



# Boy Scouts of the Philippines

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### NATIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO : **National Executive Board Members  
Regional Scout Committee Members  
Local Council Executive Board Members  
Commissioners At All Ranks and Levels  
Regional Scout Directors, Executives and Staff  
Council Scout Executives and Officers-In-Charge  
Parents, Guardians and Institutional Heads**

SUBJECT : **18<sup>TH</sup> BSP NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE**

1. The Boy Scouts of the Philippines is pleased to announce the holding of another historic national event, the **18<sup>TH</sup> NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE** on **11 – 17 December 2023** at Passi City, Province of Iloilo, with the **Theme: "Youth Engagement: Sustaining Relevance and Strengthening Resilience"**.
2. **Background.** This year's most awaited National Scout Event happens only every four (4) years and is expecting to host more than **30,000 Scouts and Leaders** nationwide with some special guests, and participation from other National Scout Organization from other countries.

Scouting is a global and educational youth Movement that builds friendships, experiences, and skills for life, shaping young people's futures as active citizens. Today, Scouting is the world's leading educational youth movement with over 57 million Scouts in over 200 countries and territories worldwide. Through its unique combination of education, adventure and fun, Scouting continues to be an inspiration for young people to become active citizens who are engaged in creating a better and more sustainable world.

A Scout Jamboree is the **"Mother of all Activities"** of a Scout's life, something every dedicated Scout and even Scout Leaders looks forward to and whose memories are cherished deeply afterward. In a Jamboree, Scouts expand their hearts and minds learning new things and discovering rich assortment of novel experiences. Such a gathering requires all the basic services provided by a city – shelter, water, market, hospital, fire department, toilets and showers, garbage collection and disposal, etc. With the exception of a prison!

3. **Rationale.** Through the years, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) has played and continues to play a primordial role in the community and society as a youth organization that encourages and helps young people develop their individual potentials and capabilities and raise their level of awareness and importance of their responsibilities for social development.

Jamboree is learning by doing. Scouting's approach to education is guided by the principles and fundamental beliefs on which Scouting was founded over a century ago. It aims to contribute to the empowerment of individuals and their development as active citizens in their local, national, and global communities. Guiding this process is a diverse set of competencies in the Scout Youth Programme that focus on knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values.

#### 4. **Jamboree Aim and Objectives.**

The 18<sup>th</sup> National Scout Jamboree aims to provide a progressive, exciting, challenging, safe and enjoyable learning environment for the Scouts in order to enhance their full Social, Physical, Intellectual, Character, Emotional and Spiritual potentials as an active citizen making real contribution in creating a better community.

At the end of the Jamboree, the participants should be able to:

1. Promote Scouting's highest quality standards of educational initiatives that is faithful to the vision, mission, fundamental principles and methods of Scouting and adapted to the needs and aspirations of young people;
2. Undertake high-adventure and outdoor activities that promotes active and healthy lifestyle and appreciation of nature and environment;
3. Conduct community service projects related to the current thrusts of World Scouting's Four (4) Thematic Areas of Education under the Scouting Education for Sustainable Development (1) Environment and Sustainability, (2) Peace and Community Engagement, (3) Skills for Life, and (4) Health and Well-Being.
4. Complete and satisfy the requirements for selected Merit Badges and Scout Ranks under the revised Advancement Scheme and Merit Badge System;
5. Acquire and develop core life skills and 21st century leadership capabilities through team building, cooperative learning, group dynamics, creative problem-solving and decision-making skills;
6. Increase the level of awareness and understanding about the prevailing issues on environment, human rights, mental health and well-being, education, culture and science and technology through the Global Development Village, City of Science and Cross Roads of Cultures; and
7. Promote Sustainable Development Goals and best practices through Modules and Educational Initiatives in Scouting.

#### 5. **Qualification for Participation.** The following are the qualifications for all participating Scouts and Adult Leaders;

##### **a. Boy Scout and Senior Scout**

1. Must be currently registered as Boy Scout or Senior Scout with a Troop or Outfit;
2. Physically fit to undergo strenuous activities especially in the outdoors as certified by a licensed Physician;
3. Shows leadership potentials in his/her Unit and preferably a graduate of PLTC/CLTC;
4. Must be at least nine (9) to twelve (12) years old for Boy Scouts;
5. Must be at least thirteen (13) to eighteen (18) years old for Senior Scouts;
6. Secure his/her Parent's/Guardian's Consent; and
7. Must have his/her own camping gears and equipment

##### **b. Troop Leader and Outfit Advisor**

1. Must be of good moral character;
2. Must be currently registered as Troop Leader or Outfit Advisor;
3. Must be Physically Fit as certified by a licensed Physician;
4. Must be a graduate of a Basic Training Course for Troop Leader/Outfit Advisor;
5. Preferably a Wood Badge Holder;
6. Must have undertaken an online introduction course from WOSM's Safe from Harm thru this link <https://www.scout.org/what-we-do/member-organizations/child-and-youth-safety>
7. Must have his/her own camping gears and equipment.

6. **Registration Details.** Stated below are the important details regarding the Jamboree Registration System and Procedure, viz;

a. **Registration Fee.** The Jamboree Registration Fee of **FIVE HUNDRED PESOS (Php. 500.00)** shall be charged from each participant in order to defray administrative costs, program materials, souvenirs and other operating expenses.

Jamboree Registration Fees must be paid directly to the host Council, the Iloilo (Confesor) Council, BSP, via bank transfer to their official bank account, the details of which will be formally communicated to the field through another Memorandum in due time.

The Jamboree Roster of Participants (see attached), together with the scanned or photocopy of the bank deposit slip must be submitted to the National Office, BSP, on the same date via email at [18thnsj@scouts.org.ph](mailto:18thnsj@scouts.org.ph)

b. **Pre-Registration and Deadlines.** A non-refundable but transferrable Reservation Deposit of **Three Hundred Pesos (Php. 300.00)** must be paid to the host Council on or before **Friday, 29 September 2023**. The remaining balance must be settled not later than **Friday, 27 October 2023**.

To avoid any logistical issues and challenges in the planning and preparations of the Jamboree, the "Pre-Registration" will DETERMINE the ACTUAL Number of Participants of each Local Council and/or Scouting Region. The Jamboree Organizing Committee and the National Project Management Team will NOT be accepting any ON-SITE Registration. Only the host Council, the Iloilo (Confesor) Council, BSP, is the ONLY authorized Council to collect and/or received the Jamboree Registration Fees and issue a corresponding **Official Receipt** thereof.

Regardless as to whether the total number of pre-registered participants have been met or not during the actual conduct of the Jamboree, the Local Council will be required to pay for the remaining balance of the total number of "Pre-Registered" participants.

7. **Participation Ratio.** To exercise effective and efficient unit organization and management, a ratio of One (1) Adult Leader for every Nine (9) Boy/Senior Scouts (1:9) must be observed in the composition of the Jamboree Contingent.

8. **Target Participation Quota.** The participation to the 18<sup>th</sup> National Scout Jamboree will come from the One Hundred Twenty-Four (124) Local Councils nationwide across Ten (10) Scouting Regions and is pro-rated as follows, including invitations to NSOs from other countries, viz;

Region	Scouts	Unit Leaders	CMT	JPT	NST	TOTAL
1. Ilocos Region	1,000	100	60	5	100	<b>1,265</b>
2. Northeastern Luzon Region	1,000	100	130	5	100	<b>1,335</b>
3. Central Luzon Region	3,000	300	100	15	300	<b>3,715</b>
4. National Capital Region	3,000	300	160	15	300	<b>3,775</b>
5. Southern Tagalog Region	3,000	300	180	15	300	<b>3,795</b>
6. Bicol Region	2,000	200	100	10	200	<b>2,510</b>
7. Western Visayas Region	10,000	1,000	70	50	1000	<b>12,120</b>
8. Eastern Visayas Region	5,000	500	120	25	500	<b>6,145</b>
9. Western Mindanao Region	2,000	200	120	10	200	<b>2,530</b>
10. Eastern Mindanao Region	2,000	200	200	10	200	<b>2,610</b>
11. NSO from other Countries	500	50	50	5	50	<b>655</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>1,290</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>40,455</b>

9. **Contingent Management Team.** Each Jamboree Contingent is required to organize their respective Contingent Management Team that will help lead and facilitate the information to and from the Jamboree Organizing Committee, Sub-Camps and their own Contingent. These include the Contingent Head, Deputy Contingent Head for Program, Administration, Logistics and other vital services. Each Local Council for every Region is entitled to have at least 10 slots that will constitute their respective Contingent Management Team.
10. **Jamboree Planning Team.** The Jamboree Planning Team will be recruited to help and support various Jamboree Services in the preparation of their respective Operational Plans, Systems, Procedures that will support the NSTs and will be carried out during the actual jamboree. The National Office will issue a separate memorandum for Open Call and Nomination for JPT based on allocated slots per Scouting region.
11. **National Service Team.** Supporting the implementation of the different activities, modules and special activities throughout the duration of the Jamboree is the NST. It is composed of highly trained, motivated and committed volunteer Rovers and Adult Leaders assigned to the different Jamboree Services, catering to both the program needs and administration requirements. The National Office will issue a separate memorandum for Open Call and Nomination for NST based on allocated slots per Scouting region.
12. **Food Provision.** The Jamboree Contingent of each Local Council must provide for their own food and other basic requirements that will be sufficient throughout the entire duration of the Jamboree. Each contingent is responsible in managing their respective kitchens, mess and commissaries. Wet and Dry Markets will be made available at the Jamboree Site in order to ensure the availability of food supplies at reasonable prices.
13. **Jamboree Camping Gears.** Each Jamboree Contingent shall be responsible for bringing in their Troop/Outfit Camping Gears and Equipment such as tentage, cooking and eating utensils, camp tools, gadget and other portable camping utilities. Bamboos should be made available at the campsite at very reasonable price for your pioneering projects, camp gates and fences.
14. **Contingent Travel Itinerary.** All Jamboree Contingents are advised to submit their Jamboree Itinerary to their respective Regional Scout Directors for record and reference purposes. Furthermore, all participants are advised to report at the Jamboree Site not later than **0900H of Monday, 11 December 2023**, and will only be cleared to leave the camp after the Grand Closing Ceremony on **Sunday, 17 December 2023**.
15. **Official Jamboree Logo and Theme Song.** The Jamboree Organizing Committee, through the National Project Management Team will release an official memorandum announcing the 18<sup>th</sup> National Scout Jamboree's Official Logo Making Contest and Jamboree Theme Song Writing Competition to encourage more creative Scouts and Leaders to share their ideas and participate in the Jamboree. This should reflect the needs and aspiration of the youth, dynamism, innovation, and Scouting's rich culture and heritage.
16. **Jamboree Bulletins.** The National and Local Jamboree Organizing Committees, thru the National Project Management Team of the 18th National Scout Jamboree, will be publishing and releasing Jamboree Bulletins from time to time in order to provide everyone with the latest information and details about the Jamboree, allowing and enabling all participants to adequately prepare for the event.

Jamboree Bulletins will be sent and posted thru various online and social media platforms being handled by the National Office, viz:

Official Website	<a href="http://www.scouts.org.ph">www.scouts.org.ph</a>
Official Email	<a href="mailto:bsp@scouts.org.ph">bsp@scouts.org.ph</a>
Official Facebook Fan Page	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/boyscoutsPH">https://www.facebook.com/boyscoutsPH</a>
Official Twitter Account	<a href="https://twitter.com/boyscoutsPH">https://twitter.com/boyscoutsPH</a>
Official Instagram Account	<a href="https://www.instagram.com/boyscoutsph/">https://www.instagram.com/boyscoutsph/</a>
Official Tiktok Account	<a href="https://www.tiktok.com/@boyscoutsph">https://www.tiktok.com/@boyscoutsph</a>
Official YouTube Channel	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/@boyscoutsPH">https://www.youtube.com/@boyscoutsPH</a>

**Official 18<sup>th</sup> National Scout Jamboree Hashtags:**

#AllRoadsLeadToPassiCity2023 #18thNSJ2023 #ScoutsPh2023

17. Attached here are the following documents for easy access and references:

- a. Individual Application Form
- b. Health and Medical Record
- c. Roster of Jamboree Participants

18. All concerned are hereby enjoined to promote and help ensure the maximum participation of the Scouts and Adult Leaders within your respective Regions and Local Councils. You are further advised to organize working committees in order to support your respective Contingent Management Teams (CMTs) to ensure the efficient preparation for the events and the smooth relay of information and other details.

19. Should you have questions, feedback and clarifications, you refer them directly to **MR. YASSER F. SARONA**, Program and Adult Resources Development Executive, and the designated **Project Officer of the 18<sup>th</sup> National Scout Jamboree** at (02) 8527-8317 to 19 loc. 524 or via email at [yaz@scouts.org.ph](mailto:yaz@scouts.org.ph)

20. For your information, guidance, widest dissemination and appropriate action.



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