



# TROOP 314 NEWS

January 2013 AD Edition

*BSA Troop 314 / Orange Frontier District  
Westminster California*

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## Scoutmaster's Corner

### Welcome to 2013, everybody!

I trust everyone had a good holiday season and a Happy New Year.

We have a new crew of youth leaders, and I'm confident that they will all do a good job. In fact, the Patrols have been "restacked", and there are now four, counting the new Scout Patrol.

This means that each patrol will have to decide on a patrol name. However, if the majority of the patrol members are from the same previous patrol, there is nothing wrong with choosing that patrol name so that only a few of them have to get new shoulder patches. It is also okay to choose a completely new name, even one that will require custom patches! Just remember that the patrol name has to be approved by me and the committee chair, so nothing inappropriate, please.

As of this writing, Peter M is part way through his Eagle project, which is great! He has been working furiously because he doesn't have a lot of time. We all wish him luck in making Scouting's highest rank.

Eden B is also about to begin his Eagle project at the Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge, and will also need team members for his fundraiser as well as his project. Nobody gets to Eagle on his own, and having a supportive troop is key.

Next month we will be taking a canoe trip on the Colorado River! Although the itinerary has not yet been set, it will take place over the President's Day weekend. It will involve at least 2 nights camping,



and will be a great opportunity for anyone working on the Camping Merit Badge to not only rack up more nights camping, but also complete requirement 9b4 (the nonmotorized boat trip).

If we choose to, we may also work in a tour of Hoover Dam, or explore some lava tubes. I hope we get a good turnout, because this kind of adventure has "scouting" written all over it! Watch for the signup sheet at the troop meetings, or contact me directly.

As always happens in the early spring, we have to start thinking about Camporee as well. This year's event will take place April 19-21 at Firestone Scout Reservation (Brea). The Patrols will need to have a patrol flag, yell, and song, so get those creative juices flowing! And the usual scout skills will undoubtedly be tested, so brush up on your knots, map & compass, first aid, and fire building!

And if you're really motivated, practice your archery, which can be done at El Dorado Park on Saturdays (see [www.eldoradoarchers.com/instruction.html](http://www.eldoradoarchers.com/instruction.html)).

See you all next meeting!

Yours in Scouting,

Richard Marubayashi, Scoutmaster



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## SPL Corner

Well we have a brand new year, a new set of leaders, and new expectations from said leaders.

I don't know about my ASPL and I, but I do expect the new patrol leaders to have at least one patrol meeting soon.

I expect this to be an entertaining next 6 months this is your SPL signing off, Brandon H.



### From the Chairman:

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy Holy Day and Holiday season and Happy New Year.

A recent focus by myself and Mr. Gray, who now leads The Road to Eagle Program, has been the new Eagle Scout project form. It has taken us a bit of time and learning to align ourselves to the new approach, but I am happy to report that Eden B and Peter M are now approved for their projects. Peter has actually started his project as he is on a short timeline. Eden will be presenting his approved project to the Troop and asking for volunteers. Please support both of them.

I want to congratulate Mr. Vu Tran for completing the necessary training to be an Assistant Scoutmaster. He will continue to support and coordinate Recruitment activities. Regarding training, there is an excellent opportunity for training on Feb 2, called the University of Scouting to be held at Santa Ana College. This one day event offers many valuable courses. See the article in this newsletter for details.

I also wish to announce that Cub Scout Pack 314 is now sponsored by American Legion Post 555. Mrs. Daly, our Institutional Representative for all units sponsored by the Post, worked hard to make this happen. The Pack will still meet at Eastwood School. We intend to strengthen our relationship with them by consistently providing Den Chiefs and to look for other opportunities to combined events.

We are still finalizing our plans for summer camp. A goal this year to look for a more affordable camp to take a breather from the very fun, fruitful, but expensive Emerald Bay adventure last Summer.

We will have a Parent's Meeting February 22 to discuss various issues and updates.

Mr. Hitlon, Committee Chair



## December 17<sup>th</sup> Viet T.'s Bridging Ceremony from Webelos Pack 314 to Troop 314.

Welcome to our newest Scout, Viet T.

Viet comes to the Troop with his Arrow of Light via Pack 314. His father Vu is now proud Dad of two Troop 314 Scouts!



Viet T. is welcomed across the Webelos Bridge to join Troop 314 by Scoutmaster, Mr. Marubayashi, our new SPL Brandon H., Life Scout Dan S. and his brother Long T.



Viet T. joins Troop 314 with his Arrow of Light. Good job!





Mom joins in the photo.



**December 18<sup>th</sup> Troop 314 Celebrates the holidays with a Court Of Honor and Social Advancement and New Officer Installation**



Ian M. is sworn in as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.



Brandon H. accepts reins of leadership as our New Senior Patrol Leader with a smile.



Erik V. and Long T. become our new Patrol Leaders



Alex. B. Quartermaster, Jon F. Historian, David V. Librarian, Noel J. Troop Guide get sworn in at the Troop 314 flag by Robert P. outgoing SPL and Brandon H. our new SPL.



*Not sure what we all were doing here, but almost every Scout was up for recognition!*



Mr. M., Scoutmaster explains something of interest to Andrew M. - a Merit Badge? ...as Robert P. outgoing SPL looks on

Sorry Parents! - I did not get good pictures of all the scouts receiving advancement and awards, nor could I keep track of them all - but on the plus side we will have a candle lighting ceremony for Rank Advancements in the March COH. – Editor.



## **Mistletoe Collection and Sales Saturday December 8<sup>th</sup> – Big Success!**

This year we went up Hwy 39 up to the Crystal Lake Recreation Area. All new road in the final stretch – this area was cut off from civilization for some 9 years due to fire.

There is a nice little Crystal Lake Cafe and Trading Post (626-910-1029) where we enjoyed some breakfast and lunch. The place is run by Adam Samrah – though technically you can pay cash only, turns out Adam lets no one go away hungry - he lets you mail in a check for our food when you get back home!



Usual Suspects, different scenery







**Scouts Ian, Owen and Robert – Yup It's cold out here**

Adam also has some cabins to rent out for those who do not like the crowds in other mountain locations.



**Smiles all around as Adam hands Robert a hot bowl full of his home made Chili, topped with cheese**

We found a huge amount of good looking Mistletoe that was within easy reach. We packed it in bags with ribbon at the post – (looked good enough for girl scouts) and then collected quite a nice pile of cash donations later that day at Ralphs in Huntington Beach.

It was nice spreading holiday Spirit too – we gave away a lot of free Mistletoe, which confused a lot of people - so that was fun.

This was just a great day with time well spent. We could raise a lot of money for Troop if expanded this to 3 weekends in December!

## 2 ¢ From the Treasurer(s):

**Dues, Due again!** Dues total of \$160.00 is broken into 4 payments of \$40.00 each due on the following dates:

October 9th, 2012 - ~~First~~ **Installment**

November 13th, 2012 - ~~Second~~ **Installment**

December 11th, 2012 - ~~Third~~ **Installment**

**January 15th, 2013 - Last Installment**

- Co Treasurers, Nebu John and Lisa Gray



## Colorado River Multiday Trip - Presidents Day Weekend 2013 16,17&18 Feb. 2013

By now many of you have heard that Mr. Fieffer, Mr. M and Mr. Hallman are organizing a troop trip on the Colorado River, launching out of the Needles area.

We would bring our tents, gear and food, the outfitters would get us kayaks /and or Canoes and back to base after our trip – the total cost is about \$120 per person.

## Merit Badge Counselor Annual Renewal

OF District has asked that we update our Merit Badge Counselor list. All MBCs have been issued a renewal form. If you have not returned the form to me, please do so ASAP. If you do not turn in the form and take the required trainings, I will have to drop you from the MBC list. The updated list is due at the end of the month. Please turn your forms in today.

If you would like to sign up for more Merit Badges or would like to apply to be a first time Merit Badge Counselor, please see me for forms.

Thank you.

Mrs. Dantas  
Advancement Chair



## SCOUTStrong PALA Challenge

One of the fitness requirements for the 2013 Journey to Excellence is that all registered Scouts and Scouters participate in the SCOUTStrong PALA Challenge. PALA stands for **P**residential **A**ctive **L**ifestyle **A**ward.

To earn the SCOUTStrong PALA Challenge award, a participant is required to meet a daily activity goal of 30 minutes a day for adults and 60 minutes a day for youth under 18 for at least five days a week, for a total of six weeks. Each week, the participant will choose a Healthy Eating goal for the week.

Participants can take up to eight weeks to complete the program. The participant picks their activities as they strive to reach their goal, logging their physical activity along the way. Participants can enroll and track their progress either online with a free Online Activity Tracker or on a paper Log.

Since this challenge needs to be completed in 6 out of 8 weeks, I suggest starting your Activity Log after the holidays when scouts return to school. That way, most scouts will be able to count their daily PE class. Upon completion, please print and turn in your completion certificate (for online participants) or turn in your paper Activity Log so we can track which troop members have completed the PALA and issue awards.

For more information about SCOUTStrong PALA, please go to:

<http://www.scouting.org/SCOUTStrongPALA.aspx>.

Mrs. Dantas  
Advancement Chair

## Up Coming Service Projects and a Service Opportunity at Joint Forces Base

1) First Saturday Stewartship - Saturday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> 9:30 to Noon @ El Dorado Park Nature Center.

- Wear your class B shirt and work pants and closed-toed shoes. Bring gloves if you have them. Bring a sack lunch and a water bottle and we can stay for a picnic afterwards!

2) "Race on the Base" at the Joint Forces Base in Los Alamitos - Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> - in the

morning. **This opportunity is available to scouts on an individual basis** - go to [www.raceonthebase.com](http://www.raceonthebase.com) to sign-up. They will keep track of your hours and give you a certificate for them that you can bring to Mrs. Dantas.

3) Troop 314 is Packing Food Boxes for the Elderly on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> - arrive 10:45 work to 1 pm @ the Community Action Partnership Food bank. 11870 Monarch St, Garden Grove, CA 92841-2113

Sign-up at the next troop meeting!

I need a boy in charge for the Nature Center and the Food bank projects. Contact me if you are interested 714-580-3304 or [andrewlove2001@yahoo.com](mailto:andrewlove2001@yahoo.com).

Thanks! Mrs. Martel

## Troop 314 Scribe – Junior Leadership Committee (JLC) Minutes for Jan 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 AD.

Leaders in attendance:  
Alex B., Brandon H., Mrs. Hight,  
Ian M., Mr. M., Peter M.,  
Robert P., Mr. Pearson, Long T.,  
Mr. Tran, David V., Erik V.,  
Mr. Hilton



During JLC we discussed such upcoming events as leadership training on the 19<sup>th</sup> Jan at post, meeting skills, an upcoming Colorado River trip Presidents day weekend, an El Dorado Service Project Feb 2<sup>nd</sup>, and OC food bank March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Post has a dinner on 18<sup>th</sup> Jan and is asking for Scout help. For the Service Projects, we need a boy in charge. Please contact Mrs. Martel.

Our Troop Program Feature for the next two months is **HIKING**. So we are going to have talks, Topo Map reading, compass work, gear training - boots, packs, water purification, Activities, Skills and Games and survival training – all of this will be based on, yes, that's right, **HIKING**!

We are planning to have a HIKE Sunday Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>. More details are TBA.

- *Robert F.P., Scribe*

## The Historian's Report

A record of BSA Troop 314 activities for the month of December, in the Year 2012 AD:

### Historian Report

3<sup>rd</sup> Exec

4<sup>th</sup> JLC

8<sup>th</sup> Mistletoe Collection / Hanukkah started at Sundown.

11<sup>th</sup> Meeting/Elections

13<sup>th</sup> Roundtable

18<sup>th</sup> COH/Social New Scout Leadership installed.

25<sup>th</sup> Merry Christmas!



1<sup>st</sup> of January 2013 Happy New Year -

- *Troop Historian, Jon F.*

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### Troop 314 NEW Leadership January 2013

- Senior Patrol Leader: Brandon H.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Ian M.
- Mid-Young Patrol Leader: Long T.
- Mid-Old Scout Patrol Leader: Erik V.
- Venturer Patrol Leader: Justin Z.
- Scribe: Robert P.
- Quartermaster: Alex B.
- Troop Guide: Long T.
- Chaplain's Aide: Steven Y.
- Historian: Jon F.
- Den Chief: Peter M.
- Librarian: David V.
- OA Representative Long T.
- Troop Bugler: Andrew M.

### 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.

RTFC – Mrs. Hight  
Mid-Young - Mr. Feiffer  
Mid Old - Mr. Feiffer  
Venturers - Mr. Hallman



### Meeting Night Patrols

Skill Patrol Leaders remember when you are planning the skills for the meeting, make sure that they are appropriate to the Troop Program Features Theme, that everyone is (and can be) involved.

When possible – see if a competition or game & competition can be made out of your skills.

The patrol that has flag ceremony /setup / cleanup should show up by 6:45pm (earlier if it's a court of honor). It's the patrol leader's responsibility to make sure they do.

### This means picking up the phone to confirm.

Email or text messaging are not acceptable substitutes for a voice communication and confirmation.

No one in the patrol should leave until everything is cleaned up and put away, or the patrol leader releases them.

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

### Camping Green

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



"A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy."

- Samuel Adams





**Happy New Year!**  
**Get Out Your 2013 Calendars!**

## **EVENTS PLANNED FOR JANUARY 2013 AD**

**7<sup>th</sup> Monthly Executive Council Meeting At  
Cypress Public Library at 7:00 PM**

**8<sup>th</sup> Eden B. Eagle Project review 6:00 PM at  
Post 555**

**8<sup>th</sup> First Troop 314 Junior Leadership  
Council (JLC) meeting at Post 555, 6:30 PM**

**10<sup>th</sup> BSA Orange Frontier  
Roundtable at LDS Church 4000  
Orange Ave., Anaheim (2nd Thursday  
of each month)**



**12<sup>th</sup> Saturday - Peter M. Eagle Project work  
at Post 555 – Signups by email.**

**12<sup>th</sup> Communications Merit Badge First  
meeting at the Shield's domicile**

**15<sup>th</sup> Troop 314 Meeting at American Legion  
Post 555 starting at 7:00 PM**

- Flag & Setup Older Scouts "Venturers Patrol"
- Skill 1, Mid-Old Patrol
- Skill 2, Mid-Old Patrol
- Game – Mid-Young Patrol
- Last 2013 Dues installment \$40

**17<sup>th</sup> OA Meeting**

**18<sup>th</sup> Friday Spaghetti Dinner 5:30 PM  
sponsored by Post 555, Could use Scout  
help to bus tables and wash dishes. Parent  
needs to stay with Scout. (No "drop offs".)**

**19<sup>th</sup> Saturday, noon (or 1pm?) to 4 PM (eat  
lunch before come) "ISLT" the New Scout  
Leadership Training at the Post.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Troop 314 Meeting at American Legion  
Post 555 starting at 7:00 PM**

- Friends of Scouting Visit
- Setup and Flag Mid-Old Patrol
- Skill 1, Mid-Young Patrol
- Skill 2, Mid-Young Patrol
- Game – Venturers

**26<sup>th</sup> Saturday, Eden B. Eagle Project  
Garage Sale Fundraiser**

Hello Troop! I will be holding a garage sale fundraiser for my eagle project. If you would like to come by and help support my project, the garage sale will be going from 7AM until 3PM. My address is 15231 Lafayette St, Westminster.



I'll be accepting your donations up the day before the garage sale.

Thank you. -Eden B.

**29<sup>th</sup> Troop 314 Meeting at American Legion  
Post 555 starting at 7:00 PM**

- Flag & Setup Mid-Young Patrol
- Skill 1, Venturer
- Skill 2, Venturer
- Game – Mid-Young Patrol



**Troop Meeting Notes:** The Second Tuesday is Scoutmaster Conferences, the Third Tuesday meeting includes Board of reviews, Fourth Tuesday Meeting of Month is usually Parents Meeting and no meetings are usually held on 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. Court of Honors / Troop Socials are held every three months – usually the last Scout meeting of month (except December).

## **Upcoming Dates of Importance For 2013, Mark Your Calendar:**

**Troop Service Saturday 02-Feb at El Dorado  
Park Nature Center. "First Saturday Stewartship"  
9:30 AM to Noon. Class Bs /water bottles/ gloves**



**February 8<sup>th</sup> 102<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of Scouting in America. No Encampments!**

**February 10<sup>th</sup> – This is a Sunday Troop 314 Hike!** Location will be cool - TBA.

**Order of the Arrow Reps coming in for Visit a meeting for recruitment in Feb.**

**February Presidents Day Weekend  
River camping Trip (depart Friday 15<sup>th</sup> 16-17  
18<sup>th</sup> return)**

**O.C. Food Bank Troop 314 Service Project  
Saturday 02-March @ 10:50 AM till 13:00**

**75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
American Legion Post  
555 to be celebrated on  
Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

This event will be open to the community with an old fashioned BBQ – Kind of like a 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the park - on a smaller scale.



- Scouts are being asked to help distribute flyers in advance of the event. Andy Timko will work with us on that.
- We will also help Dale, the facilities manager, with the setup required the Friday before.
- The day of event we will run a table and a string of Dutch Ovens to make Apple Cobbler.

**April 19 to 21<sup>st</sup> Camporee** – This will be at Firestone (Tonner Canyon in Brea) again this year.

**May 10-11-12<sup>th</sup> Scout-O-Rama** Oak Canyon Park Silverado, CA

**Scout-O-Rama**

**Gold Camp at Camp Williams 2013 – June**

**Weekend TBA!**



**TRAINING OPPORTUNITY 2013 - Get any Scout Training you need on one day for \$20  
“ University Of Scouting With  
Enhanced Curriculum”**

The annual Orange County Council University of Scouting has undergone a fundamental change, and is set to debut on Saturday, February 2, 2013 at Santa Ana College. We have turned the old UOS on its head, and have refocused and enhanced the curriculum to directly serve the PROGRAMS of OCC Scouters.

The singular purpose of this event is to arm volunteers with the ability to deliver the “Promise of Scouting” to our youths. Nowhere else can you take advantage of such a wide variety of educational subjects taught by such a qualified group of instructors, all in one day.

New features include:

A streamlined, slimmed down and beefed up curriculum, featuring nearly 60 classes. These classes are focused on the program YOU are running, and contain valuable information about how to make YOUR program better!

“Commissioner College” class offerings which will enhance the knowledge levels of new and veteran commissioners alike.

“Leader Specific” training, to ensure that YOU are trained in your position.

Here are the particulars of the event:

EVENT: Orange County Council University of Scouting  
DATE: Saturday, February 2, 2013  
LOCATION: Santa Ana College, 1530 West 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Santa Ana, CA 92706  
TIME: 7:30AM to 3:30PM  
COST: \$20.00 (lunch is an additional \$6.00 orderable until January 30, 2013)

Event information, class listings, and online registration available on the UOS website ([www.uofscouting.org](http://www.uofscouting.org)) For questions not addressed on the website, please email Jim Kruse, UOS Grand Poobah, at [jakruse@pacbell.net](mailto:jakruse@pacbell.net)

## SCOUT HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES FOR JANUARY 2013:

Eden B. 9<sup>th</sup> 17 years old

Steven M. 29<sup>th</sup> 16 years old

Congratulations on your Birthday, Scouts!



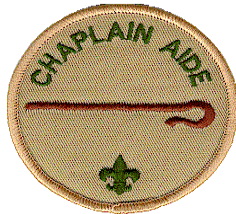
### Orange Frontier Senior District Executive:

[amberw@ocbsa.org](mailto:amberw@ocbsa.org)

Amber Walker (714) 546-8558 Ext. 108

### Chaplain's Aide's Inspiration of the month:

Hello fellow troop members, it's a new year and wonderful activities and meetings are ahead of us.



Throughout this year I wish everybody has the strength to overcome any challenges that lay ahead of us. In addition, with new leaders I hope everybody becomes successful with a fresh start this year.

*Your Chaplain's Aid, Steven Yaghoubi*

### JOKES, JOKES, JOKES

Have you heard these?



#### Regular Jokes:

What happens to frogs when they park illegally?  
They get toad!

What do you get when you cross a four-leafed clover and  
poison ivy?  
A rash of good luck.

What has a lot of keys, but can't open any doors?  
A piano.

This guy was driving in a car with a Girl Scout. He told her to stick her head out the window and see if the turn signal was working.

She stuck her head out and said, 'Yes, No, Yes, No, Yes...'

Chuck Norris Facts:

Using a novelty invisible dog leash and collar Chuck Norris won the Westminster Dog Show.

When Chuck Norris hears, everyone listens.

Jokes Supplied by Rob P. 😄

**"Never do for a boy what a boy can do for himself."**

**Robert Baden-Powell**



## TROOP 314 - TOWER ABOVE THE REST!

