



# TROOP 314 NEWS

## March 2016 AD

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

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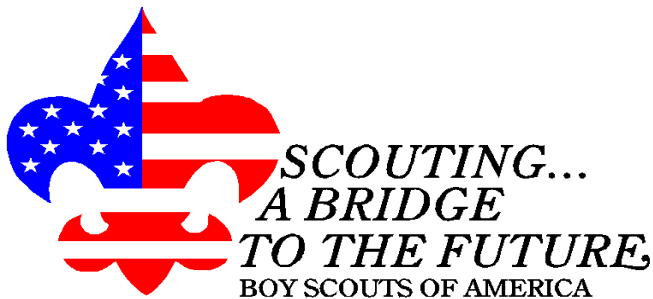
## Scoutmaster's Corner



Shoot for the moon, even if  
you miss it - you will be among the stars.

And remember that, "faith will move  
mountains."

**C. Bess, Scoutmaster Troop 314**



## SPL Corner



Hello everybody. In this past month, our theme has been rifle shooting. I would like to thank Mr. Pearson and Mr. Fieffer for giving a really informative presentation on Rifles. We had a lot of fun playing shotgunball, and popcorn reading on how to clean a rifle. Not only did we have fun troop meetings, but we also were able to go camping and climbing at Ortega Falls a couple weeks ago. It was a nice little overnighiter and everyone had lots of fun climbing and exploring. Its outings like those that really make boy scouts enjoyable.

We have a month and a half left to get ready for Camporee, and then two weeks after that we have Scout-O-Rama. Also as a final note, this fifth Tuesday, we will have a fundraiser at Souplantation. I hope everyone is having a great year so far.

**YIS - Christian D. SPL Troop 314**

# Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> Elijah's Eagle Project

Elijah's Project had the troop install 4 raised gardens at Webber Elementary school.











We also managed to find some poison Oak! No rattlesnakes though.



## February 19th and 20th Troop Camp, Hike, Bouldering, Scrambling & Climb at Ortega Falls

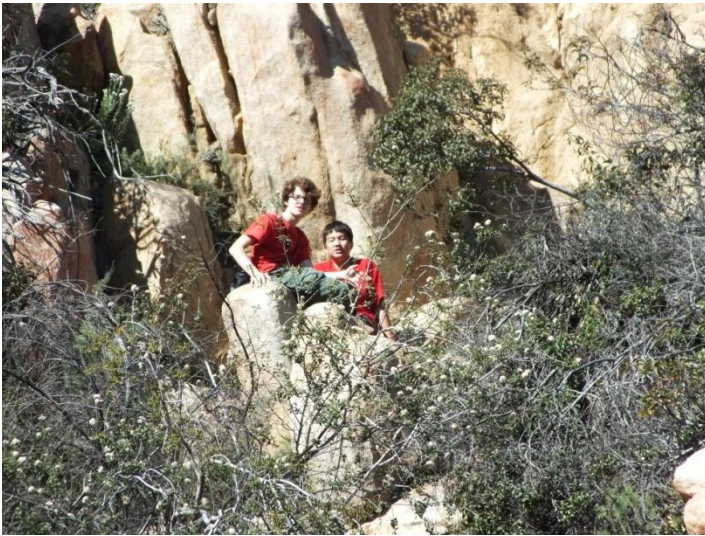
We came down to El Cariso Campground unloaded and then packed a sandwich and headed down to Ortega Falls.

Most of the climbs were being used when we arrived, but we set protection for a bottom belayed climb straight up the face of the falls – Thanks to Mr. Marubayshi and Mr Fieffer for this work.

Water was just a trickle, but enough to keep our rope wet all day! This route had the water polished rock which made climbing a bit tricky.









## Rifle Safety Talk



Mr. Fieffer and Mr. Pearson gave Scouts a talk on Gun Safety, along with some hard earned bits of knowledge at the Troop meeting on February 9th.



### ***NRA Gun Safety Rules***

- **ALWAYS keep your gun pointed in a safe direction**
- **ALWAYS keep your finger off the trigger until ready to shoot**
- **ALWAYS keep your gun unloaded until ready to use**



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# words to live by™

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# ILST



**Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops** was held Sunday morning on February 28th. By all accounts it was a great success.



***"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



## Committee Chair

February has been a busy month for the committee! We are diligently working to attend to the "business" of supporting the smooth running a Scout-Led Boy Scout troop. Please note we have made a change to our regularly scheduled Executive Committee Meeting. **Beginning in March, the EC will meet at Post 555 on the Thursday after the PLC (7pm). This monthly meeting is open to ALL Adult**

**Leaders and Scout Parents.** Did you know that as a registered Scouter you are automatically part of the Troop Committee? Please join us!

What happens at the EC Meeting? Basically, we exist to support the Boy Scout Leadership with oversight and guidance. During this monthly meeting we engage in regular discussion, planning and trouble shooting by the troop committee. This might include developing a plan to register the troop to participate in Scout-O-Rama....or ensuring Scout Accounts are up to date....or identifying equipment needs..., or arranging for "Two Deep Leadership" at all events for the safety and security of our Scouts. Can't make it every month? OK, please join when you can....read the minutes.....ask questions and provide feedback. And don't worry - we'll let you know when we need your help!

SM Bess and I recently completed ILST with our current Boy Scout Leaders. This mandatory training happens after each election cycle. The focus is to help each new leadership team develop their leadership, communication and follow through skills individually and as a group. We had a lot of fun - including building marshmallow towers, starting a plan for a Cub Scout recruitment day, and reviewing the unique responsibilities of each Scout leadership position.

Mr. Trieu and I are heading up the SOR Camp Card sales fundraiser. Be on the look out for group sales days. Reminder: each family is required a minimum of 2 camp card sales (\$10 each). This is an important opportunity for every Scout to help pay his way by selling cards and earning a commission that is credited to his Scout Account.



Lastly, we have begun the process of reviewing the T314 Policy & Procedure Manual. First up, Fiscal Policy and Family Participation. Please check out the Scoutlander website to download the current P&P. Check it out and bring your feedback. We need and value your input.



Thanks!

***YIS, Ms. Knighton***

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## American Legion Boys State 2016

If you are a High School Junior or parent of one – with good grades?

Then you should see Andy Timko of Post 555 about applying to go to Boys State now!

Questions? – Ask Robert P. as he went last June and had a great time, this also looks great on college applications!



## March 1<sup>st</sup> Long T.

## Eagle Scout Board of Review is a Success!

Congratulations Long on being Troop 314's newest Eagle!



Mr. Hess gives Long a congratulatory handshake.





## Upcoming Family Event: Desert Shoot Saturday 19-March-2016



All smiles



**What:** This is a Rifle, Shotgun and Pistol shoot of the calibers not allowed in Scouting. (Which is about everything but 22 rimfire) This does not mean high recoil hunting rounds - these guns will all be very "shootable" by young persons. There will also be some 22 LR firearms.

We will be maintaining discipline on the shooting range at all times.



Darn Sarge, I left my sunblock at home.

**When:** We are leaving early, 5:30 Saturday morning from home – If carpooling you have to get to the house of the person you arranged a ride from. Good news is we will be back home same day.



## **Where:** BLM Land

34 59' 24.33N 116 53' 39.47W

This is out by Calico Ghost Town past Barstow. This is about 129 miles and 2.5 hours travel time. Route: 91E, 57N, 60E, 15N, Take exit 189 toward Fort Irwin Road

**Bring:** Water and snacks, eye protection ear plugs if you have them, a hat and sunscreen – and if want, bring fruit to shoot. Leave your Nukes at home please! We will probably to grab something to eat on way back.



## **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. The Executive Committee will be sure to review these changes as well so we may support Scouts in successful completion. Here is a link to the document explaining the changes:  
[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutRequirements\\_8.14.2015.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutRequirements_8.14.2015.pdf)

Looking forward to a fantastic 2016!

***Yours in Scouting, Ms. Knighton,  
Committee Chair***

## **Time now to get registered to attend The 2017 National Jamboree!**

IF YOU WANT TO GO -

**NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER...**

**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](http://www.bsajamboree.org)

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





# Troop 314 NEW 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 Postion
- Webmaster Robert P.
- Troop Guide Noel J.
- Quartermaster: Mitchell L.
- Librarian: Mitchell L.
- OA Representative: Owen M.
- Chaplain's Aide:
- Historian:
- Den Chief - Christian D'A.
- **Den Chief #2, #3 – Open Positions**
- Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster: Robert P.

## 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



# 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](mailto: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!



TRUSTWORTHY  
loyal HELPFUL  
friendly  
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cheerful  
thrifty  
brave  
clean  
reverent  
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# 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 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 parents and resources to make it happen!

**Activities include, but are not limited to:**

**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. Camp in wilderness of Orange County or our mountain backcountry.

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

**Ski / Snowboard Trip**

**Laser Tag (Family)**

**Air Soft Games (Family)**

**Paint Ball (Family)**

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

**BLM land / Calico Ghost Town - Desert**

**Shoot** – High powered Rifles / Pistols (Family event)

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



**Angel's Baseball Game**

**Gold Prospecting** (Gold Camp)

**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!**

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 March 2016:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Patrol Leadership Council**

**3<sup>rd</sup> – Exec. Meeting.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Hike Crystal  
Cove – Mr. M.**



**~~6<sup>th</sup> Scouts Ski / Snowboard day at  
Mountain High~~ was canceled  
for lack of Snow.**

**8<sup>th</sup> Regular Troop 314 Meeting  
American Legion Post 555  
Starting at 6:30PM  
Scoutmaster Reviews**

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

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday 9Am to 12 Bolsa  
Chica cleanup - Scout Service  
Project day.**

**15<sup>th</sup> Regular Troop 314 Meeting  
American Legion Post 555  
Starting at 6:30PM  
Board of Review night**

**19<sup>th</sup> Family Event – High Powered  
Rifle / Pistol Desert Shoot near  
Calico Ghost town out past  
Barstow. See Mr. Pearson and Mr.  
Fieffer if interested. Mr. Le will be going  
too. This is a bit of a drive, so we will  
leave early and need to arrange  
carpools.**

**22<sup>nd</sup> Court of Honor**

**Each family please bring an  
appetizer to share – Dessert (a  
sheet cake) will be provided.**

**American Legion Post 555**



**Starting at 6:30PM (Get in early so  
can set up).**

**27<sup>th</sup> Easter Sunday.**



**29<sup>th</sup> This it's the 5th Tuesday of  
the month so is a Fundraiser  
dinner. TBD.**



**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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!**

**April 5<sup>th</sup> Patrol Leaders Council at 6:30 at American Legion Post 555**

**April 7<sup>th</sup> THURSDAY Exec Council Meeting at Post 555**

**April 18<sup>th</sup> Hanger 18 Climb Day (Cubs Scouts Welcome!)**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> Camporee (No tower build)**

**April 30<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Ian M. Eagle Court of Honor 12 to 5.**



**May 7<sup>th</sup> Scout-O-Rama Tower will be built.**

**July 25<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> Volunteer opportunities at Cub Scout Evening camp in Los Alamitos.**

**TROOP 314 WEBSITE URL is:**

**[www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com](http://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/](http://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](http://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](mailto: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.



## Chaplain's Aide

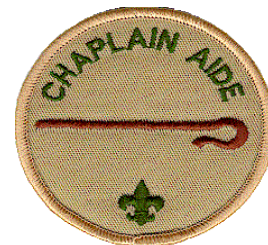
One of the duties of the Chaplain Aide is to "Present an overview of the various religious emblems programs to the troop at least annually..." - As far as I can recall, this troop has never required that, but it would be a good thing to review now and then. - To encourage members to grow stronger in their faith, religious groups have developed religious emblems programs. The Boy Scouts of America has approved of these programs and allows the emblems to be worn on the official uniform. The various religious groups administer the programs. Check with your local council service center or contact your religious organization directly to obtain the curriculum booklets.

If you don't know anything about the religious emblems, here's a good place to start:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/awards/religiousawards.aspx>.



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



A Scout is Friendly.

***"Some companions are good for only idle talk only but a friend may stick closer than a brother."***

(Proverbs 18: 24)





# Puns Puns Puns

... When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.

... A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

... When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.

... The batteries were given out free of charge.

... A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

... A will is a dead giveaway.

... With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

... A boiled egg is hard to beat.

... When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.

... Police were summoned to a daycare center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

... Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.

... A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.

... When father time is hungry he goes back four seconds.

... The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.

... He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

... When she saw her first strands of gray hair she thought she'd dye.

... Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

And the cream of the twisted crop:

... Those who get too big for their pants will be totally exposed in the end.

**... ALWAYS LAUGH WHEN YOU CAN; IT'S CHEAP MEDICINE!**

Thanks for the Puns Mr. M!

**“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](mailto:T314news@live.com) -Thanks, Mr. Pearson

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