THE BOY SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES

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Boy Scouts of the Philippines

The Boy Scouts of the Philippines is “a voluntary, non-political, educational movement for young people, under adult guidance, open to all Filipinos, without distinction of origin, race, or creed, in accordance with the purpose, principles and method conceived by the founder”.

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The BSP Vision

To be the leading provider of progressive outdoor-based non-formal education committed to develop morally straight, disciplined, concerned, self-reliant citizens in the best tradition of World Scouting.
The BSP Mission

• To inculcate in our Scouts and Scouters love of God, country and fellowmen

• To prepare the youth for responsible leadership

• To contribute to nation-building according to the ideals, principles and program of Scouting
The Birth and Development of BSP

- 1910 there were already reports on the existence of Scout units in Manila
- July 27, 1912 issue of the “The Scout,” BP wrote encountering Scouts in the Philippines
- 1914 birth of Scouting in the Philippines was the formation of an all-Muslim troop in Zamboanga
The Birth and Development of BSP

• December 27, 1923 the Philippine Council, Boy Scouts of America

• October 31, 1936 Boy Scouts of the Philippines was established
  – Commonwealth Act No. 111 was signed by President Manuel Quezon.
  – The bill was sponsored by Assemblyman Tomas Confesor
Incorporators Charter Members or the Founding Fathers of the BSP

- J. E. H. Stevenot
- Arsenio N. Luz
- Carlos P. Romulo
- Vicente P. Lim
- Manuel R. Camus
- Jorge B. Vargas
- Gabriel A. Daza

They are also known as Charter Members or the Founding Fathers of the BSP
The Birth and Development of BSP

• December 31, 1937 Philippine Council, Boy Scouts of America, turned over complete control of Scouting in the Philippines to the Boy Scouts of the Philippines

• February 24, 1945 the Boy Scouts of the Philippines officially resumed operations after the World War II
The Birth and Development of BSP

- December 1998 total membership is recorded to have reached 3,491,911 Scouts and Scouters
The BSP Organization by Region

- Ilocos
- Central Luzon
- Northeastern Luzon
- National Capital
- Southern Tagalog
- Bicol
- Western Visayas
- Eastern Visayas
- Western Mindanao
- Eastern Mindanao
The Key 3

Corporate Leadership
Strategic Direction
& Logistical Support

National President
Regional Chairman
Local Council Chairman
Area / District Chairman
Institutional Head

Secretary General
Regional Scout Director
Scout Executive
Field Scout Executive

Chief National Commissioner
Regional Scout Commissioner
Council Scout Commissioner
District Scout Commissioner
Unit Leaders and Assistants

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Double Track Plan

Administrative

• Set direction
• Policies of organization
• Financial and material needs
• Other administrative needs

Program

• Ensure the delivery and implementation of the Scouting Program
Double Track Plan

Administrative

- Members of the National, Regional, Council Executive Board, District and Institutional Scouting Committees
- Institutional Heads and Coordinators

Program

- Commissioners of All Ranks on all levels
- Institutional Scouting Coordinator
- Unit leaders and assistants
Double Track Plan

Professionals

• They are responsible in holding both tracks together.

• They give technical advise and guidance so the two groups can perform their functions effectively.
Double Track Plan

Administrative People
- Members at Large
- Sectoral Representatives
- Institutional Representatives

Technical People
- Professional Scouter

Program People
- Volunteers

The Sponsoring Institution

The Boy Scouts of the Philippines

The Community
Double Track Plan

Administrative People
- National Executive Board

Technical People
- Secretary General
- Regional Scout Director

Program People
- Chief National Commissioner and Staff
- Regional Scout Commissioner and Staff

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Double Track Plan

Administrative People
- Council Executive Board
- District Scouting Committees

Technical People
- Council Scout Executive
- Field Scout Executive

Program People
- Council Scout Commissioner and Staff
- Regional Scout Commissioner and Staff

Institutional Scouting Committee

Unit Leaders
Youth Program: KID, KAB, BOY, SENIOR, ROVER
Double Track Plan

Administrative

- Meets every month and come up with solutions to many operational and administrative problems in their own level

Program

- Meets in program conferences, pow-wows, roundtables to share and learn program ideas, skills, ceremonies, games, songs and crafts
Obligations of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines

1. to accept the Institutional Scouting Representative, upon registering with the Boy Scouts of the Philippines, as an active and voting member of the Local Council and the Scouting District where he belongs;

2. to provide Program materials to the registered leadership of the unit;

3. to make available to the institution’s registered leadership opportunities to receive continuing training;
Obligations of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines

1. to make available to the registered Scouts of the institution the camping and outdoor facilities and equipment of the BSP;

2. to provide services as may be needed by the Institution to ensure the effective delivery of the Scouting Program;

3. to maintain such basic records as may be necessary regarding the Institution’s Scout membership, advancement, tenure, and activities;
Obligations of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines

1. to assist the Institution in the promotion of religious awards, to be presented by the Scout’s own church;

2. to join with the Institution in promoting and encouraging the practice of “good turns” as a means of developing civic consciousness;

3. to work with the Institution in promoting the Scouting Program and to interest the greatest number of boys to join Scouting;
Obligations of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines

1. to maintain in all Scouting events a climate that fosters reverence to God and faithfulness in religious duties;

2. to provide a local council office as a service center for helping Institutions operate their units effectively.
Obligations of the Sponsoring Institution

1. to adopt the Program of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines as an integral part of their own program;

2. to organize the Institutional Scouting Committee whose responsibility is to ensure that the Scouting program is effectively implemented in the Institution by seeing to it that all the financial, material, manpower, and moral support are provided;

3. to organize and operate one or more Scout units;
Obligations of the Sponsoring Institution

1. to select an Institutional Scouting Representative who must register with the Boy Scouts of the Philippines;

2. to provide adequate meeting facilities;

3. to accept the principles, policies, and the method of Scouting as their own;
Obligations of the Sponsoring Institution

1. to maintain the standards of the Movement as interpreted by the Local Council and to abide by the Local Council By-Laws and the Constitution of the Boy Scouts of the Philippines;

2. to provide opportunities for the Scouts to perform their responsibilities to God according to their religious preference;
Obligations of the Sponsoring Institution

1. to respect the religious preference of the Scouts in their unit;

2. to encourage and provide opportunities for the Scouts to be actively involved in the community;

3. to encourage the maximum involvement of parents in Scouting by providing them the opportunity to participate actively in the activities of the unit.
Conclusion

• The Boy Scouts of the Philippines
• The Double Track Plan
• The Great Partnership