



TROOP 314 NEWS

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<http://www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com>

BSA Troop 314 - Orange Frontier District
Westminster, (Midway City) California

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Scoutmaster's Corner



Scout Slogan:

"Do a good turn daily."

What good turn have you done?

Let's get our Troop out in the community
and let them know that Troop 314 does
good turns!

- **Cyrus Bess, Scoutmaster
Troop 314**

Tower above the rest!



Memorial Day Weekend

The end of the month brings us to Memorial
Day and our service to those fallen American
heroes. As in the past, we will be planting
flags for veterans at the Westminster
Cemetery, on Saturday Morning May 28th.

There is always room for our Scouts to lend a
hand. Speaking from experience, it is a
moving moment to see all those planted flags,
and the sacrifice they represent.



On Memorial Day we will meet as a Troop
and join in on the ceremony at the Cemetery.
The Troop will be presenting a wreath in
honor of our deceased veterans. Please show
your support and join us.

April 22nd to 25th Camporee

Space the Final (Orange) Frontier; Save Starfleet!

So I don't have a real write-up, but here are the pertinent facts:

We had 5 Scouts participate: Christian, Michael, Mitchell, Diego, and Ethan. All but Ethan camped both nights.

We won 3rd place in Campsite inspection. The boys took **FIRST PLACE** in the compass event, "Set Course for Starbase Alpha", which happened to be run by me and Ian and Sandra.

Our boys chose not to compete in the Golden Spoon.

As everyone should know, the youth in charge of the whole event was our very own Brandon Hight.

The Master of Ceremonies at the evening campfire was our very own Christian D. His enthusiasm was overwhelming (lots of **STALL!! FOR!! TIME!!**). Christian was also called out for the O/A, which was interesting; they were looking for him in the audience instead of onstage. Christian had to run over to the O/A escort. After the silent procession to a meeting with the O/A leaders, the decision was made **NOT** to have the candidates sleep out. Gabe B was also called out, but wasn't present. I don't know if he has decided to accept or not.

The camp was infested with earwigs, which gathered in large numbers under objects on the ground (especially EZ-Up bags!). May have been why the O/A candidates were not asked to sleep on the ground.

Hope this helps, Mr. Marubayashi



Christian at campfire



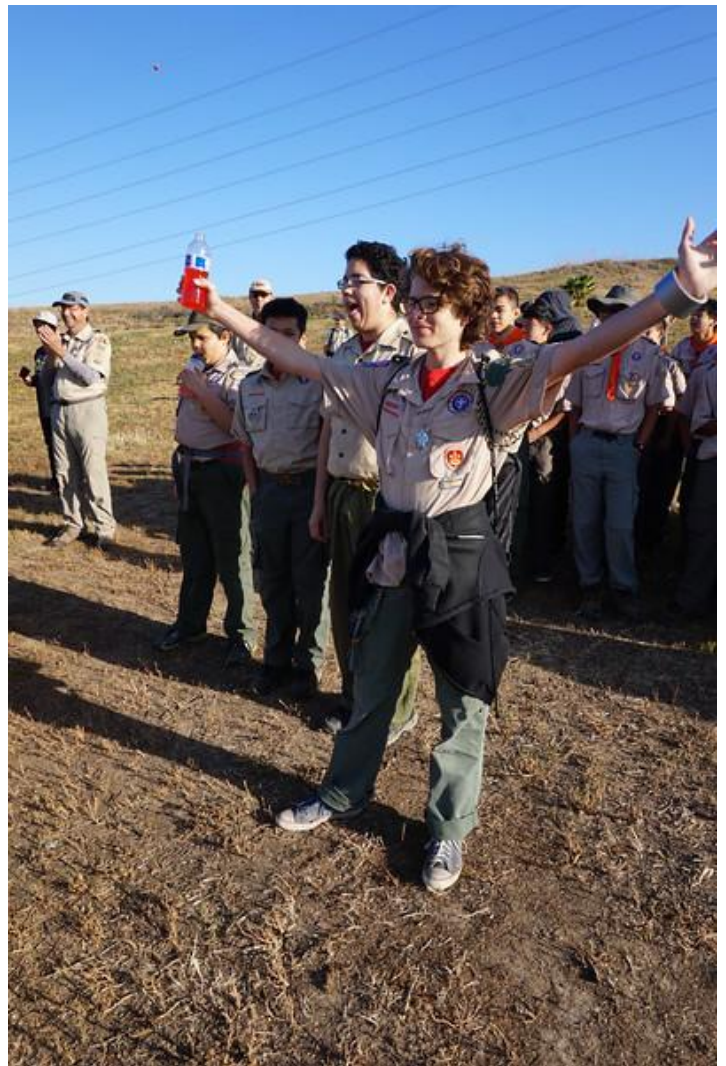
Stall for time...



Scouts waiting in line for Friday dinner.



Same 4 Scouts (Ethan didn't come until Saturday).



Don't know what's happening here. I think it was during opening flag on Saturday.



Ian helping to prepare dinner (stirring beans).

Skills night for Scout O Rama Tower Build:





Other Troop Events In April:

- Shed Cleanout and Cleanup
- Camporee Skills Practice / Overnight camp



Rank Advancement Changes

Please note that there have been several changes made to Rank Advancement requirements beginning 1/1/2016. Scouts who are still working on a rank that started in 2015 can still use the old requirements. However, Scouts who start working toward a new rank in 2016 are responsible to know and complete the revised requirements. Here is a link to the document explaining the changes:

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutRequirements_8.14.2015.pdf

Why Am I A Scout Leader

I'm not a Scout Leader for the easy hours, high pay, parents' gratitude, power or prestige. I'm a Leader because I want the world for your son and mine.

A world they can share and help shape: a world of love and laughter where they can show compassion.

I want to help them learn to finish anything they start and do it well and to guide them to know their self-worth with a deeper understanding of themselves.

I want to help shape men who have strength of character and are sensitive to the needs of others.

I want them to be the best they can be - whether as career people or tradesmen, young adults who are the hearts of the family.



In giving my time and myself I reap rewards far beyond what I give. I receive a better world for my children and future generations.

I'm a Scout Leader because I care.

Time now to register for 2017 National Jamboree.

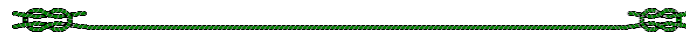
National Scout Jamboree will be held from July 19 to July 28, 2017

If you weren't able to jet over to Japan for the World Scout Jamboree 2015 - you can still attend the 2017 National Scout Jamboree right here in the U.S.! Taking place at the Summit Bechtel Reserve from July 19 through July 28 in West Virginia, plans for the 2017 Jamboree are moving fast. Stay ahead of the curve by registering to attend as a [participant](#) or [staff volunteer](#) for the 2017 National Scout Jamboree today!

To learn more about the 2017 National Scout Jamboree and the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, please visit

www.bsajamboree.org

or <https://summit.scouting.org>.



Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Christian D.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Owen M.
- Blue Phoenix Patrol Leader: Ethan T.
- Blue Phoenix Asst. Patrol Leader:
- Autobots Patrol Leader: Michael M.
- Autobots Asst. Patrol Leader:
- Scribe: Rotating Position
- Webmaster: Owen M.
- Troop Guide: Open
- Quartermaster: Mitchell L.
- Librarian: Mitchell L.
- OA Representative: Owen M.
- Chaplain's Aide:
- Historian:
- Den Chief - Christian D'A.

Patrol Advisors

Patrol Advisors help the Patrol Leader guide the patrol and improve their leadership skills.

The patrol leader should check with their advisor to plan patrol meetings and activities. If possible, the advisor should be present at patrol breakouts during the meeting to help plans go smoothly, and to oversee menus and other scout planning events.

Blue Phoenix Patrol

— Mr. M. / Mrs. Hight

AUTOBOTS

- Mr. Fieffer

TRUSTWORTHY
loyal
HELPFUL
friendly
KIND
cheerful
COURTEOUS
thrifty
brave
clean
reverent



'No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is as formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women.'

- Ronald Reagan

"It's the spirit within, not the veneer without, that makes a man."

- Lord Baden Powell

Meeting Night Patrols

Skill Patrol Leaders remember when you are planning the skills for the meeting, make sure different levels of Skills should be worked out, are appropriate to the theme, and that everyone is (and can be) involved. When possible – see if a competition or game & competition can be made out of your skills.

It's the patrol leader's responsibility to make sure they do. ***This means picking up the phone to confirm communication received and understood.***

Email or text are OK, but are not a substitute for direct bi-directional **voice** communication – a confirmed Phone message – read back of the message to ensure understanding might be good idea too.

No one in the patrol should leave until everything is cleaned up and put away, or the patrol leader releases them. **ASK YOUR PL or SPL BEFORE YOU LEAVE.**

Dutch Oven Cooking is only done during specified meetings. For example, Hot dogs and cooking are usually done when we have Webelos visit.



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OBEDIENT CHEERFUL THRIFTY BRAVE CLEAN REVERENT

ATTENTION LIFE SCOUTS on the ROAD TO EAGLE!



If you are Life Scout, or Parents, if your Scout is at Life rank - here are some useful links with downloadable documents needed for Life to Eagle Rank Advancement:

<http://www.ocbsa.org/lifetoeaglepacket/>

<http://www.ocbsa.org/advancement-documents/>

....and please be aware that "Letters of recommendation" are to be sent to Orange Frontier Advancement Chair at his home address.

You can contact Mr. Hess at 714 828 0138 or hessc41@hotmail.com

The Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to -

Be clean in my outdoor manners.

Be careful with fire.

Be considerate in the outdoors.

and

Be conservation minded



Scout Oath

***On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my
country and to obey the Scout
Law;***

To help other people at all times;

***To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake and morally
straight.***

Personal Mess kits: Troop 314 is Camping Green!

Personal Mess kits are used on 99.889 % of Troop campouts – If in doubt, buy one and bring yours!



The Troop can help you do something you always wanted to do!

**Scouts – You have the Power to
make some serious fun happen!**

Just talk to Activities Chair or Scoutmaster or your SPL to get the ball rolling on one of these great activities, and while you are at it - step up to be Scout in Charge. The Troop Committee will hook you up with the adults and resources to make it happen!

**Activities are only limited by your
imagination:**

Archery

Deep Sea Fishing - boat Trip

Ocean fishing – Pier trip / Surf fishing.

Beach party / Annual Homework Burn

Bonfire (June)

Bowling

Go Cart Racing (Family)

Hiking Trips

Backpacking - Hike in and out.

Camp in wilderness.

Snow Day – Grassy Hollow Visitors

Center – Out of Wrightwood.

Ski / Snowboard Trip

Laser Tag (Family)

Air Soft Games (Family)

Paint Ball / Airsoft (Family)
Shooting Range
BLM land / Calico Ghost Town - Desert
Shoot – Rifles / Pistols (Family event)
Rock climbing - Indoor walls or natural
 climbs work - we have BSA Climb
 Instructors and our own climb gear!
Attend a Baseball Game
Gold Prospecting / Gold Camp
Swim – Pool / Ocean Laguna Beach Trip
Scuba Instruction
Snorkeling / Beach Trip
White water rafting
Canoe River Trip
Annual Mistletoe Trip
Annual Homework Burn!
 Usually June at Bolsa Chica State beach
Kayaking
Picnic / BBQ



Order of the Arrow
Wiatava Lodge (#39)
Santee Chapter News



OA Santee Chapter Meeting - Chapter
 Meetings are held on every 3rd Thursday of
 the month at 7:00pm at Holy Cross
 Lutheran Church



<http://www.ocbsa.org/resources/order-of-the-arrow/>

Troop elections

Elections are right around the corner in June!

If you have an interest or need a
 leadership position, for advancement, it is
 time to think about what you would like to
 do. There are many points to consider
 when deciding the position you would like
 to hold. Do your research, make
 sure you have the extra time to do it
 right and maybe speak with the
 Scout that currently holds that
 position.



**Get Your Calendars
and mark these dates!**

T314 EVENTS FOR May 2016:

3rd Patrol Leadership Council

5th Exec. Meeting.

**6th Tower build on Friday
afternoon / evening**

**7th Saturday, Scout O Rama
9AM to 4PM**

10th Regular Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM
Scoutmaster Meetings

**12th Orange Frontier
District Scouters'
Roundtable**
7 PM at LDS Church 4000
Orange Ave., Anaheim (2nd
Thursday of each month)



**31st Rock
Climbing
(indoors) at
Hanger 18**



**6PM to 8 PM
2599 East
Willow Street, Signal Hill**

**17th Regular Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM**
Board of Review night
(Contact Mrs. Bess. To set one up!)

19th OA Meeting

**24th Regular Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM**
Tower building skills night

**29th Flag Planting at Westminster
Memorial Park Starts 8AM Class
As please.**

**30th Memorial Day
Ceremony
and wreath
presentation**



**Begins at 11
AM at
Westminster Memorial Park.
(Meet in the park by 10:45 – Class
As)**

**As ever, Pack 314 - and any
Cub Scouts and Parents are
welcome to attend any
meeting night as our guests!**

Troop 314 Meeting Notes

- Executive Committee Meeting is usually now on the Wednesday Following JLC. Still starts at 7 PM.
- First meeting Month is now time for Committee Chair Parents Meeting.
- The Second Tuesday is usual time for Scoutmaster Conferences.
- The Third Tuesday meeting includes Board of Reviews for Rank Advancement when not a COH.
- Fourth Tuesday could be for Patrol meetings if you are able to get the Scoutmaster to come early or close late.
- No meetings are usually held on 5th Tuesday. These are saved for Fundraisers e.g.: Dinners.

Court of Honor is held 4 times a year, every three months – usually the last Scout meeting of month (except December).

In **March** and **September COH** Scouts are honored for their rank advancements with a candle lighting ceremony and parents are given pins. This tends to be a long ceremony, so no dinners.

In **June** and **December**, our **COH** does not have candles and rank advancement pins for parents, but we add a potluck dinner in June – (Optional potluck in Dec.).

June 9th THURSDAY Exec Council Meeting at Post 555 19:00 hours

July 25th to 29th Volunteer opportunities at Cub Scout Evening camp in Los Alamitos.

**July Mount Whitney Adventure
Contact Mr. M for details**

August Summer Camp

August American Legion Camporee



UPCOMING EVENTS!

(Yet unplanned) June Beach Party and Homework Burn

June 4th (Saturday) Ian M's Eagle Court of Honor 12 to 5.



June 7th Tuesday Patrol Leaders Council at 18:30 hours at American Legion Post 555

TROOP 314 WEBSITE URL is:

www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com

FYI - A Google search of “BSA Troop 314” gets you this link:

Boy Scout Troop 314 (Midway City, California) Homepage
www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com/

You have found the home page of. **Troop 314** of. Midway City, California. Sponsored by. American Legion Albert E. Schwab Post 555. 14582 Beach Blvd.



BSA Fleur-de-lis

The Boy Scout Emblem Explained



1 The three points of the trefoil stand for the three parts of the Scout Oath.

2 The shape of the Scout badge means that a Scout can point the right way in life as truly as does a compass in the field.

3 There are two stars on the badge. They symbolize truth and knowledge.

4 The eagle and shield stand for freedom and a Scout's readiness to defend that freedom.

5 The scroll bearing the Scout motto is turned up at the ends as a reminder that a Scout smiles as he does his duty.

6 The knot at the bottom of the scroll serves as a reminder of the Scout slogan, Do a Good Turn Daily.

Origin of the World Scouting Symbol "Fleur-de-Lis"

In Scouting's early years, critics accused Baden-Powell of trying to turn boys into soldiers, holding up as evidence the Scout symbol, which they called "a spear-head, the emblem of battle and bloodshed".

The Founder quickly replied, The crest is the "Fleur-de-Lis", a lily, the emblem of peace and purity.

In truth, he had chosen as Scouting's emblem the sign for the North Point, universally shown on maps, charts and compass cards, because "it points in the right direction (and upwards), turning neither to the right nor left, since these lead backward again..." Lady Baden-Powell added later, "It shows the true way to go."

Baden-Powell explained the origins of this sign. In the Middle Ages, mariner Flavio Gioja designed it to make the seaman's compass more reliable. In Italian, North was "Tramontana". Gioja used a capital "T" to mark it, and in deference to King Charles of Naples, whose crest was the Fleur-de-Lis, combined the letter with that emblem.



To explain the meaning of the Scout emblem, Baden-Powell said, "The two stars on the two side arms stand for the two eyes of the Wolf Cub having been opened before he became a Scout... The three points of the Fleur-de-Lis remind the Scout of the three points of the Scout's Promise..."



In the World Scout emblem, the Fleur-de-Lis is surrounded by a circle of rope tied with a reef knot to symbolize the strength and unity of the world brotherhood of Scouting: "Even as one cannot undo a reef knot, no matter how hard one pulls on it, so as it expands, the movement remains united."

The three tips of the Fleur-de-Lis represent the three main parts of the Scout promise: duty to God, obedience to the Scout Law, and service to others.



The two five-point stars stand for truth and knowledge, and the 10 points on the stars remind us of the 10 points of the Scout law. The ring holding the emblem together represents the bond of brotherhood. The symbol is white on a royal purple background, colors Baden-Powell chose because, in heraldry, white stands for purity and purple for leadership and helping others.

Since Scouting began, over 200 million Scouts have worn the Scout symbol, making it one of the more highly recognized emblems in the world. Today, over 150 World Scouting countries and territories, more than 16 million members continue to wear it with pride.

Tour and Activity Plans – Online

Council will no longer readily accept emailed, faxed or walked in Tour and Activity Plans. They want them on line. Sign into MyScouting.org.

Online, you no longer have to collect signatures. Complete the plan and certify that any missing requirements will be completed before the trip begins. When you submit, an email will be sent to your council, chartered organization, committee chair, and designated emergency contact.

Hall Use at American Legion Post 555

If you would like to have an event at the Post – from a training day, a car wash or an Eagle Court of Honor, please e-mail Mrs. Daly early at dalyracing@verizon.net to confirm the hall is available and to make reservations.

Mrs. Daly is our troop Chartered Organization Rep. She is also a member of the Women's Auxiliary of Post 555. Her phone is (714) 785-0314 for any follow up that is needed.

Memorial Day is a federal holiday observed annually in the United States on the last Monday of May.

Formerly known as Decoration Day, it originated after the American Civil War to commemorate the fallen Union soldiers of the Civil War. (Southern ladies organizations and southern schoolchildren had decorated Confederate graves in Richmond and other cities during the Civil War, but each region had its own date. Most dates were in May.)

By the 20th century Memorial Day had been extended to honor all Americans who have died in all wars. Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving in the United



States Armed Forces. As a marker it typically marks the start of the summer vacation season, while Labor Day marks its end.

By the early 20th century, Memorial Day was an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as people visited the graves of their deceased relatives in church cemeteries, whether they had served in the military or not. It also became a long weekend increasingly, devoted to shopping, picnics, fireworks, trips to the beach, and national media events such as the Indianapolis 500 auto race, held since 1911 on the Sunday of Memorial Day weekend.

Chaplain's Aide's Wisdom of the month:

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

Psalms 33:12 KJV



Newport Sea Base



SUMMER CAMP!

All BOYS & GIRLS Welcome!

Ages 6 - 17

Summer Camp at Newport Sea Base:

- Learn a new skill!
- Have FUN!
- Earn badges!
- Scouts and non-Scouts welcome!



SUMMER 2016 CLASS SCHEDULE

Week A: June 20 - June 24 (Squids/JAC/Sailing 1 only)
Week 1: June 27 - July 1
Week 2: July 5 - July 8 (Tuesday - Friday)*
Week 3: July 11 - July 15
Week 4: July 18 - July 22
Week 5: July 25 - July 29
Week 6: August 1 - August 5
Week 7: August 8 - August 12
Week 8: August 15 - August 19
Week Z: August 22-August 26 (Squids/JAC/Sailing 1 only)

For complete program information and to sign up for classes, please refer to our homepage:
www.newportseabase.org

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<http://www.longbeachbsa.org/SeaBase/Camp>

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“Never do for a boy what a boy can do for himself.” - Lord Baden Powell





Memorial
Day
Never Forget
Ever Honor

TROOP 314:

TOWER ABOVE THE REST!

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