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NATIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : Regional Youth Development Officers
Council Scout Executives and Officers-in-Charge
National Office Officials and Employees
All Concerned

SUBJECT : 2024 Earth Hour Celebration

1. As part of our incessant commitment to help save planet Earth, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines is pleased to announce our continuous participation to the 2024 Earth Hour Celebration. This event aims to provide a platform to urgently promote the advocacy of addressing the planet's biggest environmental challenges and call on the world leaders to decide on a new global action plan for nature for the coming decade.
2. The Earth Hour is a worldwide grass-roots movement under World Wildlife Fund (www.wwf.org) for the planet that engages a massive mainstream community on a broad range of environmental issues. The said event is held worldwide towards the end of March annually.
3. Millions of Scouts and Scout Leaders from different parts of the world will be joining to take part in Earth Hour to show their support for climate change. In the Philippines, we encourage all Scouting Units, Sponsoring Institutions, District Scouting Committees, Local Councils, Regional Offices and National Office Staff and Employees to participate **by switching off the lights for one hour (60 minutes) on 23 March 2024 around 8:30 to 9:30 PM local time**, this can make a substantial difference in energy consumption and can help reduce the effect of global warming on this planet.
4. In the past years, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines has partnered with various SM Supermalls in different areas nationwide and participated in their Symbolic Switch-Off & Candle Lighting Ceremony and the Signing of the Earth Hour Commitment Wall. Local Councils with SM branches in their areas are advised to coordinate for partnership in this activity.
5. Your stories and pictures may be shared on social media to inspire and encourage others to make a difference by taking positive actions in caring and preserving the environment to create positive impact using the following hashtags: **#EarthHour** and **#BiggestHourForEarth**

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6. Documentary and pictorial report shall be submitted by Local Council to the National Office on or before 15 April 2024 through email (sophiecastillo@scouts.gov.ph).
7. Certificate of Participation will be issued to all Scouts and Scout Leaders who will participate in the said activity.
8. For further inquiries, you may directly coordinate with **Ms. Sophia U. Castillo**, Scouts Go Green Project Coordinator, Field Operations Division, via email address sophiecastillo@scouts.gov.ph or through **+63 9985940157**.
9. For information, guidance and widest dissemination to all concerned.



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