



TROOP 314 NEWS

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

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November Troop Events

Nov 5th Flag Planting at Forest Lawn

Attended by Scoutmaster Vu Tran,
Committee Chair Sandra, Viet, Christian,
and Owen.

Roundtable Lookie Loo Webelos Event on Nov 10th

Run by Christian, Owen, Viet, Mrs.
Knighton, Mr. Tran, and Mr. M.

Nov 12-13 Troop 314 CASTAWAY Camp at Firestone.

Troop 314 hosted several Cub Scouts
from local packs at our "Castaway Camp",
an event conceived and organized by
Christian D, at Firestone Scout
Reservation.

The goal was to help the Cubs finish their
"Castaway" achievement badge, which
focuses on doing things in the outdoors
without the help of technology.

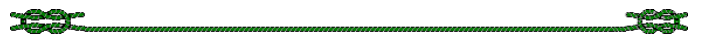
This camp was run by Christian, Owen,
Viet, and Martin. Very successful!







More Photos at:
<https://richmaru.smugmug.com/Kids/Scouting/CastawayCamp20161114/> .



Tragedy Strikes the Hights Family with a home fire on the evening of Wednesday, November 30th

The Hight family were struck by a house fire that virtually destroyed their home. Although the bedrooms were somewhat spared, the family room, kitchen, dining room, and living room, as well as the upstairs rooms, were gutted.

Mrs. Hight was out doing Scouting at the time, but Mr. Hight and Brandon were in their bedrooms and did not detect the fire until it was beyond control. In their efforts to get their two dogs out, they both suffered first and second degree burns.

They got one dog out, but sadly, could not find the other, and she did not make it.



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The fire department transported both Mr. Hight and Brandon to the burn unit at Orange County Global Medical Center (formerly Western Medical Center).

The Red Cross assisted them, and put them up for a week in a motel. The Hights found more suitable temporary housing when a good friend from Troop 658 generously offered the use of his home in Huntington Beach. However, although this takes a huge load off their minds, the Hights still have a very difficult road ahead, and would greatly appreciate any assistance you can give.

You can contact Scoutmaster Tran for suggested donations, or you can go to this GoFundMe page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/the-hights-relief-fund?ssid=835937610&pos=3> .

You can also view the OC Register story about the fire here:

<http://www.ocregister.com/articles/fire-737068-firefighters-city.html> .

American Legion Support

The American Legion voiced support for the Boy Scouts of America at its first national convention in 1919, making it the first national youth activity officially recognized by the Legion.

Mr. Tim Dusina is the Commander of Our Sponsors, American Legion Post 555. First Vice Commander is Adam Crawford.

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

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

Skill Patrol Leader remember when you are planning the skill 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.

Communication - It's the patrol leader's responsibility to make sure the patrol knows what is happening that meeting. ***This means picking up the phone to confirm communication received and understood.***

Facebook, snapchat, email or text are OK, but are not a substitute for direct bi-directional **voice** communication – a confirmed Phone message – and a 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



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

Beach party / Annual Homework Burn

Bonfire (June)

Bowling

Go Cart Racing (Family)

Hiking Trips

Backpacking - Hike in and out.

Camp in wilderness.

Snow Day.

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

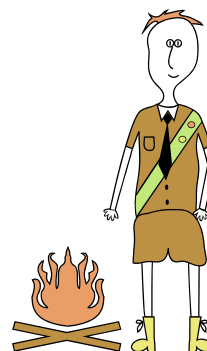
Annual Mistletoe Trip

Annual Homework Burn!

Usually June at Bolsa Chica State beach


Kayaking

Picnic / BBQ



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



OA Santee Chapter Meeting 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 December:

6th Patrol Leadership Council



8th Orange Frontier District
Scouters' Roundtable
7 PM at LDS Church 4000 Orange Ave.,
Anaheim (2nd Thursday
each month)



10th Mistletoe Camp.

Meet at Post Saturday the 10th, and head towards Crystal Lake. On Sunday the 11th, the scouts will pack the mistletoe and head back to the post at around 11. From 12pm-2pm, the scouts will wrap the mistletoe. From 2:30pm to 4pm, the scouts will be distributing the Mistletoe at Ralphs, 5241 Warner Ave, Huntington Beach 92649.

13th Regular Troop 314 Meeting ELECTIONS

American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM (BOR)

15th OA Meeting Night

17th Caroling

20th Court of Honor / Christmas Party

American Legion
Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM



25th MERRY CHRISTMAS!



**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 Thursday 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, or special meetings at interesting locations.

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.).

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Time to Register for BSA Climbing Instructor Training!

January 11, 18, 25, and Feb 1, 2017

Taking our unit climbing requires more than just having the right equipment! It requires qualified instructors to ensure a safe trip.

By training as a BSA Climbing instructor you will be able to take Troop 314 Scouts out to experience the challenges of climbing & rappelling and have an active climbing program.

[Click here](#) for registration and more information.

TROOP 314 WEBSITE URL is:

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Boy Scout Troop 314 (Midway City, California) Homepage

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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.

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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 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.



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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.

Chaplains Wisdom of the month:

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:
and the government shall be upon his shoulder:
and his name shall be called Wonderful,
Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting
Father, The Prince of Peace.*

Isaiah 9:6

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

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