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Department of Education
Region III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF PAMPANGA

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

NO. **474** s. 2023

GIRL SCOUT WEEK CELEBRATION 2023

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Division Chiefs
Public Schools District Supervisors
School Heads
District/School Girl Scout Coordinators
All Others Concerned

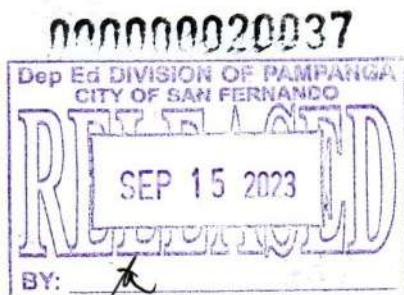
Attached herewith is the Council Circular No. 01, series 2023 of the Girl Scout of the Philippines, Central Luzon region, Pampanga Girl Scout Council with the information on the celebration of **Girl Scout Week on September 17-23, 2023** with the theme "125 years of Living Legacy: Remembering the Life of Josefa Llanes Escoda".

Girl Scouts all over the country are enjoined to participate in the week-long celebration. Public Schools District Supervisors are encouraged to plan creative and exciting activities relative to the theme and topics for each day of the GS week celebration. See attached day to day topics celebration focus program.

Please submit accomplishment reports on your active participation to this program using the attach Report Form together with your action photos on or before October 10, 2023, to the Schools Division Office-Planning Section, attention to: Dr. Jane Valencia.

For information and guidance.

ROMEO M. ALIP, PhD, CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent





GIRL SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES

Central Luzon Region
Pampanga Girl Scout Council

COUNCIL CIRCULAR NO. 01
Series 2023



TO: Schools District Supervisors
Institutional Heads of Public/Private
Elementary and Secondary Schools
District Field Advisers and Troop Leaders

RE: GIRL SCOUT WEEK CELEBRATION 2023

DATE: SEPTEMBER 05, 2023

The Girl Scouts of the Philippines will celebrate **Girl Scout Week** on **September 17-23, 2023** with the theme **“125 Years of Living Legacy: Remembering the Life of Josefa Llanes Escoda”**.

This year’s Girl Scout week honors the great contribution of our Founder as we celebrate her 125th birth anniversary. Just like our **“Lola Pepa”**, Girl Scouts should maximize their skills, talents, and capabilities to find opportunities to make positive impact in the community by living the **Girl Scout Promise and Law**.

Girl Scouts all over the country are enjoined to participate in the week-long celebration. **Schools/Districts are encouraged to plan creative and exciting activities relative to the theme and topics** for each day of the GS Week celebration. The **day-to-day celebration focuses** are as follows:

- September 17 - FAITH DAY**
- September 18 - TROOP LEADER’S DAY**
- September 19 - ENVIRONMENT DAY**
- September 20 - ESCODA/FOUNDERS DAY**
- September 21 - GIRL’S DAY**
- September 22 - COMMUNITY DAY**
- September 23 - FAMILY DAY**

We look forward to your usual active participation. Please submit your report to the Council Headquarters by using the attached **REPORT FORM** along with action photos on or before **October 15, 2023**.

Happy Girl Scout Week celebration!

Hiza H. Malonzo
GSP Council Executive

Recommending Approval:

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School Governance Operations Division
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GSP Commissioner on Administration
Division of Pampanga



GIRL SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES

National Headquarters
Manila

GIRL SCOUT WEEK CELEBRATION

September 17 - 23, 2023

Council: _____

REPORT FORM

ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN	TROOP NO.	AGE LEVEL	NO. OF GIRLS
DAY 1: September 17 – FAITH DAY			
Activities:			
DAY 2: September 18 – TROOP LEADER'S DAY (TEACHER'S DAY)			
Activities:			
DAY 3: September 19 – ENVIRONMENT DAY			
Activities:			
DAY 4: September 20 - ESCODA DAY			
Activities:			
DAY 5: September 21 – GIRL'S DAY			
Activities:			
DAY 6: September 22 – COMMUNITY DAY			
Activities:			
DAY 7: September 23 – FAMILY DAY			
Activities:			



GIRL SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES
Central Luzon Region
Pampanga Girl Scout Council

ESCODA MEMORIAL CEREMONY

Song: (All)

Escoda Memorial Hymn

O thou great Founder, champion of girlhood's cause
Come we in homage share, as now we pause
Grateful are we to thee, in all humanity
We'll pray for thy repose, in God's own home

Here are thy children, blest by thy love and care,
Gil scouting marches on, lured by thy hand
Faithful and true we'll be, in all activity
Escoda mother dear, honor to thee.

Listen to our praising dear name
We all revere our gifts of love we bring
Pure and sincere thy life our torch and guide
Where'er Girl Scouting goes
Escoda nation's pride and adore.

1st Speaker:

With fondness, we remember the lady born on September 20, 1898, the beloved late founder of the Girl Scouts of the Philippines, **Josefa Llanes Escoda**.

She was the eldest in a family of seven born to Gabriel Llanes and Mercedes Madamba. She assumed a parental role when her father died in her early childhood thus building the foundation of dynamic leadership.

A consistent scholar, she earned a teacher's certificate, an MA in Sociology and graduate credits in Social Work. She was a notable student, speaker and lecturer as well as leader of Filipinos and Orientals abroad.

Her career and social services included the American Red Cross, Leonard Wood Memorial, the Bureau of Health, National Federation of Woman Clubs, and the Girl Scouts of the Philippines. She had Girl Scouting training in London, USA before she organized the Girl Scouting Movement in the Philippines in 1940.

2nd Speaker:

Flowers we offer and lighted candles
Thanking God for our founder
Josefa Llanes Escoda
GSP's mother

3rd Speaker:

Josefa Llanes Escoda is our model
For loving our fellowmen
Not with words not tongue
But with truth and action
Serving others for a cause
Until her life was lost in the historic recesses of Fort Santiago.

Her perilous but successful attempts to help concentration camp prisoners and some intelligence work earned her the AFP Legionnaire of Honor. For their efforts, Mrs. Escoda and her husband, Antonio Escoda were captured and incarcerated for espionage in 1945 and never seen again. She was 46 years old.

President Carlos P. Garcia declared September 20 as Josefa Llanes Day in 1959.

4th Speaker:

There is love that stirs the heart and loves that gives rest
But the love that leads life upwards is the noblest and the best
Her last words to remember "Take care of the girls".
Her legacy to love and serve others makes her life forever in the movement she mothered.

Mother to millions of Twinklers, Star, Juniors, Seniors, and Cadets
Strong and healthy, caring and wise, dedicated to a mission of service
And citizenship at its best

God be praised for giving us Josefa Llanes Escoda
In thanksgiving, let us share a little of ourselves
To support the memento fund name in her honor.

5th Speaker:

In her memory we offer for so many years of GSP
A peso for every scouting year
From every girls, troop leaders and volunteers

Song: (All): Escoda Memorial Hymn

(Participants pass single file to place flowers in front of Josefa's portrait as they drop a peso in the box to support her memento fund.)