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### OBJECT

The advancement of Christ's Kingdom among Boys; and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-Respect and all that tends toward a true Christian Manliness.

### OUR VISION

To be the Youth Organisation of Choice

### OUR MISSION

To nurture youth, based on Christian values, to serve and lead.

### OUR BELIEFS

We are First for Youth

We provide fun, meaningful and challenging activities.

We are committed to serve the community.

We are served and led by Volunteers.

We are enterprising, in tune with our changing world.

We actively engage our stakeholders.

We are a Christian organisation for all Youth.

## THE BOYS' BRIGADE

The Boys' Brigade is an international movement with Companies in more than 60 territories. Founded by Sir William Alexander Smith in 1883, it is the pioneer of uniformed youth organisations. In Singapore, the movement is recognised by the Ministry of Education as an approved CCA and it is registered as a Charity under the Charities Act 1982 (Registration No. 0067)

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# GREATEST IS THE ONE WHO SERVES

**LTA POH LEONG BERG**  
*Brigade President*

We are to honour one another above ourselves. Serving one another is a very practical and concrete way to honour one another. Serving could mean doing helpful deeds for one another, helping others who need assistance, spending time with others, or offering a service to others.

Serving others requires us to have a servant attitude, to want to serve others and have an observant eye to see what needs to be done. Serving others means showing genuine care for people, even the people society does not usually think about or considers unlovable. If we have a servant attitude and a real love for others, we can develop an observant eye. The reason most of us do not see the opportunities to serve is that we are constantly thinking about ourselves instead of others. Service requires us to look at the interest of others and not our own interests.

Service to others does not have to mean going away to a developing country, doing a Values-In-Action programme or Community Involvement Programme. We can all do something that makes a difference in the lives of others in our own country, our neighbourhood, at our home, or even during the BB parade time. The BB Share-A-Gift (BBSG) and BB CARES, are



two such local community service projects of the BB, which are platforms used to nurture our Boys to care for the less privileged in our society and to mould the Boys' character.

We can all use our gifts, time, money, talents or energy to serve and help improve the lives of others, including that of our own family members. We can help others economically, socially, physically, and spiritually. For example, we can share our food with those in need; we can be a friend to a newcomer; we can care for someone who is sick; we can comfort someone who grieves; we can help an elderly person cross the road; or we can spend time with the less fortunate. In our homes, we can serve by helping with household chores such as washing up the dishes after meals and mopping the floor; we can help our siblings

to read and write; or we can encourage our loved ones who may be going through difficult times.

Service and humility go hand in hand. We are reminded to "do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others." (Book of Philippians).

Greatness is determined by how many we serve and not by how many have served us. Our natural self desires the idea of others serving us and serving others is contrary to our own nature. However, we are to serve one another, to love one another, and to consider others better than ourselves. Real greatness is not in position or authority but in serving one another.

**REFLECTION QUESTIONS:****01**

How can you use your gift, time, money, talents or energy to serve others?

**02**

In what ways can you serve your family, your friends, or someone in need?

**03**

What should our attitude be when we serve?



## A STORY ON THE GREATEST SERVANT KING

Long time ago, in a faraway desert land, there lived a rich and powerful King. He had authority over the land and owned everything in it. One day, he decided to call for a feast in remembrance of the grace and blessings from his God. The King invited his twelve trusted men to the grand feast.

When the feast was in progress, the twelve men started discussing among themselves as to which of them was considered the greatest. The King got up from his throne, took off his outer clothing and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of his trusted men, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his throne. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" the King asked them. "You call me 'King' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your King, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example for you to do as I have done for you."

Through his actions, the King showed that the greatest is the one who serves, just like how he as the King, had served them. After the feast, the King reminded his trusted men to serve his people well, taking care of their well-being and ensuring the safety of the citizens.

### MORAL OF THE STORY:

The one who serves and puts the interest of others above his own is the greatest.

# MAN FOR OTHERS

REV MALCOLM TAN THIAN HOCK  
*Associate Brigade Chaplain*

Greetings in the Name of the Lord!

The Lord Jesus Christ is said to be the Man you cannot ignore. He was the Man who did mighty works because God was with Him. For a brief moment in history, all around Him: the lame could walk and the blind could see. Indeed, He came to show us the works of the Father. He also spoke Words that were not only wise and inspiring, they were actually life-giving words: the wonderful Words of Life.

But what really made Jesus different was that, He was the Man for others! Unlike all ordinary people who always think first only for themselves, the Lord Jesus was free from an unhealthy self-obsession. Indeed, He lived to please the Father more than He lived to please Himself. Indeed, He came not to be served but to serve and to give His Life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28). No wonder He went around doing good (Acts 10:38). No wonder He is called the Servant of the Lord by the Prophet Isaiah in

Chapters 40-53. When we today seek to live a life of service, selflessly to bless the poor and needy around us, we are learning to be like Jesus.

When the BB tries to teach Boys and Girls to look beyond themselves, to consider the needy poor among us in society and to do something meaningful and practical to be a blessing to them, we are asking them to see in Jesus the role model for real human purpose and living. Indeed, He is the man you cannot ignore. BB CARES is to remember to serve the needy. It is also about remembering the Man for others, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Anchor for our souls (Hebrews 6:19).

Grace & Peace.



# CARING FOR THE COMMUNITY

Across the months of July and August, every BB Company was engaged in planning and organising their unique activities to serve the local community. At the Brigade-level, the BB CARES (Community Activities Rallying Everyone to Serve) Anchor Event was held on 28 July at Bishan Community Club.



Over 130 elderly beneficiaries joined our Guest-of-Honour, Mr Edwin Tong, Senior Minister of State for Law and Health, in learning more about active ageing and leading a healthy lifestyle. (left in picture)



At the event, our Boys shared with the elderly about first-aid care at home and encouraged mental well-being via active engagement and conversations.



A mass exercise was also conducted for everyone.

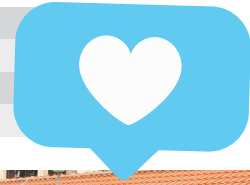


The seniors also underwent basic medical check-ups to assess their health levels.

## West 2 Cluster-Level BB CARES

Eight BB Companies in the West 2 Cluster gathered together on 14 July to support the Habitat for Humanity (HFH) Singapore in their 'Home Sweep Home' programme at three locations around the island. The Companies are:

25th Coy, Hillgrove Secondary School	70th Coy, Fajar Secondary School
39th Coy, Swiss Cottage Secondary School	77th Coy, Teck Whye Secondary School
53rd Coy, Bukit Batok Secondary School	84th Coy, Unity Secondary School
63rd Coy, Kranji Secondary School	91st Coy, Regent Secondary School



The Boys and Primers were roped in for the planning phase from March to July 2018. They were involved in several pre-event preparations, namely, packing of goodie bags and carnival set-up. On event day, they were assigned roles such as Carnival Helpers, Runners, Logistics Team, Ushers and Unlitter Red Dot (URD) Team Leaders, who would lead a team of 20 adult volunteers to pick litter.



53rd Coy Boys were leaders of their HFH team at Toa Payoh.



70th, 77th and 91st Coy Boys at Chinatown.

“Overall, the experience was memorable and enriching as it was nice to see how various groups of people reacted and responded when they realised the urgency of the issue. It also honed some of our life skills such as communications, planning and teamwork while serving the community.”

**SGT Asher Pang Ang Sheng**  
(39th Coy, URD Team Leader at Bedok)

“Doing the running was tough. In the morning, we were briefed about the conditions of the houses we were to clean up and repaint. One of the houses that was assigned to me was infested with bed bugs, which was a first for me. I was not assigned to clean up the house as I was under 15 years of age. Instead, I helped the others to move the things around within the house. It was a good experience for me.”

**SSG Lee Ronjin**  
(91st Coy, Runner @ Chinatown)



## Company-Level BB CARES

Having previously served the elderly in old folks' homes, raised awareness for endangered animals and conservation of water, the 4th Singapore Company in Whitley Secondary School decided to do yet another new area of community service for BB CARES. They decided to partner with Mummy Yummy, an NGO that was started in 2013 to provide free vegetarian food to needy elderly. Today, Mummy Yummy distributes free food monthly to at least 159 rental blocks across Singapore.

On 20 July, the Company set off with enthusiasm to bless the residents of six blocks of flats in Toa Payoh, having conducted a recce in the area previously in June. A total of 35 Boys, two Officers and two teachers were mobilised – all with a single mind and heart to serve. They carried out door-to-door visits and provided the vegetarian packaged food prepared by the Mummy Yummy staff for residents.



Briefing before beginning.

“I felt that this event was very heart-warming, just by seeing the smiles on the elderly's faces when they received the food. We finished the distribution in no time. This unique experience helped me to learn not to take for granted what I have and to not be picky with what I choose. I would love to do this again and I am sure that many other Boys would feel the same way.”

CPL Lian Ziling



Distributing food packets to residents.

# SERVING THE CHUA CHU KANG COMMUNITY

LTA NG DI JING

Captain, 77th Singapore Company, Teck Whye Secondary School



On 5 August 2018, Chua Chu Kang Community Centre organized a National Day Observation Ceremony with some of the schools in the surrounding neighbourhood. As our BB Company was awarded Champions in the Inter-Uniformed Groups Fancy Drill Competition in 2017, we were recommended by Teck Whye Secondary School to showcase our K-pop inspired Fancy Drill Performance. Officer LTA Tom Hoo had drawn inspiration from his interest in K-pop dance and foot drills to choreograph the performance.



“The performance was quite fun. My heart was pumping really fast when we were below the stage prior to the performance. When on stage, I tried not to look at the crowd and just looked up to calm myself and it worked! I really hope that we are able to do this again next year!”

PTE Jasper Yeo with his parents

“My experience performing was good and I really enjoyed it. I was nervous and excited whilst waiting for our turn. When I got up on stage, it felt very scary to be in front of hundreds of strangers. However after performing, I felt like all the hard work had paid off.”

SGT Reuven Ong (left)



# FAMILY BONDING TIME



**2LT LO JENG TING**  
*Acting Captain, 61st Singapore Company,  
 Queensway Secondary School*



We celebrated our inaugural Family Day Parade on 21 July, together with Boys and their families over teambuilding activities, games and lunch. A total of 30 Boys, four Primers, six Officers, 14 parents and siblings participated in the event.

We recognize that good family relations are critical to nurturing our Boys well. As such, our primary objective was to create opportunities for parents to enjoy a good bonding time with their children and to see their sons exercising servanthood, leadership and teamwork.



*My voice is your guide*



*How well do you know your parent/ son?*



*Street soccer*

“It had been really fun and we got to understand each other better through the games that were designed to share about ourselves!”

**PTE Kumar**

“It was time well-spent and I am happy to see my son actively participating in BB. I had also brought my younger son to take part in some of the activities as well! It was a good opportunity to improve my relationship with Kumar and I certainly look forward to such events in the future.”

**Mr Meyyapan, PTE Kumar’s father**

# BB CHARACTER QUEST (JUNIORS PROGRAMME) 2018

Early in the morning on 28 July, Boys from 39 BB Companies gathered at Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Primary School to begin a day of fun-filled learning. The Boys were challenged mentally and physically as they participated in a total of six game stations, each of which developed their character values.



Station 1: Heart of the Matter



Station 2: Knockout



Station 3: Saul's Camp



Station 4: Friend In Need Friend Indeed



Station 5: FISHionary



Station 6: Giant Slayer



The Guest-of-Honour, Venerable Wong Tak Meng, Archdeacon of the Anglican Diocese of Singapore, presented the awards to the winners during the prize presentation ceremony. Out of the 464 Boys who formed 100 teams, Team 14 from 33J Singapore Company, Fairfield Methodist School (Primary) emerged as champions!



“I was nervous but it turned out to be quite fun. Getting the award has been a great end to our team’s preparations. We thought that we couldn’t make Top 10 but we ended up being Champions.”

**Junior Luke Toh, 33J Coy**



“Today was very fun and exciting! We expected to get 9th or 10th place so we were very happy to be in 6th place. At last year’s Character Quest, we scored just 400 points. So, our Company prepared more this time. We trained every Friday during the June holidays and now we managed to score many more points today!”

**Junior Jeremiah Kee from 7J Coy,  
St. Andrew’s Junior School**

# CELEBRATING AND REMEMBERING 50 YEARS!



**LTA KEQIN SIA**  
*Captain, 27th Singapore Company, Presbyterian High School*



To celebrate her 50th Anniversary, 27th Singapore Company organized a Trooping the Colour Parade on 14 July at Presbyterian High School. A total of 44 Boys, 15 Primers, 8 Officers and over 100 guests attended the parade.



The guests included former Boys, parents, sponsoring school and church leaders and members of the Brigade Executive. The Guest-of-Honour was Mr Edgar Ramalingam, the first Full Time BB Organiser appointed in 1966.



Trooping the Colour is a fitting event to remember the blessings on the BB Company for 50 years. The occasion was one where the Company remembered late members who had passed on, such as their first Captain - Mr Pau Ung Hwa, Officer - Mr Christopher Tan and Boy - PTE Sean Lim. Interestingly, the parade commenced at 1607 hours to commemorate the date when the Company Colour was commissioned on 16 July 1983.

The Company Colour symbolizes the spirit, honour and identity of the Company. Traditionally, Trooping the Colour is a ceremony performed by regiments of the British and Commonwealth armies. On the battlefields, the regiment's Colours were used as rallying points for the soldiers. As such, Colours would be marched between the soldiers' ranks to allow soldiers to recognize their regiments' Colours.



After the parade, everyone made their way to the canteen for a reception and to mingle about. Old Boys reconnected with one another and made new friends as well.



# THE PRESIDENT'S AWARD 2018

On 11 July 2018, President Halimah Yacob, Patron of The Boys' Brigade, conferred The President's Award to 10 Primers at the Istana. Being the highest accolade attainable within BB, the Primers had to successfully complete demanding requirements to obtain the President's Award. The recipients are:



SCL Chen Si Yu, Alain, 60th Singapore Company  
 SCL Elliot Teng Z-Kai, 12I Singapore Company  
 SCL Foo Chuan Bin Lucas, 12I Singapore Company  
 SCL Gan Jia Le Caleb, 7th Singapore Company  
 SCL Ho Shu Hao Eugene, 14th Singapore Company

SCL John Chua Je En, 12I Singapore Company  
 SCL Lai Tze Xuan, Joseph Immanuel, 12I Singapore Company  
 SCL Nathan Ang Wee Kiat, 11th Singapore Company  
 SCL Ryan Chong Ian Houe, 12I Singapore Company  
 SCL Tan Yan Ren, 60th Singapore Company



“Over the past 6 years in BB, he has grown a lot. He used to be a bit more playful and, in a way, sometimes quite irresponsible. But I think Elliot started to feel more responsible for others and recognised the need to be an example to others to follow. So, he started to become more serious in what he does and says.”

**Mr Teng Haw Kiad, SCL Elliot Teng Z-Kai's father (second from left)**





# ARCHERY AT SINGAPORE NATIONAL GAMES 2018

**LTA DIANA THIO**  
*Captain, 16J Company, Kong Hwa School*

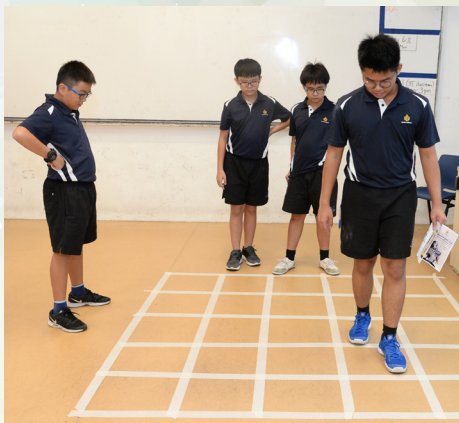
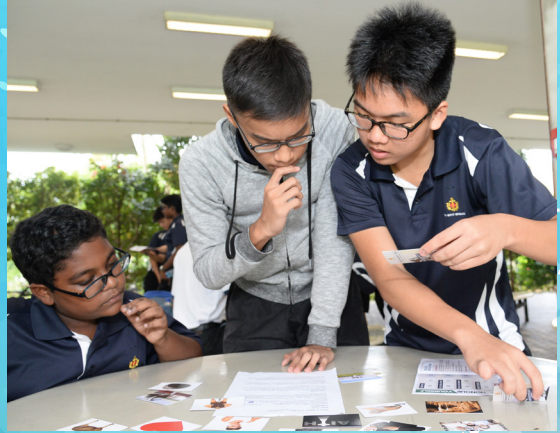


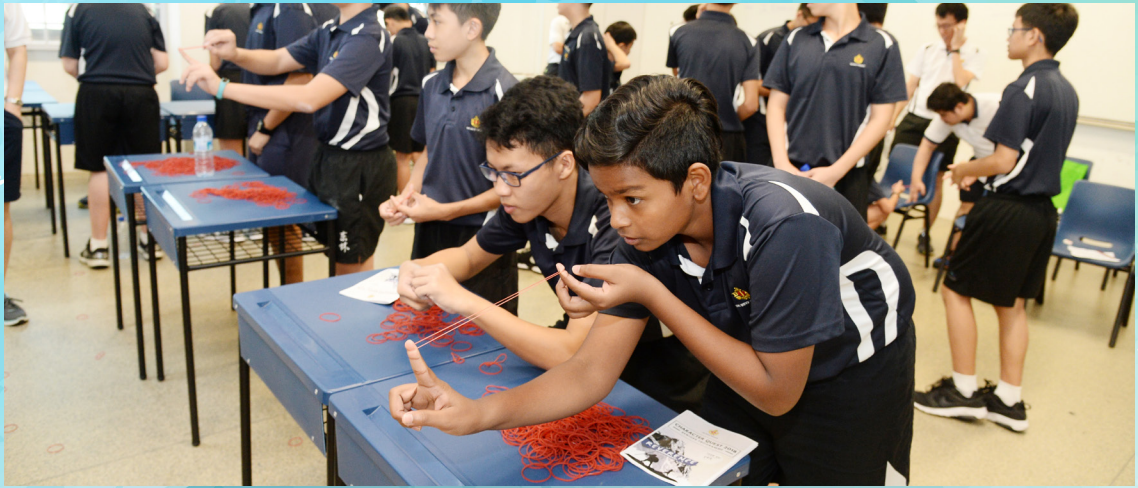
During the last weekend of July, six Junior Boys and three archery instructors competed in the Singapore National Games. It was a novel experience for the Boys who experienced teamwork and encouraged each other along the way. Unfortunately, the Boys were not in the top positions although they gave it their best shot. We congratulate the archery instructors who were placed third in the finals! Thanks to LTA Ho Yew Keong (1J Coy), LTA Gavin Ong Chee Seng (27th Coy) and Yip Chin Loo for putting BB on the archery map!



# BB CHARACTER QUEST (Seniors Programme) 2018

Braving the heavy rain in the morning of 8 September, 617 Boys from 58 Companies gathered at Raffles Institution to begin a fun-filled day of games and mental challenges.





Bishop Dr Chong Chin Chung of the Methodist Church in Singapore graced the event as the Guest-of-Honour and presented trophies to the 12 winning teams during the prize presentation ceremony.

Team 11 from 14th Singapore Company, Anglican High School emerged as Champions!



My favourite station was the last one we attempted. It was called 'Unstoppable' under the category of 'Honour Yourself'. It was close to 12.45pm so we had a dilemma whether to take part or not, but we decided to take the risk with full confidence and I think that was our winning factor. We had the faith and trust in our Company that we were going to do well and to make our school proud. That also pushed us to participate in this year's competition.

**SGT Cliff Lee (third from right)**

Bishop Dr Chong and Brigade President Mr Poh Leong Berg with the 1st Runner-Up - Team 146 from 33rd Singapore Company, Fairfield Methodist School (Secondary) and 2nd Runner-Up - Team 39 from 60th Singapore Company, Raffles Institution.



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