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**To All District Commissioners,**

### **VACATION CAMPS 2020 - APRIL VACATION - AT DISTRICT OR PROVINCIAL LEVEL**

As you are aware as per year plan of Sri Lanka Scout Association, Vacation Camps should be organized at Provincial or District Level for the benefit of Scouts in Scout and Rover sections who need support to complete their Badge Work on time.

**Aim:** Enhance the knowledge and produce quality Scouts who are able to win their badges, to make a positive contribution to Society locally and globally”

**Objectives:** by attending the Vacation Camps, Scouts will be able to:

- Gain experience in Camping as a patrol.
- to share knowledge and experience among other Scouts in the District.
- Have an opportunity to complete their Badge Work on time.
- To raise the standard of the District in the Training of Scouts in Junior Scouts, Senior Scouts and Rover Scouts according to their respective Badge Syllabus (Youth Programme and the Rover Programme.)
- Scouts have the opportunity to meet their Badge Examiners and District Officials in one place to complete their requirements.
- Scout Masters (Unit Leaders) get the opportunity to enhance the knowledge of their Scouts as well as to improve their knowledge.
- Scouts who are facing a difficulty according to the busy schedule and a lack of qualified Unit Leaders in their Scout Groups, gain a chance to overcome their challenges and go forward without having to give up Scouting.

#### Organizing the Vacation Camp

- District Commissioner and the Assistant District Commissioner Programme are responsible to Organize the Vacation Camps with the Assistant District Commissioners in Charge of the Scout and Rover Sections and Assistant District Commissioner Girls in Scouting.
- The organizing team has to find a suitable venue in the District to conduct the Vacation Camp. (Each Scout can reach the venue within 1 to 2 hours respectively.)
- Its better to organize this Vacation Camp in a National School or a Central School which has all infrastructure facilities, other requirements, Camping Areas and accommodation facilities for Staff Members (Male/Female) for a Weekend Camp. (Friday afternoon to Sunday Afternoon.)
- Call all Assistant District Commissioners, District Scout Leaders, most important Badge examiners, Badge Secretary and their respective Scout Leaders to attend this Vacation Camps (once in four months).
- Scouts who are participating in the Vacation Camps have to get permission from their parents, Scout Master, Group Scout Master and the Principal.
- If necessary they have to submit a Medical Certificate from a Physician.
- If any scouts from other Districts are willing to participate, they should get the approval from the District Commissioners of the respective District.

- The permanent Camp Staff would be appointed under the leadership of the ADC (Programme) or suitable ADC appointed by the District Commissioner. (Talented Wood Badge Holders can be appointed as staff members in respective sections. (Male and Female)
- If Girls in Scouting are participating ADC Girls in Scouting and female staff must be included in the staff list. They have to be with the Girls, full time in the Girls Camping area as per the instructions given regarding outdoor activities and Camping which Girls participate by NHQ.

Please be kind enough to organize this 1<sup>st</sup> experimental Vacation Camp in a proper manner and train another set of Scouters to conduct the next Vacation Camps

Call applications one month before to the Vacation Camp and categorise them according to their requirements before the Camp and give responsibilities to staff members at the Staff Meeting at least one week before the Camp.

Please be kind enough to send a standard report to the National Programme Commissioner within two weeks after the Vacation Camp.

No funds should be collected from scouts. All Scouts should organize their meals among themselves and travelling expenses as in a patrol Camp.

District Association or the individual leaders have to take care of the Camp Staff.

Parents of the Scouts can handover their Son/Daughter to the Camp staff at the Registration and take them back after they complete the requirements at the end of the camp. All scouts must obtain a written document at the registration and at the end, from their Scout Master/parents/Guardian.

Your cooperation in this regard is highly appreciated.

Thanking you'

Yours in Scout Service,

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