Scout Youth Forum

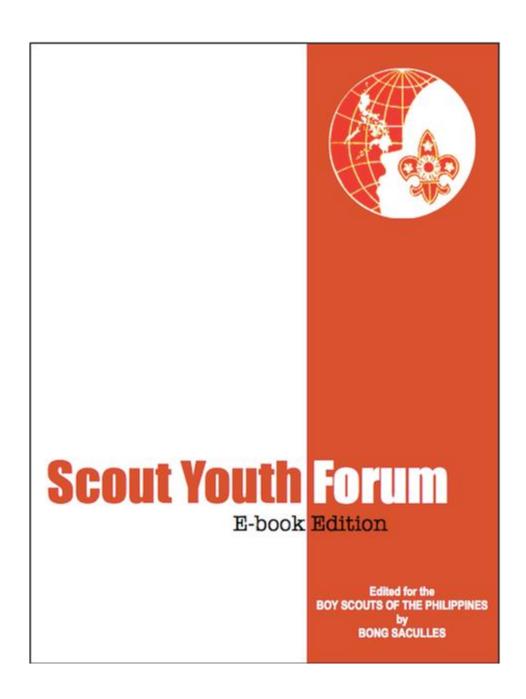
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This is the Boy Scouts of the Philippines' official and approved Guidelines and Procedures in the conduct of a SCOUT YOUTH FORUM at all levels. This is an action-oriented document, aimed at mobilizing concerned young people to work together in order that they themselves are contributory to programs and policies that directly affect them and their communities.

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FOREWORD

Youth Forum is organized to fill the need and clamor for youth participation in the decision-making processes in the Scout Movement, especially in matters and issues directly affecting them, and to provide a laboratory for the development of leadership in young Scouts.

In the past and still today, the planning and management of the Forum is carried out by the young people themselves with only minimum assistance and advice from adults. Even the topics to be discussed are of their own choice and the rules and procedures founded on their own ideas and desires.

It is expected that youth representatives from all corners of our country will take this opportunity to air their views, opinions and make recommendations during the activity.

We hope that this pamphlet will inspire organizers and youth participants to contribute their best in the conduct of the Scout Youth Forum.

Happy Scouting!



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GUIDELINES

I. Introduction

The Boy Scouts of the Philippines recognizes the need for local Scout councils to conduct annual Scout Youth Forums to evaluate their Scout Program implementation.

This pamphlet on Scout Youth Forum is, therefore, a result of feedbacks and clamor from the field to come up with a permanent guide for every Scout and Scouter to follow in the conduct of Scout forums. It should serve only as a guide or maybe modified to suit local conditions in implementation, provided the objectives be of the forum are given priority consideration.

Scout Programs should be developed based on the needs and aspirations of the youth and their communities.

Furthermore, the features of the forum also adhere to the Scout Method. This provides our young people autonomy in their organization, leadership, deliberations, and decisions.

The Scout Youth Forum also provides the youth with a means to bridge their thoughts and ideas into the adult's present thinking. Adults involved in development of youth programs must understand how our youth of today live, grow, study, think, feel, and what they want for their future. It is therefore very important that youth program planning, development, and implementation include youth participation through the Youth Forum.

This material is an action-oriented document, aimed at mobilizing all those concerned young people to work together in order that they themselves are contributory to programs and policies that directly affect them and their communities.

II. Objectives and Goals

OBJECTIVES

- 1. To help young people acquire the experiences and skills necessary to express their views and opinions constructively, particularly 'S matters that affect them.
- 2. To provide an opportunity for young people to discuss matters affecting them in the implementation of the Scouting Program.
- 3. To provide "feedback" to the governing bodies and Standing Committees of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines on the views of the youth on Scouting and other matters that have been referred to them for discussion.

- 4. To enable the youth to effectively communicate their needs and aspirations on present issues and to discover ways to get involved in community service and nation-building.
- 5. To provide young people with better understanding of the differences among people (as a result of shared experiences) in order to help them establish effective relationships with others.

GOALS

The Scout Youth Forum aims to provide Scouts the opportunity to:

- 1. Acquire a better understanding of their roles in nation-building
- 2. Acquaint themselves with national issues in a democratic atmosphere and,
- 3. Discover ways and means to contribute to the solution of these problems.

PROCEDURES

III. Rules

1. Role of the Organizing Committee

The planning of a Scout Youth Forum is done by an Organizing Committee, the composition of which is clearly enumerated in the composition of committees.

The Organizing Committee assists the forum officials (Steering Committee) particularly in the administrative and physical requirements of the Forum. As most of the planning and implementing aspects of the Forum are beyond the control of the Scouts, the Organizing Committee is necessarily supported by a team of dedicated adult leaders. The Organizing Committee Chairperson presides over all plenary sessions until the Forum Chairperson is elected. Thereafter, the latter takes over the leadership of the Forum. The Organizing Committee Chairperson also serves as the main link between the Forum proper and the Forum support and advisory bodies.

- **2. Forum Officials** Also known as Steering Committee together with the Organizing Committee serve as the Resolutions Committee.
- a. Composition and Duties

1) Chairperson

- Orients the participants on specific forum objectives, schedules, house rules, facilities, attire, etc.
- Presides over all plenary sessions and meetings of the Steering Committee;
- Serves as official spokesman of the Forum delegates;
- Responsible for the preparation of the post-Forum report.

2) Secretary

- Takes minutes of the Plenary Session and Steering Committee meetings;
- Serves as main link between the Forum proper and the Secretariat particularly in the preparation of official Forum documents.

3) Member/s

- Act as tellers during voting;
- Perform other duties as the Steering Committee Chairperson may assign.
- 4) Ex-Officio Members (Chairperson of the Organizing Committee and Head of the Program Task Group)
 - Ensure maximum coordination and support.
- b. Manner of Election of Steering Committee

Nominations from the floor and the election will be presided over by the Organizing Committee Chairperson.

3. Voting

- a. If the voting is for officers, each delegation has two (2) votes. Voting should be done by secret ballot, tabulated and the results announced by the tellers.
- b. Voting for other purposes will be by delegates, one vote to each delegate.

4. Selection of Topics for Discussion

It will be the responsibility of the Steering Committee to make up a list of topics to be discussed based on the suggested topics brought up by the Forum delegates, taking care that there will be no duplication

of topics. The topics shall then be assigned to the discussion patrols by drawing of lots by the discussion patrol leaders.

A minimum of two (2) topics per patrol must be observed.

5. Language

The languages to be used during the Forum are English and Pilipino.

6. Discussion Patrols

The delegates will be grouped into Discussion Patrols. Each Patrol will discuss the subjects assigned to them. The Discussion Patrols will submit their individual reports.

7. Resolutions

<u>a. Resolutions Committee</u> - as earlier stated, the Steering Committee together with the Organizing Committee shall serve as the Resolutions Committee. The Chairperson of the Steering Committee shall act as Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee.

The Committee shall take charge of:

- 1) Initiating resolutions of thanks, congratulations, commendations, condolences, and the like.
- 2) Collating and editing resolutions submitted by delegations, individual delegates or the Discussion Patrols.
- 3) Presenting for approval of the Forum a list of resolutions thus initiated, collated, and edited.

b. Style

To save time, all resolutions should begin with "RESOLVED THAT" omitting the lengthy preambles and whereas. The rationale of the resolutions may be explained if needed during the oral reports. As ideas count more in the preparation of resolutions, they should be written in the simplest and most understandable form.

The style should also follow a format, the SPEAR method:

S - subjects

P - problem

- E existing projects/what Scouts are doing
- A agencies involved/aids
- R resolutions/action plans

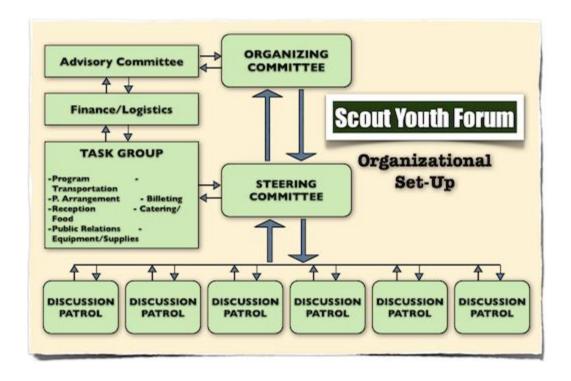
c. Types

There are resolutions of thanks, congratulations, Commendations, and condolences. There are also resolutions for the adoption of certain policies, principles, procedures, projects, etc. previously selected and that are directly related to the subjects discussed. All resolutions are recommendatory.

d. Presentation and Voting

- 1) Each delegate will be provided in advance a list of the resolutions to be acted upon.
- 2) The Chairperson of the Resolutions Committee will present the resolutions to the Forum and the sponsoring Patrol will, if questions arise, explain briefly the rationale of the resolutions.
- 3) After the above procedure, the resolutions are reread and acted upon individually by the Forum. All resolutions that need clarification, consolidation or amendment are tabled for later discussion and action. All non-controversial resolutions are therefore, acted upon with facility.
- 4) The other resolutions are then acted upon giving priority to those resolutions that need clarification only. All resolutions that need consolidation and/or amendments are again tabled for later discussion and action.
- 5) Those remaining resolutions to which some delegates have indicated the desire to consolidate or to propose amendments are then reread and discussed. All speakers for or against, are given time limits to express their views.
- 6) After the discussion, the sponsor, those in opposition to, and all those interested in the reforming, "rephrasing," or rewording of the resolution are asked to meet together to come up with a more acceptable proposal. If necessary, the session may be declared in recess for the purpose.
- 7) The redrafted resolutions are then presented to the plenary session for consideration.

IV. Forum Levels and Participation



A. Forum Levels - There are five (5) levels and participants (to the next level) are elected by the Scouts from among themselves as follows.

FORUM LEVEL	PARTICIPANTS
Institutional Scout Youth Forum	Scout elected in the Troops/Outfits
Municipal/Disrict Scout Youth Forum	Scouts elected in Institutional Scout Youth Forums
Council Scout Youth Forum	Scouts elected in Municipal/District Scout Youth Forums
Regional Scout Youth Forum	Scouts elected in Council Scout Youth Forums
National Scout Youth Forum	Scouts elected in Regional Scout Youth Forums

B. Participation

- <u>1. Number</u> at least two (2) delegates per unit represented (the Regions in National forums, the Councils in Regional forums, etc.)
- $2. \text{ Age} 13 \text{ to } 17 \frac{1}{2} \text{ during the forums.}$

<u>3. Selection</u> – Boy Scouts and Senior Scouts currently registered, holder of at least an Outdoorsman Badge, and elected by the Scouts from among themselves in the preceding Forum.

V. Advisory and Organizing Committees

- 1. Institutional Scout youth forum
 - a. The Advisory committee shall be composed of the following:
 - Head of Institution/Institutional Scouting Representative
 - Council Scout Executive/Field Scout Executive
 - Other Adults as Necessary
 - Local Scouts who have participated in Scout Youth Forums of higher level
 - b. The members of the Organizing Committee are:
 - Senior Patrol Leaders
 - Selected Scouts who have participated in higher forum level and/or served as steering committee members.
- 2. Municipal/District Scout Youth Forum
 - a. The Advisory Committee shall be composed of the following:
 - Chairman, Municipal/District Scouting Committee
 - Head. Host Institution
 - Council Scout Executive/Field or Area Scout Executives/Coordinators
 - Other Adults as Necessary
 - Local Scouts who have participated in Scout Youth Forums of higher level
 - b. The members of the Organizing Committee are:
 - Selected Scouts in the Municipality/District who have served in higher forum level
 - Selected Scouts of the Host Institution who have served in higher forum level
- 3. Area Scout Youth Forum
 - a. The Advisory Committee shall be composed of the following:
 - Chairman, Area Scouting Committee

- Host District Scout Commissioner
- Head, Host Institution
- Council Scout Executive
- Other Adults as Necessary
- Local Scouts who have participated in Scout Youth Forums of higher level
- b. The members of the Organizing Committee are:
- Area Scout Representatives to the Local Council Executive Board
- Selected Scouts who have served in higher forum level

4. Council Scout Youth Forum

- a. The Advisory Committee shall be composed of the following:
- Local Council Chairperson
- Deputy Council Commissioner for Program
- Council Scout Executive
- Other Adults as Necessary
- Local Scouts who have participated in Scout Youth Forums of higher level
- b. The members of the Organizing Committee are:
- Council Scout Representatives to the Local Executive Board
- Selected Scouts of the Host Municipality/District who have served in higher forum level

5. Regional Scout Youth Forum

- a. The Advisory Committee shall be composed of the following:
- Chairperson, Regional Scout Committee
- Chairman, Host Council
- Regional Scout Director
- Other Adults as may be necessary
- Regional Scout Representatives
- Other Scouts who have participated in Scout Youth Forums of higher level

- b. The members of the Organizing Committee are:
- Regional Scout Representatives
- Selected Scouts of the Region who have served in higher forum level
- Selected Scouts of the Host Council

6. National Scout Youth Forum

- a. The Advisory Committee shall be composed of the following:
- National Program Commissioner
- Secretary General
- Director, Program Division
- Regional Scout Directors
- Other Adults as may be necessary
- Scouts who have participated in International Scout Youth Forums.
- b. The members of the Organizing Committee are:
- Regional Scout Representatives to the National Executive Board
- Selected Scouts of the Host Region and the Host Council

DISCUSSION GUIDE

GROUP DISCUSSION... can best be described as a controlled conversation with a purpose, the examination or exploration of a subject/s by a group of people, by means of an exchange of ideas among them. It is a highly democratic institution wherein members learn from each other and it promotes active thinking on the part of all.

THE DISCUSSION PATROL LEADER'S JOB... includes the following:

- Introduce and present the topic for discussion.
- Stimulate the exchange of knowledge and experience.
- Keep the objective of discussion clearly before the group.
- Summarize the discussion.
- Formulate appropriate resolutions.

RAPPORTEUR'S JOB... includes:

- Keeping a record of the main problems, issues, ideas, facts and decisions as they develop in the discussion.
- Summarizing points from time to time as needed.
- Preparing the Patrol's report in consultation with the Patrol Leader and/or designated members of the Patrol.

THE PATROL MEMBERS... need to:

- Confine their remarks to the subject under discussion
- Keep quiet when others have the floor and listen to others point of view.
- Feel free to express in a courteous manner their disagreements on opinions they cannot fully accept.
- Make short statements, not speeches.

VI. WORKING COMMITTEES

PROGRAM

- 1. Prepare program of activities.
- 2. Invite and confirm availability of speakers/guests in accordance with schedule.
- 3. Check program facilities.
- 4. Follow the schedule of activities.
- 5. Conduct staff meeting after the day activities.

PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENT

- 1. Ensure cleanliness and orderliness of forum venue.
- 2. Ensure venue is prepared for the next activity.
- 3. Provide equipment and materials for each activity.

REGISTRATION

- 1. Establish and implement appropriate registration procedures.
- 2. Provide name plates for delegates.
- 3. Prepare/Maintain Guest Book.
- 4. Issue Forum materials.
- 5. Prepare master list of participants and staff.

RECEPTION

- 1. Arrange for accommodations as needed.
- 2. Attend to arrivals and departures.
- 3. Attend to official guests.
- 4. Coordinate use of vehicles with Transportation Task Group.
- 5. Prepare corsage for guests and lei to delegates.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PUBLICITY

- 1. Prepare press release kits and arrange for media coverage.
- 2. Attend to media men covering the activity.

FELLOWSHIP AND SOCIALS

- 1. Take charge of program for fellowship and evening socials.
- 2. Take charge of facilities needed in the socials (such as; tapes, sound system, etc.).
- 3. Coordinate with Food and Physical Arrangement Committees.

RESOLUTIONS

(Jointly handled by the Organizing Committee and Steering Committee)

- 1. The Organizing Committee initiates Resolutions of Thanks, Congratulations, Commendations, and Condolences as necessary.
- 2. The Steering Committee collates approved Resolutions and initiates other Resolutions of Thanks, etc.

SECRETARIAT

- 1. Prepare a list of billeted delegates to facilitate location.
- 2. Coordinate with Program Task Group for materials for typing, mimeographing, etc.

- 3. Prepare listings for Discussion Groups.
- 4. Prepare Forum Proceedings and reports in consultation with Forum Steering Committee.
- 5. Prepare certificates of participation and appreciation.

TRANSPORTATION

- 1. Arrange for safe and prompt transportation services.
- 2. Supervise movement of vehicles.

CATERING/FOOD

- 1. Coordinate with Program Task Group for scheduled meals and snacks.
- 2. Prepare meal tickets for issuance to all registered participants and staff.
- 3. Assist in the planning of the menu.
- 4. Supervise food service.

EQUIPMENTAND SUPPLIES

- 1. Provide office supplies such as papers, marking pens, stationeries, etc.
- 2. Ensure availability of supplies and equipment as needed.
- 3. Ensure proper handling and return of equipment.

FINANCE

- 1. Prepare Forum Budget in coordination with Advisory Committee.
- 2. Solicit funds from sponsors, private donors, and subsidy.
- 3. Take charge of proper and orderly disbursements and accounting of funds.
- 4. Prepare post-forum financial report.

NOTE: If the Forum is held in conjunction with a Jamboree or a Camporee, it is suggested that the Chairperson of the Jamboree/Camporee Organizing Committee and/or the Jamboree/Camporee Camp Chief be included in the Advisory Committee.

ANNEXES

Annex A: FEATURES OF A SCOUT FORUM

1. Recommendatory

All actions taken by the Forum are recommendatory to appropriate policy-making bodies.

2. Youth Planned, Youth Run, Adult Supported and Youth and Adult Evaluated

The Adults serve in consultative, advisory and supportive capacities particularly on matters beyond the control of the youth. The Professional Scouters serve as Coordinators.

3. Progressive Selection of Participants

National Scout Youth Forum delegates are selected by the youths from among themselves in Regional Forums; Regional Forum delegates are elected in Council Youth Forums, etc.

4. Subjects for discussion are selected by the Youth

The participants select and/or add subjects to an open-ended list of topics prepared by the Organizing Committee and from topics suggested by lower level Forums.

5. Mixed Grouping

Where possible, no two or more members of the same delegation should be assigned to the same Discussion Patrol.

6. Outside Catering

The delegates will not cook their meals.

7. Authorized by appropriate sponsoring body.

Annex B: SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES

- 1. Clearing House Best held after meal breaks with the Advisory Committee, the Organizing Committee, the Steering Committee, and the Discussion Patrol Leaders and rapporteurs to clarify procedures and problems even before they arise and to consolidate similar proposals.
- 2. *Leadership Experience* As much as possible each participant should be given the opportunity to accept responsibilities no matter how small (the Patrol method is a good basis).
- 3. Fellowship This may be through recreational activities, fellowship dance, the formation of mixed groups, campfires, etc.
- 4. Daily Reflections Each group is assigned to summarize and assess before the body the day's activity. It may be done as an after lunch or after supper feature.

- 5. Election of CSRs or RSRs, if due The Scout Representatives to the Local Council Executive Board or Regional Scout Representatives to the National Executive Board shall be elected by and from among the respective delegates of a Local Council Youth Forum or Regional Scout Youth Forum, as the case may be.
- 6. Election of Representatives to the Next Forum Level As each Forum is preparatory to the next higher Forum, representatives and alternates should be elected based on qualifications and availability. Briefing of elected representatives is done by the Organizing Committee to give the newly elected representatives an overview of their duties, means of communication, future activities, etc.
- 8. *Individual Commitment* As an outcome, it is suggested that the delegates be inspired to give significance to their participation by individually committing to do something in the spirit of the goals of the Forum. It may be more effective and meaningful if the commitment is done in writing.
- 9. Evaluation Done by the delegates to serve as basis for future activities.

Annex C: GENERAL PROGRAM

Here's an example of a typical program and schedule of activities in a Scout Youth Forum.

	(October 1)	RAL PROGRAM /enue Date	
Session Day	FIRST DAY	SECOND DAY	THIRD DAY
Pre-morning Session Activities	Registration		Daily Reflections als Announcements
MORNING SESSION	Opening Ceremonies Break Orientation Determination of Objectives Adoption of Forum Rules & Procedures Selection of Subject for Discussion	Ceremonies Patrol Discussions Break Patrol Discussions	Plenary Session Report of Evaluation Results Summing-Up by Steering Committee Break Election of Representatives
Off-Session Activities	Activities / Announcements	Lunch Clearing House Preparation of Forum Patrol Reports	Lunch Closing Ceremonies
AFTERNOON SESSION	Election of Forum Officials (Steering Committee) Explanation of Procedures in Organizing Forum Patrols Break Forming of Forum Patrols Election of Leaders & Rapporteurs Patrol Discussions	Special Features Break Plenary Session Forum Patrol Reports/ Action on Proposals	Briefing of Elected Representatives Preparation of Forum Report (by the Steering Committee and the Organizing Committee)
Off-Session Activities	Clearing House Dinner Daily Reflection	Dinner Distribution of Evaluation Sheets Individual Commitment	e
EVENING SESSION	FELLOWSHIP Dance/Songfest/Movies	Final Fellowship Socials (Collation of Evaluation	DISPERSAL

Annex D: SUGGESTED BUDGET

INCOME

- (a) *Registration Fees* Must be computed in such a way that delegates get more than what they have actually paid. Members of the Organizing Committee and the Adult Support Group may be required to pay Registration Fees if only to cover their meals.
- (b) *Donation in Kind or in Cash* Forum materials and use of building may be donated or meals may be sponsored. They should be quantified and receipted and properly acknowledged.
- (c) Subsidy from Sponsoring Unit Regional Committees (for Regional Forums) should appropriate a certain amount to cover those that may not be covered by the above.

EXPENSES

- (a) *MeaIs & Snacks of Participants, Staff, and Official Guests* a system of control in the form of meal tickets usually prevents embarrassment.
- (b) *Rentals of Halls or Buildings* These should be made part of the expenses whether free or rented.
- (c) *Rental of PA System* Select the service that can provide at least two extra microphones for the session hall during plenary sessions.
- (d) *Program and Office Supplies* Experience in similar activities will serve as guidance.
- (e) *Souvenir Items* It is suggested that these items be limited to Certificates of Participation, Identification Tags, Certificates of Appreciation (for Staff), Group Photograph and, if finances allow, other tokens.
- (f) *Transportation* (During the actual forum) should be made part of the expenses whether donated or paid for. Acknowledgment receipt must be properly presented.
- (g) *Fellowship* Expenses for all decorations, prizes, and music may be appropriated if a fellowship dance is included in the program.
- (h) *Contingencies* For the unexpected.

Annex E: Evaluation Sheet

Here's a sample Evaluation Sheet used in a Scout Youth Forum.

	EVALUATION SHEET			
Session Session Session	amodations in Hall & Discussion areas portation tion	0	vs	SN
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 Topics Sched 		0	vs	SN
Comments/Sugges	tions:	of a life		
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Comments/Sugges	tions:	,		- 1
Inform Ideas Attitud	ne Forum, how would you have grown in: ation	0	vs	S N
Comments/Sugges	tions:	- 1	1 :	l l
E. GENERAL RATI Suggestions fo	NG r future Forums and/or general comments:			
LEGEND:	O - Outstanding S - Satisf VS - Very Satisfactory NI - Need	actory		

Annex F: POST-FORUM REPORT

Here's a sample Post-Forum Report template used in a Scout Youth Forum.

POST-FORUM REPORT
I. PLACE, DURATION AND ATTENDANCE
A. Venue
B. Duration
C. Attendance (Councils/Boys)
II. PROGRAM (Attach narrative report and actual program of activities)
III. ACCOMPLISHMENT
A. Issues taken up 1 2, etc.
B. Resolutions
C. Representatives elected
IV. SPECIAL FEATURES
A. Resource Persons
B. Unscheduled Activities
V. RECOMMENDATIONS

Annex G: DELEGATE'S INFORMATION SHEET

Here's a sample Delegate Information Sheet form used in a Scout Youth Forum.

Boy	y Scouts of the	Philippines	
	Venue		
	Date		
DELEGAT	E'S INFOR	MATION	SHEET
Name		Date of	Birth
Address		Te	I. No
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	al Attainment:		
Languages/Dialects Spoke Camping and Training Exp	eriences (Title, Ve		
Languages/Dialects Spoke Camping and Training Expo Extra-Curricular Activities (Honors/Awards/Recognitio	eriences (Title, Ve Organization, Posi	tion, Inclusive	Dates):
Languages/Dialects Spoke Camping and Training Expo Extra-Curricular Activities (Honors/Awards/Recognitio	Organization, Posins Received (Name Attended: th Forum at Youth Forum arm fo	ition, Inclusive	Dates): son):

SUGGESTED HOUSE RULES

- (a) The Scout Law is the law of the Scout Youth Forum.
- (b) Adopt the "Buddy System," especially if you go out of the Forum venue.
- (c) Wear the Scout Uniform correctly and properly.

- (d) ALWAYS wear your ID cards during Plenary Sessions and within the Forum venue.
- (e) Wearing of slippers, sleeping gear, *sando*, or playing outfit is not allowed outside the sleeping quarters.
- (f) ALWAYS check attendance even at the Plenary Session or as often as possible. Any change of status of delegates should be reported immediately to the Organizing Committee and/or the Steering Committee.
- (g) STRICTLY follow the schedule of Task Groups.
- (h) All visitors entering the Camp should sign in the Log Book before they can be allowed to enter and leave designated areas.
- (i) Observe "TAPS" strictly.
- (j) Delegates must secure permission of the Organizing Committee before going out of the Forum venue.
- (k) Wear your friendly smile, ALWAYS!

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