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NATIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : National Office Staff, Executives and Directors
Regional Office Staff, Executives and Directors
Council Scout Executives and Officers-In-Charge

SUBJECT : NATIONAL SCOUT YOUTH FORUM 2023
FOR LUZON, VISAYAS AND MINDANAO

1. Pursuant to the Youth Program Committee's Resolution passed by the National Executive Board, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines is pleased to announce the conduct of the **2023 NATIONAL SCOUT YOUTH FORUM**, which will convene all duly elected Senior Scout Representatives from their respective Regional Scout Youth Fora, from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao in one forum venue all together at the **Negros Oriental Convention Center, Dumaguete City** from **14 – 16 April 2023** with the Theme: "Youth Engagement through Scouting geared towards Sustainable Development", hosted by the Eastern Visayas Region, Negros Oriental-Siquijor Council, BSP.
2. **Background and Rationale.** The Scout Youth Forum, a primordial part of the Youth Development Program of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines is organized to fill in the need and the clamor for youth participation in the decision-making process in the Scout Movement. It is a place for information, training and concrete experience of discussing and acquiring a deeper understanding of various issues. It is also a source of inspiration by providing the contact with new people, fresh ideas, innovative thoughts, different experiences and working methods.
3. **Aim and Objectives.** The National Scout Youth Forum aims to provide a dual opportunity for young members to discuss and express their views on issues of interest to them, preparing inputs and reporting to the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, including recommendations to the Local, Regional and National Executive Boards; and to develop the skills necessary to strengthen their capacity to take part in decision-making processes and to actively be involved in their own communities, institutions and Local Councils.

The Scout Youth Forum shall be to enable young people to share their ideas and experiences on current issues affecting young people in different parts of the country; suggest ways of strengthening national youth policies and training young people for citizenship; and contribute new ideas to the Movement on how to enrich educational programs for young people.

At the end of the Forum, the Scouts should be able to

1. Help young people acquire the experiences, opportunities and skills necessary to express their views and opinions constructively, particularly in matters affecting them especially in the implementation of the Scouting Program.
2. Provide feedback to the governing bodies and the standing committees of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines at all levels especially on Youth Development.
3. Enable youth leaders to effectively communicate their needs, wants, interests, aspirations on present national issues and discover ways to get involved in community service and nation-building.

4. Provide young people with better understanding of the differences among young people while managing conflicts peaceably in democratic atmosphere thereby establishing camaraderie and brotherhood.
4. **Expected Outputs.** Consistent with the stipulated aims and objectives of the National Scout Youth Forum, the delegates, at the end of the Forum are expected to have been able to:
 1. Discuss, express and share their views on issues of interests that directly affect them, particularly, on the programs and thrusts of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.
 2. Provide relevant recommendations for the revision, improvement, development, introduction of programs and/or policies for the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, through the National Executive Board.
 3. Develop the skills necessary to strengthen their capacity to take part in the decision-making processes in the various policy-making bodies of the movement.
 4. Prepare the required reports for transmittal to the National Office and review of the Program and Adult Resources Development Unit of the outputs and resolutions adopted during the Forum.
 5. Elect the new National Scout Representatives for Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao to the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines.
5. **Participation by Scouting Regions.**

Scouting Region	Voting Delegates
Ilocos Region	6
Northeastern Luzon Region	6
Central Luzon Region	6
National Capital Region	6
Southern Tagalog Region	6
Bicol Region	6
Eastern Visayas Region	6
Western Visayas Region	6
Eastern Mindanao Region	6
Western Mindanao Region	6
TOTAL	60 = 60 Scouts

6. **Transmittal of Results of the Regional Scout Youth Forum.** All Regional Scout Directors and Officers-In-Charge are directed to coordinate to the Field Operations Division, and officially transmit the results of their respective Regional Scout Youth Forum, stating among others, the complete names and birthdates of duly elected Regional Scout Representatives, the remaining official voting delegates, certified by the Chairperson of the Forum Organizing Committee and the Forum Adviser. This will help facilitate the procurement of tickets to and from the NSYF Venue and other arrangement with the Host Organizing Committee. Transmittal of the Official Forum Results should reach the Field Operations Division, National Office on or before **27 March 2023 (Monday) not later than 05:00PM.**
7. **Official Voting Delegates.** All Official Voting Delegates as duly certified and endorsed by your Regional Offices will be **FREE OF CHARGE**, and with full subsidy from the 2023 NSYF Budget, including Air/Land/Sea Fares, Inland Transportation, Hotel Accommodation, Souvenirs, Meals and other administrative expenses, as proposed by the Youth Program Committee and approved by the National Executive Board. Voting Rights are NOT TRANSFERABLE.
8. **Accompanying Adults and Forum Observers.** Each Scouting Region, can recommend and endorse at least two registered (2) Senior Scouts as Forum Observers and One (1) Accompanying Adult. Each will be charged a Forum Registration Fee of **Php. 5,000.00** to cover Meals, Hotel Accommodation, Souvenirs and Inland Transportation. Air/Land/Sea Fare to and from Dumaguete City shall be borne by the Accompanying Adults and Forum Observers and/or may be shoulder by their Region/Local Councils, respectively.

9. **Reporting Time.** All participants and accompanying adults are expected to be at the Forum Venue at least 4PM of 13 April 2023 (Thursday) and are to stay until the Closing Ceremonies by lunch time of 16 April 2023 (Sunday). Meals will be served from PM Snacks and Dinner of 13 April 2023 (Thursday) until Lunch of 16 April 2023 (Sunday).
10. **Things to Bring.** Participants are advised to bring the following: Type A Scout Uniform (Long Pants); Smart Casual Clothes for Socials, Cultural Attire from your respective Regions, Laptops or Tablet PC, Forum Reference Materials, Vitamins and Medicines (if any).
11. **Forum Rules and Regulations.** The 2023 National Scout Youth Forum shall be conducted consistent with applicable and appropriate mechanics and procedures pursuant to the rules and regulations set forth in the **National Office Memorandum No. 15 Series of 2014** with the subject "**Guidelines for the Conduct of Scout Youth Forums**" issued last 17 February 2014 accordingly.
12. **Attachments and References.** For your quick and easy reference, attached herewith are the General Programme of Activities and the General Information Sheet.
13. Should you have further questions, you may refer them to **Mr. Yasser F. Sarona**, Program and Adult Resources Development Executive and this year's National Scout Youth Forum Project Officer at (02) 8527-5112 or (02) 8527-8317 loc. 524 or via email at yaz@scouts.org.ph
14. For your information, guidance, widest dissemination and appropriate action.



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