



Philippines Typhoon Disaster- **Scouter**

The Crean Award:

Discovery:

Promise & Law
Patrol/Troop Activity
Community

Terra Nova:

Promise & Law
Patrol/Troop Activity

Endurance:

Promise & Law
Patrol/Troop Activity

Polar:

Self Awareness
Promise & Law
Patrol/Troop Activity

SPICES

Social
Character
Emotional

Adventure Skills

Emergencies Paddling
Backwoods Rowing
Pioneering

The Activity:

Objective:

To explore natural disasters, responses to emergency situations and some fundraising suggestions of Philippines Typhoon Appeals

Activity Type:

Patrol/Troop Meeting
Patrol/Troop Activity
Fundraising Initiative

Roles:

Activity Leaders
Quartermasters
First Aiders
Fundraisers





Plan... Philippines Typhoon Disaster

Philippines Typhoon Appeal from Michael John Shinnick, Chief Scout

Fellow Scouts,

I am sure that like me, you have been shocked and taken aback at the suffering and misery endured by the people of the Philippines following the recent catastrophic typhoon in that country. I have been mulling over how we in Scouting Ireland can offer comfort and support to the victims of this disaster.

It is now time to put the Scout Law & Promise into action to assist the people of the Philippines. Lodges, Sixes, Patrols, Sections, Groups and Counties should consider how they can assist the relief effort.

I believe that the most expeditious and effective way of giving support to the Philippines is for Groups to coordinate a local fundraiser and to make direct donations to charitable organisations who have the expertise to channel these funds into direct support to the victims.

I thank you in advance for your support and generosity to the victims of this disaster.

Yours in Scouting,

Michael J Shinnick



The Scout Team has put together this resource to help Patrols and Troops do their part to help those affected by the recent Typhoon that hit the Philippines. It contains different activities that explore natural disasters and some fundraising suggestions.





Do...Find Out About

The Philippines

Capital: Manila Population: 98,630,000 (12th)

Official languages: Filipino English

Humane Development Index: 0.654 Medium (114th)

The Republic of the Philippines is an island country in Southeast Asia situated in the western Pacific Ocean made up of over 7,000 islands. It is located on the Pacific Ring of Fire and close to the equator making the Philippines prone to earthquakes and typhoons. With a population of more than 98 million people, it is the 12th most populated country in the world.

Typhoons

A typhoon is a type of large storm system. Very strong violent winds spreading over hundreds of kilometres or miles blow in a circular direction. Typhoons occur in the Northwest Pacific Ocean; they are called hurricanes when they happen in the North Atlantic Ocean and the Northeast Pacific Ocean. The intense winds as well as accompanying rainfall mean that typhoons leave a trail of destruction in their path, especially in areas that are poorly equipped to deal with such conditions.





Do... Natural Disaster Activity

Preparing for Disaster

In this activity, you can explore natural disasters and create an emergency response kit in preparation for natural disasters.

1. Discuss different types of natural disasters such as earthquakes, hurricanes/typhoons, forest fires. Maybe assign one to each patrol to research and present to the rest of the troop?

2. Watch the short video, *Natural Disasters - Will you be prepared?*, (<http://youtu.be/CL55dq5dzMY>) to introduce how various natural disasters affect Scouts around the world, or have information from recent natural disasters to share with the Scouts.

3. Each patrol should discuss how a natural disaster would affect their lives. What would you do? How can you prepare?

4. One of the best ways to prepare for a natural disaster is to have an emergency response kit. This kit will be kept in a box or a bag that is transportable, in an accessible and known location and will contain items that have a clear survival purpose.

5. Ask each patrol to come up with what they would have in an emergency response kit. Then, have patrols compare their lists. What was in common, did you forget something?





Do... Natural Disaster Activity

Example Family Emergency Response Kit

Water – 9 Litres per person (3L per person for 3 days) for drinking and cleaning.

Food – Non-perishable, for a minimum of 3 days.

Can opener if food is in a can.

Blankets and warm clothing.

Tent or other shelter if required.

Communications – Radio (and batteries) to listen for updates on disaster, mobile telephone (Note: mobile phones may not always work after a disaster situation).

Notepad and pen or pencil to record important information.

Light – Torch with spare batteries.

Candles and matches in a waterproof container can be helpful but should not be used if there is a risk of gas leaks.

1st Aid Kit and any medications that are required by family members.

Toilet – Bucket, garbage bags, disinfectant, trowel.

Entertainment (especially with children) – pack of cards, crosswords, special toy or games.

Water purification method – a cooker to boil water and/or water purification treatment tablets.

Protection - Gloves, face mask, long trousers and long sleeve shirt, hat, waterproof jacket.

Whistle

Rope

Map of town/city and compass.

Wrench or pliers in case gas or watermains need to be switched off.





Do...Emergency Response Plan

An activity to explore how you and your patrol would respond to a local emergency.

While Ireland's temperate climate and location mean we do not suffer from extreme natural disasters, there are still natural or unexpected events that disrupt everyday life and can threaten people's safety and lives. As Scouts, we should be prepared for them.

1. Think of different emergencies, events or weather that could cause an emergency situation in your area, such as flooding, heavy snow or power outages.
2. Try to devise an emergency response plan for one of these scenarios. Maybe consider some of the following factors:
 - Who would be affected most? Elderly people, people living alone, etc?
 - How could the Scout Troop help?
 - What skills and equipment do you have?

3. Work with your Scouters to practice your response plans using different scenarios. For example:

- A patrol comes across a large car accident with multiple injuries and possible other risks. How will they respond?
- The local river has burst its banks and some people have been stranded in a building, but you need to move them quickly. What will you do?
- A storm has knocked out power and communication systems in the area. There are people injured in different parts of town and emergency services are arriving, how will you get the services to the people? How will you coordinate the troop?

4. Make a list of the adventure skills most relevant to help in an emergency situation. How would progress in some of them help in an emergency situation?

This can be a very challenging and exciting activity if run well. It may require that the Scouters take a more active role than usual in ensure that it happens on an appropriate scale, consider bringing in outside help.





Do...Scouts Appeal for Help

After super typhoon Haiyan left massive destruction over the Visayas region of the Philippines, Regional Director Mr Jose Rizal C Pangilinan sends an appeal for help from friends and colleagues in the international community of Scouting.

The Scouts of the Philippines National Office is now receiving support from the local and international community of Scouting. The challenges are great but in our own Scout way, many Scout councils in different provinces and cities have launched their own campaigns to collect funds and relief goods for immediate assistance.

The APR office is extending support to facilitate and receive donations from National Scout Organizations and individuals from other countries. Assessing that it would take many months or several years to rebuild lives and livelihood in the hardest hit areas, your generous donation will be used for medium and long-term projects for rehabilitation and rebuilding.

Different ways to help:

- Scout Universal Fund: Donate now to help Scouts in providing relief and rehab to victims of typhoon Haiyan in Philippines
http://scout.org/node/20366#about_291
- World Scout Bureau: Account Name: World Scout Bureau/APR
Bank Account Number: 10-12000-40188
Bank: Banco De Oro, Herrera Branch
Address: Sotto St., Legaspi Village, Makati City, 1229 Philippines
SWIFT: BNORPHMM
- UNICEF Ireland: <http://www.unicef.ie/>
- Oxfam Ireland: <http://www.oxfamireland.org/>
- Irish Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.ie/home/>





Do...Fundraising

Fundraising is a difficult task. In Scouts we have to fundraise for ourselves all the time. However, sometimes, such as the case of the Philippines Typhoon, there is a need to help others through fundraising. Here are some ideas that you might want to consider if you are having a fundraising activity.

- First Aid Stand: Set up a stand in your local shopping centre where you can demonstrate simple scouting first aid, such as making a sling or a stretcher. Ask people to help or be involved for which they will make a small donation.
- Public Campsite: Build a simple campsite in your locality, and give people short tours of it for a small donation. Maybe, show them a lashing or have some hot water for tea and coffee?
- Run an emergency night for the Beaver Scout or Cub Scout sections and charge a few Euro for it.

Also, in your fundraising consider working with other local organisations, such as the Red Cross, where you can pool your resources. Remember, to publicise your fundraising in local papers and on the radio if possible. Get lots of photos on the day so you can show people later as well.



Some of the activities and photos have been taken from the World Scout Environmental Programme resources, available at

www.scouts.org





Review "SPICES"

Social

- Relationships
- Communication Skills
- Other Cultures
- Community Involvement
- Promise & Law

Physical

- Eat Well
- Personal Hygiene
- Balanced Lifestyle
- How Body works
- Physical Limitations
- Health Choices
- Access Help

Intellectual

- Achieving Goals
- New Ideas
- Learn from Decisions
- Team Member

Character

- Promise & Law
- Friends & Friendships
- Plan before do
- Ensuring Fairness
- Respect
- Differences & Views
- Following Dreams
- Live the Scouting Spirit

Emotional

- Aware of feelings
- Asking/Giving Help
- Responsibility for Emotions
- Controlling Emotions
- Going Further
- Beliefs & Values
- Developing Talents

Spiritual

- Promise & Law
- Impact on Environment
- Reflection
- Changing Beliefs





Patrol Review & Special Interest Badges

Adventure Skills

Emergencies

Backwoods

Pioneering

Paddling

Rowing

Special Interest Badge

What was your project?

How did your plan go?
What did you learn from it?

Patrol Review

What will we do next?





Review Summary

Depending on how and what elements of this resource are used different Social, Character and Emotional Learning Objectives, will be touched upon. This is also reflected in the range of Adventure Skills relevant to some of the activities. The suggestions for items to be review are divided according to the three main activities in the resource: exploring natural disaster, preparing for an emergency situation and fundraising.

Exploring Natural Disaster

This can be an interesting patrol project that gets Scout thinking about Natural Disasters and their impacts. It is also a good empathy activity as Ireland doesn't suffer the extremes of natural forces. In looking at this aspect, Scouts should think about things like social responsibility, the need to help those in need in other parts of the world and how best to respond.

Preparing for an emergency

If you run an emergency scenario, it would be a challenging patrol activity that would test the leadership skills of the activity leaders as well as the individual scouting skills and capabilities of the younger scouts.

In reviewing, get the Scouts to reflect on how they responded to an emergency situation? When they had to make decisions quickly and improvise, how did they feel? Did they realise they had such useful skills? Also, have the older scouts think about their responsibility to their community, and what role they could play.

Fundraising

Any type of fundraising is difficult and this activity would give the Scouts an appreciation of this, especially if they coordinate it themselves.

With the activity leader, discuss the process: How were decisions reach? How did they work out? If they ran it again what would they do differently? With the participants, have them think about what was hard or easy about going out fundraising?

