



TROOP 314 NEWS

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

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August 6th Gabe B. Eagle Scout Project Pictures:



August 7th Through 13th Summer Camp @ Emerald Bay

For summer camp 2016, Troop 314 went offshore to Camp Emerald Bay on Catalina Island. We were last here in 2012, but we had a larger group then. This year we had 5 scouts and two adults, Mrs. Knighton and Mr. M.



On the boat to Catalina.

A total of 19 merit badges were earned by the boys (no partials!), but that only paints part of the picture. We also had several cool activities, either with other troops or on our own, that helped solidify our group.



Swim Check with Sun!

These special activities included:

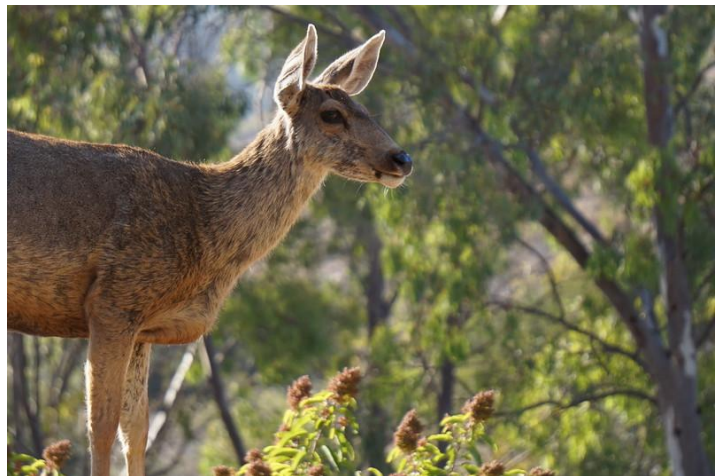
Monday - Troop bike ride to Inspiration Point Cooked dinner on the beach, Doctors Cove



Tuesday - Troop hike after dinner

Thursday - Paddled "War Canoes" to Parsons Landing and spent the night.

Saturday - Hiked to Silver Peak before leaving the island.



Deer in Camp.

Besides merit badges, the boys worked on other achievements. Diego got his Totin' Chip and the Scouting Values Award (a camp-specific award), and our campsite, though it was shared with a troop from Las Vegas, earned the Gold Level Standard. Great job, Scouts!



Swim check for sailors.

At each meal, one of the scouts would have to go early to set up, and to help clean up afterward; they were called "waiters". What a great idea!

Our troop "ranger" was Nick, and he was great. He led us on all our special activities, and was totally open to our requests and understanding when we had to change our plans.



Owen Sailing



Building Beach Shelters



Diego canoeing.



Dinner prep. at Parsons Landing



The wildlife was all around us. As usual, there were deer all over the place, and during the night they would enter our actual campsite, and forage for food between our tents. On Monday night, I

woke up to the sound of something rummaging through stuff on the table, and found two foxes in camp! I had to shoo them away. One morning we actually had a bison nearby, checking us out! But he ambled off when the scouts started taking pictures -- shy, I guess. And on Tuesday when I was watching the waterfront activities, I saw a good-size Leopard Shark swimming in the shallows; he swam right through the swim area, which was not in use at the time, but nobody else saw it. Mind you, Leopard Sharks are harmless but beautiful.

The boys who were doing shooting sports were quite impressive! Christian finished his qualifying rounds for Shotgun merit badge by Wednesday, getting 24 hits in one session! Mitchell, working on Rifle Shooting merit badge, had 4 of 5 qualifying rounds (5 shots in a quarter-size group) also by Wednesday.

Wednesday's scout-entertained campfire ran way overtime (due to long skits), so the star hike that followed (Owen was working on Astronomy) was rather late and had to be shortened. Still, it was fun. By the way, the campfire was briefly interrupted twice, once by a deer, and once by a fox!

On our War Canoe outing, we had one canoe for all of us -- imagine, the whole troop in one canoe! But it was more than big enough, and we had a good time paddling to and from Parsons Landing. On the way, we saw sea lions and dolphins.

While on Parsons Landing Beach, Ethan and Diego build survival shelters for their Wilderness Survival Merit Badge, and

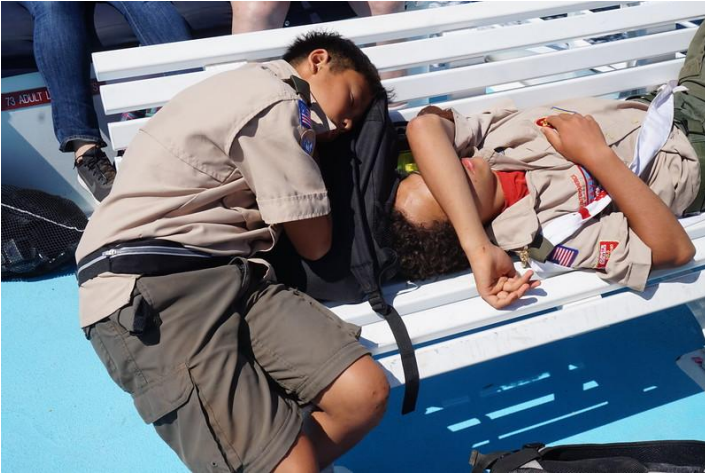
both passed inspection. Then they had to spend the night in them. Also while at Parsons landing, we did snorkeling (great cave!) and a vigorous hike. We made a dutch oven stew and peach cobbler for dinner, which was delicious.

On Friday, after returning to Emerald Bay, Owen went to the rifle range to complete his merit badge, and shot 4 qualifying rounds in a row, completing the task!



Ethan swimming

Saturday morning the entire troop got up in time to do the hike to Silver Peak, for which we had to meet up at 3:15! The hike went well, but I'd forgotten just how steep it was. It was only a couple miles long, but the elevation gain was 1800 feet; some parts could not be any steeper without being considered a Class 4 climb! The boys made it 95% of the way to the peak, but then found a nice level viewpoint that they declared to be their turnaround point. While they rested there, Mrs. Knighton and I continued to the peak in time to view the sunrise. We got back to camp a little later than we were supposed to, to prepare for our departure, but it wasn't a problem. We had our breakfast and boarded, and had a pleasant trip back.



Boat ride home.



Post 555 Support – Aug 6th and 20th

Dishwashing and table busing were performed by Viet, Long and Ethan.



August 27th, Stargazing Camp

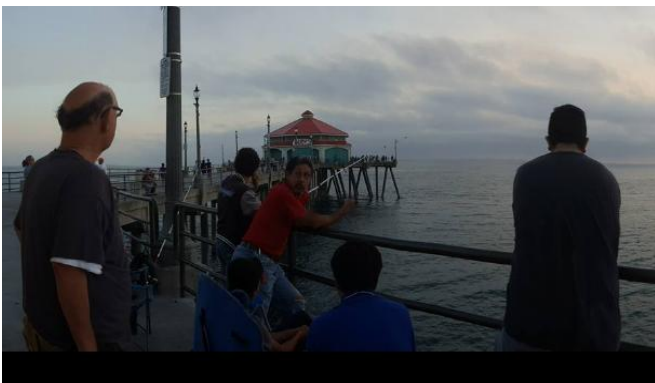
In what was probably one of the lowest-key campouts we've had in some time, 2 Scouts and 2 adults went to Crystal Lake Recreation Area in the San Gabriel Mountains to do a little stargazing on August 27; Owen, Christian, Mrs. K, and Mr. M.

Besides the stargazing, we did learn a little about which campsites we prefer at Crystal Lake -- the upper ones are farthest from town and get the least traffic, so the night was pleasantly quiet.

We roasted tarantulas for dinner, nice and crunchy -- haha, just kidding -- we had burgers for dinner and roasted marshmallows afterward. It was a nice, short campout, but next time we hope to get a better turnout, and do some hiking.

I didn't get any photos. -- Mr. M.

August 30th fishing at Huntington Beach Pier.



August 6th Elijah B. Eagle BOR.

Stay tuned for more info.



Tim Dusina is the new Commander of Our Sponors, AL Post 555.

The First Vice Commander is Adam Crawford

When you see Tim or Adam please remember to thank them for their generous support!

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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

Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Owen M.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Christian D'A.
- Scribe: Martin L.
- Webmaster: Owen M.
- 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.

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.

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

- Lord Baden Powell



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/>



Get Your Calendars and mark these dates!

T314 EVENTS FOR September:

6nd Patrol Leadership Council

8th Orange Frontier District
 Scouters'
 Roundtable

7 PM at LDS Church
 4000 Orange Ave.,
 Anaheim (2nd Thursday each month)



10th Sat. Kayaking - DONE !



11th September Patriots Day

REMEMBER • REFLECT • HONOR

13th Regular Troop 314 Meeting
 American Legion Post 555
 Starting at 6:30PM

15th OA Meeting

7:00pm at Holy Cross Lutheran Church .

20th Regular Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM
Recycling info and Popcorn Kickoff.

23rd to 25th OA Ordeal

24th Movie Night Camp and Cooking merit badge.

27th Eagle Court of Honor
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM

Potluck and Candle lighting Ceremony. Eating Buffett style
Scouts eat with Families.

As ever, 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.).

UPCOMING EVENTS!

October 2nd Annual Planning meeting

4th PLC

October 14, 15 and 16th Camp and Climb at Joshua Tree.

October 25 Annual Cub Scout Halloween Party



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www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com

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.



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.



New Advancement & Blue Card Procedures

Effective immediately, the Scout Shop will not be collecting Merit Badge Blue Cards to sell Merit Badges. The MB Blue Card tears into three parts. One part is to remain with the applicant, one part is to remain with the counselor, and one part is to remain with the unit.

The only item needed to present at the Scout Shop to purchase Merit Badges and Rank Advancement (for all Cub Scout thru Life ranks, including Venturing and SeaScouting) is a printed and completed copy of the unit advancement report, as we are doing now. The Scout Shop will no longer require that a copy of the advancement report be turned in. A unit will now only need to present one copy of the Internet Advancement Report to purchase rank and Merit Badge Advancements for verification. Once the Scout Shop has reviewed the report, it will be returned back to the unit.

Eagle Scout Advancement reports will still need to be turned in to the registration department for processing, until such time as the online system can accommodate Eagle Scout advancements in the same way other advancements are accommodated.

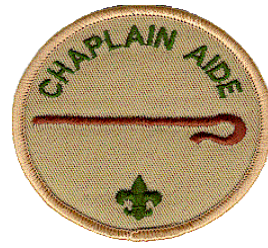


Hall Use at American Legion Post 555

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.

Chaplain's Aide's Wisdom of the month:



A Scout is Trustworthy.

"For we take thought beforehand and aim to be honest and absolutely above suspicion not only in the sight of God but also in the sight of men."

(2 Corinthians 8:21)



We will never forget.

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



TROOP 314:

TOWER ABOVE THE REST!

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send me a note at T314news@live.com -Thanks, Mr. Pearson

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