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NATIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : Regional Scout Directors
Council Scout Executives/ Officers-In-Charge
All Concerned

SUBJECT : **2023 SCOUTS GO GREEN CHALLENGE**
(Tree Planting and Nurturing Contest)

1. In support to the Scouts Go Green Program, we are pleased to announce the 2023 Scouts Go Green Challenge – A Tree Planting and Nurturing Contest.
2. The Scouts Go Green Challenge-A Tree Planting and Nurturing Contest is open to all Local Councils and Scouting Units of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines to commence from 01 January to 31 December 2023.
3. Herewith are the guidelines and criteria, to wit:


3.1 Local Councils:

- 3.1.1 Local Councils should establish Scout Nurseries to support the needs of their saplings and seedlings;
- 3.1.2 Local Councils must initiate the conduct of tree planting activity at homes, schools, communities, public plazas, parks, coastal areas, forest areas, watershed areas, campsites and other suitable areas for tree planting, following the minimum and safety protocol standard issued by the IATF, as part of the environmental and ecological program of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines;
- 3.1.3 Local Councils must plant and nurture not less than twice of its Scout membership for the year 2023;
- 3.1.4 Documentary and pictorial report indicating the actual tree planting and nurturing of trees and other relevant matters and information shall be prepared by the Local Council and shall be endorsed by the Regional Scout Director and must submitted to National Office on or before 31 January 2024 for review and verification;

- 3.1.5 Ten (10) Local Councils with the most number of trees planted during the period shall receive a Cash Prize of Fifty Thousand Pesos (P50,000.00) each and a Plaque of Recognition.

3.1. Scouting Units:

- 3.2.1 Scouting Units shall produce their own saplings or they may source these from the nearest designated BSP nursery or at their respective DENR field office.
- 3.2.2 Scouting Units must encourage their Scouts and Scout Leaders to conduct tree planting activity at homes, schools, communities, public plazas, parks, coastal areas, forest areas, watershed areas, campsites and other suitable areas for tree planting, following the minimum and safety protocol standard issued by the IATF, as part of the environmental and ecological program of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines;
- 3.2.3 Scouting Units must plant and nurture at least Two Thousand (2,000) trees during the period;
- 3.2.4 Documentary and pictorial report indicating the actual tree planting and nurturing of trees and other relevant matters and information shall be submitted by the Institutional Scouting Coordinator/ Institutional Head to the Local Council Office. The Local Council shall then submit it to the National Office as endorsed by the Regional Scout Director on or before 31 January 2024 for review and verification;
- 3.2.5 The ten (10) Scouting Units with the most number of trees planted and nurtured (But should not be less than two thousand trees) during the period will receive a Cash Prize of Five Thousand Pesos (P5,000.00) each and a Plaque of Recognition.
4. Awarding and Recognition of all winners shall be concluded during the conduct of Annual National Council Meeting.
5. For further inquiries, you may directly coordinate with **Ms. Sophia U. Castillo**, Scouts Go Green Project Coordinator, Field Operations Division, via email address sophiecastillo@gmail.com or through +63 9985940157.
6. For information, guidance and widest dissemination to all concerned.


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