

29 August 2012

Dear Parents,

PROJECT GORDIAN MARY – A SCOUT GROUP SERVICE PROJECT IN CAMBODIA

Thank you very much for the support you have given to your son in his development as a scout thus far. I am writing to you to inform you of the Scout Group's Community Service Project, called Project Gordian in Siem Reap, Cambodia that will take place from 22 to 28 November 2012.

In line with the mission of St Joseph's Institution is to empower its students to become **men of integrity and men for others**, we the leaders of Scout Group want our scouts to be exposed and be immersed with the life of the suffering and struggling poor in Siem Reap. It is also intended that our scouts will hone their leadership skills and to discover their gifts and talents through service. In addition this community service project will help our scouts to be a compassionate servant leader and discerning citizen of the world.

We will be working together and by association with a Jesuit Priest, Rev. Fr Stepanus and his team in reaching out to the poor children from the surrounding villages of Siem Reap.

Our scouts will be taught by the team to prepare, cook and serve 'Soup Rice' (a nutritious meal of rice and vegetables) which is a special treat the children look forward and enjoy only once a week. After the meal, our scouts will interact with them and possibly teach them simple English and Mathematics, play games and sing songs.

We also would be linking up with the local scouts of Siem Reap to have a day of sightseeing of the Amazing Angkor Wat.

We hope that you would consider giving your son this opportunity to travel and learn from this wonderful experience of service to the poor. We will be limiting the total **number of scouts to 30** for the trip.

We estimate the total cost of trip to be about S\$800.00 per scout including return airfare, local land transport, accommodation and meals. We have secured a subsidy of 30% of the total cost (S\$240.00) from the school and from the Group Account a subsidy of S\$100.00. So you need to pay a total sum (after subsidies) of S\$460.00.

To secure a place for your son please write out a cheque of **S\$250.00** as a **deposit**. Please make out the cheque to **'The Singapore Scout Association'**. Please write your son's name and 'SJI - Project Gordian' on the reverse side of your cheque. Please also fill in and return the reply slip together with your cheque to Mr Alphonsus Gregory, Mr David Kwang or Mr Chong Chow Wee.

Please do contact me at gregory@sjj.edu.sg if you have any further queries. We will be conducting a briefing for parents immediately after the End of Year Examinations. We will inform you details of the briefing through your son.

Thank you very much and God bless you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Alphonsus Gregory
Group Scout Leader
St Joseph's Pelandok Scout Group.



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PROJECT GORDIAN
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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT SLIP

I/We, _____ the parent/s/guardian/s of
_____ of the class of Sec _____ (Patrol: _____)
acknowledge that I have been informed about Project Gordian and I am agreeable to my son's / ward's
participation in the Project Gordian, Siem Reap, Cambodia.

SIGNATURE OF PARENT / GUARDIAN

DATE

Contact Number: _____

Email: _____

