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INVITATION TO JOURNCAMP+2026

Explained PH, a youth-led online media network powered by community and student journalists nationwide, invites all elementary and scondary schools to participate in the JournCamp+2026: National Campus Press Summit, an annual flagship program for campus journalists across the Philippines.

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Below are the event details:

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Participation of learners, teachers, and/or educators is purely **VOLUNTARY** and will not hamper instructional block in compliance with the provisions of DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2026, titled Guidelines on the Implementation of the Three-Term School Calendar in Basic Education.

This is also subject to the no-collection policy as stated in Section 3 of RA 5546, also known as An Act Prohibiting the Sale of Tickets and/or the Collection of Contributions for Whatever Project or Purpose from Students and Teachers of Public and Private Schools, Colleges and Universities (Ganzon Law), issued in DepEd Order 19, s. 2008, and reiterated in DepEd Memorandum No. 041, s. 2024.

For other details, see attached invitation letter.

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Greetings!

On behalf of Explained PH, we are pleased to invite the schools within your jurisdiction to JournCamp+ 2026: National Campus Press Summit, our annual month-long virtual journalism camp for campus journalists and school paper advisers.

Attached are our official invitation letter addressed to your office and the JournCamp+ 2026 Event Primer. The camp opens on November 28, 2026, and registration is ₱170 per participant at https://journcamp.com/register.

We would be grateful if your office could share this invitation with the elementary and secondary schools in your area. For questions, you may reply to this email or visit https://journcamp.com.

Thank you, and we look forward to your favorable response.

Respectfully yours,
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JOURNCAMP+

National Campus Press Summit 2026 Edition



November 23, 2026

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In line with this, we respectfully request your good office to invite all elementary and secondary schools within your jurisdiction to take part in JournCamp+ 2026, particularly their school paper advisers and campus journalists.

Attached to this letter is the official JournCamp+ 2026 Event Primer, which contains the complete program details, learning tracks, NCPS guidelines, registration steps, and important dates. For questions and clarifications, please contact us at journcamp@explained.ph or through our official Facebook page.

Thank you, and we are truly looking forward to your favorable response.

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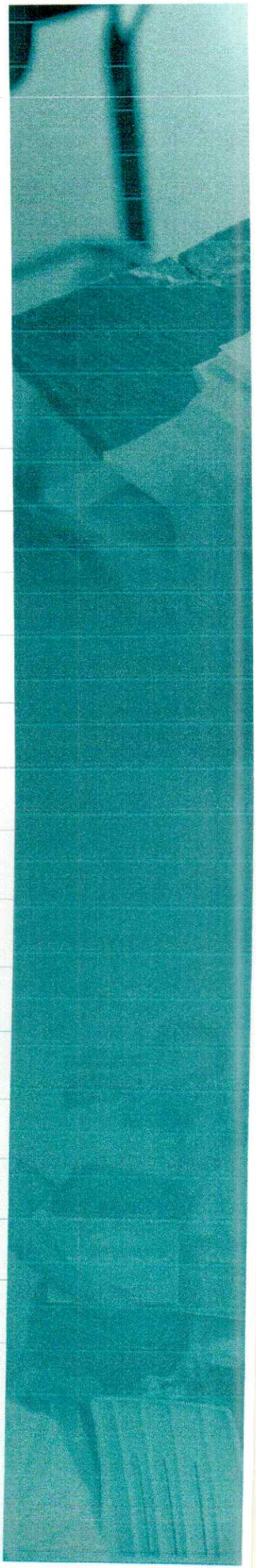
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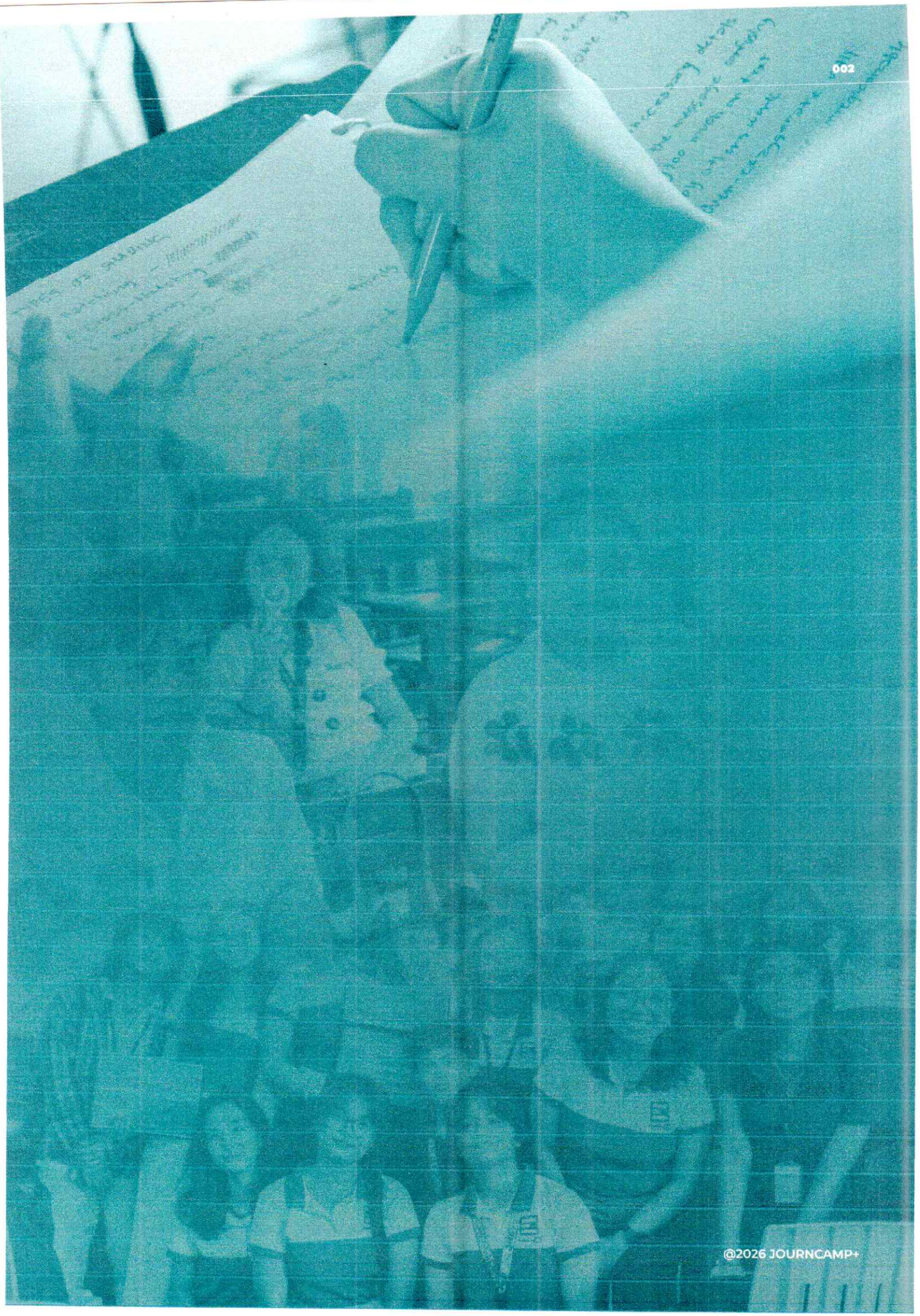
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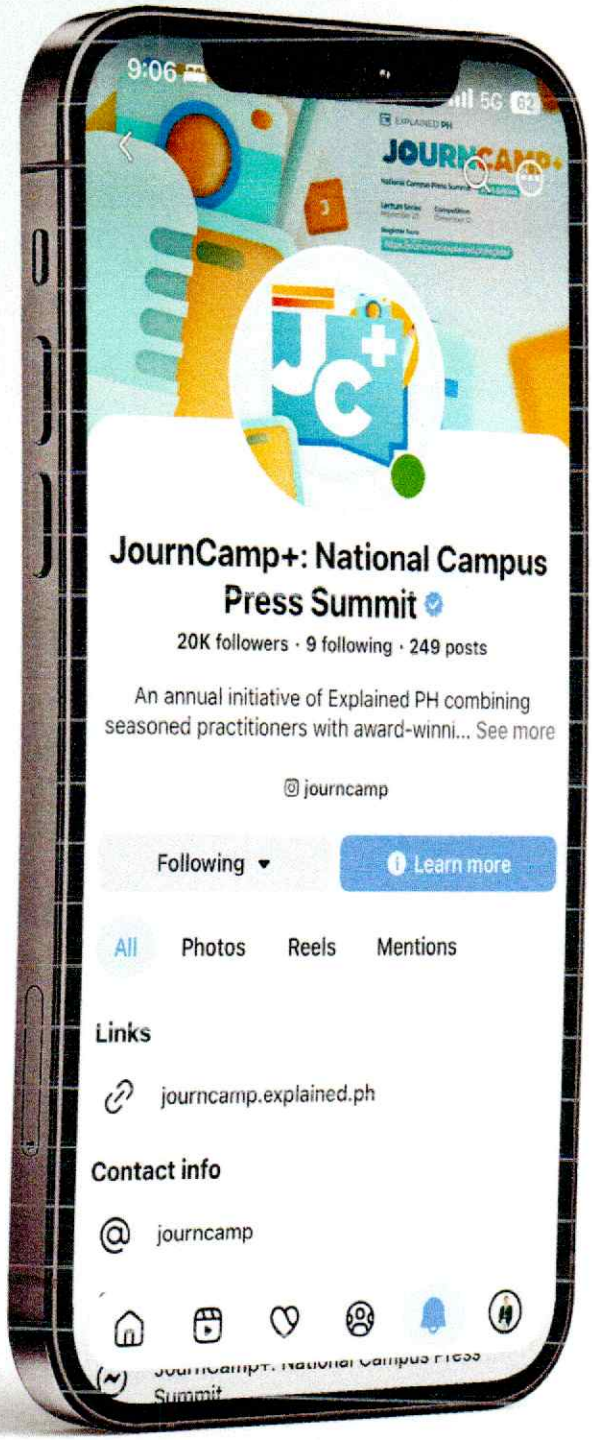
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JOURNCAMP AND JOURNCAMP+

The **Virtual Journalism Camp (JournCamp)** is an annual journalism capacity-building initiative for student journalists and campus publications across the Philippines.

JournCamp began in 2022 and has grown into a recurring platform for journalism learning. In **2025, Explained PH** introduced **JournCamp+: National Campus Press Summit**, combining lectures with a nationwide competition component.

JournCamp returns for its **fifth year in 2026.** This is the second year of JournCamp+, continuing the program's commitment to accessible journalism education while creating more ways for participants to **learn, connect, and compete.**

WHY "PLUS"?

The "Plus" represents an experience beyond stand-alone lectures: core journalism sessions, specialized learning tracks, Fireside Chats, the National Campus Press Summit, and a developing digital community platform are brought together in one program.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

JournCamp+ 2026 seeks to strengthen campus journalism through accessible training, peer connection, engagement with media practitioners, and opportunities to put learning into practice.

CAPACITY-BUILDING	Strengthen reporting, writing, editing, broadcasting, visual storytelling, and publishing skills.
COMMUNITY NETWORK	Connect campus journalists, student publications, mentors, and practitioners from across the country.
EXPERT LEARNING	Create opportunities to learn from experienced journalists, editors, and media practitioners.
SPECIALIZED DEVELOPMENT	Offer focused, interconnected sessions that go beyond the fundamentals.
MODERN JOURNALISM	Explore ethical, investigative, data-informed, digital, and public-interest reporting practices.
PRACTICAL APPLICATION	Provide a competition experience through NCPS 2026 for eligible participants.

WHAT'S NEW IN 2026?

The core lectures remain the foundation of JournCamp. This year, JournCamp+ builds on them with three new dimensions: more focused learning, more interactive conversations, and a more connected digital experience.

→ CORE LECTURES

A developing online portal for program access and community interaction, with additional engagement features planned.

→ SPECIALIZED LEARNING TRACKS

Five tracks with three individual lecture sessions each (15 separate sessions).

→ FIRESIDE CHATS

Interactive forums and conversations with practitioners and campus press leaders.

→ NCPS 2026

Nationwide campus press competitions for eligible elementary, secondary, and college participants.

→ DIGITAL PLATFORM

A developing online portal for program access and community interaction, with additional engagement features planned.

HOW IT FITS TOGETHER

Learn the fundamentals → Explore specializations → Exchange ideas → Apply your skills in competition.

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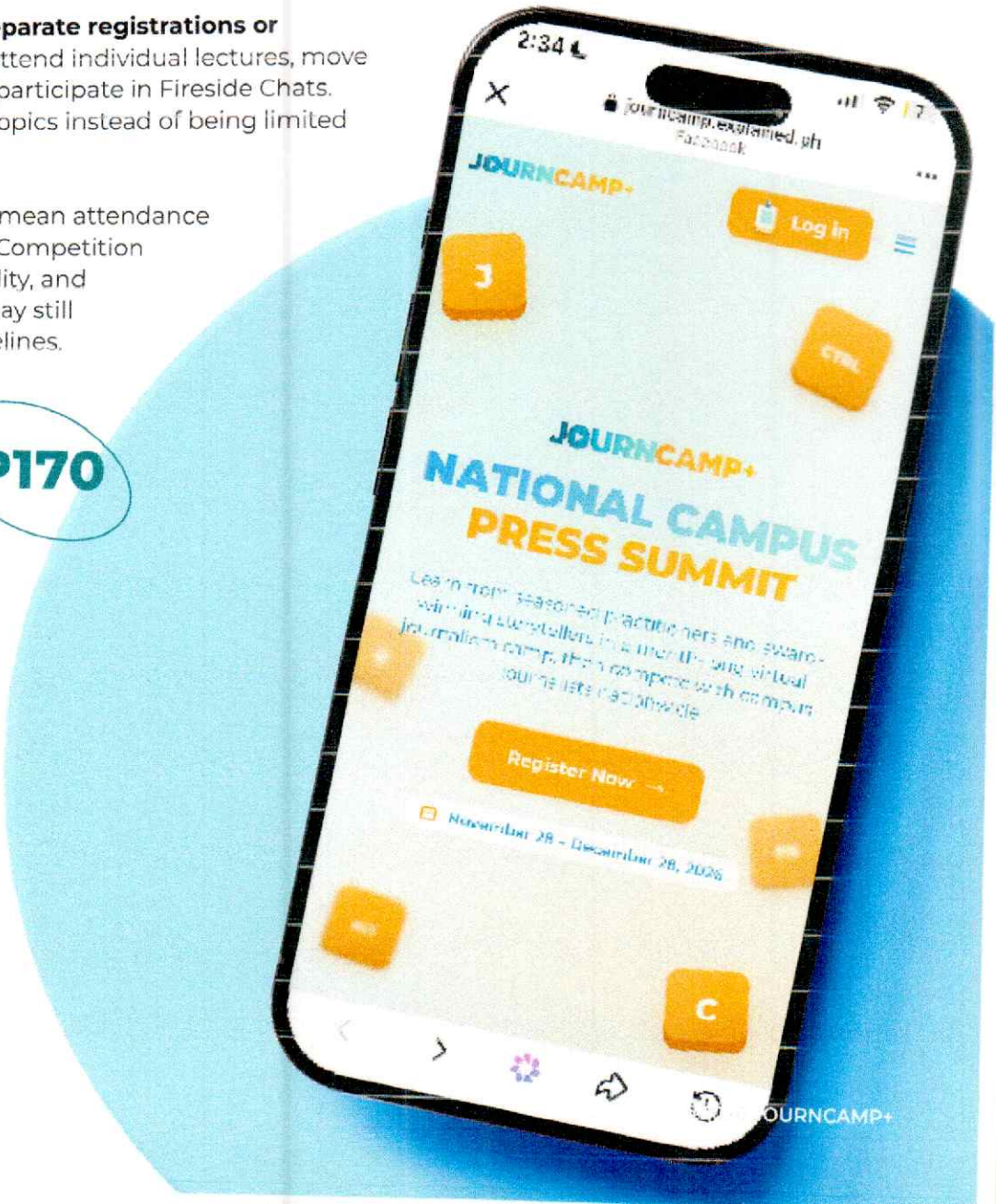
ONE REGISTRATION, THE FULL EXPERIENCE

A single JournCamp+ 2026 registration provides access to all **14 core journalism lectures, all 15 individual specialized track sessions across five tracks,** and Fireside Chats. The same registration also offers **eligibility to join NCPS 2026 competitions**, subject to applicable category rules and requirements.

Participants **do not need separate registrations or additional session fees** to attend individual lectures, move between learning tracks, or participate in Fireside Chats. They may explore multiple topics instead of being limited to a single track.

Access to sessions does not mean attendance at every session is required. Competition registration, category eligibility, and submission requirements may still apply under the NCPS guidelines.

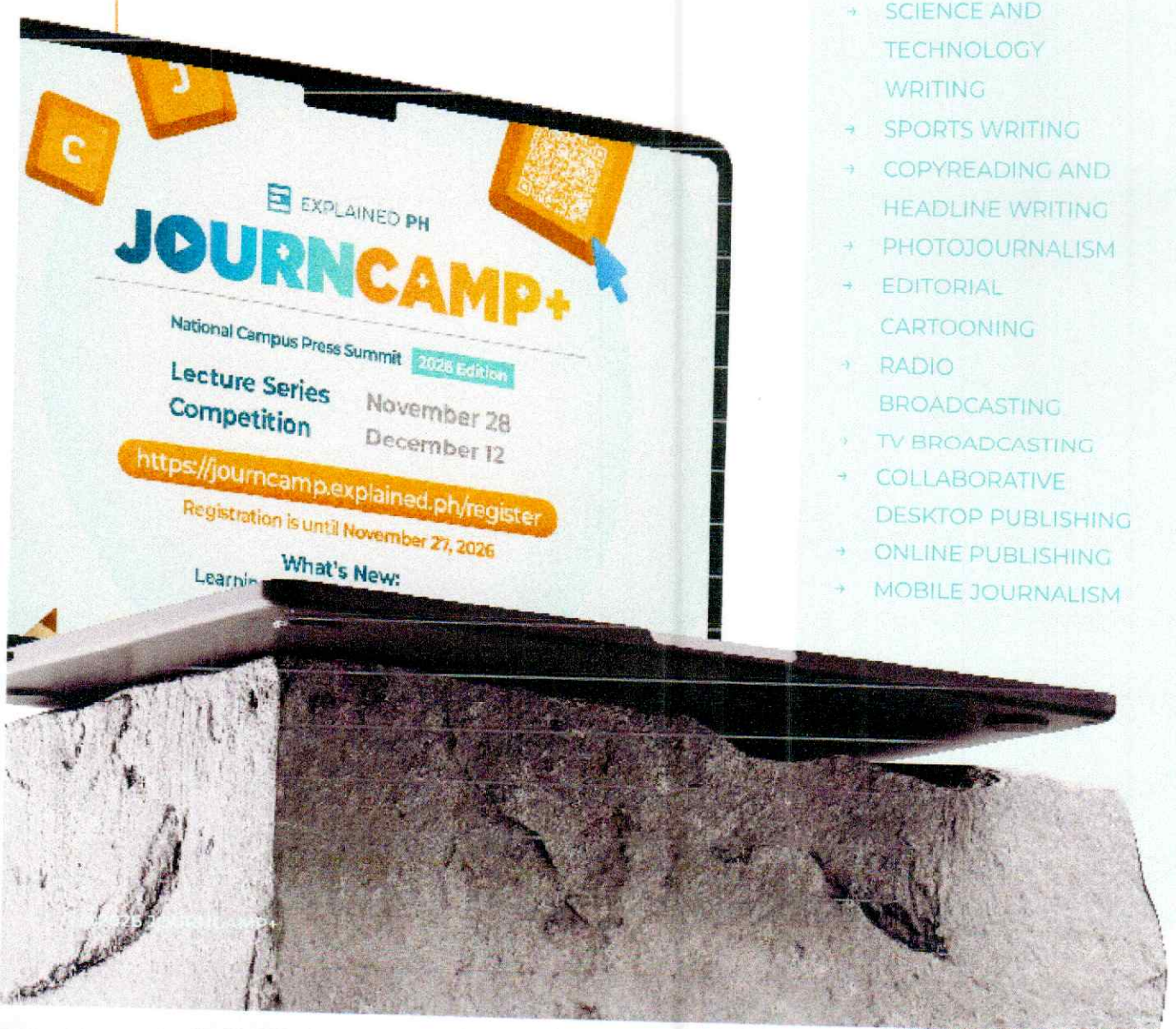
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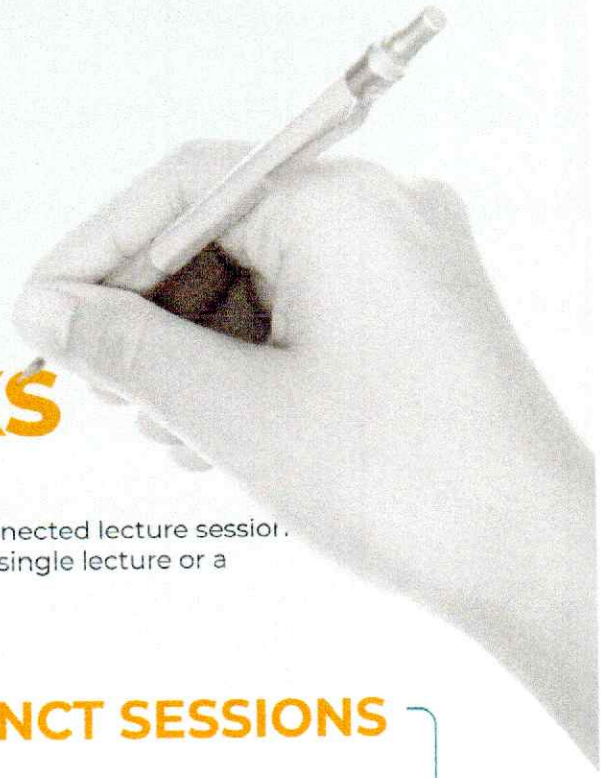


CORE JOURNALISM LECTURES

These are the retained core lecture topics for JournCamp+ 2026. Individual lecture dates and speaker assignments will be announced separately.

- NEWS WRITING
- EDITORIAL WRITING
- COLUMN WRITING
- FEATURE WRITING
- SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WRITING
- SPORTS WRITING
- COPYREADING AND HEADLINE WRITING
- PHOTOJOURNALISM
- EDITORIAL CARTOONING
- RADIO BROADCASTING
- TV BROADCASTING
- COLLABORATIVE DESKTOP PUBLISHING
- ONLINE PUBLISHING
- MOBILE JOURNALISM





UNDERSTANDING LEARNING TRACKS

A specialized learning track is a set of **THREE SEPARATE,** interconnected lecture sessions that explore one journalism field in greater depth. A track is not a single lecture or a replacement for the core lectures.

ONE TRACK = THREE DISTINCT SESSIONS

Session 1

Introduction to an area of practice

Session 2

A connected skill or approach

Session 3

Tools, applications, or a related advanced dimension.

Across JournCamp+ 2026: **FIVE tracks × THREE separate sessions = FIFTEEN specialized sessions** in addition to the FOURTEEN core lectures.

All tracks are covered by the same ₱170 registration. The listed session focuses are brief orientations, not finalized speaker syllabi.

LEARNING TRACKS 1–3

TRACK 1: INVESTIGATIVE AND ACCOUNTABILITY JOURNALISM

Session 1: Investigative Reporting — Finding questions of public importance and pursuing evidence-based reporting.
Session 2: Fact-Checking and Verification — Evaluating sources, claims, and information for accuracy.
Session 3: Open-Source Research — Responsible use of publicly available information in journalism.

TRACK 2: DATA AND DIGITAL JOURNALISM

Session 1: Data Journalism — Using datasets and numbers to identify and explain stories.
Session 2: Data Visualization and Information Design — Presenting findings in clear, accessible visual forms.
Session 3: Digital Tools for Newsrooms — Exploring tools that support reporting and publishing workflows.

TRACK 3: SPECIALIZED REPORTING

Session 1: Political and Governance Reporting — Covering policy, public institutions, and accountability.
Session 2: Climate and Disaster Reporting — Covering environmental issues and risks with context.
Session 3: Peace and Conflict-Sensitive Journalism — Reporting conflict accurately, carefully, and responsibly.

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LEARNING TRACKS 4–5

TRACK 4: EDITORIAL LEADERSHIP

Session 1: MOCJ Tips — Portfolio and interview preparation for campus journalism recognition.
Session 2: MOSPA — Understanding publication evaluation and related campus press considerations.
Session 3: The State of Campus Press Freedom — Current challenges facing campus journalism.

TRACK 5: DIGITAL PUBLISHING AND WEB JOURNALISM

Session 1: Social Media Management — Managing distribution and engagement for digital journalism.
Session 2: WordPress 101 for Campus Publications — Introducing website and content management workflows.
Session 3: Web Publishing, Layout, and Content Management — Organizing and presenting stories online.

TRACK PARTICIPATION REMINDER

Each item above is an individual lecture session.
Participants can access sessions across different tracks through their single JournCamp+ registration.

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FIRESIDE CHATS AND DIGITAL EXPERIENCE

FIRESIDE CHATS

Fireside Chats are discussion-based forums where journalists, editors, and campus press leaders share real experiences, perspectives, and lessons from the field. They complement—not replace—the formal lecture sessions.

Proposed discussion topics: Editorial Cartooning; MOCJ Experience; and How to Be an Effective Leader of Your Publication. Final titles, guests, and participation format will be announced through official channels.

JOURNCAMP+ DIGITAL PLATFORM

The dedicated digital portal is being developed as a shared space for accessing program activities and interacting with other participants. Community spaces, challenges, rewards, and other gamified experiences are planned; final functions and access instructions will be announced separately.

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THE NATIONAL CAMPUS PRESS SUMMIT

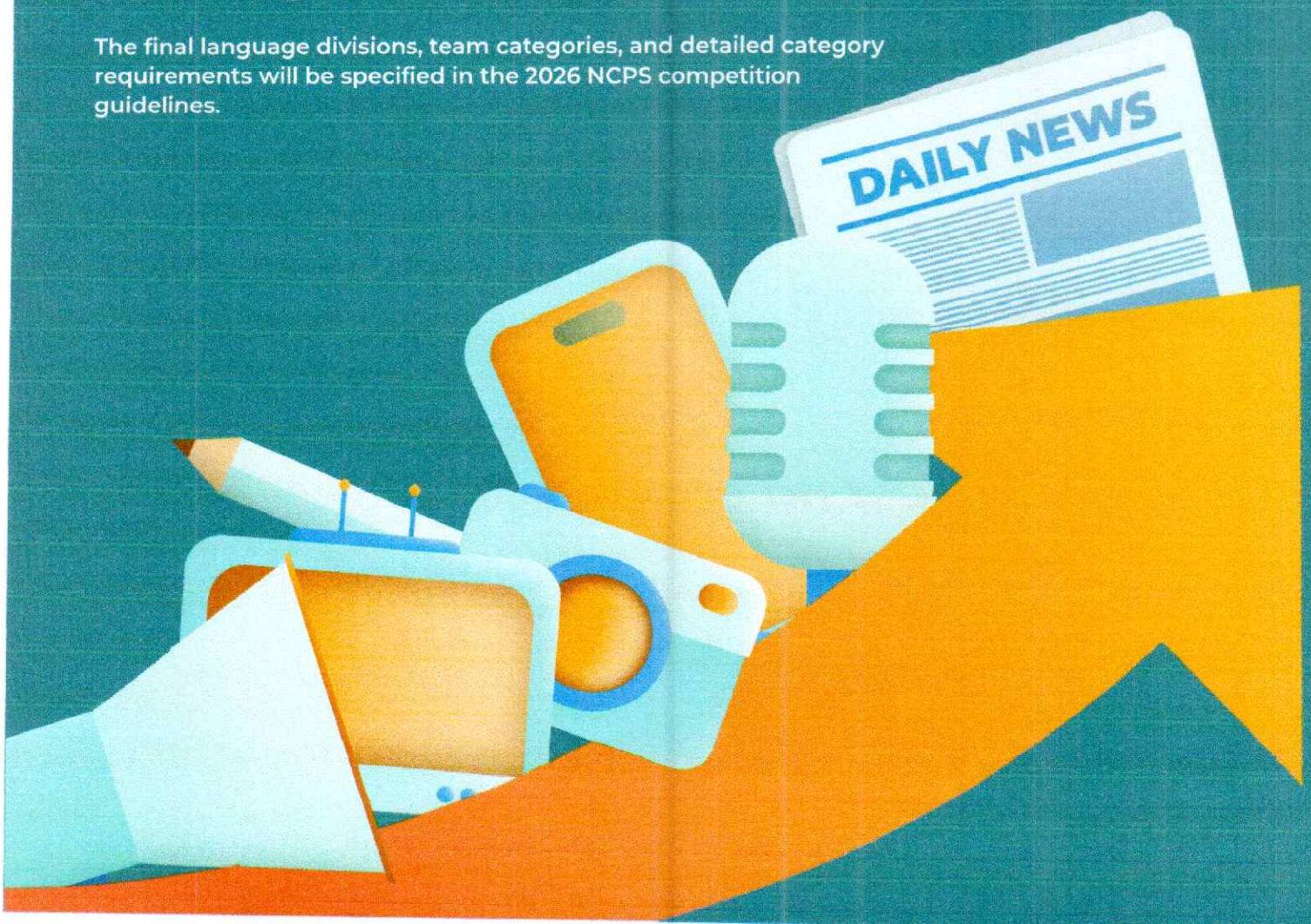
The National Campus Press Summit (NCPS) is the competition component of JournCamp+. It brings together registered campus journalists from elementary, secondary, and college levels to participate in journalism contests in an online format.
The competition is designed to simulate relevant aspects of campus press practice and offer opportunities to apply the skills explored during the camp.

Competition participation is optional. Registration for JournCamp+ provides eligibility to participate, but competition entries remain subject to category-specific requirements, mechanics, and deadlines.

COMPETITION CATEGORIES

News Writing; Editorial Writing; Column Writing; Feature Writing; Science and Technology Writing; Sports Writing; Copyreading and Headline Writing; Photojournalism; Editorial Cartooning; Radio Broadcasting; TV Broadcasting; Collaborative Desktop Publishing; Online Publishing; Mobile Journalism.

The final language divisions, team categories, and detailed category requirements will be specified in the 2026 NCPS competition guidelines.



NCPS GENERAL GUIDELINES

The following framework carries forward the main approach used in the 2025 NCPS guidelines. Category-specific rules, actual submission channels, and exact deadlines for 2026 will be released separately and take precedence.

1. Participants must be validly registered for JournCamp+ and comply with competition eligibility rules applicable to their level and category.
2. Participants may join eligible categories of their choice, subject to the final category mechanics and restrictions.
3. Competitions take place online. **Entries must be submitted in the required format,** through the designated channel, and within the published deadline.
4. Entries must comply with organizer-issued prompts, mechanics, and conditions. **Plagiarism, misrepresentation, and prohibited assistance or conduct may lead to disqualification.**
5. Judging criteria, category rules, and contest instructions will be issued by the organizers in the official 2026 guidelines.
6. Participants are encouraged to attend pre-competition orientation or briefing sessions and review official announcements for clarifications.
7. Participants must observe official rules concerning use or sharing of competition materials, confidential prompts, and unpublished instructions.
8. Awards, certificates, shipping or delivery arrangements, and other recognition details will follow the final 2026 announcements.



REGISTRATION, TERMS, AND REMINDERS

REGISTRATION FEE: ₱170

One registration covers the JournCamp+ learning program—**14 core lectures, 15 specialized track sessions, and Fireside Chats**—and provides eligibility for NCPS competition participation under the final rules.

REGISTRATION PROCESS

1. Access the official JournCamp+ registration form from the website.
2. Complete the required participant and school details accurately.
3. Follow the published payment and proof-of-payment instructions.
4. Indicate competition interest or eligible categories if requested on the current form.
5. Submit the form and check the registered email address for confirmation and further instructions.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Use truthful registration and school information. Follow announcements from official JournCamp+ channels. Do not assume the 2025 deadline, registration links, certificate timing, or submission procedures apply to 2026.

Organizers will collect information needed for registration and program administration, subject to the applicable privacy notice and data protection requirements.

Registration closing date, payment details, refunds if applicable, and other terms will follow the current official registration announcement.

JOURNCAMP+ VIRTUAL COMMUNITY GALLERY









VIRTUAL COMMUNITY HUB

Step into the vibrant virtual community hub within JournCamp+ platform! □ This Roblox-inspired community lounge isn't just about pixels; it's a dynamic space for collaboration, connection, and creating memories together.

While the virtual world is exciting, our ultimate dream is to bring this energy to life in person, fostering real-world connections.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

NOVEMBER 28	JournCamp+ 2026 Opening
NOVEMBER 28–30	Week 1 of Main Lectures
DECEMBER 1–4	Specialized Tracks 1–3 Lecture Window
DECEMBER 5–6	Week 2 of Main Lectures
DECEMBER 7–11	Specialized Tracks 4–5 Lecture Window (tentative; may move earlier)
	TO BE CONFIRMED — NCPS 2026 Opening Program Livestream, on the evening of the final Tracks 4–5 lecture day
DECEMBER 12–19	NCPS Competitions
DECEMBER 28	NCPS Awarding Ceremony

*This calendar highlights major milestones only. Individual lecture sessions, Fireside Chats, and speaker schedules will be announced separately.

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Registration and Learning

1 How do I register?

Complete the official registration form linked on journcamp.explained.ph, provide accurate participant details, follow the payment instructions, submit the required proof of payment, and watch for a confirmation email.

2 How much is registration, and what does the P170 cover?

A single ₱170 registration includes access to all 14 core lectures, 15 individual specialized track sessions under five tracks, and Fireside Chats. It also provides eligibility to enter NCPS 2026 competitions under their rules. **There is no separate session fee.**

3 Do I need to choose only one learning track

No. **Your registration gives you access to all five tracks.** Each track consists of three separate sessions, and you may explore sessions from different tracks.

4 Where will the lectures and Fireside Chats take place?

They will be offered online through the official JournCamp+ access arrangements. Instructions for the program portal, livestreams, and session access will be shared with registered participants.

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Registration and Learning

5 What if I registered but did not receive a confirmation email?

Check your inbox and spam or junk folders first. Check that the email you entered is correct; if confirmation is still missing after the announced processing period, contact **journcamp@explained.ph** with your registration details.

6 When will the final lecture schedule and speakers be announced?

The detailed schedule, speaker lineup, Fireside Chat topics, and access instructions will be posted through official JournCamp+ channels. The Dates to Remember section lists only major program milestones.

7 Will I receive certificates and lecture materials?

Participant certificates and available learning materials will follow the organizers' 2026 release arrangements. Any attendance or completion requirements, distribution dates, and availability of recordings or presentation files will be confirmed in a separate announcement.

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National Campus Press Summit (Competition/Online Press Conference)

1 Is joining the National Campus Press Summit required?

No. NCPS participation is optional. You may attend the learning activities without submitting competition entries.

2 Who can join NCPS 2026?

Registered JournCamp+ participants from elementary, secondary, and college levels may join categories for which they are eligible. The final divisions and requirements are governed by the 2026 competition guidelines.

3 Do elementary, secondary, and college participants compete against each other?

The 2025 summit used separate elementary, high school, and college divisions. The final 2026 division structure and any category-specific exceptions will be confirmed in the updated contest mechanics.

4 Is there another fee to join the competition?

No additional NCPS participation fee is planned under the ₱170 all-access registration. Participants must still comply with the applicable entry and eligibility rules.

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5 How do I register for individual or group competition categories?

The organizers will publish the 2026 competition registration and submission procedures. Where a category uses a group entry, required member details and designated submitters will be specified in its mechanics.

6 Can I compete in multiple categories?

The 2025 guidelines allowed participants to join categories of their choice. For 2026, multiple-category participation remains subject to the final eligibility rules, category restrictions, and scheduling requirements.

7 What will I need to submit?

Requirements depend on the category. Follow the official prompt, file format, naming instructions, supporting documents, and submission deadline for the category you enter. Team categories may require enrollment or member validation.

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8 Where can I see the contest prompts, judging criteria, and deadlines?

The organizers will publish official category-specific guidelines and competition instructions. Please do not rely on 2025 links, deadlines, or contest prompts for the 2026 summit.

9 What could result in disqualification?

Potential grounds include false registration information, fabricated eligibility documents, unauthorized sharing of restricted contest materials, improper conduct toward facilitators, plagiarism, or violations of the official contest rules. The 2026 guidelines will govern final decisions.

10 What will competition winners receive?

Awards, medals, certificates, recognition, and any shipping or delivery arrangements will be specified in the official 2026 awarding guidelines. Do not assume the exact 2025 awards and delivery terms remain unchanged.

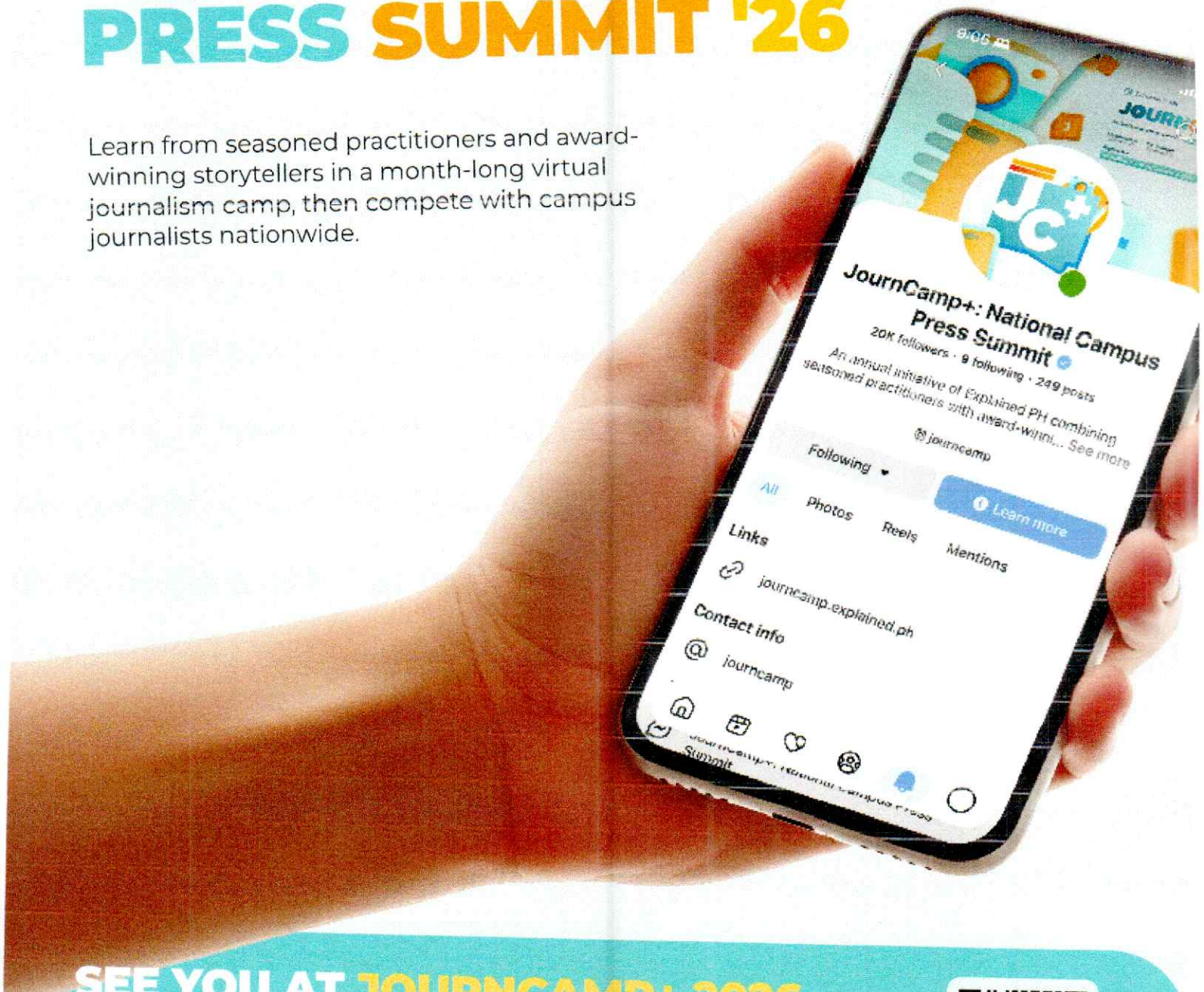
11 Where should I send questions or concerns?

Visit journcamp.explained.ph or email journcamp@explained.ph. Consult official announcements for the latest information.

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Learn from seasoned practitioners and award-winning storytellers in a month-long virtual journalism camp, then compete with campus journalists nationwide.



SEE YOU AT JOURNCAMP+ 2026

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Registration is open until November 27, 2026

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FOR QUESTIONS:
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The organizers may release updates to lecture topics, online venue details, forum topics, competition mechanics, deadlines, and participant instructions. Consult official 2026 announcements for the controlling rules.

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