



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

April 8, 2024

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. **423** s. 2024

**REQUEST FOR PARTICIPANTS FOR THE CONDUCT OF 4TH NATIONAL
BARKADA KONTRA DROGA CONVENTION**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

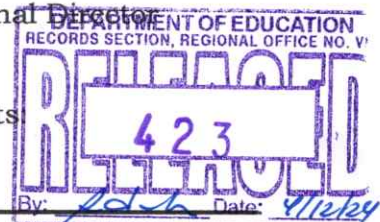
- Attached is Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2024-11 requesting for participants to the 4th National Barkada Kontra Droga Convention (NBKDC) in Iloilo City on April 23-27, 2024.
- The 4th NBKDC aims to:
 - raise awareness about illegal drugs and promote drug prevention strategies among youth;
 - encourage the youth to be involved in drug abuse prevention activities by helping them develop their life skills and resistance skills while promoting a healthy lifestyle and healthy mental state;
 - formulate action plans and share best practices of effective intervention to prevent drug abuse in their respective schools and community;
 - share leadership experiences and strategies of BKD implementers and inspire others to expand the impact of the program on their schools and the community; and
 - strengthen camaraderie, collaboration, cooperation, and solidarity in their common commitment to attain a drug-free lifestyle through capacity-building activities.
- The regional participants to this activity are specifically identified in the Enclosure to this Memorandum.
- The per diem, travel, and other incidental expenses of the participants shall be charged against their respective MOOE/ Local Fund/ SEF, subject to the usual government rules on accounting and auditing procedures.
- Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.


F. RONEO AL K. FIRMO
Director III
Officer-In-Charge
Office of the Regional

Enclosures: As stated

References: As stated

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:
CONVENTION LEARNER FORMATION DIVISION
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Annex C

4th NATIONAL BARRADA KONTRA DROGA CONVENTION
Iloilo City, Philippines / April 23-27, 2024

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION

Region: VIII Regional Youth Formation Coordinator (RYFC): Eden A. Dadap
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Persons Involved	Name of Learners/Chaperones	Gender	Birthdate <small>(mm/dd/yy)</small>	Age	Grade Level	Complete Name of School and Division	Email Address	Contact Number	Food Restriction	Religion	In case of emergency		
											Name	Relationship	Contact Number
BKD Student Officers	1. MarKy B. Mayran	M	06/12/06	17	12	Oquendo NHS, Calbayog City	markmayran41@gmail.com	09464883704	none	Roman Catholic	Maria B. Mayran	Mother	09066865061
	2. Jan Lloyd C. Alarcon	M	02/24/06	18	12	Samar NHS, Catbalogan City	janlucinalarcon@gmail.com	09918648214	none	Roman Catholic	Rechelle C. Alarcon	Mother	09482401181
	3. Marion Lawrence B. Ortiz	M	09/08/05	18	12	Calbayog City NHS	marionlawrenceortiz@gmail.com	09184847583	none	Roman Catholic		Parent	09062563221
	4. Jeayle T. Carenea	F	11/11/05	18	12	Burauen Comprehensive NHS	careneaj@gmail.com	09709961876	none	United Pentecostal Church	Jessibel T. Carenea	Mother	09095933845
	5. Cristel Argenio Brozas	F	12/14/07	16	11	Bagacay Integrated School, Calbayog City	Cristelbrozas14@gmail.com	09813741578	jackfruit	Born Again Christian	Roger Brozas	Father	09366907960
	6. April I Cabaobao	F	04/22/09	14	9	Mayonga NHS, Leyte	mayorganhs1966@gmail.com	09693306555	none	LDS	Daisy Lauzon	Mother	09061164959
Chaperones	1. Jordan Refuerzo	M				Burauen Comprehensive NHS							

2. Sharon D. Balza	F	08/23/78	45	Div. F ocal	Calbayog City Division	shadybal za@gmail .com	none	Roman Catholi c	Edward Balza	Husban d	0915567 5626
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Note: Please send the accomplished form through email at hiss/fid@depd.gov.ph on or before April 12, 2024 BOD Friday

Approved by:

RONELO A. K. FIRMO, CESO IV

Director III

Officer In-Charge, Office of the Regional Director



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MEMORANDUM
DM-OUOPS-2024-11-



TO : Regional Directors
Minister, Basic Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM
Regional and Division Youth Formation Coordinators
Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

FROM : *Revsee A. Escobedo*
ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Operations

Dr. Dexter A. Galban
DR. DEXTER A. GALBAN
Assistant Secretary for Operations

SUBJECT : REQUEST FOR PARTICIPANTS FOR THE CONDUCT OF
4th NATIONAL BARKADA KONTRA DROGA CONVENTION

DATE : March 25, 2024

The Department of Education (DepEd) recognizes the collective responsibility to combat the issue of drugs and substance abuse among the youth and champion a proactive approach through drug education and prevention campaigns. An initiative finds its roots in **Republic Act No. 9165, the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act of 2002**, that strengthens its mandates on **National Drug Education Program (NDEP)** as stipulated in **DepEd Memorandum No. 200 s. 2016**, by establishing **Barkada Kontra Droga (BKD) Chapters** in schools.

This is in response to providing a preventive education and information program to counter the dangers and disastrous effects of drug abuse. Empowering learners with essential life skills through early intervention and open discussion, fostering holistic development encompassing moral, intellectual, physical, and socio-emotional aspects.

In steadfast alignment with and unwavering commitment to the MATATAG Agenda, the DepEd in collaboration with the Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB), through the Bureau of Learner Support Services–Youth Formation Division (BLSS-YFD) and co-hosted by the DepEd Regional Office VI-Western Visayas and Schools Division Office of Iloilo City, shall conduct the **4th National Barkada Kontra Droga Convention (NBKDC)**, with the theme, **“Empathy in Action: Breaking Barriers, Creating Safe Spaces”**, from **April 23 to 27, 2024**, in **Iloilo City**.

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The 4th NBKDC is designed to bring together selected Barkada Kontra Droga (BKD) student leaders and youth formation coordinators nationwide to foster collaboration in advancing a drug-free community through capacity-building activities, exchange of best practices, benchmarking activities, and advocating for policy strengthening and interventions. The 4th NBKDC goes beyond being a mere gathering; it encapsulates a resounding call to action.

The 4th NBKDC aims to:

- a. raise awareness about illegal drugs and promote drug prevention strategies among the youth;
- b. encourage the youth to be involved in drug abuse prevention activities by helping them develop their life skills and resistance skills while promoting a healthy lifestyle and healthy mental state;
- c. formulate action plans and share best practices of effective intervention to prevent drug abuse in their respective schools and community;
- d. share leadership experiences and strategies of BKD implementers and inspire others to expand the impact of the program on their schools and the community; and
- e. strengthen camaraderie, collaboration, cooperation, and solidarity in their common commitment to attain a drug-free lifestyle through capacity-building activities.

In this regard, the BLSS-LFD would like to kindly request our **Regional Youth Formation Coordinators**, subject to approval of their respective **Regional Directors** and the following established guidelines and qualifications, to identify **six (6) BKD Student Officers (3 males, 3 females)** and select **two (2) chaperones (1 male, 1 female)** for their participation in the 4th NBKDC. For more details, refer to **Annexes A-E**.

All travel expenses and other incidental expenses of selected learner participants and chaperones shall be charged to the Local Funds, Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE), Local School Board - Special Education Fund (LSB-SEF), and other fund source/s, subject to the usual accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

For more information, questions, and/or concerns, kindly contact **Mr. Rovin James F. Canja**, Project Development Officer IV, Officer-in-Charge at blss.lfd@deped.gov.ph.

For immediate dissemination and compliance.

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Annex A

4th NATIONAL BARKADA KONTRA DROGA CONVENTION
Iloilo City
April 23-27, 2024

Day 1: April 23, 2024 Tuesday Arrival of Participants and Billeting		
Time	Activity	Focal Person/Unit
7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Travel to Venue • Billeting of TWG • Arrival of Participants Registration and Distribution of Kits	TWG SDO-Iloilo DepEd & DDB
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 nn.	Technical Run	RDO, SDO-Iloilo, DepEd & DDB
12:01 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	
1:01 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Technical Run	RDO, SDO-Iloilo, DepEd & DDB
2:01 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Opening Program • National Anthem • Opening Prayer • Opening Salvo (Fort San Pedro National High School <i>Tribu Pan-ay</i>) • Performances (Iloilo City National High School)	SDO-Iloilo City
2:31 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Messages • Opening Message • Welcome Message • Inspirational Message • Intro to Keynote Message • Keynote Message Presentation and Launching of the Learners' Declaration Presentation of Current Efforts for the Substance Abuse Prevention Photo Opp	Hon. Sara Z. Duterte Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines and Secretary of the Department of Education Dr. Ramir B. Uytico Region VI Director Mayor Jerry Treñas Local Government Unit of Iloilo City Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo Undersecretary for Operations Department of Education Mr. Earl P. Saavedra Undersecretary for Operations Dangerous Drugs Board
3:31 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Break	
3:01 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Orientation • Getting-To-Know-You Activities • Looking Back: 3 rd NBKDC • Overview of the Activity • Expectation Setting • House Rules • Issuance of Key cards and Billeting • Reminders for Day 2	TWG
5:01 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Dinner / Rest	
10:00 p.m. onwards	Lights Off	

Day 2: April 24, 2024 Wednesday DepEd Day		
Time	Activity	Focal Person/Unit
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Preparation / Breakfast	
8:01 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Preliminaries Icebreaker Activity Objectives of the Day	TWG
8:31 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Workshop Session: No Smoking Campaign and Smoking Education	BLSS-SHD
10:01 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	AM Snack	
10:16 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Interactive Session: SMASH PH (Alcohol Education for Learners)	PETA
12:01 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	
1:01 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Interactive Session: Socio-Emotional Learning (SEL)	BLSS-SHD & UP Visayas, DepEd Iloilo Province
2:01 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Output Creation: Socio-Emotional Learning (SEL)	BLSS-SHD & UP Visayas, DepEd Iloilo Province
3:31 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	PM Snack	
4:01 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Teambuilding Activities	DepEd YFD
7:01 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.	Wrap-up Reminders for Day 3	DepEd YFD
7:31 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Dinner / Free Time	
10:00 p.m. onwards	Lights Off	

Day 3: April 25, 2024 Thursday DDB Day		
Time	Activity	Focal Person/Unit
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Preparation / Breakfast	
8:31 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Preliminaries Icebreaker Activity Objectives of the Day	DDB
9:01 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Plenary Session: Risk and Protective Factors on Drug Use	DDB
10:01 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	AM Snack	
10:16 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Interactive Session: Safe Space	DDB
11:16 a.m. – 12:15 nn.	Interactive Session: Spill the Tea	DDB
12:16 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	
1:31 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Interactive Session: Harnessing Peer Support	DDB
3:01 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	PM Snack	

3:16 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Interactive Session: Responsible Use of Social Media Platforms	DDB
4:31 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Wrap-up Post-Evaluation (QR Code) Reminders for Day 3	DDB
5:01 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Dinner / Free Time	
10:00 p.m. onwards	Lights Off	

Day 4: April 26, 2024 Friday Culminating Activity		
Time	Activity	Focal Person/Unit
7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.	Preparation / Breakfast	
8:31 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	LGU City Tour	LGU
11:01 a.m. – 12:00 nn.	Travel back to Grand Hotel	LGU
12:01 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch Break	
1:31 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Workshop Session	LRPO
3:01 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<p>Closing Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation (QR Code) Open House Videos and Presentations Preliminaries (National Anthem and Prayer) Special Performances <p>Messages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Message Inspirational Messages Presentation of Same-Day Edit Video Presentation of Outputs Impressions (Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao Representatives) <p>Awarding Turn-over Ceremony for the next NBKDC Host Message of Support Community Dance 4th NBKDC Theme Song Iloilo City National High School</p>	<p>Hon. Julienne “Jam” Baronda District Representative – Iloilo City</p> <p>Sec. Catalino S. Cuy Chairman Dangerous Drugs Board</p> <p>ASec. Maria Belen Angelita Matibag Assistant Secretary Dangerous Drugs Board</p> <p>Atty. Suzette T. Gannaban-Medina Director IV DepEd-Bureau of Learner Support Services</p> <p>Dr. Ma. Luz de los Reyes Schools Division Superintendent</p>
5:01 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.	Reminders Dinner LGU Night Free Time	LGU
10:00 p.m. onwards	Lights Off	

Day 5: April 27, 2024 Saturday Homebound	
Time	Activity
6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	Preparation / Breakfast
9:01 a.m. – 12:00 nn.	TWG Evaluation and Debriefing (DDB & DepEd) Travel out of Delegates
12:00 nn. onwards	Homebound

Annex B.

GUIDELINES AND QUALIFICATIONS IN SELECTING PARTICIPANTS FOR THE 4th NATIONAL BARKADA KONTRA DROGA CONVENTION

1. The qualifications of participants are as follows:

A. Barkada Kontra Droga (BKD) Officers

- a.1. *bona fide* public secondary school learners;
- a.2. an active student officer of BKD+ in school;
- a.3. with good moral character; and
- a.4. physically fit and capable of participating actively in all activities.

B. Chaperone

- b.1 duly designated by the Regional Director as chaperone for the learners;
- b.2 preferably a BKD Regional / Division Youth Formation Coordinator/ Project Development Officer;
- b.3. provide guidance to the learner participants all throughout the event; and
- b.4. actively participate and assist the learners during the drug education and prevention activities.

2. The designated chaperone shall serve as the focal person of respective region delegation to provide support and guidance to learner participants in the completion and submission of the following requirements:

- A. signed Notice of Confirmation (**Annex C**) by the Regional Director;
- B. signed Parental Consent and Waiver Form (**Annex D**); and
- C. signed Learner Consent, Waiver, Indemnity and Release Form (**Annex E**).

3. Soft copies of the above-mentioned requirements can be accessed through this link: https://bit.ly/4thNBKDC_SoftcopyOfRequirements

4. An endorsement letter, saved in one PDF file, attached with the completed documents as mentioned above, shall be submitted by the **Regional Youth Formation Coordinator (RYFC)** via email on or before **April 12, 2024, Friday, EOD**. The email shall follow this naming convention:

To : blss.lfd@deped.gov.ph
Subject : **Region _ Official List of Participants _ 4th NBKDC**

4th NATIONAL BARRKADA KONTRA DROGA CONVENTION
 Iloilo City, Philippines | April 23-27, 2024

NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION

Region: _____ Regional Youth Formation Coordinator (RYFC): _____

Office Contact Number(s) (if any): _____ Office Email: _____ Phone Number of RYFC: _____

Persons Involved	Name of Learner/Chaperones	Gender	Birthdate (mm/Jd/yy)	Age	Grade Level	Complete Name of School & Division	Email Address	Contact Number	Food Restriction	Religion	In case of Emergency		
											Name	Relationship	Contact Number
BKD Student Officers	1	M											
	2	M											
	3	M											
	4	F											
	5	F											
	6	F											
Chaperones	1	M											
	2	F											

Note: Please send the accomplished form through email at ryfc@iyoiloyouth.org.ph on or before April 12, 2024. EOD Friday

Approved by: _____

Regional Director

(Signature over Printed Name)

Annex D.

PARENTAL CONSENT AND WAIVER FORM

I, _____, as the parent or legal guardian of _____, hereby acknowledge that I have been informed of the details of the conduct of the face-to-face event on the **4th NATIONAL BARKADA KONTRA DROGA CONVENTION**, that will be held on **April 23-27, 2024** at **Iloilo City**.

I understand that the Bureau of Learner Support Services-Learner Formation Division (BLSS-LFD), *transitioning from BLSS-Youth Formation Division* of the Department of Education (DepEd) shall implement the minimum public health standards set by the government to minimize the risk of the spread of COVID-19, but it cannot guarantee that my child will not become infected with COVID-19 given that it is highly contagious.

I understand that my child's in-person attendance at the event will include associating with teachers, fellow learners and school personnel, and other persons inside and outside of the school that may put my child at risk of COVID-19 transmission, notwithstanding the precautions undertaken by the implementing team.

Voluntary Participation

I acknowledge that my child's participation in this activity is completely voluntary. My child may decline to participate or withdraw from participation at any time for any reason. Declining or withdrawing participation will not result in any penalty or loss of benefits or reduction of any basic right to which my child is entitled. While there remains the risk of possible COVID-19 transmission to my child/ren, and to the members of my household, I freely assume the said risk and I permit my child/ren to attend this activity.

Exclusion (Limitations/Ineligibility)

I am aware that symptoms of COVID-19 include, but are not limited to, fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, the new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

I confirm that my child currently has none of those symptoms and is in good health. I will not allow my child to physically go to the event if my child or any member of my household develops any of the said symptoms or any other symptoms of illness that may or may not be related to COVID-19. I will also inform the school/division and not allow my child to attend the event if my child or any of my household members test positive for COVID-19. My child/ren and I, with my household members, will follow the required health and safety protocols and procedures adopted by the school and community.

Documentation

I confirm that I give full permission in any recording or picture taken of my child during the conduct of this event and to use some or all my child's images/ contribution/ performance in any publication (including electronic publications such as film or website) created by or for the BLSS-LFD and to release this material to DepEd official platforms.

Confidentiality

I am aware that any information that will be given during the activity will be kept strictly confidential, and personal information will be treated in accordance with the Republic Act 10173, Data Privacy Act of 2012. I am assured that the information about my child will not be shared outside of the implementation team. My child's name will not be used when data from this activity is analyzed.

I hereby confirm that I agree and understand the commitment of my child as a participant. I also understand and will support my child's endeavor to meet the expectations, guidelines, and responsibilities to his/her fellow participants and to DepEd.

To the extent allowed by law and rules, I hereby agree to waive, release, and discharge any and all claims, causes of action, damages, and rights against the school/division and its personnel as well as officials and personnel of the Department of Education relative to the conduct of the activity.

With full understanding, I – on behalf of myself, my household members, and my child/ren – hereby freely and voluntarily give my consent to my child's participation in the activity from April 23 to 27, 2024. I also attest that I had sought the views of my child and he/she has expressed a willingness to participate in the activity.

CONTACT DETAILS FOR QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS

For any concerns or clarification, you may contact the BLSS-LFD through the email address blss@deped.gov.ph

<p>Signature of Parent/Guardian over Printed Name</p>	<p>Contact Details (Mobile Number)</p>
<p>Name of Child/ren</p>	<p>Date</p>

** Please submit this form to your child's school prior to participation in the event.*

Annex E.

LEARNER CONSENT, WAIVER, INDEMNITY and RELEASE

(To be completed by the Learner)

I, _____, agreed to participate with the consent of my parents and/or legal guardian in the 4TH National Barkada Kontra Droga Convention on April 23-27, 2024, at Iloilo City.

I agree to give permission to the **Department of Education (DepEd)** and its representatives to make recordings of my voice and to take photographs and/or videos in which I appear in at the event and location stated above, to be used for the communications and various public campaigns of the Department be it in print, broadcast and/or electronic media.

I have read and understood the accompanying letter and information leaflet. For things I do not understand, I will ask my Parent/Guardian to clarify the objective of the activity for me.

I know the purpose of the project/activity and the part I will be involved in. I know that DepEd and its representative are not allowed to use the information about me in any form that might harm my rights and well-being.

Name of Learner	Name of School
Age	Date