



2022 NSYF APPROVED RESOLUTIONS

The Scout Youth Forum is an avenue for the youth to raise their suggestions on keeping the Scouting Movement a better organization. Note that the resolutions passed in the SYF are not immediately implemented in the Boy Scouts of the Philippines. The National Executive Board will discuss if there should be necessary adjustments in the proposed resolutions. Below are the consolidated resolutions drafted by the Scouts themselves from the National Scout Youth Forum (NSYF) from the three island groups:

[1] Scouting Diversity and Inclusivity; Differently-Abled Friendly

WHEREAS, the Scouting Movement lacks accessible interventions and programs for the differently abled, both physical such as the deaf, blind, mute, amputated, etc. and neurological, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Epilepsy, and other Mental Related Illnesses and Conditions.

WHEREAS, if the inaccessibility of differently abled people will not be acknowledged and managed, they cannot fully participate in community development activities, which may cascade negatively in regards to their advancement, skill enhancement, and even their future.

RESOLVED THAT, all Scouting Board, Councils and Regions, must integrate: Differently Abled Committee that focuses on protecting the rights of those that are in the scope of matter. They will also be working for programs related to strengthening equal access to opportunities.

RESOLVED THAT, the advancement and training, such as the Patrol Leader's Training Course (PLTC), Crew Leader's Training Course (CLTC), and Emergency Service Training Course (ESTC) must be modified for Differently Abled Scouts.

RESOLVED THAT, there should be differently abled activities and such training exclusive for them to assure that there will also be room for development unto their individual skills and to focus on the difficulty that they are facing.

RESOLVED THAT, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines must conduct a Differently Abled Dialogue to be an instrument in uplifting the dilemma, the goal of inclusivity, and full participation of differently abled people.

RESOLVED THAT, An extra opportunity for the conduct of a resolution shall be given to Scouts in the Scout Youth Forum to represent the sector of the differently-abled. It should be made clear that they deserve a stand in the decision making process of the movement.



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RESOLVED THAT, assessments should be incorporated during the start of the membership process. This is to modify and adjust the mode of accessibility on a case-to-case basis. Note that there are parents that are not comfortable in disclosing such information.

RESOLVED THAT, the movement should update their facilities by adding ramps, electronic doors, and accessible bathrooms, both in scouting establishments and camps, if there are available funds and resources to do so.

RESOLVED THAT, the movement will further educate all Scouts about the challenges of differently abled people and promote better communication (e.g., sign language) to lessen the barrier between the scouts and to promote acceptance.



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[2] Empowering the Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL) with appropriate support to properly transition back into society

WHEREAS, CICLs compose a significant number of the Youth today, however, the situation and struggles of CICLs are not well-known and are quite hard to understand for most people, even to us Scouts. There is very minimal assistance or help given directly to CICLs, especially when they leave their Rehabilitation Centers and rejoin society;

WHEREAS, newly released CICLs lack the capacity to find the resources they require to continue their rehabilitation and actualize their goals and aspirations. These CICL youth have just been released from isolated Rehabilitation Centers, where they found effective support and hope for 6-18 months. Thus, they feel immense fear and anxiety when they return to their previous, often marginalized, and impoverished environment where they face difficult challenges in finding the right opportunities to be able to continue towards positive change;

WHEREAS, research shows that juvenile recidivism generally accounts for approximately 20% of the CICLs. When CICL youth are integrated back into their communities, they are monitored by their barangay, just for a few months, with minimal assistance only. Due to lack of funds and limited capacity, they often revert back to their old ways and end up re-adjudicated or become recidivists;

WHEREAS, there are readily available resources from government agencies, NGOs, private institutions, and well-meaning people that can address the CICLs' concerns and needs but it's scattered and disconnected. It would be difficult for an average CICL to find and discover which agency and/or institution they can go to;

WHEREAS, there is a need for a centralized mechanism that collates the resources and makes them more available to CICLs in order to capacitate them after they are released from the Rehabilitation Centers. Such a system is hoped to be responsive to CICLs' concerns and will serve as a guide or a bridge between them and the pathway towards their goals and aspirations.



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RESOLVED THAT, Local Councils shall create a help-center committee, dubbed as “Tulay ng Pagbabago”, that will bridge the CICL’s needs and concerns to the right resources and capacitate them when they leave the Rehabilitation Centers. To accommodate on a case-to-case basis, Tulay ng Pagbabago will refer CICLs to the appropriate government agencies, NGOs, or private institutions which can provide help, depending on their concerns such as skills training, education, employment, health, counseling, legal aid, etc. In accordance with our mandate under the law “to promote through organization and cooperation with other agencies”— a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) will be signed between Tulay ng Pagbabago and the agencies involved such as DSWD, where a focal person will act as a liaison. The CICL’s identities and information will be kept private and confidential until waived;

RESOLVED THAT, the committee shall use several platforms such as a main telephone number, a cellphone number, a Facebook page, an email, and the Local Council’s mailing address for written letters. This information will be placed in a calling card to be given to the CICL upon release from the Rehabilitation Center;

RESOLVED THAT, the committee of the Tulay ng Pagbabago shall consist of at least 10 volunteers from scouting units who have been thoroughly oriented and trained by the DSWD Rehabilitation Center in handling and interacting with the CICLs. In return, these volunteer scouts will be enriched as they journey higher to become Eagle Scouts. The volunteers in the Tulay ng Pagbabago committee will form a permanent group and serve for a term of 12 months;

RESOLVED THAT, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines as stated in their oath promised to help other people at all times, especially those in need. In particular, the newly released CICLs, our fellow youth, are the ones who badly need such help and guidance to be able to continue towards positive change, especially when such CICLs, while in the Rehabilitation Centers or after referring them to scouting units, have become scouts themselves;

RESOLVED THAT, Different projects have been implemented under CICL in the succeeding years. The development of the Tuloy ng Pagbabago will be a consolidation of CICL Projects such as, Neckerchief not Handcuffs; Future Leaders not Trouble Makers.

RESOLVED THAT; more efforts will be made to advocate for CICLs and make their situations and needs more well-known through information campaigns conducted occasionally within Local Councils. This will also encourage more scouts to understand them and help their cause.



[3] Revision of Guidelines for the Boy Scouts of the Philippines Uniform Insignia

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines' Scout Uniform Insignia Guidebook has parts where it needs more specifications in order for scouts to have a definite basis in wearing the uniform. (e.g., proper wearing of sash, merit badges, patches, medallions and awards)

WHEREAS, there are lacking information and many unwritten rules spread throughout the country by different scouts and leaders about the proper wearing and production of scout uniform that results to confusion

WHEREAS, this confusion causes problems in the uniformity and standard in wearing of the uniform.

RESOLVED THAT, the BSP uniform and insignia guidebook shall be revised and updated with the ff:

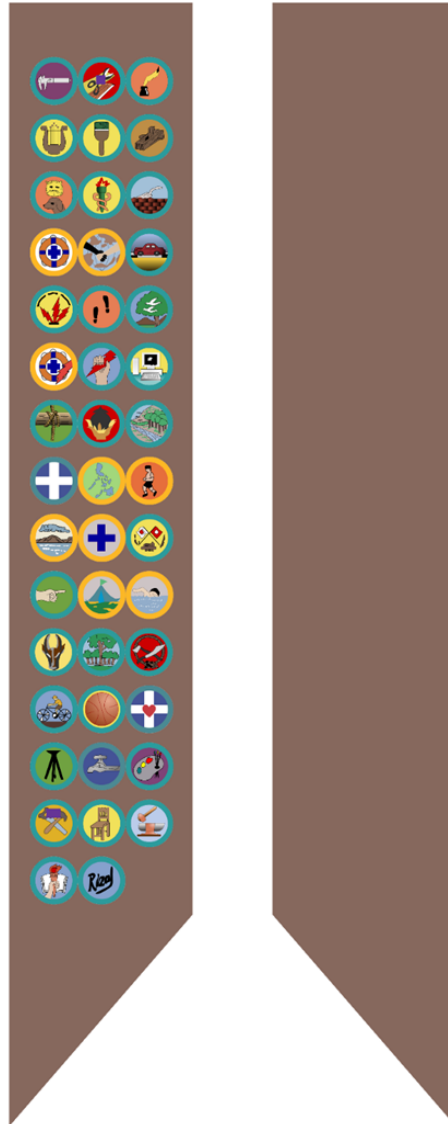
I. Proper wearing of Sash and Merit Badges

- A. Proper stitching of merit badges
 1. The sash must be clean and the stitches must be hidden.
 2. The sash should be opened at the seam before stitching the merit badges so that the stitches will not show at the back of the sash.
 3. The First two merit badges should be placed 13" from the top.
 4. The merit badges are sewn from top-bottom and left-right of the viewer's perspective.
 5. The gap of each merit badges should be ¼" or 0.25"
- B. Proper positioning of Merit Badges
 1. The merit badges must be perpendicular to the wearer's shoulder and the badges must be upright when worn with the sash.
 2. The sash will only be intended for merit badges and other awards apart from the merit badges should not be attached or stitched to the sash.
- C. Size of the sash
 1. Scouts must follow the size of sash for their groups as suggested in the guidelines.
 2. The sash for senior scouts must be made above the standard size so that scouts can tailor the sash to fit them snug and proper.



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D. Format of the sash of Anahaw Awardees





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Measurements	
Inches	Factor
0.25	Gap of the Merit Badges
24.75	From the top to the obtuse angle
1.3	Merit Badge Width & Height
13	Start of the first three (3) succeeding merit badges

- A. To those Scouts who have reached Bronze Anahaw Award, they may proceed to rearrange the sash into three (3) columns.
- B. The gap of each merit badge should be $\frac{1}{4}$ " or 0.25 inches.

II. Proper Placement and Wearing of Awards

- A. All scouts must follow the revised guidebook with regards to placement of the patches, strips, and awards.
- B. The Anahaw Award ribbons must be added to the guidebook and scouts should be guided to place the ribbon above the name cloth from bronze to gold; left to right (from viewer's point of view)
- C. Medallions (Eagle Scout Medallion, Ave Maria Medallion, TOBSPA Medallion) must be worn in formal events only.
- D. For rover scouts, the achievement badges (quadrants) must be worn above the name cloth while rover peers should wear the quadrant on their left sleeve.



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III. Production of Local Neckerchiefs

Note: The classification of the scope of these custom neckerchiefs are: (a) Personal - Individual Scouts (b) Institutional Level (c) Council Level (d) Regional Level, and (e) National Level;

- A. The official dimensions for custom triangle neckerchiefs are 46" wide and 22" deep.
- B. The design of the neckerchief must (1) not have any offensive material and design, (2) not imply the oppression of a minority or a group, and (3) not contain any copyrighted material unless allowed by the copyright owners.

RESOLVED THAT, the revised guidebook containing revisions and clarifications about common unwritten rules will be disseminated to all scouts for them to follow accordingly and avoid confusion.

RESOLVED THAT, the revised guidelines shall have the power to have an intensive review that shall specify, elaborate, and define different regulations in wearing the uniform that is not only limited upon the suggestion of the resolution.



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**[4] Standard Preparatory and Executory Commands Handbook for
Boy Scouts of the Philippines**

WHEREAS, majority of the Scouts' command have practiced according to the council's preference or 'culture-based.

WHEREAS, the difference of commands simply imply disunity within the organization. For instance, during Jamborees or activities from other regions and local councils, there tends to be misconceptions regarding some notable improper commands.

WHEREAS, some institutions, councils, or regions have adapted their local fancy drill commands, in which confusion arises.

RESOLVED THAT, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines should publish a handbook regarding Commands which aims to address and resolve the misconceptions of Preparatory and Executory Commands. The handbook should include graphics (picture) or links on how to execute the said commands. The Boy Scouts of the Philippines should upload the handbook to the official website "scouts.org.ph/library", for the availability of all scouts.

APPENDICES

Herein attached are the suggested commands for the handbook;

TagalogLang, Author. "Filipino Drill Commands : Tagalog English Dictionary Online." TAGALOG LANG, 13 Apr. 2022, <https://www.tagaloglang.com/filipino-drill-commands/>.

"Govph." PNP Manuals, <https://pro4a.pnp.gov.ph/index.php/downloads/pnp-manuals>



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[5] Inclusion of the Scout Youth Forum Gazette in the Official Boy Scouts of the Philippines Website

WHEREAS, the post forum report is not visible and accessible by other scouts aside from those involved. Only the organizing committee and the steering committee, along with the regional committee and the national office are the one's only involved in the formulation of the post forum report;

WHEREAS, some instances that scouts duplicate the same resolutions without knowing that those resolutions were already approved and implemented. in the National Scout Youth forum for Visayas. Time is wasted because instead of making new policies and programs, some resolutions that are addressed are already discussed and some are already implemented;

WHEREAS, most resolutions aren't checked on their implementation status and also many resolutions are forgotten if not acted upon.

WHEREAS, Some scouts are not well versed in making effective and relevant resolutions.

RESOLVED THAT, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines will utilize scout.org.ph for a data bank where all resolutions in the different youth forums are to be compiled for uses such as record keeping, future references and other uses of the same nature. The SYF gazette for the scouts will be similar in format and modality with the official gazette of the senate. The data bank will serve as both a compilation of files and guide for future references.

RESOLVED THAT, the data base would be included as a tab under the library section of the scout.org.ph and show status of the implementation of the resolution and some information of the proponent of the resolution.

RESOLVED THAT, scouts may be able to prevent duplication of making effective policies for the Boy Scout of the Philippines. Through this, forum will not become redundant and may able to construct new and 'out of the box' resolutions;

RESOLVED THAT, these approved resolutions would be visible by the other scouts, in this way, it can help those scouts who are not well versed in crafting resolutions along with those scouts who are having difficulty in creating effective and relevant resolutions.

RESOLVED THAT, in accordance with intellectual property code of the Philippines, otherwise known as RA. 8293, the committee composed of the RSRs would ask the consent of the concerned scout to use their intellectual property on the public domain.

RESOLVED THAT, a formal letter shall be sent to the Secretary General of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines informing him that the committee will be making revisions to the scout.org.ph to add the SYF Gazette.




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[6] Publication of a Merit Badge Proposal Form (MBPF)

WHEREAS, there can be improvements in updating the merit badge system of Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

WHEREAS, only in the National Scout Youth Forum are scouts given the chance to make/propose new merit badges. Scouts who are not a representative of the youth forum do not have a chance to make/propose new merit badges.

RESOLVED THAT, a Merit Badge Application Form shall be created and publicized. The said form shall be inspired by the same form from Boy Scouts of America.

 <p>BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA</p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">MERIT BADGE PROPOSAL</h2> <p>Purpose of a Merit Badge</p> <p>A merit badge provides a Scout with additional opportunities for learning, personal growth, physical development, career awareness, citizenship, and life skills development.</p> <p>Review Process</p> <p>Upon receipt of the Merit Badge Proposal application, a task force of volunteers will review the proposal and determine whether it should move forward. This task force is also charged with considering the proposal's possible ties to Scouting's mission or history. The BSA may conduct a youth interest survey or form a focus group for feedback on the proposal.</p> <p>Along with the proposal and any information gathered, the task force submits a recommendation to the BSA's Pilots and Program Development Committee for consideration. This committee, which encompasses volunteers from around the country, conducts three reviews annually. Any approved proposals then move into the development phase.</p> <div style="background-color: #003366; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <p>The Pilots and Program Development Committee is charged with reviewing merit badge proposals within 120 days of receipt. During that time, this group determines whether the proposal will be adopted, deferred, recommended to be combined with another merit badge, or denied. Merit badges recommended for combination with an existing merit badge will be referred to the appropriate program task force.</p> </div> <p>Merit Badge Proposal Considerations</p> <p>When submitting a proposal for a new merit badge, please know that it will be reviewed based on the following guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How well the proposed topic fits with Scouting (values, Scout Oath, Scout Law, Guide to Safe Scouting, etc.) • The practicality of the proposed merit badge (resources to recruit merit badge counselors, uniqueness, existence of standardized "rules" and administrative organization, safety and risk considerations, etc.) • How fun and engaging the subject is for Scout-age youth (depth and breadth of appeal, age appropriateness) • Resource requirements (cost to Scouts/units, camp implications, etc.) • Uniqueness (whether this is merit badge different from current merit badges or whether it could enhance an existing merit badge) 	<p>Contact Information</p> <p>Submitter's name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip code _____</p> <p>Phone _____ Email _____</p> <p>Scouting affiliation (unit, council, and role) _____</p> <p>Organizational affiliation (association, foundation, corporation—if appropriate) _____</p> <p>TITLE. Please provide a short proposed title for the merit badge. _____</p> <p>DESCRIPTION AND RATIONALE. Please describe the proposed merit badge and the rationale for its creation. Attach or provide separate sheets or documentation as needed.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>REQUIREMENTS. Please provide a draft of the merit badge requirements. Develop and attach a draft of requirements and initial thoughts behind those requirements for the merit badge. Be as specific as possible.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR CONSIDERATION. Please provide any additional information for consideration, such as the availability of outside resources for developmental support, external considerations, and so on. Attach separately if appropriate.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; height: 30px; width: 100%;"></div> <p>Submission Method</p> <p>The Merit Badge Proposal application must be submitted either by email or regular mail to the addresses below.</p> <p>By email: merit.badge@scouting.org</p> <p>By regular mail: Pilots and Program Development—Merit Badge Proposal 1325 West Walnut Hill Lane, S272 Irving, TX 75038</p>
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To visit, go to:

[https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/meritbadge_proposalform_512-130\(16\).pdf?fbclid=IwAR1zI3o3Nfj57iPqDnJU5hI-sWCaR8-SVd4Z28m52N5OljqaOYqPDWPhTGk](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/meritbadge_proposalform_512-130(16).pdf?fbclid=IwAR1zI3o3Nfj57iPqDnJU5hI-sWCaR8-SVd4Z28m52N5OljqaOYqPDWPhTGk)



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RESOLVED THAT, for a formal and wide dissemination of information, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines shall create a memorandum anent this application form that will cascade down to respective scouting regions and local councils.. Additionally, the Official Facebook page of the BSP shall contribute in the promotion. Furthermore, the Merit Badge Proposal Form will be readily available on the official website of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.

RESOLVED THAT, the Merit Badge Application form shall be sent either online to the official email account of BSP (bsp@scouts.org.ph) or delivered directly to the BSP-NO.



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WHEREAS, there is no existing program to cater the scout's interest for mountaineering.

RESOLVED THAT, there shall be a comprehensive program that shall officially be institutionalized by the Boy Scouts of the Philippines to provide the opportunity for scouts interested in mountaineering to safely pursue the said endeavor.

RESOLVED THAT, through a challenge "Iskwat Baktas" Scouts are encouraged to climb and conquer at least 1 mountain to be awarded a token and certificate. All awardees will be presented every 6 months.



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WHEREAS, the Regional Scout Representatives of the different island groups lack interaction outside of the NSYF, with it being almost the only chance for them to meet formally.

WHEREAS, certain councils or regions have less activities and repetitive projects within their respective areas compared to the others.

WHEREAS, the Regional Scout Representatives and Council Scout Representatives of each council and region have little to no knowledge of the activities and projects outside of their respective areas of concern, hence making it difficult for them to create fresh and new ideas.

RESOLVED THAT, the elected Regional Scout Representatives for the different island groups shall organize a general assembly for the Regional Scout Representatives of the regions. This will be held quarterly, meaning once every 3 months (or four times a year). It will be a chance for RSRs to really get to know each other and practice camaraderie. This will be held virtually, unless a special occasion arises, such as an NSJ or other National Activity that coincides with the interest of the assembly.

RESOLVED THAT, the general assembly will be used for growth and creativity rather than competition. This will be an open space for young scout leaders to share ideas and projects which will benefit other regions as well as their associated local councils. It is a chance for each region to take fresh ideas from a different perspective and from varying cultures.

RESOLVED THAT, a template presentation shall be used by each region with the following contents: (1) Previous activities/projects, (2) Current/Ongoing activities/projects, and (3) Future activities/projects. This format shall be used to have an organized flow of discussion throughout the summit.

RESOLVED THAT, the Assembly itself will adopt the TOP-DOWN method in the dissemination of information. The RSRs are obligated to pass down the learnings and inspiration from their assembly down to the smaller sectors of scouting such as Council Level and Institutional.