

DENR Memorandum Circular
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SUBJECT : Guidelines on the Implementation of the Weekend Youth Brigade of the Kabataan 2000.

Sec. 1 BASIC POLICY

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 139, S. of 1993, establishing the Kabataan 2000 Program, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) for its part shall take the lead in the implementation of the Environment and Natural Resources component of the Program.

Sec. 2 OBJECTIVES

The following are the objectives of the component program:

- 2.1 To divert the interest of our youth to a more productive activity;
- 2.2 To encourage the direct involvement of our youth in Environment and Natural Resources development including protection;
- 2.3 To develop concern and sense of awareness on environmental issues/problems and the government's program in response to the said issues; and
- 2.4 To enhance leadership qualities and teamwork among the youth, and contribute to nation building.

Sec. 3 PROJECT CONCEPT

3.1 Description

Hand in hand with other programs of the DENR, the nationwide tree planting program shall be participated in by the youth aged 15-25 years,

high school, college, and technical vocational students and out-of-school youth (OSY). Tree planting shall be done during the week-end of the rainy months and maintenance and protection related activities thereafter. These activities shall be done on a year round basis each with specific schedules.

3.2 Component Features

This involves purely tree planting along roadsides, parks, front and backyards and other areas which shall be identified by DENR in coordination with the LGUs and Barangay Councils.

3.3 Duration

The program which shall be launched nationwide on August 27, 1994 will be a continuing activity of DENR involving the youth.

3.4 Clientele

High school, college and technical vocational students and out of school youth, with ages ranging from 15 to 25 years shall be encouraged to participate. These volunteers shall be grouped, each to be headed by a leader to be selected by the members of the group.

3.5 Cooperating Agencies

Proper coordinating with the following government agencies is, likewise, encouraged for the Tree Planting component of the Weekend Youth Brigade:

3.5.1 The identification of youth volunteers shall be the responsibility of the SK in coordination with DECs, DILG and DSWD.

3.5.2 The DENR's RPAO shall coordinate with PIA, PCYA, DECS and the SK on media coverage and publication of WYB activities.

- 3.5.3 The PENRO/CENRO shall coordinate with DND's local milit units and DILG's local police units with regards to prevaili peace and order situation.

Sec. 4 OUTPUTS

The program shall contribute to the planting of some 120,000 seedlings annually along roadsides, parks and other areas which shall be identified by DENR in coordination with LGUs and SKs.

It shall, likewise, enhance awareness and develop deeper sense of responsibility of the youth on the conservation of our forest resources by their involvement in the tree planting program of the government.

Sec. 5 MECHANICS OF IMPLEMENTATION

- 5.1 The DENR shall coordinate with the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) who shall recruit and list down volunteers from among the youth in their respective barangays.
- 5.2 The DENR in coordination with LGUs and SKs shall identify the proposed tree planting sites. The SK shall submit to DENR-CENRO their target number of seedlings to be planted.
- 5.3 The SK shall also undertake site preparation activities such as brushing, staking and hole digging.
- 5.4 The DENR thru its PENROs and CENROs shall provide the necessary seedlings and technical assistance.

Sec. 6 MONITORING AND EVALUATION SCHEME

- 6.1 Central - The Office of the Secretary (OSEC), shall consolidate reports coming from the field offices and submit the same to the PCYA, Office of the President not later than the 10th day of the following month.

- 6.2 Regional - The Regional Executive Director (RED) shall represent the DENR as member of the Kabataan 2000 Regional Steering Committee. Particularly, he shall oversee the implementation and ensure the success of the Program in his region.
- 6.3 Provincial - The Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) shall:
- a) monitor the accomplishment of all the barangays within its jurisdiction;
 - b) submit a monthly report to the RED not later than the 5th of the succeeding month.
- 6.4 Community - The Community Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) shall:
- a) coordinate closely with the SK in the identification of the site where tree planting shall be undertaken;
 - b) provide the necessary forest tree seedlings and technical assistance; and
 - c) coordinate with the Department of Agriculture/Bureau of Plant Industry to provide technical assistance and fruit tree seedlings.

Sec. 7 BUDGET

All planting materials shall be provided by the local DENR (CENRO seedling production) and DA/BPI.

Sec. 8 REPEALING CLAUSE

All provisions of previous memorandum circular inconsistent with this are hereby repealed or amended accordingly.

Sec. 9 EFFECTIVITY

This circular shall take effect immediately.

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