgrade cost? How much do you spend "loading" your phone everytime you run out of load? The 7th point of the Scout law says you must be thrifty. A Scout must realize the amount of money one has to shell out in buying new gadgets, uploading paid game apps, pre-paid loading, and buying accessories. When you count them it may be enough to buy books and other school supplies and probably a set of new Scout uniform. Saving your parents' hard-earned money is just as honorable than spending it on some fancy gadget accessories.

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SCOUTING. NOT VIOLENT VIDEO AND ONLINE GAMES. TEACHES DISCIPLINE

According to a study, violent videogames can lead to "an increase in aggressive thoughts, angry feelings, physiological arousal, including increased heart rate, and aggressive behavior." While many experts say otherwise, these effects run counter to what Scouting trains its members. While Scouting promote competitive games, it does not allow any game that would promote violence and aggressive behavior. Games are part of discipline in Scouting, here, Scouts are taught to accept defeat with dignity and victory with humility. Scouts are taught to compete in games not just to win, but to promote brotherhood and sportsmanship. So try outrunning your brother Scouts in obstacle course that outsmarting your online enemies on Counterstrike.



PHILIP DURKEE CARMAN

The First President in Philippine Scouting

(8 Jan 1882, Morgan Park, Chicago–7 Feb 1945, Santo Tomas Internment Camp, Manila)

By Samuel Salter



In early 1945 the Battle of Manila began. Even as wars go, it proved to be an altogether vicious, senseless, wasteful exercise in carnage, stupidity, hubris, and inhumanity. Philip Carman was just one name in a crowd of at least 200,000 killed. He died, he was buried, that was that. He was forgotten. Life went on. No one remembered, no one knew, no one cared, except his family and perhaps a few friends. Life had to go on. The dead had to bury the dead. Those who survived had to rebuild their damaged lives, in the mainland United States or in the devastated US Philippine Islands, that became the devastated Republic of the Philippines the following year.

Fast-forward to 2012. As a parallel to my search for roots and ancestors, I felt compelled to find out what ever happened to the Manila Americans, including the noble men who served in the Boy Scouts of America Philippine

Islands Council. I did find some of them. Later, in 2016, I visited Philip Carman's grave – a lonely, but serene, airy, simple, peaceful place amidst the hustle and chaos of Metro Manila. As I looked at his grave, it occurred to me that no one had visited him in 71 years. Of course, there were visits. These were the regular visits to the entire area made annually by veterans' organizations on Memorial Day, honoring the hundreds of his cemetery mates, for he was one of a handful of civilians interred with a mass of military

personnel. Still it would be safe to say that no one had visited him in particular. How could anyone visit him when no one remembered him after he died at UST in 1945.

In the books *Scouting for Filipino Boys* and *Boy Scout Book*, he was "P. D. Carman" – some guy in a list of names. No one really knew him, or for that matter, all of them who served in the Council.

Neither of the said two books nor any other writing after that ever mentioned anything about any of the men of the BSA Philippine Islands Council. Their memories had long faded into the cloudy mists of time. No one knew what became of "P. D. Carman" and



The author visits Carman's tomb at the Libigan ng mga Bayani



FIVE THINGS I MISS ABOUT SCOUTING

By Marc Oliver Fernandez

(The author is a Bachelor of Secondary Education graduate but his passion for the arts lead him to a different career path. He now works as a Graphic Artist in an Indonesian based Company. When he's not in front of the computer conceptualizing art m

aterials and rendering designs, he spends his free time playing football, creating whimsical doodles, staring blankly at the ceiling, reading comics, and just letting himself drift away from the thin line of fantasy and reality)

I have been into Scouting since elementary. In fact, it has been a big part of my childhood. Even today, I always aim to live by its principles.

Scouting has big influence on what I have become and on what I have been striving to achieve. It will always have a special place in me -- the experiences in all the Jamborees I participated, the friendship and lessons I gained from my fellow Scouts and leaders, and all the knowledge that honed me to become better individual.

I can only reminisce my experiences in Scouting now that I spend most of the day at my office desk conceptualizing designs or making visual graphics for the company I work in.

In times like this, I think of the outdoors, the tents we used to pitch in the campsites while waiting for the sun set, the lingering crackling sounds of the woods slowly burning at the bonfire, and just being Scouts wearing neckerchief and greeting fellow Scouts "good morning" no matter what time

of the day.

There are things I miss about Scouting; I cannot even begin counting lest I will end up with a hundred bullet points. To sum up a few, of which Scouts and former Scouts can relate, here are five things I miss about Scouting.

1. The outdoors – I miss the outdoors specially the Jamborees. I miss pitching tents and sharing laughter with my fellow Scouts in front of the bonfire.

2. Connecting with nature – Coming from the founder, Baden-Powell himself: "the open air is the real objective of Scouting and the key to its success." I miss how Scouting and its teachings inculcated in us the value of nature and how we must be one with it.

3. Unplugging from technology – No gadgets. No phones. No internet. No mobile games. Just Scouting. It let me rediscover the real world and experience it in a different perspective.

4. Going the extra mile – Scouting pushed me farther than what I could have imagined. It pushed me to go the extra mile. I've made a lot of mistakes, but failing and staying down is not something that Scouting has taught me; because it taught me how to be strong.

5. Getting out, Getting up – I spend most of my time sitting down that I miss the physical activities in Scouting -- running, swimming, jumping, rappelling, and a many more.

Indeed, Scouting taught me various skills that helped shape my life. With strong values and characters, it inspired me to live by the Scout Oath and Law. I will forever be grateful to Scouting that I will carry the things from all the



5 TRAINING MUST-HAVES

By Carmelo B. Francia
Program Officer III

Every Scout worth his salt knows that Scouting thrives in training. As a non-formal education, Scouts train to learn things not taught in the school, church, family and the community. This is the reason why Scouting became, and based on BSP's old vision statement, the "leading provider of progressive, outdoor-based non-formal education committed to develop morally straight, disciplined, concerned, self-reliant citizens in the best tradition of World Scouting."

Through training, Scouts learn a lot of things. Training, of course, starts with the Patrol or Crew Leaders Training Course. Aside from these, Scouts are trained a variety of tasks and responsibilities through learning by doing. Scouts also undergo several advancement training to obtain the coveted merit badges necessary to climb the advancement ladder. Other Councils offer special training to boost skills of members like Emergency Service Training Course, Junior Fire Marshall Train-

ing, Road Safety Training Course, etc. Some Scouts may not be aware, but they must have to undergo training to complete their Scouting adventure, fun, and learning. Here are some tips for those who want to undergo training. But first the definition of terms: Patrol or Crew Leaders Training Course is a three-day training course for Boy and Senior Scouts aimed at teaching them basic knowledge in Scouting. Both training are designed to provide would-be patrol or crew members their role in a patrol or the crew. After the training, the crew or patrol must be able to identify prospective leader of the group and be able to fill up some positions like the Assistant Patrol/crew leader, scribe, quartermaster, grubmaster, cheer leader, treasurer and hike master. Each of these positions has its own functions necessary to ensure smooth flow in the patrol. In some activities like the PLTC and CLTC, patrol positions are being rotated until such time that the Patrol or Crew decides to choose its own leader and designate positions to other members.

TIPS BEFORE ONE COULD GO TO TRAINING

1. PREPARE YOURSELF

Take to mind the importance of training. This is not just an ordinary learning. It is one step to being a true Scout. This training will give someone the chance to prepare himself for leadership role and in preparing him or her to be of service to other. In the course of a Scout's tenure, she or he would be taught various emergency, survival and life-saving technique which can be useful for themselves or for the others.



2. READ READ READ

Read everything about Scouting and its program. Common knowledge about Scouting is good, but having deeper understanding of the Movement, especially in the conduct of training is better. Although it may not be required, reading will sharpen your mind and will not let you down.



3. ASK ASK ASK

Ask your Scoutmaster about available training offered by the Council. This will give you much time to prepare physically and mentally. You may also ask fellow Scouts, who had undergone training, about their experiences. Knowing from those who have been to training will give you better idea of what to expect in the training.



4. ATTEND MEETING/S

Normally, Patrols or Crews who would join training courses conduct meeting, mostly with adult leaders present, to explain about the training. Meetings are important for this may answer some questions that linger in the mind of the would-be participants. Make sure that you attend meetings.



5. PACK YOUR BAG

This is most important, you must be ready with necessary provisions for days of training. Remember, you will be alone in this training; there will be no mother or father at every beck and call to provide what you need. Organizers of the training will provide list of things to bring and list of things to do and not do while in training. Aside from these, be ready to carry tent, sleeping bags, etc.



WHAT'S IN THE BAG?

Scouts must have backpacks that could carry everything they need in camping or training. While some supplies are being made available in cases of camping or training, it is best that a Scout prepares his or her own list of provisions:

- Materials**
Pencil/pen, notebook, writing pads
- Food**
Canned goods, snacks, processed water (at least 35 ml)
- First aid kit**
Insect repellent, non-prescriptive medicines like pain relievers (paracetamol, aspirin, cough medicine, antihistamine cream, etc., sterile gauze dressing, triangular bandages, cleansing wipes, scissors, skin rash cream, cream for insect bites, antiseptic cream, thermometer, cotton, cotton buds, alcohol, etc.
- Toiletries & baths**
Bath soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo
- Emergency**
Raincoat, flashlight, Swiss knife, compass, whistle
- Scout uniform essentials**
Type A, B and C: neckerchief, slides, leather shoes, rubber shoes, socks
- Clothes**
T-shirts, underwear, shorts,
- Beddings**
Blanket, small pillow, sleeping bag,
- Dining**
Spoon and fork, plastic tumbler, plate, cup

SCOUT JUNBERT T. PABON

Messenger of change



Scouting changes people's life. This is one of the divine reasons why it continues to flourish despite distractions that threaten its existence. For over a century, it has touched and shaped the lives of many to believe in the power of the human spirit. One such Scout is Junbert T. Pabon from Bacolod City, Negros Occidental Council.

"When I was in grade school, I was amazed to Scouting's contribution to the development of my brother and his peers in terms of maturity and values formation," he said. Inspired, he joined Scouting in his 7th grade and has never left the Movement. Scouting piqued his interest to higher level that he became an active member since his involvement in 2013. He actively joined several Scouting activities, including community services, camping, Jamborees, youth forum and served in several Council-sponsored events that molded him to become a holistic person.

It helped build my confidence and taught me important life and leadership skills," he told the PSM.

He said Scouting became his roadmap to manhood; it opened his mind to various social issues and guided him to

be closer to God, more compassionate to his fellowmen, and heightened his sense of nationalism.

The Movement's better world framework enabled him to meet and engage like-minded individuals who have the same goal like he has in creating a better world. He said it improved his perspective on his advocacy to serve and inspire others to change their life meaningfully.

Now taking Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology at the University of Santo Tomas, Pabon is currently reaping several recognitions for his life-changing project: "Holistic Development Program for Children in Conflict with the Law at Social Development Center Bacolod City."

The project, which has become the center of his advocacy, has received various awards and seed-grants for its remarkable programs, foremost of these recognition are the Messengers of Peace Award given by the World Organization of the Scout Movement in 2018 and the World Vision Award for Children's Right. It also received grants from the Diversity and Inclusion



Channelling their energies to become "holistic" person

Challenge also of the World Organization of the Scout Movement and the Negrosanon Young Leaders Summit. It was one of the three Best Projects chosen during the Negrosanon Young Leaders Summit Project Pitching and a finalist in the Diversity and Inclusion Challenge of the World Scout Moot and the Sowing Legacy Movement Community Service Awards.

Pabon's project in Bacolod City dealt with children housed at the Social Development Center in Bacolod City. The center, he said, was established as a rehabilitation facility for youth offenders. Its main focus, he said, "is to empower and transform" the city's young offenders into productive individuals before they could be released to their respective families and be part of the society again. These children, who were suspected or accused of committing various offenses, are commonly called Children in Conflict with the Law.

During his visits to the center also part of his group's -- the Interact Club -- humanitarian project and eventually as a volunteer worker at the center, he observed several problems that may negatively affect the center's main objective as a rehabilitation facility. The center, he said, lacked proper facilities and basic amenities necessary

for the mental, physical and emotional upbringing of the children while undergoing reformation process.

These observations led him to realize that the center may not fully serve its purpose and may, in fact, worsen the children's state of being.

"This motivated me and my team to give interventions to the children by conducting creative transformational programs for their holistic development," he said. He admitted that he was initially hesitant to pursue the project, because

"I was afraid to deal with these children. I admit that, at first, I thought that CCL were really hard to handle, however, upon further evaluation, I realized it could be one fun challenge for us." He said he did not have difficulty convincing the management of the center about his project. "I started as a volunteer of a program from the Good Samaritan Helping Hands and Virlanie Foundation, so the center knew me before I spearheaded a separate program," he said.

Knowing the need to cultivate the young offender's moral sense of values, Pabon introduced the Boy Scouts Auxiliary Brigade aimed at utilizing the ideals, values and principles of Scouting in indoctrinating the wayward youths with virtues of the love of God, country and fellowmen. "I thought that through Scouting, I may help them realize their potentials as responsible and conscientious citizens and to transform them into peacemakers as they go back to their respective communities," he said. A total of 40 youth offenders participated in the activities and 35 of them were donned with Scout neckerchiefs at the start of their seven-day program.

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This house, their home

Always a scout:

GERRY ONG TAN

By Nixon A. Canlapan

He thought they were the best and their practiced routine would be the toast of the entire Jamboree. It was 1986, his first international Jamboree after reluctantly joining Scouting a year before. However, when he saw contingents from the Boy Scouts of America expertly building a tower using timbers and applying various methods of knots and lashing, he was stunned, and came to realize that Scouting was not just a simple sing and native dance. "It was the best pioneering I have ever seen and I was jealous," he said.

Board member Gerry Ong Tan joined Scouting as a young boy in 1985, not fully aware what Scouting was all about. His idea of Scout service was to help an old woman cross the street or help direct traffic. He joined Scouting after his cousin warned him, when he was in his last few days in Grade six, that he would have to take CAT (Citizens Army Training), a mandatory military training for the youth, before hurdling high school. He said almost all his classmates detested CAT because of the rigid training, military discipline and the "bad" haircut. To escape those, "my cousin challenged me to join Scouting because training in Scouting was not as stiff and there were endless games to play," he said.

After some convincing, his mom allowed him and his cousin to join Scouting at the Shang Kai Shek College. "I told myself that Scouting was 'pambata lang (for youngsters only)' and would not be as tough or harsh than carrying a



With former BSP National President Jejomar C. Binay

wooden gun under the sun all day long," he said. Soon he found himself joining various Scouting activities geared towards personal growth and skills development.

"It was indeed for youngsters; that's when I realized that Scouting teaches the youth to become good citizens. By molding their characters at a young age, Scouting is creating a society filled with good people," he said.

His skepticism vanished when he joined the all Filipino-Chinese Philippine contingent to the 6th Boy Scouts of China National Jamboree held in Taiwan. He said: "That was my first international event and was the most rewarding." He said he learned so much from that Jamboree that it totally changed his view of Scouting. "I almost gave up when they told me that we had to practice



With N.P. Robert Pagdanganan



Attending the Advance Training Course for Troop Leaders

HELPING CONSERVE WATER IN CAMPING

By: Nixon A. Calapan

Water is one of the most important substances on earth. Next to oxygen, and of course the food we eat, we cannot survive without water. It has been proven that a person can survive for days without food, but not without water. While water is abundant, not all can be consumed. In the poem "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" by Samuel Taylor Coleridge, the sailors whose ship got stuck in the Antarctic Sea, lamented the diminishing supply of water onboard after a series of misfortunes. And so they cried: "Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink."

In recent history, water shortage brought by drought caused the death of 11 billion people and affected two billion more. Water crisis, from lack of source or supply or access to clean water, has become a global concern prompting the United Nations to designate March 22 as World Water Day.

In the Philippines, water shortage comes in dry or summer season where waters in key dams slowly dry up. This dry spell is attributed to the phenomenon known popularly as the "El Nino." Just recently, the government called on the citizens to conserve water until the wet or rainy season arrives where rains from typhoons boost water supply.

As Scouts, we are morally bound to help conserve water because by doing so, we are helping not only ourselves and our families, but the nation as well. Scouts can help conserve water at home or anywhere they go. In Scouting activities there are many ways Scouts can conserve water especially if the sites of the activity use water being supplied by water utilities. If Scouting activities are held in the forest or mountains not close to the metropolis, clean water, of course, is no problem, especially in the presence of creeks or springs (bukal). However, in the absence of natural sources, Scouts should take necessary steps to conserve water while enjoying the camping.

Take the following tips to help conserve water in camping.

1. Take short showers when using camp facilities or use the "Navybath": wet your body, turn the faucet off, lather up and wash, then turn the water on for a quick rinse. When bathing in group, do not play with water.

2. Turn the faucet off firmly after using bathroom facilities. Check the faucet before leaving the place.

3. Report to concerned leaders any leaks in washroom facilities.

4. Scrape off remaining food to reduce the amount of water to be used in cleaning the dishes. As much as possible use a basin for rinsing.

5. Use a glass of water when brushing your teeth.

6. Regulate the use of water in washing clothes. Soak muddy uniform used in some activities before washing them.

7. Plan activities that necessitate use of water like cooking, washing the dishes, cleaning kitchen utensils, muddy tents, etc. Recycle water used in these activities and use them in watering plants around.

8. Be wary of facilities that require water for cleaning. Avoid dirtying the area.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Of all the natural disasters that happened recently in the world, 90% are water-related like flashfloods, tsunamis, typhoons, etc.

- More than one of every ten people on earth have no access to basic drinking water. In rural Africa, women have to walk at least six kilometers every day to fetch water.

- At least 800 children under the age of 5 die daily from diarrhea attributed to poor water and sanitation.



COMMON BUGS THAT SPOIL THE FUN IN CAMPING.

common in the US and South America. One of the most common ant which we are familiar with is the red ant, so called because we do not really know the exact name. Not all ants, however bite, but still, can cause annoying damage as they attack food and rummage even our clothes and camping gears. Those that bite move in swarms and bite repeatedly, causing painful, itchy spots which immediately leave swelling and blisters that could last for a week and could easily be infected with persistent scratching.

Before marking the area for possible camping ground, Scouts must survey the place to avoid being surrounded by this kind of pest. Once a nest or colony is spotted, mostly near sandy areas and shrubs and trees, move away and look for areas to set up your own community. Bites, most often leave burning sensation and should immediately be washed with soap and water. Applying ice pack could lessen the discomfort. Again, Scouts should always wear long pants and socks because ants could easily crawl through your legs up.

Always keep the surrounding clean, specially the tent. Avoid eating near or inside the tent and immediately and properly dispose left-over foods. Bread crumbs and sweets like candies and chocolates and cookies are a magnet to the ants. Always seal them properly before leaving the tent.

BEES

Nothing could be as painful as the sting of the bees. In some areas of the world, some bee species are angels of death. In the Philippines there are

persistent reports of “killer bee” attacks and most of them are in some forested areas where bees build their hives. Scouts should be mindful of their surrounding as they could bump with these stingers. The best solution, if one unfortunately come face to face with aggressive “killer” bees is to “run.” Do not fight the bees as it will only infuriate them and call for help. Remember that bees have their own hordes of soldiers whose job is to protect the queen no matter what. Bee sting could easily cause swelling with burning pain. Bad news if you are allergic to bee sting as it could cause shortness of breath that may cause unconsciousness, wheezing and fast heart rate that could mean cardiac arrest. It could also cause diarrhea and nausea aside from massive swelling and unimaginable pain. The best way to avoid bees is to stay away from beehives. Food, specially fruits and those with strong odor attract bees. If you encounter a bee, don't attempt to shoo it away because it will attack if it feels threatened. One bee sting could send you to the hospital.

SPIDERS

Unlike any other bugs, spiders are less dangerous in the Philippines, but Scouts should not let their guard down as there are two deadly imported species of spider that managed to sneak into the Philippine shore through international shipping. They are the redback spider from Australia which was spotted in Corregidor, Panay and Cebu and the brown widow from western countries which were spotted in Subic Base in Angeles. While there were no reports of deadly spider attacks, it is still best for

Scouts to be careful in choosing camping sites. Areas with more spider web could be infested with spiders. It is said spider venom could be dangerous to children, adult people and those with heart diseases.

FLIES

Every Scout knows exactly what is a fly and what kind of damage it could cause to one's health. Fly is a major carrier of more than 100 disease-causing bacteria or germs like tuberculosis, malaria, salmonella. A few flies hovering around the camping site must be considered a warning sign that there are more coming if campers would not take proper precautions. The best way to fight a fly is to clean the surrounding. Scouts must manage their own garbage. Flies feast on anything from food to dead animals and feces and even wounds. Mosquitoes taste with their feet, the reason why food must be protected from them. When in camping always remember to dig a compost pit as far away from the site to dispose decomposing wastes such as left-over foods, fruits, etc. Wastes should immediately be covered with soil. Uncooked food, specially meats, meat products and dairy products must be protected from flies before it can be contaminated.

Before pitching a tent, make sure that the surrounding areas are clean or are free of garbage or wastes as flies consume wet or decaying matters. It is also wise to survey the areas for possible breeding grounds of flies. If the areas infested with flies seem unmanageable, forget about it and look for another place.

COLLECTING SCOUTING STUFF

Scouting days," he said. Sevilla did not expect that he would have another brush with Scouting until 2014 and that it would ignite a hobby of collecting. "I was sent by our barangay chairman to attend Scouting Orientation Course sponsored by the Quezon City Council. I filed a resolution creating a neighborhood Scouting in our community. As barangay councilor and proponent of the project, I was appointed coordinator of unit 440, otherwise known as the Tandang Sora Neighborhood Scouting," he said.

In 2016, I went to Quezon City Council and offered my services as volunteer. To arm myself being a trainer, I joined advance training course or Woodbadge," he said. He did not know, however, that this will rekindle his interest in collecting neckerchiefs.

His chance to continue collecting came during the 6th ASEAN Jamboree held in Davao City. "I got my neckerchiefs from, Gerakan Pramuka Indonesia, Persekutuan Pengakap Malaysia and Korea Scout Association and the ASARC."

He got his first out-of-country neckerchief when he attended the Disney Roventure Camp held in Sydney Australia in Feb. 2018. It was followed by more neckerchiefs when he attended the 5th International Patrol Jamboree in South Korea in August 2018 where he took home neckerchiefs from Japan, Hong Kong, Korea, Thailand, Vietnam, China, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia and Malaysia. His collection started to expand when he joined the International Day of Peace in September 2018 in Thailand. He took home a Messenger of Peace Neckerchief and the local neckerchief of Scout Association of Thailand.

In the recently held 23th Asia-Pacific Scouts Conference hosted by the BSP, he said, he unexpectedly got more neckerchiefs from some participants from different Scouts organizations like Maldives, Taiwan, Vietnam, Pakistan, Korea and Australia.

"It was fun, I could not forget the faces of Scouts who handed me neckerchief as souvenir from their Scout organizations," he said.

In January this year, he got a Korean neckerchief after attending the ceremony for the 1ST Scout Exchange Program between Jeonnam City Council KSA and the Quezon City Council.

The rarest among his collections, he said, is the neckerchief from Scouts Australia. "Not that it is antique or even vintage, but they have changed the design of their neckerchief and what I have in my possession, my first out-of-country acquisition was, accordingly, the last few issues of Scout Australia before they changed the design," he said.

The most memorable of all his neckerchiefs was the one he got in 1993 during the Exchange Program between the BSP and the Scout Organization of Japan. "I will always cherish this neckerchief, it brings back memories of the olden days of my Scouting years," he added.

The most important, of course, is the neckerchief donned on him after completing the vigorous Woodbadge training. "Looking at them gives me sense of fulfillment. These collections are the living proof of the beauty of life one has to get through Scouting," he said.

As part of the BSP contingent to the forthcoming National Jamboree of the BSA, he said he has been preparing some Scout items for swapping. "I bought neckerchiefs, slides and some patches that I will trade not just with American Scouts, but with other participants coming from all corners of the globe," he said excitedly.

With at 78 neckerchiefs coming from the Philippines and some Scouts organizations, he said he would not stop collecting until he acquired neckerchiefs from all member countries of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

GERRY ONG TAN

dance number," he said. Right there, he came to realize the importance of training. After the Jamboree, he joined the Patrol Leader Training Course, where he gained more insights in running a patrol. This was the beginning of his never ending learning in Scouting, the rest was getting involved in many Scouting activities and joining various training that led him to believe that indeed "Scouting is education for life."

His interest in Scouting grew even more every passing day. "I felt connected, I really did not know the kind of bond that grew inside me. Scouting became a way of life," he said. A 21-day exchange program between Scouts of China and the BSP further ignited his fascination for training. "I learned more from my experiences in Scouting and I grew up thinking what I can do more to pass it forward," he said.

Several national and international Jamborees and training later, the 2015 Golden USA Awardee, still continues to hold on to Scouting, 29 years after that fateful day when he took the challenge from his cousin.

"What I like most in Scouting is the sense of camaraderie among members. Scouting breaks the barriers of color, political creeds, gender and religion. Scouts move as one. We work together as a team," he said. He said he saw these in various international Jamborees, some of which he served as contingent head or as parts of the international service team. Scouting brought him to Taiwan, Korea, Japan, Australia, Thailand, Canada, and England and to almost all part of the country where national and international Jamborees were held.

Now Scouting for 29 years, Ong said "I am happy to be part of Scouting

family. This is my home and I shall always be here to serve," he said.

"As Scout leader, I want to promote a sustained training for our young members. I want our Movement to go back to basic and infuse it with modern knowledge," he said.

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PHILIP DURKEE CARMAN

all the other selfless businessmen and Rotarians who had stood and labored with him in serving the youth of the land. Even his full name was not known.

Philip Durkee Carman was the first President of the Boy Scouts of America Council No. 545, the Philippine Islands Council, founded in 1923 in Manila (where Philippine Scouting started in 1910). Carman sacrificed several years of his business career to serve as the Founding President. The Council was not his idea, but he had been elected. He had been called to place his hands on the plow. And he accepted the responsibility to help build this land by molding growing generations.

Teen-ager Philip Carman arrived in Manila in 1898, aged 16. In 1899–1900, Col. Robert Baden-Powell was besieged by Voortrekkers in Mafeking in South Africa. In 1906 Gen. Baden-Powell read Ernest Thompson Seton's *The Birch Bark Roll* and adopted the book's ideas. In 1907, Baden-Powell held his "Boy Scout" camp on Brownsea Island, in England. In 1908 and 1909 the first Scout troops were founded in the USA. In 1910, William Dickson Boyce incorporated the Boy Scouts of America organization, and Elwood Stanley Brown founded the first Scout troops in Manila (mentioned in the first BSA Handbook, 1911).

In 1920, Baden-Powell held the first World Jamboree in England, while in the Philippines, Philip Carman and Henry W. Elser (brother of Edwin Emil Elser) founded the first real-estate company in the Islands, the San Juan Heights

Company. Later, Carman established P.D. Carman Co., Ltd. with office in Addition Hills, Manila. Like many of the "Manila Americans," Carman went on to work and serve with other organizations in this booming city Manila, the "Pearl of the Orient" "in the Cannibal islands." He was the director of the Manila Building and Loan Association. Naturally, he served as the reviewer on real estate for the American Chamber of Commerce of the Philippine Islands, authoring the annual reviews of the status of the real estate industry for the Chamber's Journal

In January 1941, Baron Baden-Powell of Gilwell passed away. In December 1941, World War 2 broke out – for the United States – in the United States Philippine Islands, forever damaging the rapid momentum of the country's development. The War had been going on in Europe for some time, and President Franklin Roosevelt had been itching to get officially-neutral USA to join the great fray. Already, with questionable legality, Roosevelt had been making moves to send men, materiel, and funds to support the UK and the USSR. But with adversary Germany too far away, Japan, which was just next door to the US Philippine Islands, had to be goaded to fire the first shot, to provide the justification to break the American neutrality. When Japan took the bait, President Roosevelt, however, did not come to the rescue of the US Philippine Islands. Instead he threw the might of the United States against Europe. The entire mainland USA was mobilised to rescue Britain, the Soviet Union, and other countries – but not the US territory of the Philippines which was populated by millions of men, women, and children who were US citizens or US nationals!

Assisting Roosevelt was his handpicked supreme commander in the Philippines, Douglas MacArthur. MacArthur was a retired US Army general living at his posh penthouse at the Manila Hotel, enjoying his retirement years in Manila, the prime destination of

choice for many US military personnel. MacArthur was ordered out of retirement by Roosevelt to take command in the Philippines and execute his grand plan on the global chessboard of geopolitics. MacArthur disallowed the pre-empting of the invasion of the Philippines (over the pleadings of Far East Air Force commander General Lewis Brereton), disallowed the immediate activation of War Plan Orange (over the orders of Chief of Staff George Marshall), disallowed the supplying of food to Bataan (under threat of court martial), and, overall, prevented the possible termination of the USA's participation in World War 2.

When the Imperial Japanese Army occupied Manila in 1942, all civilian US citizens and foreigners were ordered by the Kempeitai to report to the internment camp at the Universidad de Santo Tomas for their "protection." Philip Carman and his wife Edna Lenora Mertz, along with many board members of the BSA Philippine Islands Council, were incarcerated at Santo Tomas Civilian Internment Camp, on the grounds of UST, along España Boulevard. [UST, by then, had been for some four decades the oldest university under the American flag.] At STIC, Philip became a member of the music committee that was tasked with the daily broadcast of music by loudspeaker inside the camp. The hardships of life at STIC are told in several books. (A major source is: *Santo Tomas Internment Camp* by Frederic Harper Stevens (1879-1982), New York: Stratford House, 1946.)

In early 1945, MacArthur ordered two US commanders of the Allied invasion force to race to Manila. On February 3, Troop F of the "flying column" of the US 1st Cavalry Division from Pangasinán reached STIC, forced their way in, and freed parts of the camp, although the Japanese guards barricaded themselves with 200 hostages. On February 7 and 10, the Japanese marines (many Korean) under Admiral Iwabuchi, dug-in inside Intramuros and refusing the

orders of General Yamashita to retreat to Baguio, bombarded STIC, killing 28 people, among them Council President Carman. After four years of travails and threat, President Carman had come this close to rescue and safety. On the very threshold of sweet liberation, Carman had died by the act of a deranged fanatic who intended to die killing as many men, women, and children as he could.

Philip's wife Edna Lenora Mertz Carman died in 1972. They had three children: Ruth Schuyler Carman Lane (1910-1987), Dickerson Mertz Carman (1912-1962), and Edward Hamilton Carman (1915-2008). Their granddaughter Nancy Carman lives in the USA.

In October and November 2016 – some 71 years had passed since he died – I visited President Carman's grave at the American Cemetery, Bonifacio Global City, to pay my respects to a man who had pioneered Scouting in the Philippines, now lying in an "open and secret" grave, heroic and unknown, deserving and unrecognised.

It maybe that, one day, Nancy Carman might be invited to lay a wreath on her grandfather's grave. I hope I could be there, if just to shake her hand and, somehow, have that tiny bit of connection with the secret history of Philippine Scouting.

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HOW TO ENCOURAGE YOUR PARENTS TO SEND YOU TO CAMPING.

mishaps at any activity they get involved in. Sometimes parents spend sleepless nights while their children are away. It is said accident can be avoided; following rules and regulations and taking extra precautions may lessen causes of accidents. Scouts must ensure their parents that they will behave by

following orders from their leaders. By showing interest to what parents have to say about taking good care of selves or behaving in public will soften their stance.

3. Show improvements – Scouting activities like Jamborees or camping are not just for fun. Show your parents the effect of Scouting to your life and they will surely support every undertaking you make including joining bigger Scouting events. Nothing is more important to parents than seeing their child grow better and wiser as they reach the age of maturity. They know from the very start what Scouting could do to their children because, if they were not Scouts themselves, their relatives or friends or someone they knew were. These people would only talk good things about Scouting.

4. Show responsibility – Show them you can do it alone or with minimal help. Organize your own things. Ready your own uniform. Pack your own bags. Prepare your first aid kits, toiletries and some contingency foods. While you may not be considered adult, you must be counted as responsible youth. Use your Scouting skills in getting ready for the first or biggest Scouting event of your life.

5. Answer questions – Again, once you leave the house, your mom will start praying for your safety and wishing she could go with you. If this would be your first time to be separated from them, your mom, like you, may experience separation anxiety syndrome. This may be normal, but assuring them of your safety would be enough at the moment to lessen their concern. Your parents, especially your mom would ask several questions like you are being investigated for a crime you did not commit. Be ready to answer the 5 Ws(What, who, when, where, why) and one H (how) that linger in their minds. If you could answer it correctly, that would give them assurances and your chances of joining the activity would get a lot higher.

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activities and projects transformed the center into one colorful, refreshing, and vibrant community, thus enabling the youths to develop positive outlook in life, he said. "The children were honed with diverse skills from the different activities essential to their holistic growth," he added.

"One interesting moment that I could not forget was the way they rushed to a single water pump to take a bath when we entered the center for their activity during one of our visits. You could feel their excitement and eagerness to look good to impress us. We soon discovered that these children were good at composing and singing rap songs, so we conducted a SongRap Competition to allow them to showcase their talents. More than showcasing their talents, however, we realized that these children were opening up through their songs, a good step towards reformation," he said.

He said it is too early to tell if his project had indeed made a difference in the life of these children, but he is confident that he has imparted in them the beauty of life worth living and that it would change them for the better.

Seeing the success of his project in Bacolod, he is now embarking on another not-so-impossible mission to expand his advocacy to the Regional Rehabilitation Center for the youth in Magalang, Pampanga. "I have already started the two phases of my program titled 'One more Chance: Holistic Development Program for Children in Conflict with the Law at Regional Rehabilitation Center for Youth Region 3.'"

With his conviction and courage to change people's life, his projects will bear fruit.

A SALUTE TO SIR WEA!

As we welcome our new National President Roberto M. Pagdanganan, we thank our outgoing National President Wendel E. Avisado for his huge contribution to Scouting. I am sure many will miss our former leader, who we fondly call Sir WEA. When the Supreme Court had finally ruled that that BSP was a government-owned & controlled corporation, it was Sir WEA who helped us slowly come to terms with being a government agency. Sir WEA guided us on matters of financial management and in dealing with other agencies. For years, he acted as the “check and balance” that made it easier for us to adapt to the new work environment. Of course, this is not actually a total goodbye, being the past president, he automatically became an ex-officio member of the board. WEA is presently working as undersecretary for Special Concerns under the Office of the President, appointed no less than the President, and our Chief Scout, Rodrigo R. Duterte, to the post. Good bye for now, WEA!

Our new president, is not new in Scouting. This is actually NP Pagdanganan’s second stint as president of the Movement. He was BSP president from 1996 to 1998. He resigned in the middle of his second term and turned over the leadership to then Vice President Jejomar C. Binay when he ran for higher office. He returned to the BSP as member Emeritus and since then had worked silently with the board.

During his term, he was very active in practically all Scouting activities needing his inspiring presence like Jamborees, Local Council meetings, among others. I remember working with him, I being the project officer of the Centennial Jamboree in Clark, Pampanga in 1998 and he being Chairman of the Jamboree Organizing Committee. I saw him constantly checking the progress

of the Jamboree and even during the actual event, he could be seen visiting sub-camps to ensure comforts of the campers amid the dust and dirt from the debris of the Mt. Pinatubo eruption.

I call on everybody to support our new President the way we supported outgoing President WEA. Let us pray that with him at the helm of this Movement, we will have better Scouting ahead.

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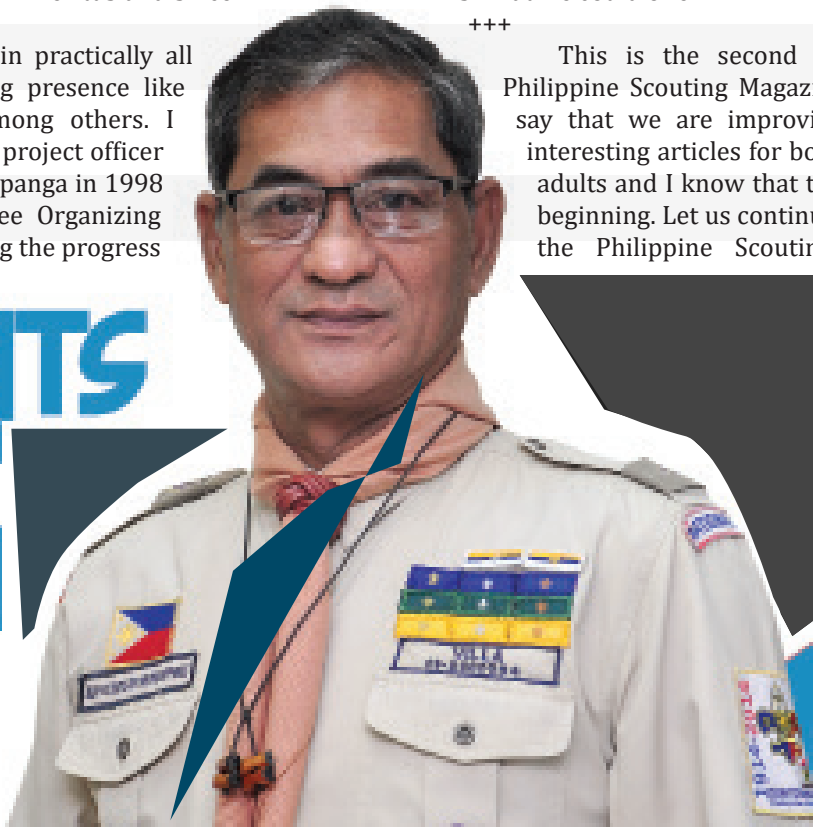
Through this column, I express my heartfelt congratulations and thanks to the Camarines Sur Council chaired by Representative Luis Raymund F. Villafuerte, its leaders, volunteers, Scouts, and the local government unit for the successful hosting of the 63rd Annual National Council Meeting. I still am in Cloud 9 noting that we have made it as one of the best ANCMs we ever had. Indeed, a thank you is not enough for the support given by the province for the Scouting Movement. Through their efforts, the officials have proven themselves worthy of Scouting accolades. Their names will go in history as the Scouts who have touched and made a difference in the lives of many. There are a thousand ways Scouting can repay your kindness, but at the moment, a simple gesture of respect is what we could offer.

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This is the second issue of the Philippine Scouting Magazine and I can say that we are improving. We have interesting articles for both young and adults and I know that this is just the beginning. Let us continue supporting the Philippine Scouting Magazine.



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Secretary General



NEWS FROM THE LOCAL COUNCILS

Navotas City Council Cleanup Drive

By CSE Kim De Leon

The Navotas City Council has been at the forefront of the citiwide cleanup project jointly implemented with the Department of Education-Schools Division Office Navotas City and the City Government of Navotas under the banner program "Navotas Ko, Love Ko".

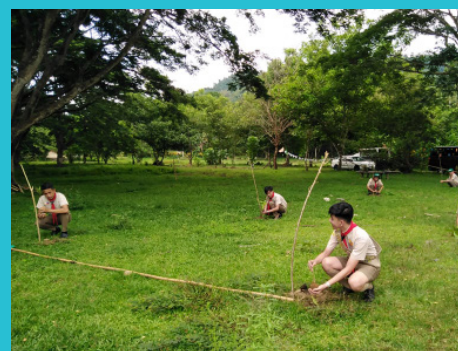
Scouts, along with other student leaders, are mobilized every first Friday of the month to conduct cleanup and information and education campaign within the immediate vicinity of their respective schools. All Navoteños are encouraged to take part in the regular activity anchored on the battlecry - "Kalinisan ng Kapaligiran, Pananagutan ng Bawat Mamamayan".

In support of this environmental initiative, the Local Council has adopted the PEACE through Scouting Initiative (Program Enabling Active Citizenship and Environmentalism through Scouting), which provides incentives for Scouts who will actively participate in waste segregation and recycling. Since its launch in 2018, PEACE through Scouting was able to properly collect and recover almost 1,400 kilos of paper products, 400 kilos of carton/boxes, and 1,000 kilos of PET bottles.

Q.C. Council Ties Up With Jeonnam Council

The Quezon City Council hosted 19 Scouts from Jeonnam Council-Korean Scouts Association from Jan. 9 to 15 for the start of the Council's Brotherhood Exchange Program. The Korean Scouts were biletted to their foster families and were treated to various Scouting and non-Scouting activities like camping and city and provincial tours and visits local officials and the BSP. The group was headed by Dr. Lee Bok Yee, Council Chairman; Lim Seongyre, Secretary General; Yoon Dongwha, Gen. Director of SAPSC; Kang Wonbae, Vice Chairman and several Scout Leaders.

One of the highlights of the event was the two-day joint camping held at the Adventure Quest, Antipolo, Rizal, where they were joined by other Scouts from several schools. Scouts experienced native games and sports, waterfun, quest challenge, talent show, exhibit and the campfire before the camp's closing ceremony. CSE Antonio Merino said QC Council has been extending the arms of brotherhood to several NSOs and the recent event was the first exchange program with Jeonnam Council. Merino said "We did this to learn from each other's culture and tradition and to extend brotherhood for future tie ups and cooperation."



SCOUTS FOR CLEAN AIR

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The Boy Scouts of the Philippines, headed by the National Office together with Laguna Council, linked arms with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the local government of Pagsanjan, Laguna, in celebrating this year's World Environment Day through a tree planting.

The World Environment Day celebration became even more meaningful because of the partnership among various institutions aimed at accepting the challenge in fighting climate change and air pollution and in creating biodiversity in response to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations. With 350 pieces of different species of endemic trees planted in Anibong, Pagsanjan, Laguna, the participants composed of 180 Scouts, 30 Scout Leaders and 80 participants from different agencies vowed to protect and rehabilitate the environment. The trees were geotagged by the DENR to ensure proper monitoring as the Scouts promised to take care of the trees to sustain them.

As part of the activity, the participating Scouts and some members of the community were trained by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources in propagating seedlings to sustain the trees in the community and on proper waste management. The Scouts also underwent training for the World Scouts Environment Programme, the Messengers of Peace and were introduced to the Scouts of the World Award as tools in creating sustainable projects for better communities.

The celebration was headed by Carmelo B. Francia, BSP program officer; this writer, also the BSP Program assistant and coordinator for the World Scout Environment Programme and Green is Go, Go for the Real Thing Project; Atty. Leonardo M. Ragaza, chairman of Laguna Council, Albert Barrero from the DENR;



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