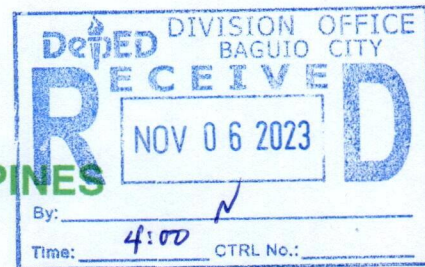


**GIRL SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES**  
National Headquarters  
Manila



**CHQ CIRCULAR No. 43**  
**Series of 2023**

**TO : REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND COUNCIL EXECUTIVES**

**RE : 43<sup>rd</sup> GSP NATIONAL CAMP**

**DATE : October 27, 2023**

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The Girl Scouts of the Philippines is pleased to announce that the **43<sup>RD</sup> GSP NATIONAL CAMP** with the theme ***Harmony in Nature: "Nurturing a Sustainable Future"*** to be hosted by the Southern Luzon Region and Batangas Girl Scout Council will be held on December 1-6, 2023 at Brgy. Quilib, Rosario, Batangas City

At the end of the six-day camp, the campers should have:

- develop awareness, understanding, and appreciation of our environment and take an active role in the stewardship of nature;
- gain a deeper understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG);
- experienced challenging outdoor activities that further enhanced their outdoor skills and self-preparedness;
- demonstrate camp skills and accomplish certain tasks given while in camp;
- earn badges in the 8-Point Challenge, particularly under Challenge of the Environment, Challenge of the Arts, Challenge of the World Community, and Challenge of Heritage and Citizenship.

**QUALIFICATIONS OF CAMPERS**

1. Must be a registered Senior or Cadet Girl Scout (*Membership must be valid until December 30, 2023*)
2. Must be physically fit and alert.
3. Must have earned at least one badge each under the 8-Point Challenge.
4. Must have attended a troop/patrol/council/regional camp prior to this camp.

5. Must be a Patrol Leader's Camp Permit Course Certificate Holder or have attended the Patrol Leader's Camp Permit Course.

## CAMPERS

**1 patrol (8 Senior Girl Scouts) per Council:**

## CAMP FEE

1. The camp fee is **Three Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P3,500.00)** per camper inclusive of the following:

Use of camping grounds  
Camping Program Materials and Resources  
Transportation during offsite activities  
Campers Guide  
Health and sanitation Kit  
Certificates, badge/s, and group insurance

2. Please take note that **food provision is not included in the camp fee and transportation going to the Campsite.**
3. Payment can be given to the Council directly.
4. The camp management will not accept onsite payments and paid registration fees of campers who were not able to attend are non-refundable.

## TRAVEL AND TRANSPORTATION

1. Campers coming from other transport terminals may also ask for transport service going to the campsite: ***rates to be announced***

Batangas City Bus Terminal to Campsite

Please accomplish the attached travel data form and deposit the payment for the transportation fee to the host Region on or before the deadline, November 10, 2023

**Please note that campers will be awarded the badges and certificates only upon successful completion of the whole duration of the camp.**

## ARRIVAL IN CAMP

1. The campers are expected to arrive in camp on the morning of Friday, December 1.

Campers arriving early will have to put up their own tent at the campground and may prepare their own meals. However, they have to inform the host Region and NHQ Program Division on or before November 10.

2. Upon arrival, the campers shall proceed to the Camp Registration Area to register with the Business Manager. Please bring proof of payment of your registration (deposit slip)
3. The Camp Program Coordinator will give instructions as to their sub-camp and unit assignments as well as the location where they will pitch their tents. The camp layout will be posted on the bulletin board for reference.

## HEALTH PROTOCOLS

1. The campers must submit a duly accomplished **HEALTH EXAMINATION FORM and COVID-19 HEALTH DECLARATION AND LIABILITY WAIVER** at least 5 days before the camp.
2. Per NHQ Circular No. 33 s 2022 dated December 16, 2022, **A COVID-19 Health Declaration and Liability Waiver** approved by the National Legal Committee is added to the existing camp forms such as the Personal Data, Parent's Consent, Health Examination, and Travel Data (see attached) to adhere to the COVID-19 guidelines of the Inter- Agency Task Force (IATF) on Minimum Public Health Standards (MPHS). The new form will prevent discrimination between COVID-19 vaccinated and unvaccinated Girl Scouts. The form also gives a clear understanding of GSP's liability in case the camper contracts the disease during or right after the camp, etc.
3. Upon arrival, the campers shall proceed to the Camp Registration Area for a routine health check by the Camp Health and Safety Officer and the detailed medical staff from the LGU. Campers with any health concerns may be denied entry to the camp.
4. Daily health checks and monitoring will be conducted. A medical staff on duty shall assess the health of campers and camp staff and give proper medical attention and/or referral to a nearby clinic or hospital. 11. In case of COVID-19 symptoms and other viral illnesses, the camper or staff shall be isolated and referred to a nearby clinic or hospital. The GSP Region, Council, and guardians will be informed immediately.

## FOOD MANAGEMENT

1. The food of the campers is **NOT** included in the registration fee.

Campers are expected to prepare and cook their own meals in camp based on the proposed menu in the Camper's Guide. The first meal to be cooked by the patrol in camp is breakfast on December 2, Saturday, and the last meal will be lunch on December 6.

***This is important to teach our campers how to budget and save their money by planning and writing down their purchases/food expenses each day, and adding them up at the end of the day to be divided among themselves. This will also encourage them to think about how they are spending and how they can manage their budget.***

2. There will be a Trading Post inside the camp where the campers can order in advance and buy their marketing needs. Procedures on how to order and purchase perishable goods/food supplies will be discussed by the Sub-Camp Quarter Master during the orientation.
3. The Trading Post will sell packed breakfast and lunch on December 1 only.
4. A welcome dinner will be served to all the campers and guests hosted by the Southern Luzon Region and Batangas Council.

Campers should bring their individual refillable water bottle or tumbler, eating utensils, and a set of cooking utensils for each patrol.

5. Charcoal stoves and charcoals will be made available for sale at the Trading Post.
6. **LPG/kerosene/butane stoves** will not be allowed inside the camp.

## GADGET WOODS

1. Gadget woods will be made available for sale at the Trading Post.
2. Campers should bring their own twines or straws for lashing.

**TENTS**

1. Campers should bring their own patrol sleeping tents and ply tents.
2. The National Program Committee has recommended the use of **dome tents for the camp because it is lighter and easier to carry. Each patrol of eight (8) girls will be allowed to bring two (2) dome tents.**

**PROPOSED PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES**

Campers will experience exciting and adventure-filled activities:

CAMP ACTIVITIES	OTHER CAMP CEREMONIES/ACTIVITIES
Basic Life Support	† Colors
‡ Swimming	† Scout's Own
‡ Self Defense	† Thanksgiving Mass/Religious Service
‡ Out Door Adventure	† Campfire
‡ Advocacy Programs	† Inter-Tent Visit
‡ Tree Planting/ Vegetable gardening	† Arts and Crafts
‡ Storytelling	† Dances
‡ Ala Eh Adventure	† Songs
‡ Camp Bazaar	† Hiking and Nature lore

**THINGS TO BRING**

The following items/things should be brought by the individual camper and packed in a **duffle bag and a backpack/knapsack** provided with luggage tags. **Travel Luggage and/or Trolley Bags (Maleta) will not be allowed inside the camp.** Campers are encouraged to travel light and bring only what is needed.

Personal Things	
GSP Uniforms for Senior/Cadet Girl Scouts— <i>complete with pins, strips, belt, scarf, badge sash with badges, white socks, cap and black shoes</i>	Toiletries ( <i>soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, powder, alcohol, etc.</i> )
Active Wear Uniforms	Sit-upon ( <i>a plastic sheet about 3 feet square</i> )
GSP Jogging Pants	Shoe polish kit
GSP shirts	Bedroll or sleeping bag
Rubber shoes ( <i>for outdoor challenge</i> )	Writing materials ( <i>pad &amp; ballpen</i> )
Comfortable working clothes	Girl Scout Knife or Swiss Knife ( <i>available for sale at the camp</i> )
Casual Attire	Flashlight
Sweater/jacket/long sleeves	Whistle
Raincoat	Water canteen
Sewing kit	Set of eating utensils ( <i>plastic plate, saucer, cup, tumbler, spoon, fork, knife, cloth napkin, glass – all of these to be placed in a drawstring bag</i> )
Sleeping garments and slippers	
Underwear	
Face towel and bath towel	
Prescribed medicines	Sunblock cream
Regional Costumes for Campfire	Insect repellent

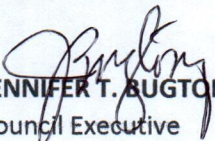
Patrol Equipment	Optional
Cooking utensils	Camera
Plastic sheet for the grounds	Souvenirs/Tokens for swapping with other campers
Basin, Pale or other containers and dipper	
Bolo/trowel	
First Aid kit	Musical Instrument/s
Plastic black bags (large) for litters for the camp duration	
Emergency lamp for quarters, dining and kitchen	
Charcoal stove and charcoals ( <i>available for sale at the camp</i> )	
Products (food, delicacies, etc.) for sale/ display during the Camp Bazaar	

## CHARGING OF ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Please be informed that the electrical power supply at the camp may not be sufficient to accommodate all the charging of campers' electronic devices. Hence, campers are advised not to bring tablets, laptops, etc. The gadget charging station will also be available at the trading post.

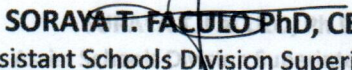
Other details of the event will be included in the succeeding circulars. Meanwhile, we suggest that campers be screened and given the needed preparation during the pre-camp training such as their regional presentation during the Grand Campfire.

### FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND ACTION.

  
**JENNIFER T. BUGTONG**  
Council Executive

Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads/Administrators  
GSP District Field Advisers  
GSP School Coordinators and Troop Leaders

For information and guidance.  
Participation shall be purely voluntary.

  
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