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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)

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.

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THE ROAD TO LIFE IS DISCIPLINE

POH LEONG BERG (LTA), BRIGADE PRESIDENT



Participating in competitions such as Character Quest, Adventure Quest, BB Blaze, or events and badgework like National Day Parade, drill, adventure, kayaking and performing arts require one common exhibited characteristic – Discipline. Interestingly, ‘Discipline’ is found both in the BB Object and the BB twin pillars as the Founder of The Boys’ Brigade, Sir William Alexander Smith, recognised its importance in training the Boys. Discipline is one core leadership trait that the BB seeks to instil in our Boys through the varied programmes and initiatives.

Discipline is an essential ingredient for all other gifts to grow. Our gifts will never reach their fullest potential without the application of discipline. “Discipline is the refining fire by which talent becomes ability” (Roy L. Smith). It is the quality that we must first master before we can make a positive difference to others.

A leader who has learnt discipline and is not afraid of discipline will gladly undertake the unpleasant task that many avoid or the hidden duty that many evade because it does not get public recognition. He learns not to shrink from challenging circumstances but rather to courageously face the tasks without procrastination. Through the disciplined efforts, he works and prepares, day in day out, and pays the price in the little things to get the bigger things. It is discipline that will help him get to where he needs to go.



There are three areas, as suggested by John C. Maxwell, where we need to develop discipline:

- 1 **Disciplined Thinking**
To develop the disciplined thinking that will help us with whatever we are endeavouring to do, we have to use the mind, to keep it active, regularly take on mental challenges, and continually think about the right things – things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy.
- 2 **Disciplined Emotions**
To master our emotions is not about switching it off; but rather we should not let our feelings prevent us from doing what we should or drive us to do things that we should not. We cannot win anything unless we can control our emotions.
- 3 **Disciplined Actions**
To be a winner, we must have disciplined actions. We must have the will to do the things we have to do, when it ought to be done based on plans and priorities, regardless of whether we like it or not, or whether we are in the mood, or to our own convenience.

Discipline is what we need the most but want the least. It involves self-control, courage and determination as the inner armour of the soul; it takes time and effort to build. However, once built, discipline will enable us to make the right choices in our lives that leads to constructive outcomes. It is what separates the good from the great and helps us get from desire to reality. We need to plant the tree of discipline in our life today if we want to bear much fruit.

There is an old proverb that says, “If you love learning, you love the discipline that goes with it.” When you exercise discipline in your life, your mind is freed up to focus on what you need to focus on, instead of all the things you feel like you should be doing.

Remember, The Road to Life is Discipline!

THE BLESSING OF DISCIPLINE

REV MALCOLM TAN (LTA), ASSOCIATE BRIGADE CHAPLAIN

Many say that the young people of today are a 'spoilt' and 'entitled' generation. They think that they can have whatever they want, without even trying to be good enough to have it. Sometimes it is like the people who insist that they deserve to get an 'A' for their exams or tests even though their exam answers are not really of an 'A' quality. Often they take their failure to get an 'A' very personally and fault their teachers for not giving them their 'quota' of 'good grades'. Of course, I am generalising. Not all young people are like that! Thank God!

This is where the idea of 'discipline' comes in. 'Discipline' is training in regulated behaviour to achieve a desired effect, through a series of prescribed practices and rules. For example, if you want to learn to play the piano, then you have to practice playing the piano properly, many times and for a long time. It really takes discipline to do that. Likewise, if you want to be able to do BB marching drills, you have to learn how to march properly and practice marching properly often, until you are familiar with the steps, and they have become second nature for you. It takes training and discipline. Also, learning to swim and to become a strong swimmer requires training in swimming strokes, often until you have learnt to swim through frequent practice. You can't learn to swim by reading books about swimming alone. It requires practice and training. More than that, it requires discipline. Discipline is about being able



to say 'No' to your lazy self and to postpone present pleasure for later, because you know that you, now, have to work on developing your skills or abilities until they are good enough to pass the Test!

Isn't this what the BB has been trying to teach us? Sometimes our lack of discipline prevents us from achieving our full potential because we don't like to come under authority and we don't like to practice self-discipline. Isn't this also how God deals with us sometimes? God disciplines us in life, not because He doesn't love us but because of His love for us, wants to bring out the best in us.

Indeed, the Bible says:

'My Son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when He rebukes you, because the Lord disciplines those He loves.' – Hebrews 12:5-6

When we go through the 'school of hard knocks' in life, remember, God disciplines us because of His Love and His great desire to bring out the Best in us, through Christ. Hence, it is best that we remain Sure and Stedfast in Christ in all things.

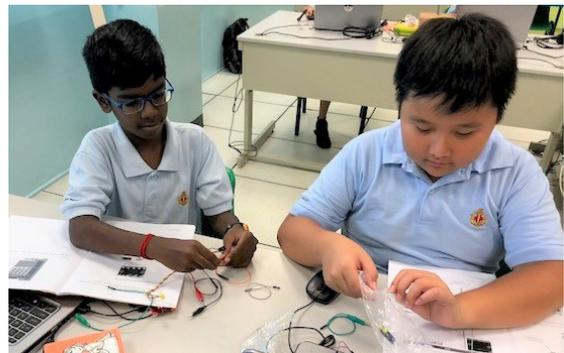
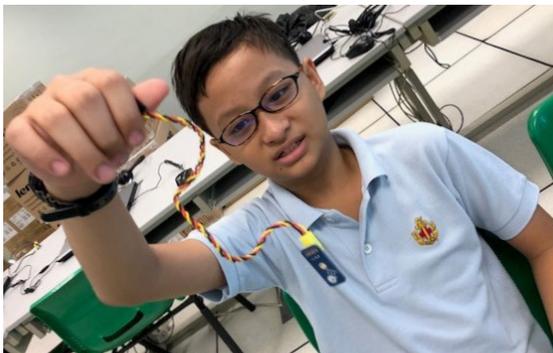
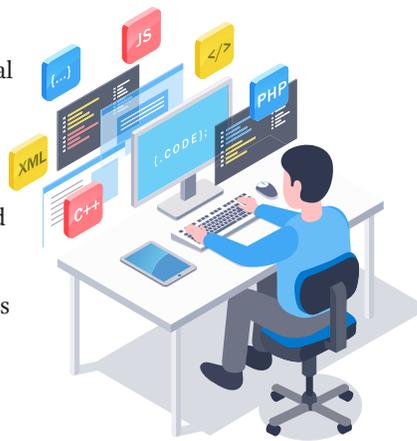
May God bless the Boys' Brigade now and always!

Coding for Fun!

To prepare BB Boys for the increasingly digitalised future, it is important to equip them with relevant lifelong skills. Coding is expected to enhance students' problem solving skills via engaging critical thinking and design thinking skills in the development of real world applications.

Earlier this year, 80J Singapore Company in Farrer Park Primary School organised a micro:bit workshop for their Boys to get a head start on coding.

As an entry-level coding device, the micro:bit is a small computer measuring only 5cm by 4cm! Despite its size, students can plug it in into a laptop or desktop computer to begin creating immediately.



For three hours during parades, the Boys worked in small groups to discuss ideas on how to create a product to help others. By the end of the two workshops, the Boys were able to create a step counter!



OUR SINGAPORE

Singapore turns 54 and a plethora of events were organised across the island in celebration. As with past years, our BB Boys were in the marching contingent for the National Day Parade (NDP).



“Being part of this year’s contingent was a great honour. Making friends in NDP was the best part of the journey. The Primers also made the training sessions fun.”

LCP Teo Zheng Kai,
91st Coy in Regent Secondary School



“It was my first time participating in NDP. My most memorable moment was the sense of satisfaction that we all felt after the parade. I strongly encourage Boys from other Companies to join next year.”

LCP Chee Junheng, Jevon,
91st Coy



Joining in the celebrations a day after National Day, 12 Boys from 10th Singapore Company (Beatty Secondary School) performed for the public near Bishan MRT station as part of National Day Heartlands Celebration 2019 @ Central Singapore!



“We were enthusiastic to perform together and introduce pipes and drums music to the public.”

CPL Zwe Thi Ha Thut,
Assistant Band NCO



Catch the rest of the BB Companies in action at National Day observance ceremonies across the island in our Social Media Features on the next page!

bb9thcoy

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bb9thcoy Our Sec 2 Boy, Myat Maung, represented BB as the parade commander for NDP. Despite being only in Sec 2, he took up the challenge to lead the NDP. He was initially not confident of himself n focussed on his mistakes n whether he was deserving of the role. But he went against all odds n trained very hard to lead the school. Myat Maung, the fact that u stepped up to challenge urself for this role is commendable n inspiring in itself. u have done us so proud n we hope that this experience has taught u tht when u put in ur best that is all that matters n u are much better than u give urself credit for 🙌🙌🙌

9th Coy on 9 Aug

bb64thsg
Ang Mo Kio, Singapore

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bb64thsg Having an early celebration for National Day with Dr Koh Poh Koon, Minister for Trade and Industry and MP for AMK GRC, at the Centrestage.

64th Coy on 4 Aug

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Teck Ghee Com

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bb64thsg Celebrating the na and residents of Teck Ghee C Singapore!

64th Coy on 9 Aug

COMP SNAPS & SOCIAL MEDIA

25thbbcoysg

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25thbbcoysg Our BB Boys and GB Girls did a massive effort and did us proud in representing the school at the National Day event organized by Bukit Gombak CC

10 August

25th Coy on 10 Aug

Liked by **bb2ndcoysg** and 44 others

bb31st National Day Parade.

Good job to our boys for completing through vigorous training for this prestigious celebration of our nation's 54th Birthday

31st Coy on 10 Aug

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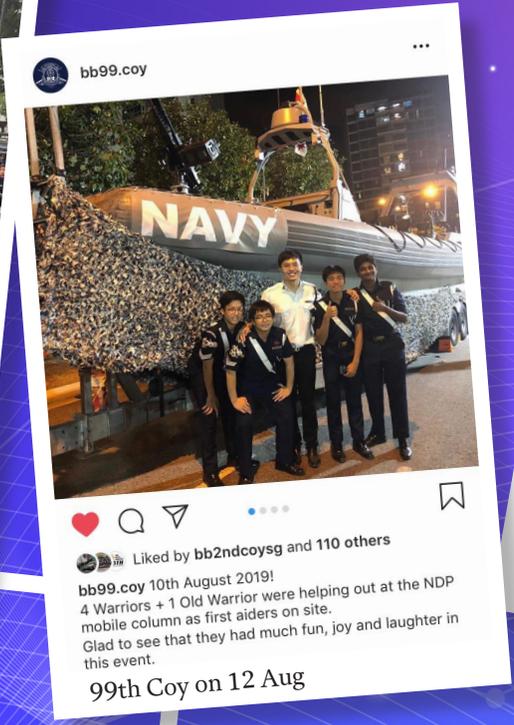
37thbb_hss Well done Boys. Y achieved this together as ONE journey together. Happy Nati

37th Coy on 9 Aug



ndcoysg and 56 others
the nation's birthday with PM Lee
Ghee Constituency! HBD

Aug



bb99.coy 10th August 2019!
4 Warriors + 1 Old Warrior were helping out at the NDP
mobile column as first aiders on site.
Glad to see that they had much fun, joy and laughter in
this event.
99th Coy on 12 Aug



Liked by bb2ndcoysg and 82 others
12brsgcoy National Day Parade 2019
This early morning, our 12BR Boys from all levels
participated in the National Day Parade at Anglo-
Chinese School (Barker Road).
After 3 long rehearsals, their efforts were paid off when
they were able to execute their drill on parade ground
smartly.
Congratulation 12BR Boys for a parade well done.
Many thanks to our Guest of Honour, COL Jack Lau,
Chief of Staff, 2nd People's Defence Force Division &
former ACSian for his presence at the parade!
12BR Coy on 8 Aug

PANY SHOTS IA FEATURES



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boys, you have trained hard and
as ONE! Hope you enjoy the
y National Day!

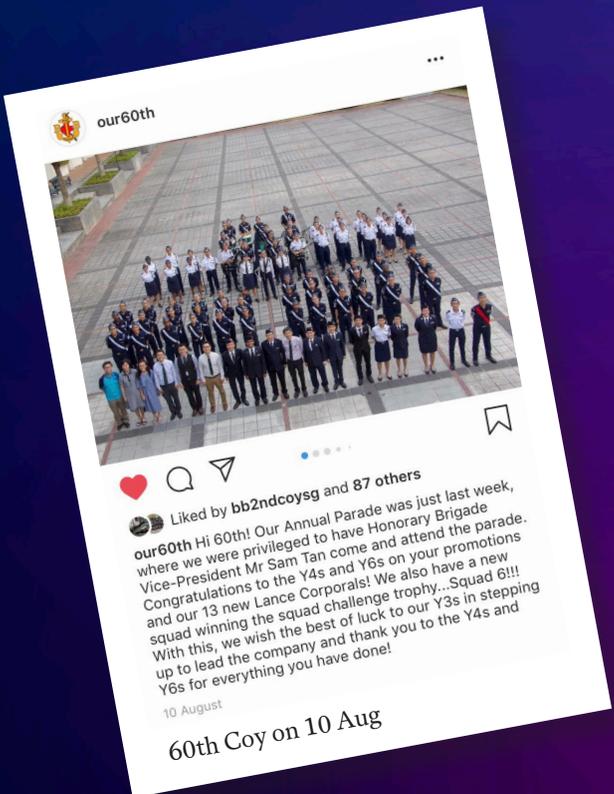
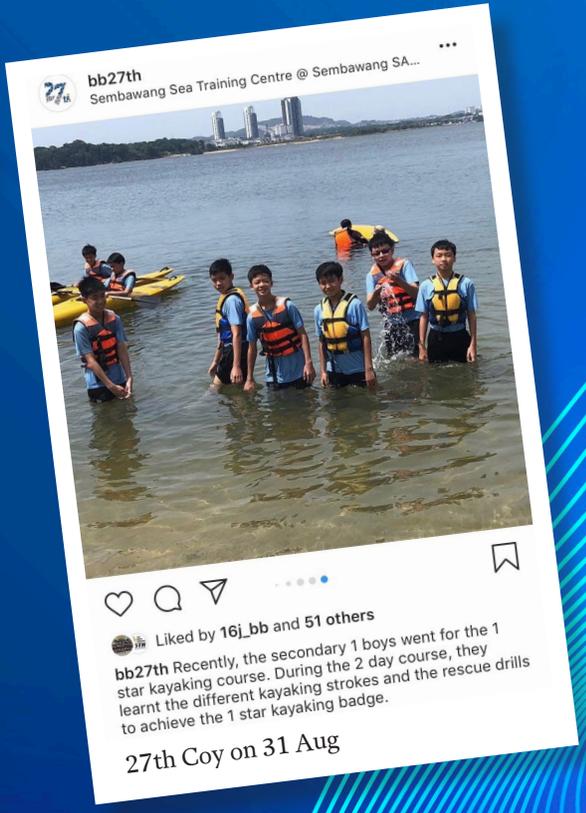
Aug



bb50thcoygess
Padang Deck @ National Gallery Singapore
Liked by bb2ndcoysg and 76 others
bb50thcoygess 9th August 2019,
The date of Singapore's bicentennial birthday where the
people of our nation gathered together to celebrate our
nation's 54th year of independence.
50th Coy on 9 Aug



Liked by regent_bb_91st and 67 others
bbsg58coy 8/8/19
Happy National day! On the 8th of August, our boys
marched proudly for our own school National Day
Parade!
58th Coy on 8 Aug





bb45th
Ang Mo Kio-Thye Hua Kwan Hospital



Liked by bb2ndcoysg and 81 others

bb45th BBCARES 2019!! Our Boys spent their afternoon today with the patients from Ang Mo Kio Thye Hua Kwan Hospital.

We interacted with them, had a lantern making session and also a mobile library team to bring books to the patients.

These little actions may not be much but hopefully brightened someone's day today!

45th Coy on 13 Sep



Liked by bb2ndcoysg and 63 others

sgs_47bb Promotion Parade 2019

Congratulations to the boys that have been promoted to their next ranks! This is a day to recognise the effort and commitment the Boys have put into the BB, and we hope to see more boys put in more effort and commitment as well!

47th Coy on 3 Aug



Liked by bb2ndcoysg and 42 others

bb64thsg Showing our appreciation to our teachers and staff on this very special day. Small token of our appreciation from 64th!

Special mention to PTE Loke Juin Foong and LCP Leonard Cheng for preparing the gift packs and assistance rendered by PTE Ooi Wee Hong and LCP Ethann Lew.

64th Coy on 5 Sep

COMPANY SNAPSHOTS

& SOCIAL MEDIA FEATURES

BB CHARACTER QUEST

(Juniors Programme) 2019

ALL ready for a day of challenging themselves mentally and physically, 444 Boys from 37 Companies and their accompanying Officers arrived at Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Primary School early on the Saturday morning on 17 August.

The Boys participated in six game stations which followed the theme of 'Discipline'. Organising Committee's intent was for Boys to learn to be self-disciplined in choosing what is right based on good moral values when they encounter situations where their values and beliefs are challenged.

01

Discerning the Dream Station



02

Lion's Den Station



03

Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Station



DISCIPLINE





04
Saved from the
Furnace Station



05
Veggie
Delight Station



06
Writing on
the Wall Station



The Guest-of-Honour, Rev Dr Gordon Wong, President of Trinity Annual Conference, The Methodist Church in Singapore, presented awards to the winning teams. Team 012 from 33J Singapore Company in Fairfield Methodist School (Primary) emerged as champions out of 99 teams!



“We’ve been practicing since Term 3 and we really enjoyed the games in the competition. Good job to my team mates for doing their best today!”

Junior Isaac Quah (third from left),
Champion Team Leader



Setting Up a Pipe Band

The latest BB Company to launch a pipe band conducted their second training session on 30 August! With the Company's founding linked to Teck Ghee Constituency (TGC), the 64th Singapore Company in Ang Mo Kio Secondary School has a new partnership with them – a sponsorship from People's Association (TGC) for both instruments and pipe band training.





SGT Desmond Koh (pictured leftmost) said, “We are truly blessed. Our Boys also get to interact with Teck Ghee Community Centre (CC) Committee members and sometimes, we are able to use the space at the CC for trainings such as drill. As a form of support to the Constituency, we hope to perform at events in the CC in future.”

Deputy Company Sergeant Major SGT Lim Yang Jun (pictured in the middle) said: “We’d love to be able to interact with other Companies without a pipe band, but are thinking of starting one. We could learn together and guide each other along in joint trainings and camps.”



When asked which instrument he preferred, CPL Jovan Soh (pictured left) revealed that he has a background in percussions as he used to play traditional taiko drums, classic drums and the djembe (traditional African drum) but he wouldn’t mind learning new instruments such as the bagpipe.

The Company hopes that the Boys enjoy themselves whilst learning new skills and participate in the Pipes and Drums Festival once they have achieved proficiency.

BB CHARACTER QUEST

(Seniors Programme) 2019

A total of 586 Boys from 58 Companies competed in this year's BB Character Quest (Seniors Programme) held at Nan Hua High School on 14 September.

The theme for the competition was Discipline. The Organising Committee hoped that the Boys would learn to have courageous spirits when facing challenges and to focus on doing the right things and resist doing what is wrong.

The Boys could choose from eight game stations to tackle but were required to complete an additional five mini-preparation games in order to participate in the final war game.



Fiery Furnace Station



Daniel's Memory Station



Selection to Serve the King Station



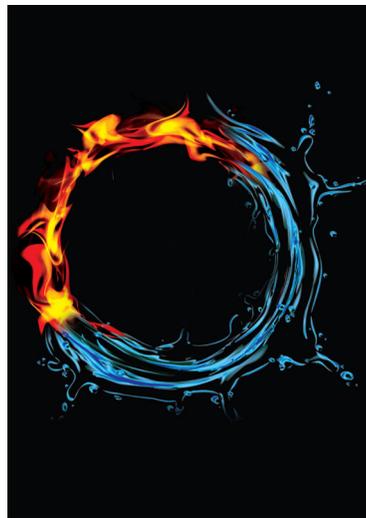
Wall of Jericho Station



Jericho March Station



Spear Tic-Tac Toe Station



Spying on Jericho Station

The host Company, 94th Singapore Company, presented a precision drill and dance performance to the delight of the audience. Our Guest-of-Honour for the prize presentation ceremony was Rt Rev Terry Kee, Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Singapore.



Champion Team No.148, 94th Coy, Nan Hua High School

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