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REVITALIZING THE BOY/GIRL SCOUTING MOVEMENT IN SCHOOLS

1. The Scouting Movement, through the Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP) and the Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP), is an effective program in the leadership and value formation of every child. The main objective of this Program is consistent with the Department's mission to enhance, support, and develop boys and girls to well-rounded individuals with exemplary character. The BSP and the GSP have, so far, produced leaders who are true to the Scout Oath and Law or Girl Scout Promise and Law.
2. With its impressive track record on youth development, the DepEd recognizes, the significant role of the BSP and the GSP in helping the school system mold pupils and students into responsible and responsive citizens of the country. As a co-curricular program, scouting activities help stem away vices and bad influences of drugs and peers.
3. Membership and participation in Boy Scouting indicates the interest of pupils and students in worthwhile activities which develop productive skills through leadership programs and projects that contribute to values development and character formation of the schoolchildren.
4. In view thereof, the DepEd supports the revitalization of the Scouting Movement nationwide in various areas of possible partnership and cooperation and as such issues the following guidelines:

4.1 Promotion of Membership to the BSP and GSP

All public and private elementary and secondary schools are encouraged to promote membership to the BSP and GSP among all pupils and students, including parents and teachers, at the start of the School Year.

4.2 Membership and Collection of Membership Fees

Membership to the BSP and GSP is voluntary and shall not be made a condition for enrolment, transfer or clearance of pupils and students. Membership fees and other fund raising activities of boys and girls scouts shall be collected by the GSP and BSP unit leaders who shall immediately remit in full to the BSP and GSP local councils duly chartered by their respective national office. No quota in membership shall be required.

4.3 Strengthening Quality Scouting Program