
HANDBOOK FOR THE BRIGADE PHILIPPINES
Senior Section

THE BOYS' BRIGADE IN PHILIPPINES
(The Brigade, Philippines)

Preface

This first edition of Handbook covers almost everything for the need of a member. The aim of this handbook is to provide ready and convenient information about the Boys' Brigade movement. It deals with BB knowledge, Christian Education, Citizenship, General Information and Award.

No book is of any use unless it is read and you should read it carefully and plan your time in The Boys' Brigade.

We hope that every Member who reads this handbook will aim at gaining the President's Award and then the Founder's Award before one leaves. In so doing, you will have conquered mental, physical and emotional challenges; this means making the most of your opportunities and always does your best. At the same time, may these activities lead you to a realization of the need for you, as a youth not to forget the role of your Creator in your life?

Comments and suggestions regarding this handbook are welcome and can be directed to the BBP HQ.

BRIGADE SENIOR SECTION CHAIRMAN

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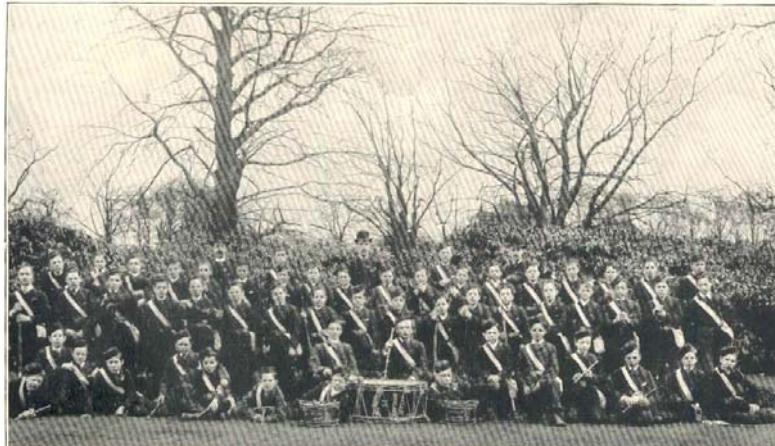
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This is The Boys' Brigade

History

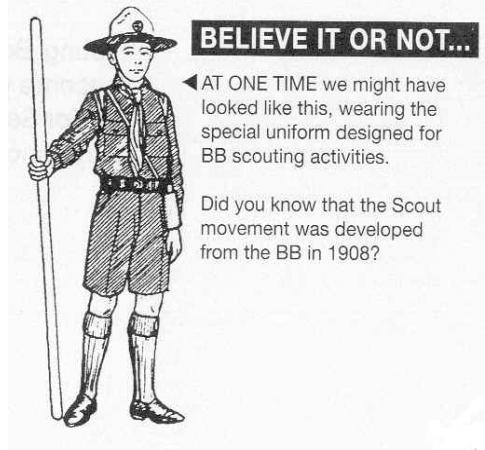
Sir William Alexander Smith founded the Boys' Brigade on 4 October 1883 when he formed a Company of 35 Members at Free Church Mission Hall, North Woodside Road, Glasgow. It was the first of all uniformed organizations for boys, which has since spread all over the world.



1st Glasgow Company, The Boys' Brigade 1885.

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William Smith was a businessman, part-time soldier and Sunday School Teacher. He devised a unique system of giving Boys an organization as part of the church based on religion and discipline. Initially, 59 Boys joined, many out of curiosity but 35 of them stayed. Simple form of drill, gymnastics and games were introduced and these proved very popular. The uniform for the first year was a rosette; afterwards the forage cap, haversack and belt were introduced. Other activities were soon added and in 1886 the first BB camp was held in Tighnabruaich. It was, in fact, the start of camping for young people.



Following the impact of the Boys' Brigade, other uniformed organizations were started – Church Lads' Brigade (1890), Girls' Brigade (1893), Boys' Life Brigade (1899), The Jewish Lads' Brigade (1900), Catholic Boys' Brigade (1900), Girls' Guildry (1900), Girls' Life Brigade (1902), the Member Scouts (1908), and the Girl Guides (1910). All of these organizations can trace the idea of uniformed youth back to 1883 and William Smith.

In 1917, Boys Reserves was started for Boys between the ages of 9 and 12 years but later changed to Life Members in 1926. And in 1966, The Life Boys became part of the Boys' Brigade organization known as The Junior Section.

BB throughout the world celebrated the 100 years of its founding in 1983.



'A rose between two thorns' Hilda Barnett and her Brigade brothers. 1918.

Motto

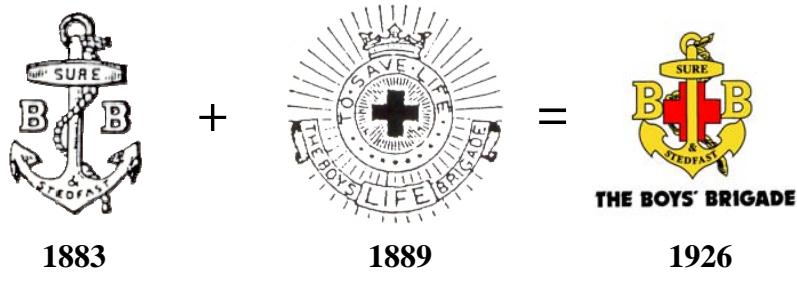
Sure & Stedfast taken from Hebrews 6:19.

The biblical spelling of *stedfast* has been retained as found in the King James Version.

Emblem

The emblem was originally an anchor.

Like the motto, it stems from the verse “which hope we have as an anchor of the soul...”(Hebrews 6:19). With the union of The Boys’ Brigade and The Boys’ Life Brigade in 1926, a red cross was added to the anchor.



Object

The object of The Boys’ Brigade shall be the advancement of Christ’s Kingdom among Boys and Girls and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect and all that tends towards a true Christian Character. The text of this object has remained the same since the beginning, with the addition of the word obedience in 1893 and the also the inclusion of Girls as members of the Brigade in the Philippines.

However, the following aims are a useful translation of the Object into everyday goals for the BB Company:

- To help Boys & Girls to develop and grow in Christian character
- To train Boys & Girls to become loyal and responsible citizens
- To promote physical fitness and develop their leadership potential

Method

The method of achieving the object of the Boys’ Brigade is by providing a meaningful and enjoyable program of educational, physical, social, and spiritual interests, based on the “twin pillars” of Christian Faith and Discipline and guided by Christian adult leaders as officers.

Through the framework of uniform, badges and drill, the habits of discipline, self-respect, smartness and teamwork are developed in each Boy and Girl according to their needs and capacity.



The Founder

SIR WILLIAM ALEXANDER SMITH



The Founder

The guiding force behind The Boys' Brigade at its beginning was the founder, **SIR WILLIAM ALEXANDER SMITH**. His ideas and principles are a continuing inspiration of Officers and Members alike.

He was born on 27 October 1854 at Pennyland House, Thurso, Scotland. His father and grandfather before him had been officers in the Army. Young William began work as a clerk in his uncle's business in Glasgow at the age of fifteen, and while still in his teens enrolled in the 1st Lanarkshire Rifle Volunteers.



He later attained the rank of Major, commanded its Mounted detachment, and left the Volunteers as a Lieutenant Colonel.

When he was a young Sunday school teacher in Glasgow, William Smith used to worry that the Boys in his class were rowdy and he had difficulty keeping them quiet in order to teach them. But on Saturdays, as an Officer in the Volunteers (part of the army of that time) he could get many men to do exactly as he wanted when he drilled them. Why couldn't the Boys in his Sunday school be like the Volunteers?

Suddenly the idea came to him that if the Boys met together to do drill during the week, then perhaps they would be better behaved on Sundays. So Boys' Brigade was started. Very quickly it was clear that this was just what Boys needed and soon other Companies were formed.

For thirty-one years Sir William Smith was Secretary of the Brigade preferring the humbler appointment of Brigade Secretary to that of Brigade President and Captain of the 1st Glasgow Company. He fell ill and two days later on the morning of 10 May 1914, passed away.

The Man

- Started The Boys' Brigade in Glasgow on Thursday, 4 October 1883.
- Became full-time Brigade Secretary in 1888
- Knighted, July 1909 by King Edward V11

Founder's Day

The last Sunday of October each year is observed as Founder's Day.

What He Lived For

"If I am to be remembered by posterity I should like it to be as the man who taught people to spell Boy with a capital "B".

A Royal Tribute

King George V1 said of the Founder:

"Sir William Smith, built better than he knew for he started not only a great movement but one from which all out present widespread youth training was destined to spring..."

"In every healthy Boy there is an inborn desire to be a brave, true man, and if he fail to attain to this, it is too often from a perverted notion of what true bravery and true manliness really are. What we had to do was to take hold of his desire, and turn it into a right channel, through which it might frame to God's glory and their own good."

"What the Brigade seeks to do is to train up good, true Members, well prepared, physically and morally, for the battle of life, in whatever sphere they may choose."

"It will thus be seen that the Brigade aims at taking all that enters into healthy Boy-Life, and consecrating it to the service of God."



The words of
Sir William A. Smith

The Boys' Brigade in Philippines



The Boys' Brigade did not appear on the Asian scene until 1915 when Rev Guthrie Gambie founded the first Company in Swatow, China. The Company however had to fold-up when the Communist took over China subsequently. The BB then spread to South-East Asia with the formation of the 1st Singapore Company in 1930 by Mr. James Fraser.

BB was re-introduced to The Philippines in 25 January 2010 when the first BB orientation was conducted to 40 attendees in Grace Christian College, Quezon City, Metro Manila. Prior to that a sequence of events had actually taken place.

1990s The extension of BB work in the Philippines can be traced to early 1990s. It started with the initiative of Rev Kuan Kim Seng, ex-Captain of the 9th Singapore Company at the Church of The Good Shepherd. He was the Vicar of St John's Chapel which had a mission work in Ilocos Norte.

The BB was introduced to the local pastors and followed by the first officer training. Three trainers from The Boys' Brigade Singapore namely Mr Jimmy Png, Mr Patrick Ong and Mr Raymond Tan conducted the training in Laoag City in Ilocos Norte.

- 1993 Subsequently, 2 companies were formed in Laoag City, Illocos Norte. There appeared to have much interests in the BB ministry and even the Col (Retired) Kenneth Rawlsley from The Boys' Brigade Australia had also conducted a few seminars to introduce the BB whilst on vacation to the Philippines.
- 1994 A pro-tem committee comprising of local Filipinos was formed to work towards the formalization of the ministry. The ministry was formally incorporated on 15th September, 1995 and was known as The Philippines Youth Brigade or "PYB" in short.
- 1996 The third company, 2nd Muntinlupa Company was formed. However, since the establishment of PYB, communications with them appeared to have been lost between PYB and The Boys' Brigade Singapore.
- Thus it may conclude that PYB had gone dormant shortly after its registration.
- 1997 Some effort was made to revive the PYB through the Philippines Evangelical Council of Churches (PECC) and a training course was conducted among 7 church leaders from the Philippines in Singapore.
- 1999 Another training course was conducted that year for a group of 32 pastors from various churches in the Philippines.
Despite of the effort made PYB however, appeared to have been rather unstable. Since then, the PYB did not make much progress.
- 2002 In 24 September, 2002, The Girls' Brigade launched the Boys and Girls Brigade Philippines (BGBP) in Cebu. Subsequently a formal proposal was received in May 2003 for a partnership with The Boys' Brigade.
The partnership was extended in the form of providing training support for the Boys Wing of the BGBP. Thus, BB Singapore and BB Malaysia sent their personnel to conduct several training programs for the BGBP officers who took charge of the Boys Wing.

- 2006 At the General Council Meeting of The Boys' Brigade Asia on the 3rd November, 2006, The Boys' and Girls' Brigade of The Philippines (BGBP) was accepted as associate member of The Boys' Brigade Asia.
- 2009 On 31st October, 2009, The Boys' and Girls' Brigade of The Philippines (BGBP) decided to withdraw their associate membership with The Boys' Brigade Asia.
- 2010 With the withdrawal of BGBP, The Boys' Brigade Asia decided to re-start The Boys' Brigade work that was established more than 15 years ago.

On 23 January, 2010, The Boys' Brigade Asia conducted their first road show at Grace Christian College in Quezon City, Metro Manila. The half day seminar was attended by more than 40 participants from various Christian schools, Churches and Christian organizations.

The Pro-tem Committee was subsequently formed. The committee comprised of the following people:

Chairman: Mr Paul Tiu (MGC Newlife Christian Academy, Taguig City, Metro Manila)

Vice Chairman: Dr Jacob Cannones (Grace Christian College, Quezon City, Metro Manila)

Secretary: Mrs Josephine Sy-Tan (Grace Christian College, Quezon City, Metro Manila)

Committee Members:

Dr James Tan (President, Grace Christian College, Quezon City, Metro Manila)

Mrs Helen K. Villanueva (Principal, MGC Newlife Christian Academy, Taguig City, Metro Manila)

Up to the end of December 2010 5 companies were formed and there were:

- 1st Metro Manila South (MGC Newlife Christian Academy)

- 2nd Metro Manila South (International Christian Academy)
- 1st Metro Manila North (Grace Christian College)
- 2nd Metro Manila (North) (Jesus My Tower Church)
- 1st Benguet (Star Education Christian Foundation Academy)

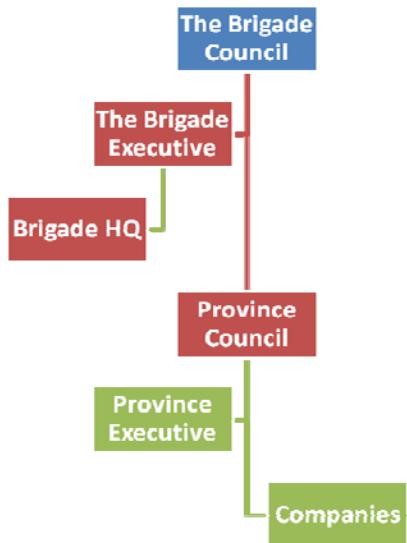
2011 The work of The Boys' Brigade was formally incorporated in**January 2011** and it took a new name “The Boys' Brigade in The Philippines (The Brigade Philippines)”.

The Boys' Brigade in The Philippines
(as at 31 January, 2011)

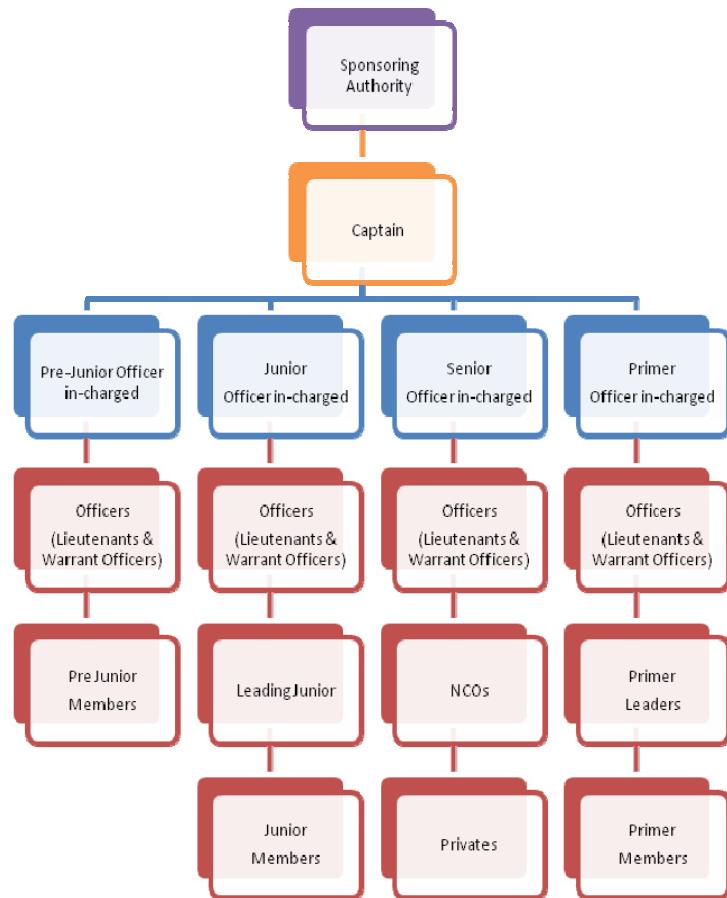
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1 st Metro Manila 2 nd Metro Manila	1 st Metro Manila 2 nd Metro Manila	1 st Benguet

Structure of BB Philippines

NATIONWIDE LEVEL



LOCAL COMPANY LEVEL



International Link – The Boys' Brigade in Asia

www.bbasia.org



As a BB member you enjoy friendship in your own Company. Do you realize that through your BB membership you are linked with thousands of other Boys and Girls, not only in The Philippines, but also overseas.

The Brigade now exists in some 60 countries throughout the world and almost half its strength is outside the United Kingdom where it began.

Boys and Girls of many different races and languages are linked together in worldwide Christian fellowship. The life of companies everywhere follows the same basic principles, with some variation in uniform and activities to suit local conditions.

The Boys' Brigade Asia is a family of Brigade Organizations, which grew out of the international work of The Boys' Brigade founded in Scotland in 1883.

Today the BB has a membership of more than 600,000 worldwide that come together to share their faith, experience, ideas and resources.

International relationships and interdependencies are encouraged through exchange visits, workshops, conferences, literature and projects.



While each national body is autonomous with its own program for different age groups, the one common aim is to advance Christ's Kingdom among the Boys and Girls of the World.

BB Asia was inaugurated on 26 July 2003 in Malaysia when BB representatives from Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand signed a memorandum of agreement giving birth to the regional association.

The Purpose

BB Asia has been formed out of a desire to maintain the unity, purpose and specific character of The Boys' Brigade everywhere. It came into being to give The Boys' Brigade an international organization which would advance its growth, interest and cause.

The Objectives

The objectives of BB Asia are:

- to promote the development and extension of The Boys' Brigade to new fields and territories.
- to strengthen the work of The Boys' Brigade internationally and within each member country.
- to help its members to develop and adapt their respective programs to the needs arising out of the conditions in which young people live and work.
- to develop sympathy, understanding and cooperation among all its members.

Kindred Organizations

The Boys' Brigade

- Oldest uniformed Christian youth organization
- Started in Scotland by William Alexander Smith in 1883
- Part of the youth work of many different Church denominations
- B.B. is found in over 50 countries where National Councils are responsible for development and programs.
- Programs designed to meet local needs include physical activities, sports, camping, community service and Christian education
- Uniform varies from country to country but everywhere includes the badges, which is an anchor and a cross
- Skills training programs have been developed in Africa and the Caribbean to provide better opportunities for employment.



THE BOYS' BRIGADE

United Members' and Girls' Brigade of America (UBGBA)

- Henry Drummond, a friend of William A. Smith, started the United Boys' Brigade of America in 1893
- UBGBA is a small organization with Companies in Maryland and Massachusetts connected with different Church denominations
- Activities include handicrafts, games, camping, community service, and Christian education. There is a program and award scheme for different age groups.
- The badge includes a shield, a cross, an anchor, and a laurel wreath. The motto is Sure and Steadfast.



Poikien Keskus

- Poikien ja Tyttojen Keskus (Christian Boys' & Girls' Association) started in 1919 as a branch within the Y.M.C.A.'s members' work in Finland
- There are over 400 groups in the parishes of the Lutheran Church of Finland
- There is a wide range of indoor club activities, handicrafts, games, drama, discussions, and Bible study as well as outdoor program of hiking, camping, and winter sports
- Partaharju and Tievatupa are two large camp sites used by PK for summer camping
- A magazine for young people JP – Joka Poika has been published for fifty years
- Within PK there is a music association for orchestras and brass bands.

**Neenah-Menasha Boys' and Girls' Brigade**

- Provides for young people in the twin cities of Neenah and Menasha in Wisconsin, U.S.A.
- Dr. J.E. Chapin started the Boys' Brigade in Neenah in 1900. The Girls' Brigade was organized in 1979
- The Brigades are in one unit, which has a headquarters building used for all types of activities – hobbies, games, sport, band, discussions, etc. Outdoor activities include canoeing, camping, and winter sports.
- Every year Camps are held at Onaway Island, which has been developed with camp buildings and other facilities.
- The members belong to different Churches in the area, which are responsible for their Christian education.

**FDF/FPF**

- The FDF (Frivilligt Drenge- og Pige-Forbund) or Christian Boys' and Girls' Association was started in 1902 and is the oldest Danish youth organization.
- The FPF (Frivilligt Pige Forbund) for girls was started in 1952 and two organizations united in 1974
- The local unit of the FDF/FPF is based on the parish



- of the Danish Lutheran Church
- The object is to share with members and girls and young people the Gospel of Jesus Christ
 - There is a wide range of indoor and outdoor activities including arts, crafts, drama, camping, orienteering, sailing, sport and Christian Education.
 - A national Camp is held every five years when up to 13,000 attend from over 450 circles (Kreds) in the country
 - The organization undertakes international projects to learn about other countries and to raise funds for development work.

Junior Ministry – India

- The youngest member in our World Conference Family having been started in 1979. By 1985 there were over 3,000 members and girls in membership.
- At present it is part of the youth work of the Arcot and Tamil Evangelical Lutheran Churches in South India, Tamil Nadu Evangelical Lutheran Church and Junior Ministry in Malaysia.
- Boys and Girls take part in many activities – handicrafts, drama, games, camping, Christian education and service.
- Progress is achieved by working through a series of ‘star files’, which have programs for different age groups.
- The motto is “Follow the Star” and the badge is a star with a circle set in a shield.



Your BB Company



Name

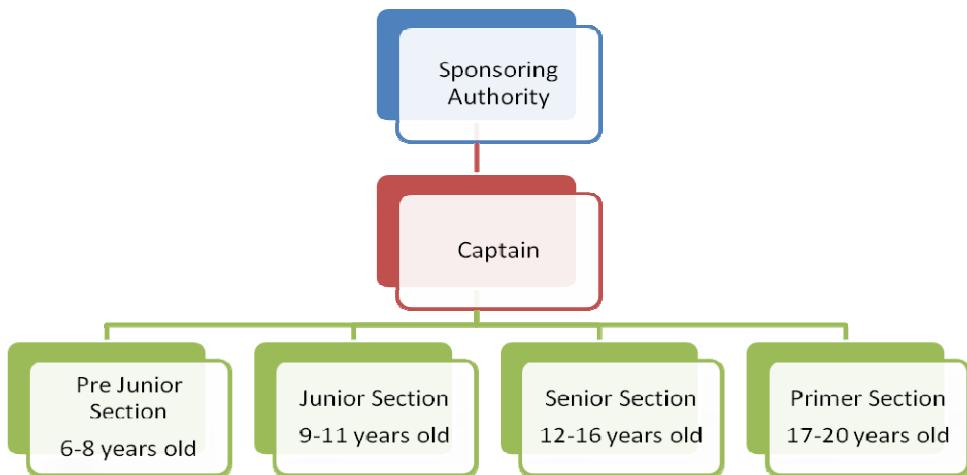
The whole worldwide movement is known as The Boys' Brigade. The local unit is the Company. Every Company has a name, just like you. Get accustomed to talk of your Company by name, such as "1st Metro Manila (South) Company", "1st Benguet Company", The Boys' Brigade in The Philippines.

Each Company is part of a Church, Mission or other Christian School, which has full control of its Christian education.

Composition

A Company consists of one or four sections,

- Pre Junior
- Junior Section
- Senior Section
- Primers Section



Members are further grouped into squads.

Age Limits for Members

Pre Junior Section & Junior Section

Members shall be eligible to join the Pre Junior Section if they are not less than 6 years of age or more on 1st June in the year in which they join. On reaching 9 years of age, they will be transferred to the Junior Section. The members in the Junior Section will be transferred to the Senior Section upon reaching the age of 12 years old and subsequently to the Primer section upon attaining 16 years old.

Senior Section

Members may join the Senior Section if they are not less than 11 years of age or more on 1st June in the year in which they join. Member must be discharged upon reaching 17 years old or more at the beginning of the year i.e. 1st June

Primer Section

This section is reserve for those from the Senior Section who have entered College or tertiary level or who have completed their High School Year 4. They will be transferred to the Primer Section with the exception of a few retained by the Company to assume the rank of Staff Sergeant. Those who join BB in High School 4 or beyond would be placed in the Primer Section.

Ranks

The officer commanding the whole Company is known as the captain. His assisting officers who have completed the Basic Officers Training Course (BOTC) and are full member of a church can be appointed as Lieutenant or Warrant Officer.

Each Company has a Chaplain (usually the minister of the church) who is also an officer.

Officers share in the various tasks of the Company and some officers are appointed as officers-in charge of one of the four sections in the Company.



Members in the Junior Section & Pre Junior Section are informally known as Juniors. In the Senior Section, Members are known as privates and they may be promoted to the rank of Lance Corporal and Corporal, Sergeant.

The Work of A Company

While the work undertaken varies in different companies, nearly all alike in meeting once a week for the Company Parade Day (always in uniform) and for Christian education usually a Bible Class. These are the two principal meetings of the week.

Other activities include athletics, physical training, gymnastics, first aid, band, swimming, seamanship, football, arts & crafts, signaling, expeditions, canoeing, archery, etc. Companies have special programs for the school vacation such as camps, hikes, and excursion and education trips.

BB Session

The BB session runs from 1 May to 30 April

BB Age

A Member's age is calculated as that which attains on 1st January during the session

BB Day

To commemorate the founding of The Boys' Brigade, 4th October each year is observed nationally as BB Day.

Company Rules

Notes

- The rules of each Company will no doubt vary according to local circumstances and the preference of the Company staff, with the execution that the upper and lower age limits set out in the Brigade Constitution cannot be altered.
 - The following suggestions for rules are intended to provide a basis for companies, assuming that the fewer the rules, the better will be the response from the Members.
1. Members shall be Boys or Girls over 11 years of age, and can remain in the Senior Section until the end of the Session in which they become 15.
 2. Smoking is discouraged at all times and is forbidden in uniform.
 3. Members shall at all times set an example of good conduct to their comrades and other Boys or Girls, and shall behave in a quiet and orderly manner when going to or from Parade, Bible Class, or other meetings.
 4. Members shall take the greatest possible care of all equipment and instruments entrusted to them.
 5. Belts and band instruments shall remain the property of the Company, and with any other Company equipment, shall at once be returned if a Boy or Girl ceases to be a member of the Company.
 6. Members shall give prompt and cheerful obedience to all orders of their Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers.

7. Members shall always salute their Officers when they meet them or go up to address them, either on or off parade, and shall always use “Sir” or “Madam” when addressing them. Members in uniform shall salute officers of other companies.
8. All members must attend Bible Class (or other service, in approved cases), and Company Parade Day, each week.
9. Members are expected to take at least one other class, and should attend regularly all classes, which they choose to take.
10. Members not attending Bible Class or Company parade Day are liable to be taken off the Company roll.
11. Each member shall pay a regular minimum subscription per week towards the expenses of the Company. The amount shall be determined by the Company Officers Committee and be of a reasonable amount.
12. Members should read notices on the Company notice board every time they attend.

Membership

There are many ways you can show that you are a member of The Boys' Brigade. The uniform you wear, the BB handshake and the buttonhole badge all do this. Even more important are the things that are harder to see. Things like Christian virtues, i.e. humility, kindness, courtesy. These qualities distinguish you as a member of The Boys' Brigade.

Attendance

When you join the BB you promise to attend regularly and punctually of BB meetings and functions. This applies to every aspect of BB activity that you take part in. Make it a point of honor to let nothing stand in the way of regular attendance if you can possibly help it. When compelled to be absent if possible let your Captain know before hand.

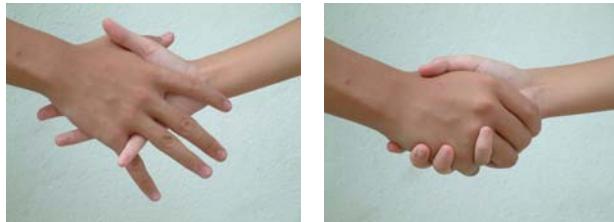


Buttonhole Badge

The buttonhole badge is a badge of membership. When you wear it, you identify yourself as a BB member to others. Never be shy to put this badge on. It should, however be worn only when you are out of uniform.

Handshake

BB members practice a unique method of handshake. Use your right hand with the little finger separate from the other fingers to interlock the other person's little finger. Your squad leader or officer will gladly show you the BB way of handshake.



BB Spirit

This is something you can't see or taste but can feel and sense. The BB spirit is present in thousands of members all over the world who uphold the BB object and who will not do anything to bring dishonor or shame to the good name and tradition of The Boys' Brigade. A BB member who has the spirit will always be a member at heart even years after he or she has left the Company on reaching the age limit. When you hear some people say they have 'BB Blood', they are expressing this BB loyalty.

Commitment

Make up your mind that whatever you take up in the Company you will abide by and see through to the end. Do all you have to do with all your might and resolve to serve in the Brigade until you retire with honor on reaching the age limit.

Enrolment Service

One of the important ceremonies of the Company is the Enrolment Service. It is a simple but meaningful ceremony in which members are enrolled. It is held each year early in the session.

Transferring

If you are moving to another location ask your captain to tell you the address of a Company near your new home so that you may transfer your membership. Membership transfer must be done officially so that the transferee's seniority could be maintained when he or she continue the service in another Company.

Recruiting

One of the best ways in which Members can serve their Company is by introducing others as recruits. Remember that yours is the best organization for youths. See that your friends have the benefits of belonging to it. Do all you can to encourage others to join.

On Leaving

Should circumstances prevent your remaining a member, resign your membership in a decent way. Do not just stay away and leave it to your Officers or NCO to find out why you are not present. To do so is just bad manners. On resigning return promptly any equipment or Company property you may have, and clean it well before doing so.

As an Old Boy / Girl

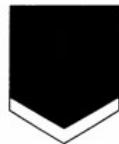
When the time comes for you to be discharged from the Brigade and to join the ranks of the Old Boys or Girls, endeavor to repay something of what you owe to the Brigade. Keep in touch with your old Company and Officers and utilize to good purpose the spare time, which will befall on you. Never miss an opportunity of helping your old Company and your church or school and determine always to uphold in your daily life the principles and traditions of The Boys' Brigade.

Non-Commissioned Officer

Promotion

The highest honor a Member can gain in The Boys' Brigade is a promotion to be a Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO).

There are three NCO ranks:



Lance Corporal
Minimum age 13



Corporal
Minimum age 14



Sergeant
Minimum age 15

The captain and officers make the appointments and they are looking out for Members with:

- Excellent attendance record
- Keenness and interest and enthusiasm
- Good conduct and character
- Loyalty to the officers and Company
- A record of good example in every way

However don't think that promotion is given as a reward; it is definitely not. The fact that a Member who has gained a large number of badges is not necessarily qualified for a NCO rank.

Though all Members should hope to become NCOs this will not always be possible. Number will not permit it to happen. It is recommended that a ratio of one NCO to six Members to be maintained. Members who are not promoted may be disappointed but should display a positive attitude towards those who are, while continuing to play as active a part as they are able in the Company.

Duties of an NCO

The duties of NCOs vary from Company to Company. Generally speaking NCOs have the following responsibilities:

1. As a Squad Commander

The Company is divided into squads and these are placed the command of NCOs who are responsible for the welfare, attendance, conduct, and

smartness of the Members under him or her and for instructing them on the rules and customs of the Company. The first duty of a squad commander is to keep the squad complete and to prevent the Members from losing interest and dropping out of the BB. A spirit of comradeship should exist in the squad. The Members are expected to back up the NCO in his efforts to make the squad smart and efficient.

It is the duty of squad commanders to look up absentees according to Company rules, which should be faithfully carried out by the NCO no matter what trouble it may be to do so. Squad commanders are responsible for their Members being correctly and smartly turned out. Instruct the younger Members how they can best clean their uniform. See that the Members salute their officer correctly. Correct mistakes kindly. Be firm in matters of discipline but give your orders in a way which will make Members glad to obey.

Most companies have an Inter-Squad Competition. Try to win it; but remember that of more importance than winning is the good of your Members. Never let them feel that the squad would be better off without them. Specially encourage and help those who have difficulties in attending owing to work. There is no disgrace in losing the competition; there may be in losing a Member.

2. *As a Tent Commander*

At camp you may be given this very important responsibility. Be especially mindful to look after the younger Members. Instruct them in tent craft and make sure they don't feel 'out of it'. That's a sure way of avoiding homesickness of those at camp for the first time.

3. *In Charge of an Activity*

It might be anything from instructing a class & helping to run the store. Whatever it is, make sure you have prepared yourself well before each event. Keep the right measure of discipline and don't let things get out of control. Produce new ideas and try to make your activity as interesting as you possibly can.

Never be afraid of speaking to your Captain about any matter connected with your duties, your squad or the Company. He wants to help you with your duties to make the Company successful, and success will only be attained by mutual confidence among all ranks.

Setting an Example

Of even more importance than the duties of training your squad is the example you set to the rest of the Company. The NCO is a marked man. You have been promoted because your Officers believe they can trust you to set and example good for the other Members to follow. This is a great responsibility and the whole success of the Company depends more on your being faithful to your trust than on anything else. Nothing rots a Company more than the slack NCO. Such elementary things as regular attendance, punctuality and orderliness need hardly be mentioned. NCOs should set an example of keenness. Go in for everything you can. Make things "Go" and never show the smallest sign of slackness or carelessness.

Keep a firm grip on yourself in matters of discipline. Never think NCOs may take liberties not open to other Members. Your absolute steadiness at drill, your quiet orderliness always is vastly more important than in the case of a Member in the rank.

Remember the influence of your example does not end with the Company meetings. You are an NCO all the time, and what you do and what you are off parade is of greater importance than your conduct in the presence of your officers. It is your duty and in this you have better opportunities than an officer, to set the right tone off parade and loyalty to uphold all that is good and true, manly and chivalrous, and to set your face against anything, which is mean, low, unclean and crooked.

**please refer to NCOs Handbook for more information on duties and responsibilities of NCOs.*

Leadership Development Course (LDC)

Each Province conducts its own training courses annually for Members to develop their leadership skills. There are two courses offered namely, BASIC and ADVANCED. So if you do not want to miss the opportunity of being trained, be sure to enroll yourself into this training.

Uniform & Rank Insignias

Members should show the pride they have in uniform worn by so many thousands of Members throughout the world, by taking the greatest possible care of it and keeping it spotlessly clean.

Members in uniform must see to it that their clothes are properly pressed; shoes/boots with laces, belt-buckles and badges are cleaned.

Uniform Equipment and other properties belonging to the Company must be returned promptly when membership in the Company ceases.

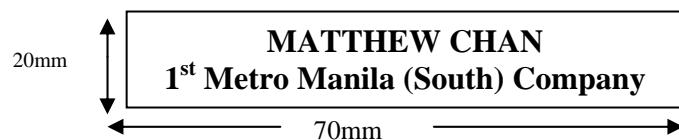
A.) Uniform Regulations for Members

Senior Section

- 0.1 Light blue long short shirt with military pattern
(E.g. with flapped pocket and epaulette)

- 0.2 Black long trousers with straight cut for Boys and Girls (no pleats). Alternatively, Girls are allowed to wear black culottes.
- 0.3 Black socks. Black leather shoes with lace.
- 0.4 Field Service Cap with Cap Badge
- 0.5 BB Belt
- 0.7 Name Tag-White background with black wordings

Sample and size of the Name Tag for Boys/Girls



B.) How to wear your uniform

- 0.1 **Day Dress:**

Senior Section Members will wear light blue short sleeved shirts and black trousers.

Cap: The Field Service Cap is worn on the right side of the head one-inch above the right ear and two-finger breadth above the tight eyebrow.

Belt: This is worn tightly round the waist, buckle in the center.

- 0.2 **Non Commissioned Officers (NCOs)**

NCOs will wear their Senior Section uniform with chevrons on their right arms and a white braided strand lanyard on the left.

- 0.3 **Mufti**

The Mufti Dress is designed to be worn for training and less formal occasions. It consists of a Company T-shirt (or whichever as instructed) and black longs trousers. Field service cap, belt, and black canvass shoes are also worn.

NCOs will wear a field service rank, indicating the rank they hold.

Day Dress Uniform for Boys and Girls



Boy's Attire



Girl can choose to wear either long pants or culottes



Mufti Uniform for Boys and Girls





White BB belt



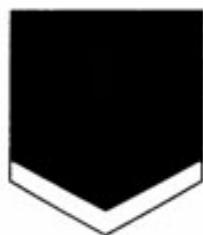
Day Dress



NCO white lanyard

Rank Insignias

MEMBERS



Lance Corporal



Corporal



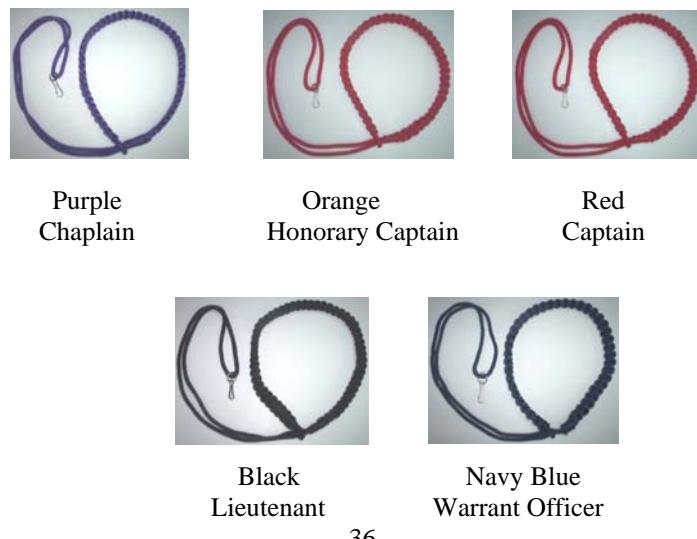
Sergeant

OFFICERS

Color of the rosette worn on the Glengarry tells you the rank of the officer.



Alternatively you can also determine the rank from the color of the lanyard worn by the officer.



Money Matters

Our Organization

The BB is a great international organization and obviously needs money to provide us with the support and materials for running our Company; we help by making our contribution annually.

Nothing can go very far without money, and that is specially true of a BB Company, where the cost of equipment – band instruments, football kit, even the necessary roll books and records card – is such that every Company has to take very seriously the problem of raising the necessary funds.

Subscription

One of the important source of income is from members' subscriptions, which vary in each Company. Subscriptions should be paid regularly.

Uniform

You will be expected in most cases to pay for your uniform. There is a scheme to provide uniform subsidies for those who are unable to pay.

Thrift

Avoid foolish and selfish waste of money; practice the habit of saving and putting aside some cash for rainy day so that you may enjoy the glorious privilege of being independence.

Giving

Make a rule of giving. Be generous and mindful of others so that you will have the satisfaction of knowing that you are doing something for the welfare of others who are in need of all the help we can give. There are many ways of helping those less fortunate than you.

Members are also encouraged to contribute weekly through Bible Class or Church to the work of the Church in other lands, both through the Church's own missionary project, and through the Brigade's Full-Time Staff Fund.

Gambling

No loyal BB Member bets or plays for money. Gambling is a foolish and undesirable practice and has been the ruin of many a Member who might have made a success of life.

Our Great Captain

Here's great old BB painting on next page.

Look at it very carefully.

Try to imagine that the Member in the picture is YOU.

Isn't it great that the Lord Jesus Christ, our great Captain wants to lead us through our lives?

The Boys' Brigade and your officers seek to teach you about the Lord Jesus, so that you will want to

- Know Him as your Friend
- Accept Him as your Savior
- Follow Him as your Guide

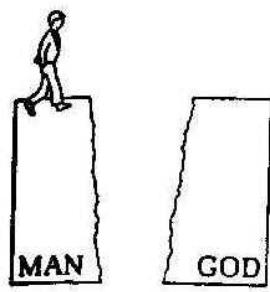
Deciding to follow Jesus and to accept Him as your Savior is the most important decision of life. It is a choice, which you alone must make; but

having accepted Him you become one of His children and join his great family. Yet each one is loved in a very special way.



Bridge of Life

The following is a simple Gospel presentation, useful for Christians to share with others. It also shows the way to Jesus Christ, if you have never received Him as your own Savior and Lord.

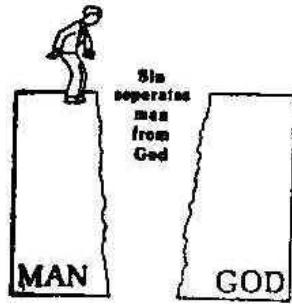


The Bible teaches that God loves all men and wants them to know Him.

But man is separated from God and His love.
“God is on one side and all the people
on the other side.”

1 Timothy 2:5, Living Bible

Why is man separated from God and His love?



Because he has sinned against God.

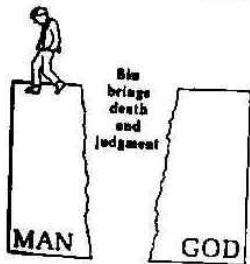
“But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you so that he does not hear.

Isaiah 59:2

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Romans 3:23

Where does this separation lead?



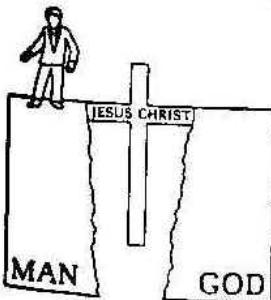
This separation leads only to death and certain judgment.

“Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment.”

“Those who do not know God ... will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord.”

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9

But, there is a solution



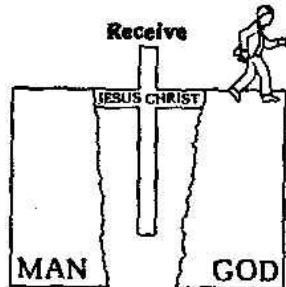
Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for our sins, is the way to God.

“God is on one side and all the people on the other side, and Christ Jesus, Himself man, is between them to bring them together, by giving His Life for all mankind.”

1 Timothy 2:5, Living Bible

“Christ died for your sins once for all... to bring you to God.”

I Peter 3:18



Does this include everyone?

No. Only those who personally receive Jesus Christ into their lives, trusting Him to forgive their sins.

“Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God.”

John 1:12

Each one must decide for himself whether to receive Christ.

Jesus says, “Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will go in and eat with him, and he with Me.”
Revelation 3:20

How does a person receive Jesus Christ?

Jesus said, “You may ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it.”
John 14:14

Therefore if you pay sincerely, asking Him –

Lord Jesus, please come into my life
And be my Savior and Lord
Please forgive my sins,
And give me the gift of eternal life

- He will do it now.

If you have invited Jesus Christ into your life, the Bible says you now have eternal life.

“And this is the testimony; God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.”

1 John 5:11-12

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Christian Living

When you received Jesus as your Friend and Savior, you are born into God's family. Yet that does not mean that you are spiritually mature. You have begun as a spiritual baby and now you need to grow up to maturity in Christ. Just as physical life requires air, food, rest and exercise, so does spiritual life require certain things for growth and development?

Christ the Centre

The key to living the Christian life is to place Jesus Christ as the centre and Lord of all you do. With Christ in control, life is balanced and effective. The Wheel illustrates this Christ-centered life.

Read Your Bible Daily

The Bible, God's Word is your spiritual food. Begin with the New Testament by reading the Gospel of John or Mark. Set aside time each day to read a chapter or more. Think about, pray about and apply what you read.

Pray Every Day

Praying is talking to God, your Heavenly Father. You will need to ask for His help for daily living, for His forgiveness from sin, but don't forget to say "Thanks" for His goodness to you and to pray for others, including your BB Company.

Fellowship with Other Christians

Fellowship is spending time and doing things with others who love Christ. In a campfire, several logs burn brightly together but place one alone on the cold hearth and the fire goes out. **Go to church regularly and get involved there as much as you can.**

Witness for Christ

A witness is a person who tells what he has seen and heard. Anyone who has a vital personal relationship with Christ can be a witness for Him. You witness by what you do as well as by what you say. Go to church regularly and get involved there as much as you can. Pray and look for opportunity to tell someone what a friend Jesus is to you.

Be Strong!

Don't be ashamed to be known as a Christian.
Live like a child of God ... by His Strength.

Standards for Living

The outside public judges the Boys' Brigade by what they see in its members. We are therefore expected to do our utmost to maintain its good name and high traditions.

But more importantly, we are called to live life righteousness. So we should set ourselves standards for our own personal lives.

- Pursue justice, integrity, love and peace (2 Timothy 2:22) Constantly live for such moral values and strive to grow up into a true Christian man.
- Set yourself a high standard of physical fitness
You are building a body, which you will have to live in for the rest of your life ...makes it a strong one. Have a go at as many physical activities your Company organizes, even if you are not particularly good at them.
- Practice temperance
Smoking, alcohol and drug abuse are harmful to good health and will bleed a whole range of much greater problems. Don't be persuaded by others to do things because "they are manly" or "everybody's doing it"
- Be concerned for and about others.
- Share your friendship and ability with others and be always willing to help others without pay or reward.
- Keep your thoughts and language clean
Think of things that are excellent, true, and honorable. Say only what is worthy. Remember speech is the index of the mind. The worst form of bad language is using the name of God or Jesus Christ as a swear word.

Prayers & Hymns

Members of the Brigade are expected to practice the regular habits of daily prayer. Remember that prayer is not the thought less gabbling of idle words. It is with God, and He should only be approached with reverence and thoughtfulness. Prayer is not just asking for things for yourself. Remember others in your prayers; pray for your parents and friends, your Company and you comrades, and pray for strength to fight against the special temptations to which you may be exposed.

The following prayers may be helpful to Members who feel the need for guidance; but you should try and add prayers in your own words.

Morning Prayer

O God, my heavenly Father, I thank Thee for bringing me safely through the night. May I feel that Thou art with me, and grant that this day may be marred by no evil.

Help me to see and do my duty; make me faithful in small as well as great things. Help me to be generous, thoughtful and kind; and deliver me from all that is mean and disloyal and base.

Strengthen me in whatever trials and temptations lie before me. Help me to play the man, and bravely to stand up for all that is good and true.

May Thy blessing rest upon The Boys' Brigade. Bless my own and every Company; and may every member, past and present, prove sure and steadfast in his fight against evil, and true in his allegiance to Thee.

Grant, Lord, that my day may be well spent; and bring me to the evening glad and undishonored, with a thankful heart and brave spirit, for Jesus Christ's sake.

Evening Prayer

O God, help me to pray aright, to keep my mind from wandering thoughts, and to pray to Thee as my father in Heaven.

I thank Thee for the blessings of the day, which is past; for the happiness I have had; for the good things of life, which Thou hast surrounded me. Help me to be more thankful and to show my thanks by trying to serve Thee and my fellows. Forgive me, Lord, for the wrong I have done this day; make me stronger and truer in the future; more on my guard against evil, and more determined to overcome temptation.

Bless (parents, brothers and sisters, etc.); spare them from sorrow and sadness, and help me day by day so to live that I may bring comfort and gladness to them. Keep and guard me during the coming night. Give me refreshing sleep, and bring me to the morning strong and eager to face the duties of another day, for Jesus Christ's sake.

The Boys' Brigade Prayer

Bless, O God, The Boys' Brigade, and give to it greater power to advance Thy Kingdom throughout the world. Grant in Thy mercy that every member, past and present, may prove steadfast in their fight against evil, and true in their

allegiance to Thee. Help us in times of temptation; make us strong where we are weak; give us courage in difficulty faithfulness in duty; loyalty in friendship; and finally, by Thy mercy, bring us into Thine everlasting Kingdom, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven
Hallowed be Thy name
Thy Kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespassed against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For Thine in the Kingdom and the power and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen

Matthew 6:9-13

TABLE GRACE

John Cennick, 1718-1755
Stanza 2, altered

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Geneva Psalter 1551
Attr. to LOUIS BOURGEOIS, c. 1510- c. 1561

Be pres- ent at our ta-ble, Lord; Be here and ev-ery-

where a- dored; Thy crea- tures bless, and grant that we May

feast in pa- ra- dise with Thee. A- men.

BB VESPER

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Great God, Who know-est all our need,
Bless Thou our watch, and guard our sleep;
Forgive our sins of thought and deed,
And in Thy peace Thy ser-vants keep. Amen.

1. GREAT God, Who knowest all our need,
Bless Thou our watch, and guard our sleep;
 Forgive our sins of thought and deed,
 And in Thy peace Thy servants keep.

2. We thank Thee for the day that's done
 We trust Thee for the days to be;
 Thy love we learn in Christ Thy Son,
 O may we all His glory see! Amen

UNDERNEATH THE BANNER

Music composed and dedicated to the Brigade in all
good comradeship

65.65.65.65. with Refrain

M.B. FORSTER
1851 - 1922

A musical score for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Bass) and piano. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The vocal parts are in soprano, alto, and bass clef. The piano part is in bass clef. The score consists of four staves. The first staff starts with a piano introduction followed by the first line of the refrain. The second staff begins with the first verse. The third staff begins with the second verse. The fourth staff concludes the song with a final verse.

Underneath the banner Of the Cross ar-rayed,
Lord! we ask Thy bles-sing On the Boys' Bri-gade
Thou art our Com-man-der, And Thy sol-diers, we,

1 UNDERNEATH the banner
Of the Cross arrayed,
Lord! We ask Thy blessing
On The Boys' Brigade
Thou art our Commander,
And thy soldiers, we,
And in Christian warfare
We would honour Thee:

Underneath the banner
Of the Cross arrayed,
Lord, we ask Thy Blessing
On The Boys' Brigade.

2 In each lowly service
As in drill parade,
“Duty” be the watchword
Of the Boys' Brigade;
Make us ever loyal,
Small or great the foe;
Lead us, Saviour! Lead us,
Everywhere we go.

3 We will fight for laurels
That will never fade;
For the Holy City
March The Boys' Brigade;
What we find unholy
In our daily life,
We will try to conquer-
Help us in the strife.

THE ANCHOR SONG

Words and Melody by
G. STANLEY SMITH

Piano Arrangement by
MARR MACKIE

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time (indicated by a '4'). The top staff uses a treble clef, the middle staff uses a bass clef, and the bottom staff uses a bass clef. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first section of lyrics is:

There's an emblem fair that is known to all, A
sign to help us through, It stands for strength and it stands for right, An

The second section of lyrics is:

An-chor tried and ture. The em-blem of The Boys' Bri-gade It

helps us on our way, Our fa-ther's knew in day gone by This sign we know to-

day "Sure and Sted-fast" The Bri- gade Boy's mot-to clear

That's our watchword when trou-ble andrials are near "Sure and

Sted- fast" to the flag that flies a- bove In all that we do we'll

try to be true To the An-chor that we love. love.

MIGHTY BAND OF BROTHERS

A musical score for 'MIGHTY BAND OF BROTHERS' in 4/4 time. The score consists of two staves: a treble staff and a bass staff. The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first section of lyrics is: 'Sing a song togeth- er as we march a- long All the way hip-hoo-ray let us swing'. The second section of lyrics is: 'Come a- long and join us and you can't go wrong we re- joice heart and voice as we'. The music features various chords and rhythmic patterns, including eighth and sixteenth note figures.

A musical score for a vocal piece, likely a hymn or march. The music is written for two voices (SATB) and includes a basso continuo part. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a treble clef, a bass clef, and a bass clef for the continuo. The key signature changes from common time to A major (one sharp) and then to G major (no sharps or flats). The lyrics are integrated into the music, appearing below the notes. The first system starts with 'sing' and ends with 'of The Boys' Brigade'. The second system begins with 'Loud- ly let your voi-ces ring!' and ends with 'We're a might- y band of'. The third system begins with 'bro- thers, spread-ing out a- cross the world,' and ends with 'O- ver'. The fourth system begins with 'con- ti- nent and is- land,' and ends with 'We have'. Measure numbers 1, 2, 3, and 4 are indicated above the first, second, third, and fourth systems respectively.

1 sing Join the great pa- rade of The Boys' Brigade

2 Loud- ly let your voi-ces ring! We're a might- y band of

3 bro- thers, spread-ing out a- cross the world, O- ver

4 con- ti- nent and is- land, see the B. B. flag un- furled, We have

one great cause and it must pre-vail With a stalwart faith that can ne-ver fail We're a

might-y band of bro-thers, Ev-er sted-fast ev-er

sure. We're a

The National Flag & Crest



THE PHILIPPINES FLAG

The **National Flag of the Philippines** (Tagalog: *Pambansang Watawat ng Pilipinas*) is a horizontal bicolor with equal bands of Royal blue and Scarlet red, and with a white equilateral triangle at the hoist; in the center of the triangle is a golden yellow sun with eight primary rays, each containing three individual rays; and at each vertex of the triangle is a five-pointed golden yellow star. This flag can indicate a state of war if it is displayed with the red side on top

The white triangle stands for equality and fraternity; the blue field for peace, truth and justice; and red field for patriotism and valor. The sun for unity, freedom and People's Democracy. While the eight rays of the sun stand for eight provinces to revolt against the Spanish colonizers. The three stars symbolize Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. The 8 rays represent the 8 provinces that took part in the initial revolution against the Spanish. Ambrosio Rianzares Bautista, who wrote the Philippine Declaration of Independence and who read it on the occasion of its proclamation on June 12, 1898, has listed the eight provinces as Manila, Cavite, Bulacan, Pampanga, Nueva Ecija, Bataan, Laguna, and Batangas, saying that these eight were declared in a state of war almost from the start of the revolution. Historian Ambeth Ocampo has supported this, as have other sources. Ocampo has also included Tarlac among the eight listed instead of Bataan, as have other sources.

The symbolism given in the 1898 Proclamation of Philippine Independence differs from the current official explanation. It says that the white triangle signifies the emblem of the Katipunan, the secret society that opposed Spanish rule. It says the flag's colors commemorate the flag of the United States as a manifestation of gratitude for American protection against the Spanish during the Philippine Revolution. It also says that one of the three stars represents the island of Panay, rather than the entire Visayan islands. The proclamation also

declares that the sun represents the gigantic steps made by the sons of the country along the path of Progress and Civilization, and lists Bataan among the eight provinces symbolized by the sun's rays.

THE PHILIPPINES CREST

The **Coat of Arms of the Philippines** features the eight-rayed sun of the Philippines with each ray representing the eight provinces (Batangas, Bulacan, Cavite, Manila, Laguna, Nueva Ecija, Pampanga and Tarlac) which were placed under martial law by Governor-General Ramón Blanco during the Philippine Revolution, and the three five-pointed stars representing the three primary geographic regions of Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. In the blue field on the left side is the Eagle of the United States, and in the red field on the right is the Lion-Rampant of Spain, both representing colonial history.



The coat of arms was designed by Captain Galo B. Ocampo, secretary of the Philippine Heraldry Committee.

The blazon of the coat of arms is as follows:

Paleways of two (2) pieces, azure and gules; a chief argent studded with three (3) mullets equidistant from each other; and, in point of honor, ovoid argent over all the sun rayonnant with eight minor and lesser rays. Beneath shall be the scroll with the words "REPUBLIKA NG PILIPINAS," inscribed thereon.^[2]

On February 12, 1998, with the approval of Republic Act No. 8491, the eagle and lion on the lower half of the shield were not specified, and therefore removed. However, the modified arms are not in wide use, pending the ratification of the law by a national referendum called for that purpose, as mandated by the Philippine Constitution.

THE NATIONAL SYMBOL

National Flower



Sampaguita is the National Flower of the Philippines, adopted on 1934. It is made into leis/garland and used as fragrant decoration in automobiles, for guests, ceremonies, and as an offering in religious gatherings. It is also used as a perfume and a flavor - jasmine tea. There are three types of Sampaguita in the Philippines - the five-petaled called as "Maid of Orleans", the double petals as "Belle of India", and the "Grand Duke of Tuscany" with rose-like appearance.

There are also legends surrounding Sampaguita, the most popular is about Lakambini and Lakam Galing. Lakam Galing is a warrior, and before he went into battle, they pledge their love for each other by saying "Sumpa kita" (roughly in English as "(I) Oath (myself to) You"). Lakam Galing died, and Lakambini mourned his death till her death. Soon, white flowers grew on her grave symbolizing her loyalty, love, and purity (of heart).

Trivia: Did you know... It was an American, Governor-General Frank Murphy that announced Sampaguita as the Philippines National Flower? ***Now you know!***

There is also a Japanese anime game entitled "Sampaguita" which is available on Sony Playstation. The elders also tell their grand children how they use Sampaguita to treat their wounds and bites especially during wars and when the country is heavily forested. Sampaguita blooms all year round in the Philippines but with a life of only almost 24 hours. The next day, new Sampaguita flowers bloom and scents the environment, signalling a new and fresh day for the Filipino people.

The Government

The **Politics of the Philippines** takes place in an organized framework of a presidential, representative, and democratic republic whereby the president is both the head of state and the head of government within a pluriform multi-party system. This system revolves around three separate and sovereign yet interdependent branches: the **legislative branch** (the law-making body), the **executive branch** (the law-enforcing body), and the **judicial branch** (the law-interpreting body). Executive power is exercised by the government under the leadership of the president. Legislative power is vested in both the government and the two-chamber congress—the Senate (the upper chamber) and the House of Representatives (the lower chamber). Judicial power is vested in the courts with the Supreme Court of the Philippines as the highest judicial body.

Executive Branch



The executive branch is headed by the President, who functions as both the head of state and the head of government. The president is also the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Philippines. The president is elected by popular vote to a term of six years. The president, then, appoints (and may dismiss) his/her cabinet members whom

he/she presides over. The executive seat of government is administered officially from Malacañang Palace—also the official residence of the president—in Manila. The President may no longer run for re-election, unless he/she becomes president through constitutional succession and has served for no more than four years as president.

The second highest official, Vice-President, is also elected by popular vote. The vice-president is first in line to succession should the president resign, be impeached or die in office. The vice-president usually, though not always, may be a member of the president's cabinet. If there is a vacancy in the position of Vice President, the President will appoint any member of Congress (usually a party member) as new Vice President. The appointment will be validated by a three-fourths vote of Congress voting separately.

Legislative Branch



The remainder of the House seats are designated for sectoral representatives elected at large through a complex "party list" system, hinging on the party receiving at least 2% to 6% of the national vote total. The upper house is located in Pasay City, while the lower house is located in Quezon City. The district and sectoral

representatives are elected with a term of three years. They can be reelected but they are no longer eligible to run for a fourth consecutive term. The senators are elected to a term of six years. They can be reelected but they are no longer eligible to run for a third consecutive term. The House of Representatives may opt to pass a resolution for a vacancy of a legislative seat that will pave way for a special election. The winner of the special election will serve the unfinished term of the previous district representative; this will be considered as one elective term. The same rule applies in the Senate however it only applies if the seat is vacated before a regular legislative election. This case applies when Senator Teofisto Guingona was appointed Vice President before the May 2001 election. Senator Gregorio Honasan was in the 13th position in the Senatorial election and he served the unfinished term of Guingona. Honasan is no longer eligible to run for the 2004 elections. The case did not apply in 1998 when Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was elected as Vice President and in 2004 when Noli de Castro was elected as Vice President.

Members of the Philippine Congress tend to have weak party loyalties and change party affiliation easily. In October 2003, the Sunshine Coalition dissolved over Pres. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's decision to seek election for the presidency, which she assumed when as vice-president, she succeeded Joseph Estrada following the EDSA 2 Revolution of 2001

Judicial Branch

The judiciary branch of the government is headed by the Supreme Court, which has a Chief Justice as its head and 14 Associate Justices. The Justices serve life terms until the age of 70. The justices are appointed by the President on the recommendation of the Judicial and Bar Council.

Other court types of courts, of varying jurisdiction around the archipelago, are the:



- a) Lower Collegiate Courts - Court of Appeals, Court of Tax Appeals and Sandiganbayan
- b) Regular Courts - Regional Trial Courts, Metropolitan Trial Courts, Municipal Trial Courts, Municipal Trial Courts in Cities and Municipal Circuit Trial Courts
- c) Muslim Courts - Sharia District Courts and Sharia Circuit Courts

Our Pledge

The **Pledge of Allegiance to the Philippine Flag** (Filipino: *Panunumpa ng Katapatan sa Watawat ng Pilipinas*) is the pledge to the flag of the Philippines. It is one of two national pledges, the other being the Patriotic Oath, which is the Philippine national pledge.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Philippine Flag is recited at flag ceremonies immediately after the Patriotic Oath or, if the Patriotic Oath is not recited, after the national anthem.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Philippine flag should be recited while standing with the right hand with palm open raised shoulder high. Individuals whose faith or religious beliefs prohibit them from making such pledge are permitted to excuse themselves, but are required by law to show full respect when the pledge is being rendered by standing at attention.

Text of the Pledge

“Ako ay Pilipino

Buong katapatang nanunumpa
Sa watawat ng Pilipinas
At sa bansang kanyang sinasagisag
Na may dangal, katarungan at kalayaan
Na pinakikilos ng sambayanang
Maka-Diyos
Maka-tao
Makakalikasan at
Makabansa.”

Flag Protocol

The Philippines Flag

The flag should be displayed in all government buildings, official residences, public plazas, and schools every day throughout the year. The days of the 28th of May (National Flag Day) and the 12th of June (Independence Day) are designated as flag days, during which all offices, agencies and instrumentalities of government, business establishments, institutions of learning and private homes are enjoined to display the flag.

It is usually flown in the open; weather permitting from sunrise to sunset it should always be hoisted briskly and lowered slowly with dignity. No part of it should touch the ground nor trail in the water (from a boat) it should not be displayed if it is in poor condition. Worn out flags may be privately destroyed by burning.

The Boys' Brigade Flag

(The rules for The Philippines Flag apply for the BB Flag)

Flying a Flag

By hoisting

The bearer must ensure that the unfurled flag is attached right way up on the rope and is drawn up with dignity. Use one hand to put the rope to raise the flag and the other hand to guide the other rope. When the flag is raised, tie the lower end of the halyard to the bottom of the flagpole waist high, using a clove hitch.

By Breaking

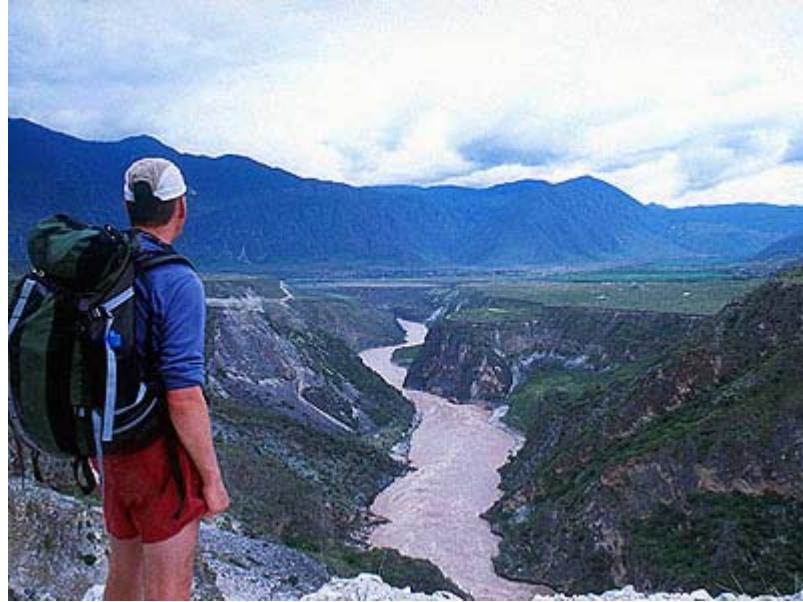
The folded flag is raised up the flagpole. The halyard hangs down, the end of which is secured to the flagpole. The other halyard loosely from the top; this is the halyard to pull the flagpole. Stretch your hands pull the slack halyard. The flag unfurls. Fasten the loop and salute.

Flag Half Mast

When our nation is in mourning, the Philippines flag is flown at half-mast for ten days. The flag is first hoisted to the peak for an instant and then lowered to the half-mast position. The flag should be again raised to the peak before it is lowered for the day.



The Country Code



1. Guard against all risk of fire

Permission must always be obtained before lighting a fire. If a fire is used for cooking, or as a campfire, care must be taken to remove turf first. The fire should be extinguished carefully, and allowed to cool before returfing. If a party discovers a fire, efforts should be made to stamp it out or if the blaze is too large for the group to deal with, help should be obtained from the Police, Fire Brigade or Forestry Commission Officer. Reporting and helping to fight a heath or forest fire would be a very acceptable reason for a change of expedition plans.

2. Fasten all gates

A gate should be walked through and not climbed over and the last man in the group should carefully re-fasten the gate.

3. Keep Dogs under Proper Control

4. Keep to the Paths across Farm Land

In the more cultivated areas of the country, footpaths must be followed carefully. In the mountains, effort must be made to find the proper path from road to open hillside. On narrow paths, keep in single file.

5. Avoid damaging Fences, Hedges and Walls

There is seldom any excuse for crossing a wall or fence by any other way when by the stile or gate provided. Being on an Award Scheme venture is a reason for making a detour to avoid damage to walls, etc. not a reason to take short cuts.

6. Leave no litter

All camp litter, which cannot be destroyed must be removed from the site and deposited in a wayside litter in when next possible. It should not be buried.

7. Safeguard Water Supplies

Many rural communities use stream water direct. Washing-up should be done away from the stream and grease and fat poured into the earth.

8. Protect Wild Life, Wild Plants and Trees

Remember that these should be little or no evidence of the fact that an expedition has passed through or camped in an area.

9. Go Carefully on Country Roads

These are usually narrow and winding and should be avoided wherever possible. If it is necessary to use them for short distances keep to the right and walk in single file.

10. Respect the Life of the Countryside

The public is on trust in the countryside. Respect the property and the life hood of the countryman. If the opportunity occurs try to explain your purpose to the local farmer and thank him for his co-operation. Permission to camp must always be obtained from the landowner or appropriate person.

International Phonetic

To avoid confusion between similar sounding letters of the alphabet the following phonetic alphabet and number have been adopted for use

A	Alpha	J	Juliet	S	Sierra	1 – One	6 – Six
B	Bravo	K	Kilo	T	Tango	2 – Two	7 - Seven
C	Charlie	L	Lima	U	Uniform	3 – Three	8 – Eight
D	Delta	M	Mike	V	Victor	4 – Four	9 – Niner
E	Echo-	N	November	W	Whiskey	5 – Five	0 – Zero
F	Foxtrot	O	Oscar	X	X-ray		
G	Golf	P	Papa	Y	Yankee		
H	Hotel	Q	Quebec	Z	Zulu		
I	India	R	Romeo				

In transmitting over communication sets such as walkie-talkie etc, the following pro-words are used.



Pro-words	Meaning
OVER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the end of my transmission. • A reply is required
OUT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the end of my transmission. • No reply is required
ROGER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message received satisfactorily or • I have received your last transmission satisfactorily
WAIT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temporarily stoppage of transmission • No other stations is to transmit during this period even if my set is not transmitting
WAIT OUT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message received, understood and a further transmission on the same subject will follow later.
OUT TO YOU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is the end of my transmission to you. • No reply is expected and a call to another station follows immediately
ROGER SO FAR?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have you received the message I have transmitted so far?
SAY AGAIN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeat the message
TIME CHECK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is control station, the time now is...
SEND TIME	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asking the control station to give the correct time now

Things to Bring For Camps

The following equipments are recommended:

Personal			
1	Rucksack	34	Handkerchief
2	Sleeping bag	35	Insect repellent
3	Groundsheet	36	Jack knife
4	Compass	37	Clothes hangers
5	Map	38	Wallet, money & identity card
6	First aid kit	39	Bible
7	Matches in waterproof case	40	Musical instruments
8	Emergency firelighter	41	Blankets
9	Torchlight with spare batteries	42	Air pillow
10	Plate or mess tin	43	Watch
11	Mug	44	BB uniform
12	Knife, fork, spoon		
13	Length of rope		Squad or Company
14	Plastic bags for used clothing	1	Tents
15	Toiletries, towels, soap, toothbrush & paste	2	Axe
16	Canvas shoes	3	Pots
17	Shorts	4	Fry pan
18	Extra clothing	5	Rope
19	Toilet papers	6	Stove
20	Socks	7	Cleaning cloth
21	Change of underwear	8	First aid kit
22	Extra socks	9	Length of cord
23	Extra underwear	10	Manual
24	Woolen shirt	11	Sheath knife
25	Pullover		Additional items not shown
26	Balaclava	12	Groundsheets
27	Gloves	13	Mallets
28	Long trousers	14	Pressure lamps or hurricane
29	Raincoat or poncho	15	lamps
30	Pyjamas	16	Pails
31	Notebook & pen	17	Jerry cans
		18	Whistle
	Additional items not shown	19	Bugle
32	Swim trunks	20	Senior flag
33	Slippers	21	Song books
		22	Stationery items

Code of a Good Camper

- He is one who that Discipline is the beginning of all Good Camping.
- He is careful of Property and does no damage in Camp or out.
- He takes a Pride in the Camp. He never drops litter, but picks up that which the bad Camper throws down.
- He is not content to do his share of the work.
- He does more. He is a Sportsman.
- He plays as hard as he Works. He is Cheerful when the sun shines. He laughs when it rains.
- He is considerate of all Living Creatures.
- He everywhere guards the Good Name of the Camp and of the B.B.
- He puts Others First all the time and he does not forget the Giver of All Good things.

Source: Camp Handbook, Published by the Boys' Brigade 1954

10 BASIC RULES OF FIRST AID

1. Keep calm.
2. If danger exists, be careful that you don't become the next casually yourself.
3. Remove the injured person as gently as possible from a position of danger.
4. Check that he is breathing, and if not, give the kiss of life.
5. Deal with any bleeding.
6. Send for medical help if it is necessary
7. Don't waste time in dealing with trivialities if you suspect that the person may be suffering from a severe injury
8. If you don't know what to do in a situation, do nothing at all. This is much safer than eliminate but potentially dangerous meddling.
9. Never give anything at all by mouth, such as brandy or aspirin (with the exception or certain burn cases).
10. Remember facts that might be important to the doctor, if some one fails on his head, was he knocked out? For how long was he sick?