



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

August 25, 2026

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 510 s. 2026

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN SEASON OF CREATION 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/Private Elementary, Secondary and Integrated Schools
All Others Concerned
1. Attached is the Council Circular No. 13, s. 2026 from the Girl Scouts of the Philippines – Aklan Council dated August 20, 2026, regarding the conduct of **Invitation to Participate in Season of Creation 2026**, on September 03-05, 2026, venues are specified in the attached communication.
 2. Participation of learners from public and private schools shall be purely voluntary.
 3. The host-school of the event must set-up “LRP Help Desk” or Learner Rights and Protection – Help Desk and designate a personnel on-duty while the activity is on-going.
 4. Parental Consent Form must be secured prior to the conduct of the activity. (See attachment for reference).
 5. Pursuant to **DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2026**, *Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education*, the No Disruption of Classes Policy must be observed.
 6. Teachers/Adult Leaders of participants are entitled to Service Credits for their services rendered during weekends and holidays but not to exceed 30 days per year in accordance with DO No. 13, s. 2024 titled "Revised Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits for Teachers. On the other hand, Non-Teaching personnel shall be granted with Compensatory Overtime Credits (COC) for their services rendered during weekends and holidays as per Civil Service Commissions (CSC) and Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Joint Circular No. 2, s. 2004 on Non-Monetary Remuneration for Overtime Service Rendered.

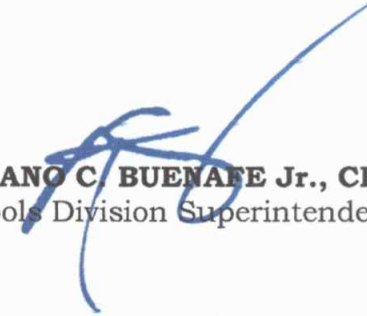


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7. Travel and other expenses incurred of all participants relative to this activity may be charged against local funds subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.
8. Full support, cooperation and immediate dissemination of this memorandum is required.


FELICIANO C. BUENAFE Jr., CESO V
Schools Division Superintendent *KS*

Encl.: As Stated
Reference: GSP Aklan Council Circular No. 13, s. 2026
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
Under the following subjects:

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GIRL SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES

Visayas Region
Aklan Girl Scout Council

Council Circular No. 13
Series 2026

To : Public Schools District Supervisor
Public and Private Secondary and Integrated School Heads, GSP
District Field Adviser (DFA), Secondary School Coordinators (SSC),
and Troop Leaders (Senior GS & Cadet GS)
All Other Concerned

Re : **INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN SEASON OF CREATION 2026**

Date : August 20, 2026

Greetings!

In support of environmental stewardship and the Girl Scouts of the Philippines' commitment to SDG 13 (Climate Action) and SDG 15 (Life on Land), the GSP Aklan Council invites all schools specifically **Senior and Cadet Girl Scouts (12-18 years old)** to participate in the **Season of Creation 2026 activities on September 3–5, 2026**, organized by the Ministry on Ecology, Diocese of Kalibo.

Schedule of Activities:

Date	Activity	Venue
September 3, 2026	Clean Air Symposium	Kalibo Municipal Building
September 4, 2026	1st Laudato Si' Congress	Nabaoy River Watershed, Malay, Aklan
September 5, 2026	BIOME 10 Biodiversity Congress	Boracay Island, Malay

Participation in the **SEPTEMBER 3 AND 4 ACTIVITIES IS FREE**, while the **SEPTEMBER 5 BIOME 10 BIODIVERSITY CONGRESS REQUIRES A REGISTRATION FEE OF ₱1,200.00**. Please refer to the attached Invitation Letter for your reference.

This three-day environmental gathering offers valuable opportunities for Girl Scouts and adult leaders to learn, engage, and take action for environmental protection through symposiums, congresses, tree planting, biodiversity discussions, and other meaningful activities.

Schools are encouraged to send interested Girl Scouts, adult leaders, and school coordinators to participate in any of the activities as part of their environmental education and community engagement initiatives. For coordination, please communicate with the GSP Aklan Council Office.

Expenses incurred by the participants shall be charged against Local Funds/School MOOE's/SEF subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and procedures.

Troop Leaders who will participate in the said activity are entitled to Service Credits where they apply in accordance with Deped Order No. 53, 2003 entitled "*Updated Guidelines on the Grant of Vacation Service Credits to Teachers*".

We look forward to your participation as we continue working together in building environmentally responsible and action-oriented Girl Scouts.

Thank you, and we hope to see your delegation in this meaningful celebration of creation.


FERDIELYN M. ABAYON
Council Executive


HON. SOL ANTARAN PANAGSAGAN-MOLO
Council President



GIRL SCOUTS OF THE PHILIPPINES

Visayas Region
Aklan Girl Scout Council

PARENTAL CONSENT AND WAIVER FORM

ACTIVITY DETAILS

Activity: _____
Venue: _____
Date(s): _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT

I, _____, the parent/legal guardian of _____, voluntarily allow my child to participate in the above-mentioned Girl Scouts of the Philippines – Aklan Girl Scout Council activity.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE THAT:

1. **VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION** - My child's participation is voluntary. I have been informed about the nature, objectives, schedule, and venue of the activity.
2. **HEALTH AND SAFETY** - My child is physically fit and in good health to participate. I will not allow my child to attend if she is sick or shows symptoms of any contagious illness. I will immediately inform the troop leader or organizers if my child becomes ill before the activity. I understand that the organizers will implement reasonable safety measures throughout the activity.
3. **RULES AND CONDUCT** - I understand that my child is expected to follow the rules, safety guidelines, and instructions of the Girl Scout leaders and activity staff. I will encourage my child to behave responsibly and respectfully at all times.
4. **PHOTO AND VIDEO CONSENT** - I give permission to the Girl Scouts of the Philippines - Aklan Girl Scout Council to take photographs, videos, or recordings of my child during the activity and to use these for reports, newsletters, social media, publications, presentations, and other official GSP materials. ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**
5. **PRIVACY** - I understand that my child's personal information will be handled responsibly and in accordance with the Data Privacy Act of 2012 (RA 10173).
6. **WAIVER** - I understand that while the Girl Scouts of the Philippines will take reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of all participants, accidents or

unforeseen incidents may still occur. I agree not to hold the Girl Scouts of the Philippines - Aklan Girl Scout Council, its officers, volunteers, staff, and partners liable for injuries, loss, or damages resulting from circumstances beyond their reasonable control, except in cases of negligence or willful misconduct.

7. **DECLARATION**, I have read and understood this Parental Consent and Waiver Form. I voluntarily give my permission for my child to participate in this activity.

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature: _____

Mobile Number: _____

Name of Girl Scout: _____

School: _____

Troop/Age Level: _____

Date Signed: _____



School: _____
District: _____

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

[illegible]

Submitted by:

SSC/Troop Leader

Approved:

Principal _____



August 20, 2026

FERDIELYN ABAYON

Council Executive
GSP Aklan Council

Subject: INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE IN SEASON OF CREATION 2026

Dear Ms. Abayon:

Greetings of peace and solidarity!

We are pleased to invite the **GSP Aklan** to participate in **Season of Creation 2026**, a three-day environmental gathering to be held on **September 3–5, 2026 in Aklan**, under the theme:

“Season of Creation: Restoring Our Common Home through Science, Faith, and Collective Action”

The Season of Creation 2026 is envisioned as a multidisciplinary and multisectoral platform bringing together **science, faith, education, public policy, and community action** to address pressing environmental challenges. It seeks to strengthen collaboration among universities, government agencies, local government units, research institutions, civil society organizations, faith communities, and local communities in advancing ecological stewardship and sustainable development.

We would be honored to have the **GSP Aklan Council** to join us and share your presence and participation as active lay faithful of the Diocese of Kalibo throughout the three-day gathering.

The major activities are:

1. September 3, 2026 – Clean Air Symposium

Venue: Kalibo Municipal Building, Kalibo, Aklan

The symposium will focus on air quality management, black carbon, emissions inventories, pollution source apportionment, clean transportation, community-based air quality monitoring, climate change mitigation, clean cooking technologies, urban forestry, and environmental meteorology.

2. September 4, 2026 – 1st Laudato Si’ Congress

Venue: Nabaoy River Watershed, Malay, Aklan

With the theme **“Science, Faith and Community for Our Common Home,”** the congress will feature the Mass of Creation, blessing of the Nabaoy River, native tree planting, scientific and poster presentations, panel discussions, and dialogue on environmental science, climate change, biodiversity, water quality, environmental education, sustainable agriculture, renewable energy, watershed management, and public policy.

3. September 5, 2026 – BIOME 10 Biodiversity Congress

Venue: Boracay Island, Malay, Aklan

BIOME 10 will provide a forum for researchers, conservation practitioners, educators, students, and policymakers to exchange knowledge and best practices on biodiversity conservation, ecosystem restoration, and sustainable tourism, with sessions covering wildlife, forests, marine and coastal ecosystems, mangroves, coral reefs, protected areas, citizen science, and ecotourism.

Registration and Participation

We would like to emphasize that **participation in the September 3 Clean Air Symposium and September 4 Laudato Si' Congress is FREE OF REGISTRATION FEES**. Participants, however, are encouraged to join the **potluck arrangement for meals and food sharing** during these activities.

For **September 5 – BIOME 10**, participants will be required to pay a **REGISTRATION FEE OF ₱1,200.00**, which will cover participation in the biodiversity congress and its associated activities.

We believe that the participation of GSP Aklan Council will greatly enrich this initiative and provide valuable opportunities for **knowledge exchange, networking, research collaboration, and community engagement** among institutions working for the protection of our common home.

We look forward to **your positive response**, and may we continue working together toward a **healthier, more resilient, and sustainable environment through science, faith, and collective action**.

Thank you very much for your support and commitment to environmental stewardship.

Very truly yours,


REV. FR. JAYVEE U. DELOS SANTOS
Priest In-Charge, Ministry on Ecology
Diocese of Kalibo