



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF AKLAN

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

August 11, 2026

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SCHEDULE FOR ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION 2026

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors, Principals In-Charge of the District
Head Teacher In-Charge of the District
Senior/Education Program Specialists
Heads of Public and Private Elementary/Integrated/Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is the letter from the Office of the Provincial Governor regarding the conduct of the Arbor Day Celebration on August 20, 2026, at 7:00 A.M. at Bakhawan Eco-Park, New Buswang, Kalibo, Aklan., which is self-explanatory.
2. In line with this, all schools are required to participate in this event by conducting tree-planting activities within their respective school premises and community on the day of the Arbor Day Celebration, in support of and in unity with the entire Province of Aklan.
3. All DRRM District Coordinators are required to consolidate and submit the total number of trees planted by their respective schools.
4. Immediate dissemination and compliance with this Memorandum are Desired

FOR THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT:

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Education Program Supervisor – Science
Curriculum and Implementation Division
In-Charge of the Division

Encl.: As stated

Reference: As stated

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Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF AKLAN
Kalibo, Aklan

OFFICE OF THE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR

JOSE ENRIQUE M. MIRAFLORES
Provincial Governor

July 21, 2026

DR. FELICIANO C. BUENAFE, JR., CESO VI

School Division Superintendent

DepEd-Aklan

Poblacion, Numancia, Aklan

Committee Member, Arbor Day

Dear Dr. Buenafe:

Environmental Greetings from PLGU-AKLAN!

Once again, the entire province of Aklan will be celebrating the Arbor Day 2026!

Republic Act 10176 otherwise known as "An Act reviving the Observance of Arbor Day by Authorizing the Local Government Units the Responsibilities for Celebrating the Day for Tree Planting as an Annual Event."

Section 3 states the Creation of Arbor Day Committee and the Department of Education – Aklan (DepEd-Aklan) is one of the Committee Members, and in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of R. A. 10176, DepEd responsibilities are the following:

1. Information, Education and Communication;
2. Establishing of school nurseries;
3. Development and maintenance of school miniforest for rural areas or school green corners for urban areas;
4. Mobilization of all students who are 12 years and above to join tree planting activity outside school premises.

Section 4 states the Proclamation of Arbor Day – All provinces, cities and municipalities with the component barangays shall be required to declare an Arbor Day or Tree Planting Day, by appropriate proclamation of the respective local chief executive through an ordinance passed by the respective local sanggunian, at a fixed date every calendar year as shall be deemed conducive to the proper time and season for planting trees in the respective localities.

The Provincial Local Government of Aklan (PLGU-Aklan) proclaimed that every Third Friday of August is the Celebration of synchronized Arbor Day in the entire province of Aklan under General Ordinance No. 006, Series of 2014.

For this year, **AUGUST 20, 2026 (Thursday)** is the Arbor Day Celebration in Aklan since that **August 21, 2026 (Third Friday) is declared holiday**. The approved planting site by the Arbor Day Committee is in Bakhawan Eco-Park, New Buswang, Kalibo, Aklan.

Anent thereto, the PLGU-Aklan would like to ask from your good office for the dissemination of Arbor Day Celebration 2026 for the entire DepEd schools in the province of Aklan and if necessary, can install/set-up tarpaulin and to encourage every school to participate in their respective way of celebrating the Arbor Day either by planting, cleaning or beautification of the school premises on August 20, 2026. DepEd-Aklan through teachers and students this year's Arbor Day celebration will give big contributions not only for the celebration of Arbor Day but also to contribute in the learning for the conservation of the environment and the impact towards combating climate change.

Further, may I invite you to participate in the tree planting activity on August 20, 2026. Tree planting will start at 7:00AM, followed by a short program. Assembly area is in front of the Capitol Main Building or you may proceed to Lambingan (Beach Boys).

For information, please contact Aklan Environment and Natural Resources Office (AKENRO) at trunkline 272-7000-6300 or Forester **JOHN R. ESPIRITU** at cp number 09518570356.

Thank you very much for the usual and continued support extended to PLGU-Aklan for the celebration of Arbor Day 2026.

Very truly yours,


JOSE ENRIQUE M. MIRAFLORES
Provincial Governor
Chairperson, Arbor Day Committee

"Let's Plant a Forest to Combat Climate Change"
"Let's Protect the Remaining Jewel of Aklan"