



TROOP 314 NEWS

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

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Scoutmaster's Corner

It was announced last month that I will be stepping down from the position of Scoutmaster after Camporee next month.



Mr. Bess has generously volunteered to step up to succeed me. Therefore, this will be my next-to-last "Scoutmaster Corner" column, so I think I can be forgiven for doing a bit of reminiscing.

Even though the Marubayashi's are not leaving Troop 314 just yet, it's been a long adventure, and it's fun to look back.

We first came to T314 in 2006, when John decided he wanted to join this troop "because of the tower." He had a lot of fun climbing it (without a harness!) at Camporee as a Webelos Scout, and he couldn't wait to learn how to build it. We didn't know anybody in this troop, and it was kind of far from our home, but he wouldn't change his mind. The troop was a bit bigger then (about 30 scouts), and the boys and adults made us feel very welcome when we visited.

Matthew Holt was Scoutmaster, but Kevin Daly took over right after we joined. Later came Glenn Wantz and Lon Gray.

Our first summer camp with 314 was at Circle-X at Forest Lawn Scout Reservation (up by Lake Arrowhead). Since then, we have gone to summer camp with 314 every summer; twice to Tahquitz, twice to Whitsett, twice to Lost Valley, plus once each at Mataguay and Emerald Bay.

Each one was a lot of fun, and we came home with numerous stories to tell. Other memorable Scout trips included canoeing on the Colorado River, backpacking to Mt. Whitney (and one abortive attempt at Mt. Langley, also over 14,000'), rock climbing at Joshua Tree, and hiking in the snow up Mt. Baldy and Icehouse Canyon.

These are the types of adventures that populate my childhood memories, and I hope today's Scouts will find them equally memorable. I'm happy to report that, with all those adventures, we have always returned with the same number of Scouts that we left with!

Please continue the adventures with current and future scouts, and

TOWER ABOVE THE REST!!

***Yours in Scouting, Richard Marubayashi,
Scoutmaster, Troop 314***



SPL's Corner

This last month, February, was quite busy and thus we didn't have a lot of normal troop meetings, but the ones we did have were pretty good.



On the 17th, Webelos from Pack 314 came over to the Post and we cooked them hotdogs over a campfire that we had by the shed. We also served them chips, cookies, and drinks. The Autobots patrol taught them some basic fire safety and different ways to set up a fire. I think they had a good time, and hopefully we'll see them as part of our troop soon.

The painting of the curbs on the 21st at American Legion Post 555 went very well. Although I would have liked to see more scouts come to help, the process went very quickly and the new white and red curbs look very nice.

Due to the lack of scout participation at JLC meetings, we had decided in February to ask the adults to take a back seat during the actual meeting to allow the Scouts to make most of the troop decisions. So on March 3rd, we tested this new format, and it seemed to make the meeting move along faster, and involve the Scouts more.

We will continue to use this new format and hopefully it will encourage the Scouts to voice their opinions and interests in the troop. The goal is to spark enthusiasm in regular troop events, which will, in theory, lead to a willingness to plan and participate in both more and varied outings.

I hope we have another productive month.

Jon F. - Senior Patrol Leader

Camp Chawanakee SUMMER CAMP 2015

I am very, very happy to announce: we are officially registered for camp. Our camp site is called "Yosemite".

Yosemite is a great camp site as it is located adjacent to the dinner hall! - How cool is that?



Leading up to our departure, there are the usual things we need to do to self and troop prepare; you know the drill. The ten essentials; yah dah, yah dah! Nevertheless, we'll talk more about paperwork etc later. By the way:

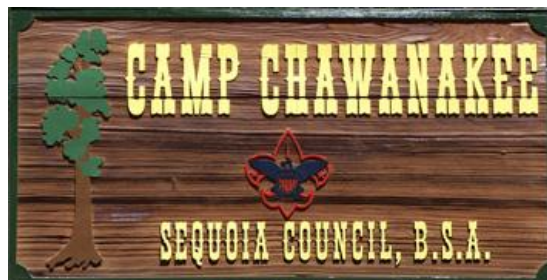
Be prepared to provide me with your merit badge wish list at our next meeting Tuesday 03/10/15.

FYI Scouter parents, please pay the initial 200\$ as soon as possible; because final camp payment of 190\$ is due June 9th, 2015.

Total cost being 390\$.

"Feeling Good", Feeling Real Good!"

- **Cyrus Bess, Campmaster 2015**



<http://www.seqbsa.org/camp%20chawanakee.htm>

2 ¢ From the Treasurer: Dues, Due again!

Dues will be \$160 again this year. Typically, we ask Scouts to use \$40 from their own fundraising – so that part of dues can come from Scout account. Please submit a “REQUEST FOR USE OF FAMILY ACCOUNT FUNDS” form. Thanks



- *Treasurer, Sandra Bloch*

Webelos Visit Troop 314 on 17-February-2015



Lots of Webelos – and glad to have them. We kept them busy with fire, fire safety and roasting Hot dogs.



Climb Instructor Recertification Mr. Marubayashi and Mr. Pearson



Beautiful Morning at Joshua Tree



Training included helping Troop 531 get their Climbing Merit Badge.

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/>

ATTENTION LIFE SCOUTS on 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 only:

Mr. Chris Hess
10242 Aurelia Ave
Cypress, CA 90630

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

Open Position in Leadership

• Troop Guide



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. Bess / Mrs. Hight

AUTOBOTS

- Mr. Hallman / Mr. Feiffer

Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Jon F.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Alex. B.
- Blue Phoenix Patrol Leader: Christian D.
- Blue Phoenix Asst. Patrol Leader: Diego M.
- Autobots Patrol Leader: Elijah B.
- Autobots Asst. Patrol Leader: Robert P.
- Scribe: Mitchell Le.
- Webmaster – Open.
- Troop Guide - Open
- Quartermaster: Owen M.
- Librarian: Martin L. and Gabe B.
- OA Representative: - Open
- Chaplain's Aide: Austin Hallman
- Historian: Viet T.
- Den Chief - Christian D.

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 phone message 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.

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

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!



TROOP WEBSITE:

The Troop 314 website, URL is:

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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.



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 Mr. Fieffer 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 parents and resources to make it happen!

Activities:

Archery
Deep Sea Fishing - boat Trip
Ocean fishing – Pier trip / Surf.
Beach party
Annual Homework Burn Bonfire (June)
Bowling
Go Cart Racing (Family)
Hiking Trip
Backpacking - Hike in camp in wilderness of Orange County or our mountain backcountry

Snow Day – Grassy Hollow Visitors Center – Out of Wrightwood.

Ski / Snowboard Trip

Lazer Tag (Family)

Air Soft Games (Family)

Paint Ball (Family)

Shooting Range Could be a family or scout event depending what guns we want to shoot.

BLM land / Calico Ghost Town - Desert

Shoot – High powered Rifles / Pistols / and Shotgun skeet shooting (Family event)

Rock climbing - Indoor Rock walls or natural climbs all work as we have 4 BSA Climb Instructors in this troop and our own climb gear/rope!



Angel's Baseball Game

Gold Prospecting

Swim – Pool Time or a Summer Laguna Beach Trip

Scuba Instruction

Snorkeling / Beach Trip

White water rafting

Canoe River Trip

Annual Mistletoe Trip

Annual Homework Burn! June at Bolsa Chica State beach

Kayaking

Picnic / BBQ

Bring on the Adventure!

***Mr. Fieffer,
Activities Chair***



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

TROOP 314 EVENTS FOR March 2015:

**2nd Executive Council Meeting @
AL Post 555 (All Parents welcome)
Post 555 at 7PM to 8:45**

**3rdth JLC Junior Leadership
Council (JLC) Meeting
AL Post 555 at 6:30 PM.**

**6th First Friday Dinner at Post 555
Scout support at 6PM**

**7th & 8th Saturday Camp
6 mile Hike Coldbrook
Campground, Azusa, CA**



**10Th Regular Troop 314
Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 7PM**

- **Uniform Inspections for Camporee by OA**
- **OA Elections**
- **Parents Break Out meeting - Mr. Hilton Presiding.**



**12th Orange
Frontier District
Scouters'
Roundtable**

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



**31st Fundraiser
To Be Announced**

**As ever, Webelos Scouts and
Parents are welcome to attend any
meeting night as our guests!**

**17th Tuesday this is a Regular
Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555**

**19th Regular Order of Arrow
Meeting Third Tuesday (7:00pm
at Holy Cross Lutheran Church)**

**24th Tuesday – This is a
Troop 314**

**Court of Honor
(Candle Lighting Ceremony)
American Legion Post 555
Starting as ever EARLY!!!
At 6:30 PM**

**Autobot Patrol: Bring you favorite
appetizers**

**Blue Phoenix Patrol: Bring your
favorite desserts**

**29th Sunday Camporee Golden
Spoon Cook off Challenge Prep
Day. For those on the cooking
team – see Mrs. H. for details**



Troop 314 Meeting Notes

- **First meeting Month is now Parents Meeting.**
- **The Second Tuesday is usual time for Scoutmaster Conferences.**
- **The Third Tuesday meeting includes Board of Reviews for Rank Advancement.**
- **Fourth Tuesday could be for Patrol meetings if can 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 Honors are held 4 times a year, every three months – usually the last Scout meeting of month (except December).

In **March** and **September** 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. but usually kept simple due to constraints on time and sanity).

UPCOMING EVENTS!

April 3rd Post 555 First Friday Dinner – (Scout support)

Scouts signed up come at 6PM in your class As to make good impression – switch to class Bs if doing dirty work like washing dishes.

April 4th and 11th Scout Service Project days at OC Food bank packout. When start at 11 AM. Where? 1870 Monarch St, Garden Grove, CA 92841

April 6th Exec Council Meeting at American Legion Post 55

April 7th Junior Leadership Council Meeting at 6:30 at American Legion Post 555

April 17th CAMP O REE (17th is Friday evening), 18th and 19th The theme for Camporee is **“Respecting Our Roots”**. (Do with that what you will!)

We are BUILDING THE TOWER so we will need ALL HANDS in early on Friday 17th if possible to complete construction. Sunset is 7:26 PM so we can do this.

May 9th Saturday Scout-O-Rama Troop will be Cooking our Famous Dutch oven Donuts!

Oak Canyon Park
(5305 Santiago Canyon Drive,
Silverado, CA 92676) \$5 parking.

May 23rd Saturday Flag Planting at Westminster Memorial Park.

May 25th Monday: Memorial Day Westminster Memorial Park.

Summer Camp 2015
Camp Chawanakee: July 19th to 25th

<http://www.seqbsa.org/camp%20chawanakee.htm>



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.

Q. When do I need to file a Tour Activity Plan?

A. When any of the following apply:

- Trips of 500 miles or more
- Trips outside of Orange Co. Council borders.
- Trips to any national high-adventure base, National Scout Jamboree, National Order of the Arrow Conference, or regionally sponsored event
- When conducting any the following activities:
 - Aquatics activities (swimming, boating, floating, scuba, etc.)
 - Climbing and rappelling
 - Orientation flights (process flying plan)
 - Shooting sports
 - Any activities involving motorized vehicles as part of the program (snowmobiles, boating, etc.)
 - Any overnight camping

Chaplain's Aide's Inspiration of the month:

Isaiah 58:9

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry, and He will say, "Here I am."

Austin H. - Chaplin's Aid



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) 892-8508 for any follow up that is needed.

Scout Law

A Scout is:

***trustworthy,
loyal,
helpful,
friendly,
courteous,
kind,
obedient,
cheerful,
thrifty,
brave,
clean,
and reverent.***





JOKES, JOKES, JOKES Have you heard these?

(caution: not for the sensitive)

Q: Why did the monkey fall out of the tree?

A: Because it was dead.

In Soviet Russia, you don't toast marshmallows,
marshmallows toast you.

In Soviet Russia the rocket launches you.

In Russia they have Pessimists – You can tell who they
are as they are always saying “Things are really bad,
they cannot possibly get any worse”!

In Russia they have Optimists - You can tell them as
they always are saying “Of course things can get
worse”!



Caution: Scouts having fun.

THE DARK SIDE

Gary Larson



Ben knew there was no such thing as “The Force”...
he just liked seeing the kid get zapped.

TROOP 314

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