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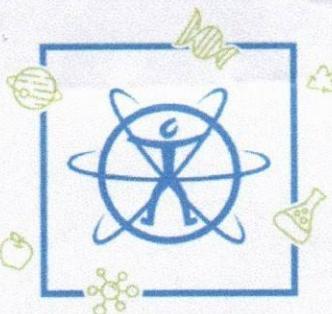
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In this regard, we humbly ask your support, good office, to invite again the actively participating schools in the region and help us in disseminating information about the RYSTEC 2026 by issuing an advisory in the region. However, the invitation is not limited to the listed schools. For more details and inquiries, you may contact Mr. Renato Aaron R. Gonzales on 0956-981-5404 and Mr. Jose B. Quinones, Jr., LPT on 0935-567-9730.

The Philippine Society of Youth Science Club Region 2 Council is deeply committed to inspiring the youth through knowledge sharing. With the guidance and support of DepED, we aim to shape young minds into environmentally aware and responsible citizens who uphold the science clubbing movement and actively promote a greener, more sustainable way of living for a brighter future.

Attached is our primer, budget plan, timeline of the event, and the permission letter to use the venue.

Thank you, and keep the fire of science-clubbing burning!

*In service of the Filipino Youth,*

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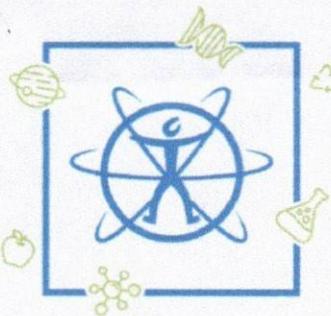
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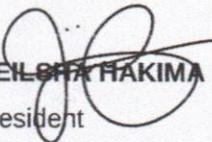
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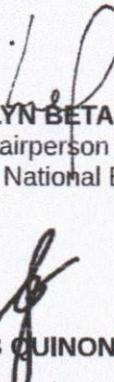
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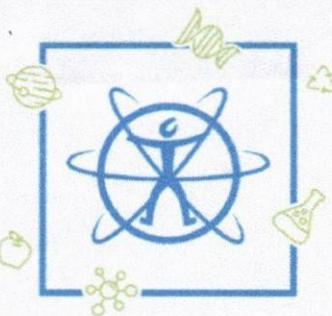
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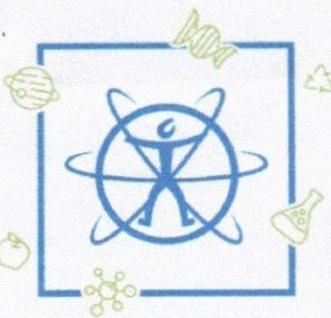
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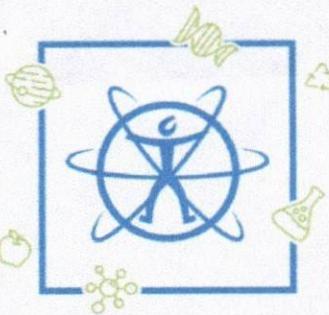
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Foods (6 Meals)	Php 800 per participant
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Identification Card with Lace	Php 50 per participant
Kit (Totebag, Pen, Handbook)	Php 170 per participant
Contingency Fund	Php 200
Human Resource Fee	Php 30
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12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Registration of participants
1:30 PM - 5:00 PM	<p>Start of Contested Competitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- School Quiz Bee Competition</li> <li>- Editorial writing</li> <li>- Pagsulat ng editorial</li> <li>- Editorial cartooning</li> <li>- Poster Making</li> <li>- Capture It!</li> </ul>
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Dinner and preparation for Opening
7:00 PM - 7:30 PM	<p>Opening program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Prayer</li> <li>- National Anthem</li> <li>- Opening Remarks</li> <li>- Welcome Message</li> </ul>
7:30 PM - 7:50 PM	<p>Introduction of PSYSC Introduction of PSYSC Region 2 Council Presentation of Anticipated Speakers</p>
7:50 PM - 8:00 PM	Introduction of Case 026 and Lexicons
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM	<p>Subcamp congregation and Socials Night</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction of Subcamps</li> <li>- Meeting of Subcamps</li> <li>- Cheer Making</li> <li>- Banner Making</li> <li>- Pakulos</li> </ul>
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM	<p>Subcamp congregation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation</li> </ul>
10:00 PM onwards	Practices for Entertainment Night Rest



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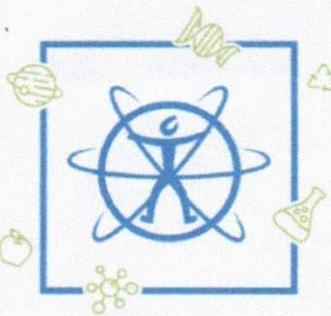
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5:00 AM - 5:30 AM	Morning exercise
6:00 AM - 7:00 AM	Breakfast
7:00 AM - 7:30 AM	Assembly of Participants
7:30 AM - 7:35 AM	Introduction of Speaker 1
7:35 AM - 8:35 AM	Lecture 1
8:35 AM - 8:45 AM	10-minute Q and A
8:45 AM - 8:55 AM	Awarding of Certificate for Speaker 1
8:55 AM - 9:00 AM	Icebreaker
9:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Introduction of Sub-Topic Lecture Workshop 1 Sub-Topic Lecture Workshop 1
10:30 AM - 10:35 AM	Introduction of Speaker 2
10:35 AM - 11:35 AM	Lecture 2
11:35 AM - 11:45 AM	10-minute Q and A
11:45 AM - 11:55 AM	Awarding of Certificate for Speaker 2
11:55 AM - 12:00 PM	Icebreaker
12:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 AM - 2:00 PM	Assembly of participants
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Introduction of Sub-Topic Lecture Workshop 2 Sub-Topic Lecture Workshop 2
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	Team building activities
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Dinner and preparation for pledge and entertainment night
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM	Pledge night



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7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Entertainment night <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- <b>EVIDANCE:</b> The Choreographic Clash</li><li>- <b>DUOTECTIVES:</b> The Harmonic Showdown</li><li>- Unwind Party</li></ul>
10:00 PM onwards	Rest

### DAY 2

6:00 AM - 7:00 AM	Breakfast
7:00 AM - 7:30 AM	Assembly of Participants
7:30 AM - 8:00 AM	Opening program
8:00 AM - 9:00 AM	Subcamp quiz bee
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Awarding
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	Closing Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Appreciation Message of Facilitators</li><li>- Closing Remarks</li><li>- Closing Prayer</li><li>- Photo Opportunity</li></ul>
12:00 PM	Pack-up Home sweet home



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This location has been carefully chosen for several reasons. Isabela is situated at the center of Region II, making it the most accessible province for participants traveling from different divisions. Furthermore, it has long been a tradition for the Regional Youth Science, Technology, and Engineering Camp to be hosted at the University of La Salette High School. For 2026, we hope to continue this tradition specifically at the SHS and College Departments so that delegates may experience the comfort and convenience of staying in the campus dormitories, which will greatly enhance their overall camp experience.

Specifically, we seek permission to use the following areas for the 3-day camp:

- Dormitories for participant accommodations
- College Field for camp activities and assemblies
- SHS Classrooms for workshops and cluster sessions
- College Gymnasium for plenary sessions, opening, and closing programs

These facilities will greatly support the smooth conduct of the camp and ensure a conducive learning environment for all delegates.

Attached herewith are the Budget Allocation, Program Flow and Event Primer for your reference and evaluation.

We sincerely hope for your favorable consideration of this request. Your institution's support will play a vital role in empowering young scientists and promoting a deeper appreciation of science, technology, and environmental stewardship across Region II.

For inquiries, you may contact Mr. Renato Aaron R. Gonzales at 0956-981-5404 or Mr. Jose B. Quiñones, Jr., LPT at 0935-567-9730.

Thank you, and let's keep science clubbing burning!



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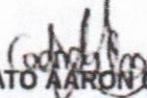
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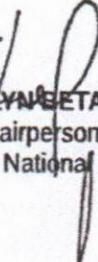
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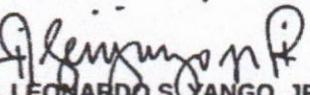
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**RYSTEC 2026**

**CASE 26**  
INVESTIGATING THE VEILS OF DECEPTION

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## About RYSTEC

The **Regional Youth Science, Technology and Environment Camp (RYSTEC)** is a 3-day activity for high school science club members and advisers across the Cagayan Valley.

It aims to heighten the interest and awareness of science clubbers in a specific field of science through lectures and interactive workshops while developing their interpersonal skills through interactions with students from different cultures.

## About PSYSC

The **Pambansang Kapisanan ng mga Kabataan Samahan ng Agham (Philippine Society of Youth Science Clubs), Inc.** is a countrywide organization of science clubs in the country. It organizes and conducts activities and programs that aim to promote its thrust, the **Public Understanding of Science, Technology, and Environment (PUSTE)**. As a society, the PSYSC shall contribute to the formation of values and attitudes among the youth for the appreciation and application of ST&E concepts appropriate to the changing needs of the Filipino community.

The PSYSC envisions itself as a **dynamic, relevant, and responsible society of youth science clubs** committed to instill scientific, technological, and environmental consciousness among the youth.

The PSYSC, being the frontrunners of the science clubbing movement in the Philippines, conducts its staple activities such as the National Youth Science, Technology, and Environment Science Camp (NYSTESC), National Science Club Month (NSCM), National Children's Science Interactive Workshop (NCSIW), Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Expo (STEM EXPO), and Search for the Most Outstanding Science Club (SEARCH).

The **PSYSC Regional Council 2** makes science clubbing fun and adventurous. It highlights the event conducted to complete the **Regional Council** and to collaborate with other science enthusiasts through the Regional Council Assistance Team (RCATS). The council organized the **Regional Youth Science, Technology, and Environment Camp (RYSTEC)**, which aimed to strengthen leadership, teamwork, and scientific awareness among the youth.

# CA\$E 26

INVESTIGATING THE VEILS OF DECEPTION

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# REGISTRATION DETAILS



## REGISTRATION

### A. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Listed below are the requirements to be submitted and/or presented by participating science clubs.
- All forms may be accessed through this <https://bit.ly/4sRHtaH>
- Other requirements, such as Form 1: Affiliation Form and Affiliation fee are only required for NON-AFFILIATED science clubs.
- Submit the necessary requirements with the correct file name and format to this email using the following subject.

**EMAIL SUBJECT LINE: RYSTEC 2026 Registration - <Full Name of School>**

- An email will be sent to you confirming your registration within 3 working days from submission of the necessary requirements. You may follow up on your school's registration if no email has been received after the allotted waiting period.

TO BE SUBMITTED THROUGH EMAIL			
Requirement	File Type	File Name	Notes
Registration Fee	PNG (.png) or JPEG (.jpg)	<b>For down payment:</b> RYSTEC26 Down Payment_<Full Name of School>  <b>Sample:</b> RYSTEC26 Down Payment_Calyx High School.png	Submit a scanned copy of duly validated bank slips OR proof of bank transfer receipt.
		<b>For payment in full:</b> RYSTEC26 Registration Fee_<Full Name of School>  <b>Sample:</b> RYSTEC26 Registration Fee_Calyx High School.png	Kindly indicate in the file name whether payment is for down payment or in full.
Registration Form	Excel File (.xlsx)	RYSTEC26 Registration Form_<Full Name of School>  <b>Sample:</b> RYSTEC26 Registration Form_Calyx High School.png	Download the form as an excel file. Other instructions are indicated in the file.
Competition Agreement Form	PDF (.pdf)	RYSTEC26 Competition Agreement Form <Full Name of School>  <b>Sample:</b> RYSTEC26 Competition Agreement Form Calyx High School.pdf	Schools joining any Students' Sessions, or Entertainment Night are required to submit this competition agreement form.

## A. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

### TO BE SUBMITTED THROUGH EMAIL

Requirement	File Type	File Name	Notes
Form 4: Parent's Consent Form	PDF (.pdf)	RYSTEC26 Consent Form, <Full Name of School> <i>Sample: RYSTEC26 Consent Form_Calyx High School.png</i>	All participating students should accomplish Form 4. Science clubs must compile all of their students' Form 4 into one PDF file.

### TO BE PRESENTED/SUBMITTED ON DAY 1 OF EVENT

Requirement	File Type	Notes
Verified Student ID		Verified student ID will not be submitted through email. However, this will be checked during event-day registration to confirm the identities and the grade levels of participants.

### FOR NON-AFFILIATES

Requirement	File Type	Instructions	Notes
Form 1: Affiliation Form	Google Form	Please fill out this Google Form: <a href="https://bit.ly/PSYSCAffilForm">bit.ly/PSYSCAffilForm</a>	Additional requirements for NON-AFFILIATED SCHOOLS ONLY.
Affiliation Fee	PNG (.png) or JPEG (.jpg)	For payment details, kindly refer to the affiliation brochure: <a href="https://bit.ly/PSYSCBrochure25">https://bit.ly/PSYSCBrochure25</a>	

**NOTE:** Revisions to registration documents **will only be accommodated until February 14, 2026** All information beyond that date will be deemed final.

## B. SUBMISSION DEADLINE

All registration requirements indicated above should be sent **on or before FEBRUARY 15, 2026** to [rc.2@psyc.org](mailto:rc.2@psyc.org) with the email subject **RYSTEC 2026 Registration - <Full Name of School>**. **Revisions for registration documents** may be accommodated **until FEBRUARY 20, 2026** only.

## C. PARTICIPATION

RYSTEC 2026 is only attended by **Grades 7 to 12 science club members, coaches, and teachers**. Guardians of participating science club members can also join, provided that they join the activities for teachers.

## D. PAYMENT

### REGISTRATION FEE

Membership	Registration Fee
Affiliates	PHP 2,000.00
Non-affiliates	PHP 2,500.00

A **NON-REFUNDABLE DOWN PAYMENT** of **PHP 1,000.00 PER PARTICIPANT** (student/coach/teacher/guardian) is required. Down payments are deductible from the Registration Fee stated above and shall only be recognized upon acknowledgement of both the deposit and other registration requirements.

For down payments, completion of payment can be made on the event day or through a second deposit/bank transfer prior to the event.

### PAYMENT PROCEDURE

Chinabank Details:

**Account Number:** 1180 0203 2237

**Account Name:** ANGALA, FERNANDO CAYME III

*Payments can be made via bank transfer or bank deposit.*

## PAYMENT PROCEDURE (FOR AFFILIATION)

Land Bank of the Philippines Details:

Account Number: 0702-1020-65

Payments can be made via bank transfer or bank deposit.

## INCLUSIONS

The registration fee will cover:

- Accommodation
- Food (including snacks) from dinner of Day 1 to lunch of Day 3
- Camp Shirt
- RYSTEC Kit (inclusive of bag, handbook, pen, ID, and lanyard)

## E. EVENT DATE & VENUE

Event Date: February 27-March 1, 2026

Event Venue: University of La Salette, Inc., Castro Verde Street, Dubinan East, Santiago City, Isabela

**NOTE:** The registration fee covers lodging from the **afternoon of February 27 until the morning of March 1, 2026**. Check-ins before 1:30 PM on February 27 and check-outs after 12:00 PM on March 1. Meals included in the registration fee are from **dinner on February 27 to Lunch on March 1 only**.

Kindly send all accommodation-related concerns **on or before February 10, 2026**, to allow sufficient time for coordination with the venue.

## F. TRANSPORTATION

Directions to the venue will be made available on the official Facebook page. Please note that transportation to and from the venue (including from entry points such as airports, bus terminals, and similar locations) is **not covered by the registration fee** and must be arranged at your own expense.

## G. THINGS TO BRING

- Blanket, towel, jacket, and umbrella
- Working clothes and rubber shoes (T-shirts, pants, comfortable clothes)
- All-white outfit and one (1) tea candle for Pledge Night
- Drinking water containers/tumblers
- Personal health kit (medicines, alcohol, bandages, antiseptics, etc.)
- Additional toiletries

An updated list will be posted on the official Facebook page of PSYSC Regional Council 2: <https://www.facebook.com/PSYSCRCRegionII>

## H. CONTACT INFORMATION

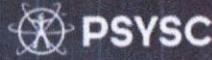
For questions or clarifications, you may reach us through the following:

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Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PSYSCRCRegionII>

Concern	Contact Person	Contact Number
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General	Jose Quinones, Jr.	09355679730
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# EVENT DETAILS



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To all Junior Agents, welcome to **Veridexa**, a city where shadows move faster than light and every byte of data hides a secret. Within its towering neon spires stands the **Vanguard Institute of Forensic Sciences**, the world's leading center for truth-seekers, investigators, and protectors of justice. But chaos has struck. The **Cipher Core**, our most advanced quantum encryption system, has been compromised. A breach from within. A traitor among us.

Now, under the command of the brilliant **Dr. Calla Vespari** and guided by the ever-watchful **ARGOS**, the Institute's AI operative, you have been summoned for **CASE 026: Investigating the Veils of Deception**. Over four intense days,

you will be trained in the art of forensic science—decoding evidence, analyzing anomalies, and mastering the tools of modern-day investigation. From high-stakes simulations to thought-provoking challenges, every step you take brings you closer to uncovering the truth.

You will face trials, unravel mysteries, and confront the unknown. The shadows are shifting. Agent. Step forward.

The truth is waiting  
to be found.

# EVENT DETAILS

## A. TOPICS

### FORENSICS

Forensics is the science of **examining evidence** to help solve crimes and support the legal system by applying **scientific methods** to identify and analyze **physical and biological clues**.

#### FORENSIC CHEMISTRY

Provide a solid understanding of forensic chemistry and biochemistry, emphasizing key chemical principles and analytical techniques used in crime scene investigations. Explore the role of biomolecules, chemical trace evidence, and toxins in forensic analysis, preparing students to apply scientific methods for detecting, identifying, and interpreting evidence in legal settings.

#### CRIMINALISTICS

Familiarize with the principles of criminalistics, including crime scene documentation, evidence collection and preservation, and key investigative techniques such as fingerprinting, bloodstain analysis, and DNA testing.

#### FORENSIC PHYSICS

Provide an understanding of forensic physics and its applications in crime scene analysis, focusing on physical principles such as motion, optics, material properties, and their role in investigations involving ballistics, impact analysis, and toolmark evidence.

#### CYBERSECURITY

Introduce the fundamentals of cybersecurity and its role in digital forensics, emphasizing the identification of cyber threats, protection of digital evidence, and ethical approaches to securing information systems, including real-world applications and emerging technologies.

# EVENT DETAILS

## B. EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

### SCHOOL QUIZ COMPETITION

A battle of the brains which aims to test the science clubbers' knowledge and understanding of various concepts in science, technology, and environment.



### SUBTOPIC LECTURE-WORKSHOP

What the eye misses, science reveals. Explore the fascinating world of forensic investigation through engaging lectures and interactive field work, where every fragment tells a story.



### SESSIONS CONTESTS

Let your creativity speak for itself! Through various competitions, students have the chance to express bold ideas, tell meaningful stories, and showcase their perspectives on relevant issues in science, technology, and the environment.



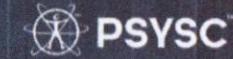
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### B. EVENT HIGHLIGHTS



#### ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT

A night where art and brilliance collide as the campers unleash their remarkable talents and skills in this year's entertainment night competitions, namely Dance Competition and Singing Competition.



## CONTEST DETAILS



# CONTESTS DETAILS

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

### ELIGIBILITY

All participating schools of RYSTEC 2026 can join the competitions. Only bonafide junior high and senior high students (Grades 7-12) are allowed to join the Sessions and Programs

A participant can **only join one (1)** of the following:

Contest	Level	Number of Participants per School
<b>School Quiz Competition</b>	Junior High Senior High	Maximum of 3 for Junior High Maximum of 3 for Senior High
<b>Editorial Writing</b>	Junior High Senior High	Maximum of 1 for Junior High Maximum of 1 for Senior High
<b>Pagsulat ng Editorial</b>	Junior High Senior High	Maximum of 1 for Junior High Maximum of 1 for Senior High
<b>Editorial Cartooning</b>	Junior High Senior High	Maximum of 1 for Junior High Maximum of 1 for Senior High
<b>Poster Making</b>	Junior High Senior High	Maximum of 1 for Junior High Maximum of 1 for Senior High
<b>Capture It!</b>	Junior High Senior High	Maximum of 1 for Junior High Maximum of 1 for Senior High
<b>EVIDANCE:</b> The Choreographic Clash	Junior High or Senior High	10-15 Students
<b>DUETECTIVES:</b> The Harmonic Showdown	Junior High or Senior High	2 Students

# CONTESTS DETAILS

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

### CONTACT PERSON

Contest	Contact Person	Contact Number
<b>School Quiz Competition</b>	Renato Aaron Gonzales	09569815404
<b>Editorial Writing</b>	Seth Maurice Gomez	09277316057
<b>Pagsulat ng Editorial</b>		
<b>Editorial Cartooning</b>	Keith Cyril Amistoso	09951463853
<b>Poster Making</b>	Xarieh Xandreas Carandang	09065142838
<b>Capture It!</b>	Hanalee Nicole Esteban	09453708319
<b>EVIDANCE:</b> The Choreographic Clash	Earlie Clarisse Ines	09167879698
<b>DUETECTIVES:</b> The Harmonic Showdown	Marc Halog	09354455607

# CONTESTS DETAILS

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

### DISQUALIFICATIONS

Any behavior deemed harmful to the PSYSC community and its image in any contest submission and presentation will result in disqualification. Moreover, any participating school that would pull out students from any activities of the RYSTEC 2026 event proper will be subject to disqualification.

### AMENDMENTS

All possible interpretations of the following guidelines will solely be based on the core committee's interpretation. Any misinterpretation should be raised for clarification or else it will not be welcomed by the team and may lead to disqualification.

Furthermore, the RYSTEC 2026 Core Committee reserves the right to modify and/or impose new guidelines without prior notice as it considers appropriate. Such changes shall be effective immediately upon notice which may be disseminated by means of posting on the official PSYSC Regional Council 2 Facebook page, sending electronic or conventional mail, or by any other means.

# CONTESTS DETAILS

## PROGRAM CONTESTS

### DUETECTIVES

#### The Harmonic Showdown

**DUETECTIVES: The Harmonic Showdown** is a **vocal duet competition** that challenges participants to showcase their musical synergy, vocal harmony, and stage presence. Open to all agent pairs, the event highlights the power of collaboration and performance.

### ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to **all Region 2 participating schools** of the Regional Youth Science, Technology, and Environment Camp (RYSTEC) 2026 organized by the PSYSC Regional Council 2. Each participating school is allowed to send only **ONE (1) DUET ENTRY** composed of **TWO (2) high school students**, both of whom must be registered participants of RYSTEC 2026. These two students may be a combination of Junior High School and Senior High School students, as long as they are from the same school.

**NOTE:** Participants who are involved in the **Dance Competition**, any **Session Contests** (Editorial Writing Contest, Pagsulat ng Editorial, Editorial Cartooning, Poster Making Contest, Capture It!, School Quiz Competition), or the **Take-Home Workshops Competition** are not eligible to join this contest. If a school withdraws its participants from any **NYSTEC** activity to prioritize contest practice, the duet will be automatically **DISQUALIFIED** from the competition.

### REGISTRATION

**There is no registration fee.** Registration for the e-night competitions will be included in the official RYSTEC 2026 registration forms. There will be a specific section for the e-night events where schools can input the names of their participants and coaches. Schools may input up to **two (2) coaches** for the singing competition.

If a school has already submitted their camp registration form and later decides to join the e-night competitions, they may still edit their responses in the registration form—since the response form is editable—provided that changes are made before the deadline for e-night competition registration, which is on **February 14 at 11:59 PM**.

## CONTESTS DETAILS

### PROGRAM CONTESTS

## DUETECTIVES

### The Harmonic Showdown

After editing the form, schools are required to send an email confirming the updated entry. The edited registration form should be submitted via email to [rc.2@psyrc.org](mailto:rc.2@psyrc.org) as proof of the updated response.

**Walk-in or late registrations will not be accommodated.** Failure to submit the registration form within the given deadline means the school's duet entry will not be included in the official list of participants and will be ineligible to compete.

Please note that there are only **10 available slots for the singing competition**. The **first 10 schools** to complete their registration will secure their spot in the competition. Once the slots are filled, no additional entries will be accepted, and the registration will officially close. We will announce the closure of registration on the official PSYSC Regional Council 2 Facebook page once the 10 slots have been filled. With this, there will no longer be a preliminary round for the e-night competition. All participants who successfully register within the first 10 slots will be guaranteed to perform in the e-night competition.

For any questions or concerns, you may contact **Kuya Marc** at **09354455607**.

#### THEME & SONG CHOICE

This year's theme for the duet singing competition is "**Mystery in Melody: The Power of Duet**." Participants are free to choose any song in any language that showcases harmony, vocal blending, and musicality between the two singers. Original compositions are allowed, provided that a **minus one (MP3 format)** is available. While participants may choose any song, we encourage selections that reflect the spirit of the theme—songs that explore elements of **mystery, discovery, longing, or the search for something greater**.

Songs must be **appropriate for a youth audience**. Entries must not contain vulgar, obscene, profane, discriminatory, or offensive language, gestures, or themes. Songs that promote violence, hate, explicit content, or any form of indecency will be automatically **DISQUALIFIED**.

## CONTESTS DETAILS

### PROGRAM CONTESTS

## DUETECTIVES

### The Harmonic Showdown

#### PERFORMANCE TIME

Each duet is allowed a **maximum of 3 minutes, with an additional 30 seconds each for entrance and exit**. Timing begins once the performance starts. A deduction of 1% from the final score will be made for every **20 seconds** exceeded.

#### INSTRUMENTAL TRACK

To give participants ample time to prepare their music performance background, submission of these materials will be done during the onsite registration for the e-night competitions. Each duet must submit a **USB flash drive** containing the following files:

**1. Instrumental track (MP3 format).** This is the **minus one track** for the performance. Live instruments are not allowed. The track must not exceed **3 minutes**.

A file must be placed in a single folder labeled with the duet's school name and the event name (e.g., **Calyx High School - Duetectives**). The **flash drive should be submitted during onsite registration on Day 1 of the camp**. The flash drive itself must be physically labeled with the school name to easily identify which school it came from and to ensure smooth and accurate return after the competition.

**NOTE:** Once the flash drive has been submitted during onsite registration, no replacements or changes will be allowed. The only exception is if there is a confirmed technical issue with the submitted files (e.g., corrupted file, incompatible format, audio/video not playing). In such cases, the team will be notified immediately and will be given a short window of time to provide a working replacement. This resubmission must be done within the same day and must still comply with the original file requirements and duration limits. Failure to provide a functioning replacement will result in **DISQUALIFICATION**.

## CONTESTS DETAILS

### PROGRAM CONTESTS

# DUETECTIVES

## The Harmonic Showdown

### BLOCKING & TECH CHECK

Qualified duets will undergo blocking and tech rehearsal right after the **Opening Program on Day 1**. Each pair will be given **3 minutes** to run through their blocking and test their audio/visuals.

**NOTE:** Attendance at this session is not required and will not result in disqualification. However, duets that choose not to attend will lose the opportunity to perform a tech check and block their stage setup.

### PERFORMANCE ATTIRE & PROPS

The use of **forensic-themed performance attire** and the use of **wearable props** is allowed. It is advised that you make use of makeshift props to avoid the risk of property damage. The organization will not be held responsible for any damage dealt by these props.

- All props that will be used must be **attached to or placed within the attire**. Backdrops will not be allowed as part of the performance.
- **Liquids, aerosols, gel, glitter, party poppers** and/or any similar substance that may affect or leave materials on the stage surface are not allowed.
- Use of any **pyrotechnic gadgets, smoke, and other combustible materials** during the performance is strictly prohibited.

**NOTE:** The RYSTEC 2026 Programs Committee reserves the right to disallow the use of any props/attire deemed dangerous, depending on the verdict of said committee on the risks and hazards of the said props/attire.

## CONTESTS DETAILS

### PROGRAM CONTESTS

# DUETECTIVES

## The Harmonic Showdown

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Start of Registration:	JANUARY 27, 2026
Deadline of Registration:	FEBRUARY 10, 2026

### CRITERIA & JUDGING

The decision of the adjudicators is **FINAL and IRREVOCABLE**. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

	Criteria	Percentage
Vocal Harmony & Ability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Harmony and blend of voices</li><li>• Pitch, tone quality, control, and vocal dynamics</li><li>• Technique and musicality</li></ul>	40%
Duet Chemistry & Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Connection and interaction between the pair</li><li>• Expression and engagement as a duo</li></ul>	25%
Song Choice & Interpretation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Creativity and originality</li><li>• Relevance to the theme</li><li>• Emotional impact and delivery</li></ul>	20%
Overall Effect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visual presentation (attire, props, stage presence)</li><li>• Audience impact</li><li>• Confidence and performance polish</li></ul>	15%
GRAND TOTAL		100%

## CONTESTS DETAILS

### PROGRAM CONTESTS

## DUETECTIVES

### The Harmonic Showdown

#### CHANGES TO GUIDELINES

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#### AWARDS

- **Best-Dressed Agents.** Awarded to the pair with the most striking and well-coordinated attire that elevated their performance presence.
- **Sonic Duo Award.** Given to the duo with the most creative and original musical arrangement—uncovering new ways to tell a story through song.
- **Crowd Investigator's Choice Award.** A special recognition for the duo that captivated the crowd and left a lasting impression, based on audience cheers and engagement.
- **The Top 3 Duets.** Trophies will be awarded to the top 3 duets with the highest scores based on the official judging criteria.

## CONTESTS DETAILS

### PROGRAM CONTESTS

## EVIDANCE

### The Choreographic Clash

**EVIDANCE: The Choreographic Clash** is a **group dance competition** that challenges teams to demonstrate their synchronized movements, creativity, and stage presence. Open to all dynamic agent dance crews, this event emphasizes the power of collaboration, teamwork, and artistry in motion.

#### ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to **all Region 2 participating schools** of the Regional Youth Science, Technology, and Environment Summer Camp (RYSTEC) 2026, organized by the PSYSC Regional Council 2. Each participating school may send **ONE (1) DANCE GROUP** composed of **TEN (10) to FIFTEEN (15) high school students** (including the **propsmen**), all of whom must be officially registered participants of RYSTEC 2026. These students may be a combination of Junior High School and Senior High School students, as long as they are from the same school.

**NOTE:** Participants who are involved in the Singing Competition, any Session Contests (Editorial Writing Contest, Pagsulat ng Editorial, Editorial Cartooning, Poster Making Contest, Capture It!, School Quiz Competition) or the Take-Home Workshops Competition are not eligible to join this contest. If a school withdraws its participants from any RYSTEC activity to prioritize contest practice, the group will be automatically **DISQUALIFIED** from the competition.

#### REGISTRATION

**There is no registration fee.** Registration for the e-night competitions will be included in the official RYSTEC 2026 camp registration forms. There will be a specific section for the e-night events where schools can input the names of their participants and coach. Schools may input up to **two (2) coaches** for the dance competition.

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### PROGRAM CONTESTS

# EVIDANCE

## The Choreographic Clash

If a school has already submitted their camp registration form and later decides to join the e-night competitions, they may still edit their responses in the registration form—since the response form is editable—provided that changes are made before the deadline for e-night competition registration, which is on **February 14 at 11:59 PM**.

After editing the form, schools are required to send an email confirming the updated entry. The edited registration form should be submitted via email to [rc.2@psysc.org](mailto:rc.2@psysc.org) as proof of the updated response.

**Walk-in or late registrations will not be accommodated.** Failure to submit the registration form within the given deadline means the school's duet entry will not be included in the official list of participants and will be ineligible to compete.

Please note that there are only **10 available slots for the dance competition**. The first **10 schools** to complete their registration will secure their spot in the competition. Once the slots are filled, no additional entries will be accepted, and the registration will officially close. We will announce the closure of registration on the official PSYSC Regional Council 2 Facebook page once the 10 slots have been filled. With this, there will no longer be a preliminary round for the e-night competition. All participants who successfully register within the first 10 slots will be guaranteed to perform in the e-night competition.

For any questions or concerns, you may contact **Ate Clarisse** at **09167879698**.

## CONTESTS DETAILS

### PROGRAM CONTESTS

# EVIDANCE

## The Choreographic Clash

### THEME & SONG CHOICE

This year's theme for the dance competition is "**Clues in Motion: Searching Discovery Through Dance**." A theme that invites participants to use choreography to simulate uncovering evidence, connecting clues, and arriving at truth, all through the language of dance.

Participants are free to choose any music or song in any language that best supports their choreography and storytelling. Original compositions are allowed, provided that a **high-quality audio track (MP3 format)** is submitted.

Music and performances must be **appropriate for a youth audience**. Entries must not contain vulgar, obscene, profane, discriminatory, or offensive language, gestures, costumes, or themes. Any routine that promotes violence, hate, explicit content, or any form of indecency will be automatically disqualified.

Additionally, **dangerous choreographies**, including but not limited to, 3-level pyramids and lifting stunts with dismount, are not allowed. Non-adherence to this rule will lead to instant **DISQUALIFICATION**.

### PERFORMANCE TIME

Each group is allowed a **maximum of 3 minutes for their dance performance**, with an **additional 30 seconds each allotted for entrance and exit**. Timing begins once the music or performance starts. A deduction of 1% from the final score will be applied for every **20 seconds** exceeded.

## CONTESTS DETAILS

### PROGRAM CONTESTS

# EVIDANCE

## The Choreographic Clash

#### MUSIC TRACK

To give participants ample time to prepare their music performance background, submission of these materials will be done during the on-site registration for the e-night competitions. Each group must submit a **USB flash drive** containing the following files:

**1. Music Track (MP3 format).** This is the **official audio track** to be used for the dance performance. Live instruments or live mixing during the performance are not allowed. The track must not exceed **3 minutes** and must be submitted on or before the specified deadline.

All files must be placed in a single folder labeled with the group's school name and the event name (e.g., Calyx High School - EVIDANCE). The **flash drive should be submitted during onsite registration on Day 1 of the camp**. The flash drive itself must be physically labeled with the school name to easily identify which school it came from and to ensure smooth and accurate return after the competition.

**NOTE:** Once the flash drive has been submitted during onsite registration, no replacements or changes will be allowed. The only exception is if there is a confirmed technical issue with the submitted files (e.g., corrupted file, incompatible format, audio/video not playing). In such cases, the team will be notified immediately and will be given a short window of time to provide a working replacement. This resubmission must be done within the same day and must still comply with the original file requirements and duration limits. Failure to provide a functioning replacement will result in **DISQUALIFICATION**.

## CONTESTS DETAILS

### PROGRAM CONTESTS

# EVIDANCE

## The Choreographic Clash

#### AVP INTRODUCTION

All participating groups are required to submit a **Google Drive link** containing only 1 file:

**1. AVP Introduction (MP4 format).** Each group must create an AVP (Audio-Visual Presentation) introduction video with a **maximum duration of 60 seconds**. The video should introduce the group and give a sneak peek of their upcoming performance—whether through clips, visuals, or themes—to build excitement and anticipation.

- This AVP will serve two purposes:
  - It will be posted on the official PSYSC Region II page as part of the promotion of official participants. The video with the most "WOW" reactions will receive an award.
  - It will be played before each group's performance during the contest proper.

The Google Drive link must only contain the AVP Introduction. The Google Drive link must be emailed to [rc.2@psyc.org](mailto:rc.2@psyc.org) with the subject line: **[SCHOOL NAME] - EVIDANCE** (e.g. Calyx High School - EVIDANCE)

The deadline for submitting the Google Drive link is **February 18 at 11:59 PM**. Failure to send the Google Drive link via email before the said deadline will result in the entry being excluded from the official list of participants and ineligible to compete.

**NOTE:** Ensure that the Google Drive link is set to "Anyone with the link can view" to avoid access issues. Late or incomplete submissions may affect the group's eligibility for the competition.

## CONTESTS DETAILS

### PROGRAM CONTESTS

# EVIDANCE

## The Choreographic Clash

#### BLOCKING & TECH CHECK

Qualified dance groups will undergo blocking and tech rehearsal right after the **Opening Program on Day 1**. Each group will be given **4 minutes** to run through their blocking and test their audio/visuals.

**NOTE:** Attendance at this session is not required and will not result in disqualification. However, groups that choose not to attend will lose the opportunity to test their tech setup and block their stage formation, which may affect their overall performance readiness.

#### PERFORMANCE ATTIRE & PROPS

The use of **forensic-themed performance attire and the use of props** is allowed. It is advised that you make use of makeshift props to avoid the risk of property damage. The organization will not be held responsible for any damage dealt by these props.

- **Liquids, aerosols, gel, glitter, party poppers** and/or any similar substance that may affect or leave materials on the stage surface are not allowed.
- Use of any **pyrotechnic gadgets, smoke, and other combustible materials** during the performance is strictly prohibited.
- **Backdrops are not allowed.** This is to ensure a smooth and safe flow of performances and to avoid delays or disruptions during transitions. Instead, participants are encouraged to utilize the digital visual performance background to enhance their presentation.

**NOTE:** The RYSTEC 2026 Programs Committee reserves the right to disallow the use of any props/attire deemed dangerous, depending on the verdict of said committee on the risks and hazards of the said props/attire.

## CONTESTS DETAILS

### PROGRAM CONTESTS

# EVIDANCE

## The Choreographic Clash

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

Start of Registration:	JANUARY 27, 2025
Deadline of Registration:	FEBRUARY 10, 2025

#### CRITERIA & JUDGING

The decision of the adjudicators is **FINAL and IRREVOCABLE**. Judging will be based on the following criteria:

	Criteria	Percentage
Choreography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Musicality and interpretation</li><li>• Complexity, precision and technique</li><li>• Spacing, formations and transitions</li></ul>	30%
Dance Execution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Synchronization and team performance</li><li>• Visual appeal and presentation</li></ul>	30%
Story	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adherence to the theme</li><li>• Creativity and originality</li><li>• Aesthetics (props, attire, dance AVP)</li></ul>	25%
Overall Effect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eye contact and performance attitude</li><li>• Crowd appeal</li></ul>	15%
	GRAND TOTAL	100%

## CONTESTS DETAILS

### PROGRAM CONTESTS

# EVIDANCE

## The Choreographic Clash

### CHANGES TO GUIDELINES

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### AWARDS

- Precision in Motion Award.** Given to the group that showcased the sharpest execution, synchronization, and mastery in dance performance—like agents cracking every step with accuracy.
- Echoes of the Stage Award.** Awarded to the crew that brought a compelling narrative to life through choreography, emotion, and visual creativity.
- Crowd Investigator's Choice Award.** Given to the group whose AVP Introduction gathered the highest number of "WOW" reactions on social media—proving their hype and audience appeal.
- The Top 3 Dance Crews.** Trophies shall be awarded to the top 3 performing schools with the highest overall scores based on the judging criteria.

## CONTESTS DETAILS

### STUDENTS' SESSIONS

### GENERAL GUIDELINES

#### ELIGIBILITY OF PARTICIPANTS

The session's contests are open to both registered **Junior High School (Bracket II)** and **Senior High School (Bracket III)** participants of RYSTEC 2026

- Only one (1) eligible registrant (individual/group) per bracket per school shall be allowed to join.
- The participant registered in one contest should **NOT** be part of other Sessions Contests nor any of the Programs.

#### REGISTRATION

The school shall duly accomplish the pre-registration form through the downloadables tab of the PSYSC Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/PSYSCRCRegionII>).

### RYSTEC 2026 SESSIONS CONTESTS

*The following are the sessions contests for RYSTEC 2026:*

Editorial Writing	Poster Making
Pagsulat ng Editorial	Capture It!
Editorial Cartooning	School Quiz Competition

### GENERAL REMINDERS

- Non-compliance with the guidelines shall result in disqualification.** Plagiarism is strictly not allowed. Note that use of the participant's previous works without proper citation is also considered as plagiarism. Anyone caught cheating in any form shall be reprimanded, and shall be asked to leave the room immediately.
- The contestants of the **TOP THREE (3) entries per bracket**, together with their coaches, shall be given certificates of recognition. Moreover, the Champion, 1st Runner-Up, and 2nd Runner-Up shall each receive a gold, silver, and bronze medallion during the awarding ceremony, respectively.
- PSYSC reserves the right to share all submissions and they shall be properly cited.
- The scores of any participants will **NOT** be disclosed.
- The decision of the board of judges shall be **FINAL and IRREVOCABLE**.
- The RYSTEC 2026 Students' Sessions Committee reserves the right to modify existing guidelines, if deemed necessary, without prior notice.

# CONTESTS DETAILS

## STUDENTS' SESSIONS

### EDITORIAL WRITING CONTEST

(ENGLISH)

#### CONTEST OBJECTIVES

- To advocate understanding of science and technology in relation to current social issues
- To encourage critical thinking and educated analysis of the world of science and technology
- To acknowledge the students' excellence in written communication

#### MECHANICS

1. **Contest Proper.** The theme for the contest shall revolve on a science, technology, and environmental issue related to this year's RYSTEC topic: **FORENSIC SCIENCE**. Contestants are to give their take on the topic based on their analysis and opinions.
  - a. The topic shall be given at the start of the contest proper.
  - b. Participants must arrive at the venue **at least 15 minutes** before the contest proper.
  - c. Latecomers shall only be accommodated if **NONE** of the participants inside the venue have gone out yet.
  - d. Time extensions will **NOT** be given.
2. **School Details.** A **numerical identifier** will be given per participant as their submission code. The assigned facilitator will be ensuring that the number identifier is correct.
3. **Duration.** The contest shall be good for **ONE HOUR AND THIRTY MINUTES ONLY**. All articles must be submitted after 1.5 hours.
4. **Content.** The editorial should be written **clearly and legibly in ENGLISH** using **two sheets of paper, maximum**. The participants are only allowed to write at one side of each paper (i.e. not back to back). The participants should write using **black or blue ink ONLY**.
5. **Materials.** The participants are only allowed to bring pens inside the area. No outside papers are allowed to be brought inside the contest area. **Electronic devices are not allowed** and must be surrendered to their teachers/coaches. Participants shall be provided with 5 sheets of legal pad paper.
  - a. The participants are only allowed to write on the given pad paper.

# CONTESTS DETAILS

## STUDENTS' SESSIONS

### EDITORIAL WRITING CONTEST

(ENGLISH)

#### CRITERIA & JUDGING

There will be **separate winners for junior high school and senior high school participants**. The entries shall be judged based on the following criteria:

	Criteria	Percentage
<b>Supporting Facts</b>	• Supporting evidence of the main stand, responses to counter arguments	<b>30%</b>
<b>Focus</b>	• Originality, relevance of content to the subject matter	<b>25%</b>
<b>Organization &amp; Format</b>	• Paragraph and main ideas, transitions to next paragraph	<b>15%</b>
<b>Language Use &amp; Style</b>	• Word choice, creativity	<b>15%</b>
<b>Conventions</b>	• Grammar, punctuation, spelling, legibility of writing	<b>15%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>100%</b>

**TIE.** The following will be imposed in case the scores of the participants ended up in a tie:

Level	Basis of Tie Breaker
<b>1</b> (overall score is tied)	Higher in score in "Supporting Facts" criteria. If tie still persists, the higher score in "Focus" will be the basis.
<b>2</b> (score still tied after Level 1 tie breaker)	Time submitted

**PENALTY.** The following penalties will result in corresponding demerits to the score of the participant:

Penalty Case	Demerit
Exceeded the paper count (per page of sheet)	-1.00 to the overall score for every page in excess

# CONTESTS DETAILS

## STUDENTS' SESSIONS

### PAGSULAT NG EDITORYAL

(FILIPINO)

#### CONTEST OBJECTIVES

- To advocate understanding of science and technology in relation to current social issues
- To encourage critical thinking and educated analysis of the world of science and technology
- To acknowledge the students' excellence in written communication

#### MECHANICS

1. **Contest Proper.** The theme for the contest shall revolve on a science, technology, and environmental issue related to this year's RYSTEC topic: **FORENSIC SCIENCE**. Contestants are to give their take on the topic based on their analysis and opinions.

- a. The topic shall be given at the start of the contest proper.
- b. Participants must arrive at the venue **at least 15 minutes** before the contest proper.
- c. Latecomers shall only be accommodated if **NONE** of the participants inside the venue have gone out yet.
- d. Time extensions will **NOT** be given.

2. **School Details.** A **numerical identifier** will be given per participant as their submission code. The assigned facilitator will be ensuring that the number identifier is correct.

3. **Duration.** The contest shall be good for **ONE HOUR AND THIRTY MINUTES ONLY**. All articles must be submitted after 1.5 hours.

4. **Content.** The editorial should be written **clearly and legibly** in **FILIPINO** using **two sheets of paper, maximum**. The participants are only allowed to write at one side of each paper (i.e. not back to back). The participants should write using **black or blue ink ONLY**.

5. **Materials.** The participants are only allowed to bring pens inside the area. No outside papers are allowed to be brought inside the contest area. **Electronic devices are not allowed** and must be surrendered to their teachers/coaches. Participants shall be provided with 5 sheets of legal pad paper.

- a. The participants are only allowed to write on the given pad paper.

# CONTESTS DETAILS

## STUDENTS' SESSIONS

### PAGSULAT NG EDITORYAL

(FILIPINO)

#### CRITERIA & JUDGING

There will be **separate winners** for **junior high school** and **senior high school participants**. The entries shall be judged based on the following criteria:

	Criteria	Percentage
Supporting Facts	• Supporting evidence of the main stand, responses to counter arguments	30%
Focus	• Originality, relevance of content to the subject matter	25%
Organization & Format	• Paragraph and main ideas, transitions to next paragraph	15%
Language Use & Style	• Word choice, creativity	15%
Conventions	• Grammar, punctuation, spelling, legibility of writing	15%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>100%</b>

**TIE.** The following will be imposed in case the scores of the participants ended up in a tie:

Level	Basis of Tie Breaker
1 (overall score is tied)	Higher in score in "Supporting Facts" criteria. If tie still persists, the higher score in "Focus" will be the basis.
2 (score still tied after Level 1 tie breaker)	Time submitted

**PENALTY.** The following penalties will result in corresponding demerits to the score of the participant:

Penalty Case	Demerit
Exceeded the paper count (per page of sheet)	-1.00 to the overall score for every page in excess

# CONTESTS DETAILS

## STUDENTS' SESSIONS

### EDITORIAL CARTOONING

#### CONTEST OBJECTIVES

- To integrate social sciences from the natural science through arts
- To foster a venue for critical thinking by crafting a commentary to a specific social or political issue
- To recognize the participants' excellence and skill in the arts

#### MECHANICS

1. **Contest Proper.** The theme for the contest shall revolve on a science, technology, and environmental issue related to this year's RYSTEC topic: **FORENSIC SCIENCE**. Contestants are to give their take on the topic based on their analysis and opinions.

- a. The topic shall be given at the start of the contest proper.
- b. Participants must arrive at the venue **at least 15 minutes** before the contest proper.
- c. Latecomers shall only be accommodated if **NONE** of the participants inside the venue have gone out yet.
- d. Time extensions will **NOT** be given.

2. **School Details.** A **numerical identifier** will be given per participant as their submission code. The assigned facilitator will be ensuring that the number identifier is correct.

3. **Duration.** The contest shall be good for **TWO (2) HOURS ONLY**. All papers must be submitted after 2 hours.

4. **Materials.** The bond paper shall be provided by the organizers. **ALL cartooning materials must be brought by the individual contestant.** Participants may use pencils provided that black-colored outputs will be used on the final output. **Electronic devices are not allowed** and must be surrendered to their teachers/coaches.

- a. Participants are not allowed to use electronic devices and reference sketches during the competition.
- b. The participants are only allowed to draw on the given bond paper.

# CONTESTS DETAILS

## STUDENTS' SESSIONS

### EDITORIAL CARTOONING

#### CRITERIA & JUDGING

There will be **separate winners for junior high school and senior high school participants**. The entries shall be judged based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Percentage
Social Relevance & Clarity of the Message	30%
Creative Thinking	30%
Relevance to the Theme	20%
Presentation & Artistic Quality	20%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

**TIE.** The following will be imposed in case the scores of the participants ended up in a tie:

Level	Basis of Tie Breaker
1 (overall score is tied)	Higher score in "Social Relevance" criteria. If tie still persists, the higher score in "Creative Thinking" will be the basis.
2 (score still tied after Level 1 tie breaker)	Time submitted

**PENALTY.** The following penalties will result in corresponding demerits to the score of the participant:

Penalty Case	Demerit
Overtime	- <b>1.00</b> to the overall score for every minute overtime, rounded up

# CONTESTS DETAILS

## STUDENTS' SESSIONS

### POSTER MAKING CONTEST

#### CONTEST OBJECTIVES

- To promote science, technology and environment through visual interpretations
- To encourage imagination and creativity
- To recognize excellence and skills in the arts

#### MECHANICS

**1. Contest Proper.** The theme for the contest shall revolve on a science, technology, and environmental issue related to this year's RYSTEC topic: **FORENSIC SCIENCE**. Contestants are to give their take on the topic based on their analysis and opinions.

- a. The topic shall be given at the start of the contest proper.
- b. Participants must arrive at the venue **at least 15 minutes** before the contest proper.
- c. Latecomers shall only be accommodated if **NONE** of the participants inside the venue have gone out yet.
- d. Time extensions will **NOT** be given.

**2. School Details.** A numerical identifier will be given per participant as their submission code. The assigned facilitator will be ensuring that the number identifier is correct.

**3. Duration.** The contest shall be good for **TWO (2) HOURS ONLY**. All papers must be submitted after 2 hours.

**4. Materials.** The oslo paper shall be provided by the organizers. **ALL poster making materials must be brought by the individual contestant.** Only the following materials shall be allowed to be used: oil pastel, crayon, colored pencil, colored pens, ink pens, permanent marker, cotton, pencil, and eraser. **Electronic devices are not allowed** and must be surrendered to their teachers/coaches.

- a. Participants are not allowed to use electronic devices and reference sketches during the competition.
- b. The participants are only allowed to draw on the given oslo paper.

# CONTESTS DETAILS

## STUDENTS' SESSIONS

### POSTER MAKING CONTEST

#### CRITERIA & JUDGING

There will be **separate winners for junior high school and senior high school participants**. The entries shall be judged based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Percentage
Design	• Creativity, originality
Message Clarity	• Originality, theme accordance
Visual Appeal	• Color, contrast
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>
	<b>100%</b>

**TIE.** The following will be imposed in case the scores of the participants ended up in a tie:

Level	Basis of Tie Breaker
1 (overall score is tied)	Higher score in "Design" criteria. If tie still persists, the higher score in "Message Clarity" will be the basis.
2 (score still tied after Level 1 tie breaker)	Time submitted

**PENALTY.** The following penalties will result in corresponding demerits to the score of the participant:

Penalty Case	Demerit
Overtime	- <b>1.00</b> to the overall score for every minute overtime, rounded up

# CONTESTS DETAILS

## STUDENTS' SESSIONS

### CAPTURE IT!

#### CONTEST OBJECTIVES

- To integrate science, technology and environment through visual art
- To foster a venue for imagination and creativity
- To recognize excellence and skill in the arts

#### MECHANICS

**1. Contest Proper.** The theme for the contest shall revolve on a science, technology, and environmental issue related to this year's RYSTEC topic: **FORENSIC SCIENCE**. Contestants are to give their take on the topic based on their analysis and opinions.

- a. The topic shall be given at the start of the contest proper.
- b. Participants must arrive at the venue **at least 15 minutes** before the contest proper.
- c. Latecomers shall only be accommodated if **NONE** of the participants inside the venue have gone out yet (roamed around to take pictures).
- d. The contestants are free to roam around within the given time (1 hour).

**2. School Details.** A **numerical identifier** will be given per participant as their submission code. The assigned facilitator will be ensuring that the number identifier is correct.

**3. Submission.** All images submitted must be taken within the contest proper.

- a. The entry to be submitted should be a digital file in **JPG format** and must be at **least 1,600 pixels** wide. All entries should be in landscape format.
- b. The participant will also submit a corresponding **photo title and photo caption** written in a piece of legal pad paper
- c. The caption must indicate the place where the image was taken, and must have a **brief description** of what the photo is about. The caption must be at least 20 to 50 words.
- d. All images must **not** be subjected to any post-processes.
- e. Participants who submitted edited photos will be disqualified.
- f. Participants must render the SD card used for submission of entries. The SD card **must not contain any file at the start of the contest**. Only one (1) file must be chosen and the SD card must be wrapped in a paper with their name written on it, along with the file name of the entry.
- i. The SD cards shall be claimed by the contestant after the submission has been transferred by the facilitator to their laptop.
- g. Only the staff of PSYSC shall layout the submitted entries along with its title and caption that will be printed and posted for exhibit.

# CONTESTS DETAILS

## STUDENTS' SESSIONS

### CAPTURE IT!

**4. Duration.** The contestants are free to roam around the venue for **ONE (1) HOUR ONLY**. The second hour is dedicated for the selection of photos, writing of captions, and the submission of SD Cards.

**5. Materials.** Participants are free to use any model of **Digital Single Lens Reflex (DSLR) cameras**. Participants shall be provided with 2 sheets of legal paper. The participants are only allowed to write their caption on the given pad paper. The other paper is used to wrap the SD card.

#### CRITERIA & JUDGING

There will be **separate winners for junior high school and senior high school participants**. The entries shall be judged based on the following criteria:

Criteria	Percentage
Photographic Quality & Visual Impact	• Technical excellence, overall quality, visual appeal
Creative Thinking	• Creativity, originality
Adherence to the Theme	• Originality, theme accordance
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

**TIE.** The following will be imposed in case the scores of the participants ended up in a tie:

Level	Basis of Tie Breaker
1 (overall score is tied)	Higher score in "Photographic Quality and Visual Impact" criteria. If still tied, the higher score in "Creative Thinking" will be the basis.
2 (score still tied after Level 1 tie breaker)	Time submitted

**PENALTY.** The following penalties will result in corresponding demerits to the score of the participant:

Penalty Case	Demerit
Overtime	- <b>1.00</b> to the overall score for every minute overtime, rounded up

# CONTESTS DETAILS

## STUDENTS' SESSIONS

### SCHOOL QUIZ COMPETITION

#### CONTEST OBJECTIVES

- To test the participants' knowledge and understanding of science and technology concepts
- To encourage mastery of science concepts through healthy competition
- To recognize excellence of students in the field of science and technology

#### MECHANICS · ELIMINATION ROUND

1. **Eligibility.** The student contests are open to **both Junior High School (Bracket II) and Senior High School (Bracket III)** participants of RYSTEC 2026. Only **three eligible registrants** per bracket per school shall be allowed to join.

2. **Contest Proper.** The Elimination Round is a written exam composed of **50 Multiple-Choice Questions** and **5 Clincher Questions** overall. The questions will be based on the following categories: **Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth Science**, and RYSTEC 2026 Theme: **FORENSIC SCIENCE**.

- a. There will be **10 questions per category**. The clincher questions consist of one question per category, with a random subtopic.
- b. Participants must arrive at the venue **at least 15 minutes** before the contest proper.
- c. Latecomers shall only be accommodated if **NONE** of the participants inside the venue have gone out yet.
- d. Participants should not be allowed to go out of the exam hall during the written exam proper.
- e. A restroom time allowance will be given before starting the written exam.
- f. If such a break is needed during the exam proper, the participant must be required to submit their answer sheets.
- g. Time extensions will **NOT** be given.

3. **Duration.** The contest shall be good for **ONE HOUR AND THIRTY MINUTES ONLY**. All answer sheets must be submitted after 1.5 hours.

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4. **Materials.** The questionnaire, answer sheet, and a spare paper for scratch will be provided to the participants. **Participants must also bring their own pencil, eraser, and sharpener.**

- Participants are **NOT** allowed to use a **scientific calculator**. The questions in the elimination round are constructed to be answerable without the use of calculators.

5. **Scoring.** Only the correct answers will be given points and there will be no corresponding deductions for incorrect answers.

- The scores of any participant in the Elimination Round will not be disclosed.

6. **Clincher.** The clincher section points will not be accounted for in the tallying of scores in the written exam. In case of a tie for the top scorers, whoever scores higher in the clincher section will get the higher rank. If the clincher section is tied, whoever submitted the answer sheet first will garner the higher rank.

7. **Qualification for the Final Round.** The scores of individual participants in the team will be **averaged and recorded**.

- The number of teams that will qualify for the final round will follow the mechanics below:

Participating Teams (per bracket)	Finalists
< 5	As is
5 - 10	Top 5

- The finalists will be announced in random order and their scores will revert to zero for the Final Round.

8. The **TOP 3 INDIVIDUAL SCORERS** of the Elimination Round of each bracket shall be recognized and shall receive gold, silver, and bronze medallions and a certificate of recognition.

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#### MECHANICS · FINAL ROUND

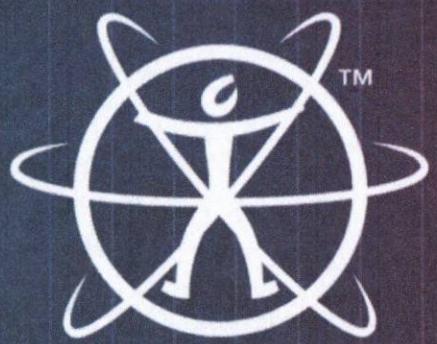
- 1. Eligibility.** Only participating teams that are qualified for the Final Round shall participate.
- 2. Contest Proper.** The Final Round is an **group competition** divided into three (3) levels: **Easy**, **Average**, and **Difficult**. The questions will be based on the following categories: **Biology**, **Chemistry**, **Physics**, **Earth Science**, and RYSTEC 2026 Theme: **FORENSIC SCIENCE**.
  - Latecomers during the Final Round will **NOT** be allowed to join.
  - Each level is composed of **ten (10) questions**.
  - The moderator will be reading each question (and choices, if applicable) twice.
    - Contestants are already allowed to write their answer or compute for problem solving questions after the moderator is done reading the question for the first time.
  - The scores of the teams per round (not cumulative) will be announced after each round.
- 3. Time Limits.**
  - For each non problem solving question they shall be answered within a time limit of **10 seconds for the Easy and Average Rounds**, while **20 seconds for the Difficult Round**.
  - For problem solving questions, they shall be answered within **1 minute, regardless of the difficulty**.
  - The timer will start after the moderator gives the "GO" signal.
- 4. Scoring.** Three (3) points are given for every correct answer in the Easy level, five (5) points for the Average level, and seven (7) points for the Difficult level.
- 5. Contentions.** Only the finalists are allowed to raise contentions. A finalist is not allowed to contest answers of other finalists.
  - Contentions shall only be entertained until before the next question is read.
- 6. Clincher.** In case of a tie, the concerned participants will proceed to the sudden-death clincher round where the first team to get the correct answer will be declared as the winner.

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- 7. Materials.** The whiteboards, markers, and erasers will be provided to the teams. A spare paper for scratch will also be provided. Teams shall provide their own pens or pencils.
- 8. The TOP THREE (3) SCORERS PER BRACKET AND THEIR RESPECTIVE COACHES** shall be recognized and shall receive certificates of recognition. Moreover, the Champion, 1st Runner-Up, and 2nd Runner-Up shall each receive a gold, silver, and bronze medallion, respectively.
- 9. Disqualification.** Non-compliance with these guidelines will result in disqualification.
- 10. The decision of the Board of Judges shall be FINAL and IRREVOCALE.**



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