PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY THROUGH ROVER SCOUTINGS

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Commonwealth Act. No. 111, with its subsequent amendments under Presidential Decree No. 460 and Republic Act No. 7278 promulgated the creation of Boy Scout of the Philippines. Since then, Boy Scouting in our country continuously works hard in fulfilling its mission of sowing in our Scouts the perpetual love of God, love of country with honor and respect to be bestowed to our fellowmen, in adherence to the noble aim of readying the youth of today towards responsible kinship, leadership and to contribute to the development of our nation in accordance to standards, principles and programs of Scouting.

Rover Scouting was first coined by Mr. Baden-Powell as the last level of Boy Scouting. He has written about ideals and philosophy of a happy adult life in his handbook for the new scheme published in 1922 under the famously known “Rovering to Success” as well as his perspective for activities that Rover Scouts could organize for themselves.

Rover Scouting provides opportunity for both young men and women to become active volunteers and practice future leadership in Scouting. It serves as avenue for all young adults to get involved with community services and activities honing their skills in dealing with people in all walks of life and be involved actively as a part of the solution of issues regarding community advocacies and environmental concerns. Part of the practice Rover Scouts are guided to is to challenge themselves, in all aspects of body, mind and spirit, to become responsible members of their community. The acceptance of Rover Scouting to both male and female’s participation regardless of their gender preference is
in adherence to the policy of promoting gender equality among all sectors of the Society. It heed to the call of providing equal opportunities for both young men women recognizing that both can do best with equal opportune and time.

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