



# BIKE SCOUTS

## MEMBERSHIP KIT

2021

**Bike Scouts is the world's social platform for doing good, it serves as a network of support that helps ordinary people solve extraordinary challenges through social teamwork.**

Bike Scouts is the only social platform in the world where people don't have to chase fame or have to go viral just to be heard, get support, and find followers. Bike Scouts is designed specifically to turn acts of social good into the social currency that creates relevance, it doesn't matter who you are, where you're from, or what you do in life if you're looking for a way to change something in the world for the better, in big ways or small, we are your community. **Welcome to Bike Scouts!**





## Our History

Bike Scouts was launched on the day that Typhoon Yolanda made landfall in the Philippines in November 2013. Starting with 200 members, seven teams of Bike Scouts Volunteer Bicycle Messengers were on the ground in the worst hit areas of the category-5 typhoon in the Visayas region of the Philippines within 48 hours.

Supported only by the Bike Scouts community, Bike Scouts messenger teams provided an alternative means of communication and access to essential supplies for people and places that were severely affected by the typhoon for four months. This was our proof-of-concept that community-driven response to social need at scale was a viable solution.

Eight years on, the Bike Scouts has served as the only continually-operating Volunteer Bicycle Messenger service for disaster response in the world. Since 2013, the Bike Scouts have been deployed to almost all major disaster events around the Philippines (and in a few other countries through partner organizations) including 2 category-5 typhoons, earthquakes, floods, a volcanic eruption, and the global Covid-19 pandemic.

Bike Scouts is the only social platform that has given value to the world and its community long before the first line of code was written to build its technology. In 2021, Bike Scouts got into the Final Round of the Safe-Steps Dtech Awards event for startups in the disaster space.

Bike Scouts is a Securities and Exchange Commission registered non-profit company in the Philippines with a nationwide membership in the country and has an initial membership presence in at least 14 other countries.



## Membership & Sustainability

Bike Scouts does not collect any fees or require any form of donation or any financial obligation for membership. Bike Scouts is sustainable through our partnership with ad agencies and brands that we partner with our community members for “social purpose brand advocacy activities.” In this way, Bike Scouts does not generate revenue through user data collection and ad targeting. The Bike Scouts sustainability model allows community members to earn from the platform while the platform earns nothing from the community. Bike Scouts earns revenue by providing social purpose consultancy and campaign implementation with brand clients that can afford our services and regain the cost through the value we provide for their business.



## How To Join As Individual Member

To join the Bike Scouts as an individual member you only have to sign up for the official Bike Scouts Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bikescoutsphilippines>

We also recommend that you sign up for the mobile and web app access through the Bike Scouts website to get early access to the platform when it launches. Go to [bikescouts.org](https://bikescouts.org) to sign up.

It's that simple! Once you've signed up you can check our community activity through the Facebook Group or if you prefer not to use Facebook you can also stay informed through our community page on the website: <https://bikescouts.org/community-2/>

## How To Start Your Own Team

Starting your own Bike Scouts team or community in your area allows you to have a local network of support close-by if your plan as a Bike Scout is to organize your own projects and initiatives. If you're willing to serve as the Team Leader for your own team or community the process of starting your own Bike Scouts group is very simple:



- 1 Start by inviting six other friends from your own area to join your team so that there's a total of seven members (*including yourself*) for your core team. Your core team will be your primary source of support as you start to organize and grow your community.



- 2 Once you have a team, we recommend that you start building a sense of community offline by organizing bicycle rides with your new team. In case not everyone in your team rides a bicycle you can also design an activity that can include them and still gain the spirit of community with the rest of the group. For example: a member can provide support for the riding team or join them at certain points of the ride for coffee and conversation, among many other options.

Bike Scouts does not require its members and teams to schedule regular meetings or activities but it's recommended to establish a way to maintain contact with everyone in the group in a style that benefits everyone in daily life using Telegram, Viber, or other means of staying connected that you and your team prefer.

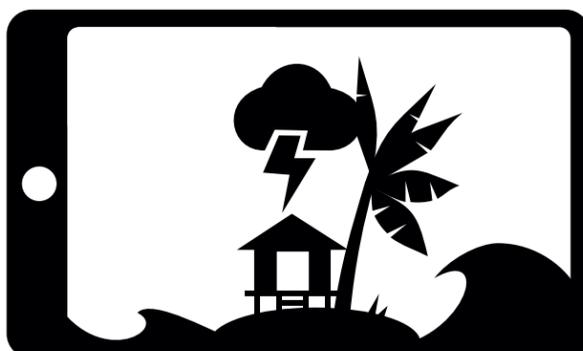


## Community Activities

As a Bike Scout community member, there are only two important activities that would be awesome if you can participate in:



- 1 Do share your pictures and stories from your regular bicycle rides, walk, travel, adventure or daily life with the community. It helps us connect with each other and develop a better sense of the world as a community.



- 2 Do participate in typhoon or disaster monitoring or other similar activities that allow the Bike Scouts community to have a real-time and on-ground access to events that may require the community's assistance. Simply connect with other Bike Scouts through our Facebook group, website (<https://bikescouts.org/share-your-story/>), or the Bike Scouts' web app (*available soon*) to share up-to-date and verifiable information about what's happening in your area (if your area is affected by disaster or other important events).

Bike Scouts is partnered with local and international disaster management organizations and aid and rescue groups that we share information with to make their work more effective and efficient. If needed, other Bike Scouts volunteers or teams nearest to the event location can also be activated to provide assistance.



- 3 Bike Scouts also has a wide variety of events and activities that you can join or organize yourself in your own area. To name a few, Bike Scouts advocates for local adoption of bicycle mobility in all of our communities through policy creation and public engagement. Bike Scouts also has annual community events that are both fun and meaningful for participants and the people that we support through these activities. Please send us an email ([dispatch@bikescouts.org](mailto:dispatch@bikescouts.org)) or visit our website for more information: [bikescouts.org](https://bikescouts.org)



## Partnerships

Bike Scouts is a member of the Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR), the largest international network of organisations committed to improving the lives of people affected by disasters worldwide, and with SmartCT Citizens x Technology to build resilient communities via open data, data-driven decision-making, accessibility, inclusion, and connectivity. We also work with Goozam – “a mobile app that’s making a difference in first response,” UNOCHA, Decathlon, MovePH, Rapid Emergency Telecommunications Team, Zion Emergency and Disaster Response Unit, The Embassy of the Netherlands in the Philippines, The Embassy of Denmark – Manila, WeRobotics, Philippine Flying Labs, Liter of Light, Philippine Business for Social Progress, Filinvest Lifemalls, Standard Chartered Bank, among others.



## Disaster Response

Bike Scouts is not a search and rescue organization, our primary work in disaster response is to provide an alternative means of communication and data collection as well as access to essential supplies for people and places isolated by typhoons and other disasters. The data that we collect are meant to help make the work of aid and rescue organizations more efficient and effective.



Is there serious damage to road access that will require use of bicycles?



Is there a complete loss of traditional communications?



Is our presence in the disaster area redundant?



Can we operate self-sufficiently in the field?

To avoid redundancy that places greater pressure on available supplies and resources, Bike Scouts teams will only deploy after consideration of these conditions.



## Disaster Response

If it is determined that there is a need for deployment Bike Scouts teams will coordinate with Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, Army, Marines, or private transport partner for transfer of equipment and personnel to a staging area nearest to the disaster site. Once an operating camp is established and stocked with supplies, Bike Scouts teams will deploy into the field to perform their work. Pathfinder Teams focus on the following tasks:



Volunteer Bicycle Messengers collect main body of data and communications requests



Carrier Teams support riding groups by doing the heavy lifting wherever supplies are needed.



Bike Scouts uses drones to survey surrounding terrain for data and documentation.

Volunteers who want to join the Bike Scouts deployment teams must meet the required level of competence and experience in cycling and wilderness survival, radio and satellite communications, candidates must also complete the ZEDRU BLS/CPR/AED training program (or other similar training and certification program) in tandem with the Bike Scouts/ PATHFINDER team management training.

## Disaster Preparedness



THE FIRST THINGS TO FAIL ARE:



COMMUNICATIONS



ELECTRICITY



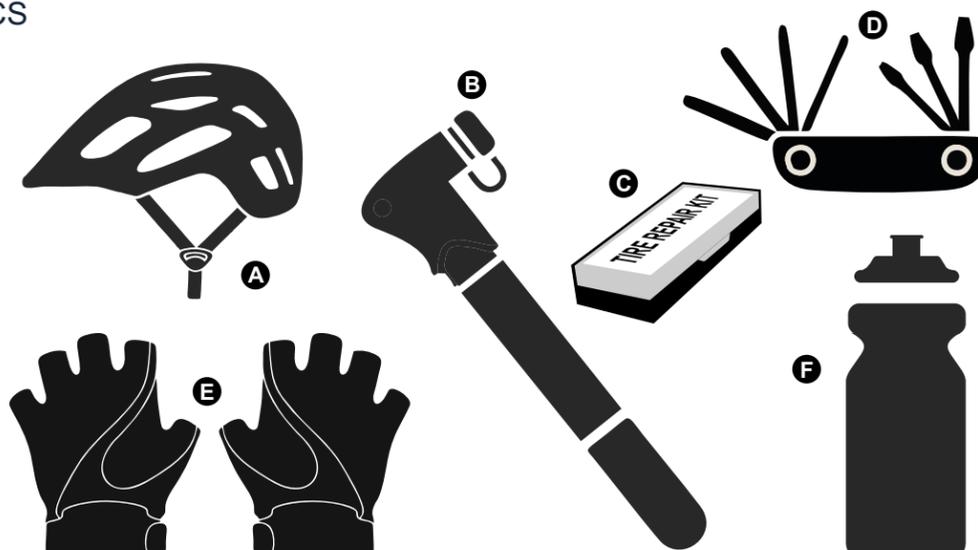
**BICYCLES** will provide mobility to find access to nearby essential supplies and for distribution.



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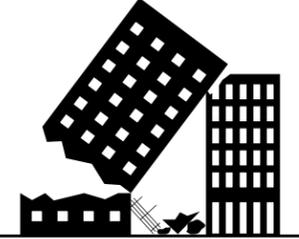
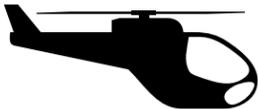
### BICYCLE SAFETY BASICS

- A** HELMET
- B** BIKE PUMP
- C** TIRE REPAIR KIT
- D** MULTI-TOOL
- E** BIKE GLOVES
- F** WATER BOTTLE





## Disaster Preparedness

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⊗ Trees and other structures may fall down and cause road closures.
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⊗ Vehicle damage and road closures will mean no public transportation will be available.
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⊗ Lack of mobility and access will affect the availability of water.
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⊗ Bridges may collapse or get washed away and cause road closures.
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⊗ Road closures will prevent the operation of any motor vehicle.
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⊗ Lack of mobility and access will affect the availability of food.
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⊗ Buildings may collapse and debris piles will block roads.
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⊗ Other forms of transportation are limited by number, cost, and the availability of personnel and facilities to accommodate their operation.
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⊗ Lack of mobility and access will affect the availability of critical supplies.

## Disaster Preparedness: Covid-19 Prevention

### INGRESS/ EGRESS DECONTAMINATION PROTOCOL

#### INGRESS/ Outbound

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Wear a surgical mask rated 21 CFR 878.4040
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Bring plastic or latex gloves for handling of items
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Bring 70% Isopropyl Alcohol for disinfection

#### EGRESS/ Inbound (do this before you enter your home)

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Take off and leave all apparel and equipment outside in a designated container for 24 hours. This includes bicycles, shoes, shirt, socks, pants or shorts. **Do not allow anyone** to approach you throughout this process.
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Place all items carried outside in a plastic bag and ask somebody to disinfect with alcohol or wash with soap if items are waterproof. *(handle all items with gloves and then dispose of protective container and gloves outside of home)*
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Wash arms thoroughly with soap, then wash hands, in that order.
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Walk inside home but avoid getting into contact with anyone or anything. Head straight to shower for thorough cleaning with soap and shampoo.
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Dispose of used mask immediately upon arrival in a trash bin outside of home
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Make sure that water does not run down towards hands after washing. Dry hands with paper towel.
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Disinfect all areas of the home that you touched going in using mixture of bleach (Zonrox) and water.

A more detailed training program is available through scheduled events with accredited training partners of Bike Scouts for disaster response, emergency medicine, and other programs. Bike Scouts also operates a technical disaster response team called Pathfinder as a contingency. Membership to Pathfinder is for highly-experienced candidates only.

**PATHFINDER**  
BIKE SCOUTS DISASTER RESPONSE TEAM

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