



TROOP 314 NEWS

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Westminster California USA

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And **Much More!**



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Scoutmaster's Corner

Happy New Year, Troop 314!

Let me begin this column with a few quotes from the Scoutmaster Handbook:



"Camping is one of the primary tools used by the Boy Scouts of America to achieve [its] goals". / "Scouting without outing is like swimming without water". / "The outdoors is where adventure waits, presenting Scouts with opportunities to hike, camp, paddle canoes, and practice swimming and lifesaving." / "Connecting Scouts with nature is vitally important when most young men spend too much time indoors."

Since I accepted the position of Scoutmaster two years ago, it has been one of my primary goals to keep the "outing" in Scouting for the boys of Troop 314. And not just any outings. - Anyone can sleep in an RV, or pitch a tent right outside the car. But when you are shopping around for a Boy Scout Troop to join, what kind of things do you see them using to promote themselves?

It's the adventurous outings! You'll see pictures of the scouts whitewater rafting, rock climbing, backpacking, glider flying, rifle/shotgun shooting, and taking part in any number of exciting activities in the outdoors.

That's why, one year ago, we did a canoeing trip on the Colorado River, and less than 6 months

ago, we went rock climbing at Joshua Tree National Park. Both outings, in my opinion, were a heck of a lot of fun, and served to provide adventure to the boys.

We can and should continue to aim for adventure, and that's why we are now planning a winter campout. We are hoping for snow, but at the very least it will be a cold weather campout, and if we do it right, the boys will see how much fun they can have in spite of the cold (or because of it!). Just take a look at the current issue of Boys Life to see what I mean.

These kinds of adventures not only make for interesting stories and photos, but, they serve to show others the merits of Troop 314 -- and hopefully attract new scouts! The generally accepted standard for a Boy Scout Troop's outdoor program is one outdoor activity per month - preferably camping overnight. And the more we get the boys into the backcountry, the more they will benefit from it.

So let's go have our adventures, try new things, go new places, take lots of pictures, and have a ball! Other Scouts and Webelos will take notice.

Yours in Scouting,

Richard Marubayashi,
Scoutmaster, Troop 314



SPL Corner

Hey Scouts, I just wanted to share a few words about success.



Success is definitely attainable, but the path to success is not necessarily a straight line and can have many obstacles. Just because we fail does not mean we need to stop our work towards a goal. Here are a few successful people, who you might know, who had had their own obstacles to overcome.

- Bill Gate's first business failed.
- Albert Einstein was unable to speak until he was four.
- Jim Carrey was homeless as a child.
- Benjamin Franklin dropped out of school when he was ten years old.
- Stephen King's first novel was rejected thirty times.
- Thomas Edison failed 1,000 times before creating a reliable light bulb.
- Steven Spielberg was rejected from USC twice.

So if you do not succeed at first, try, try again!

Noel John. Senior Patrol Leader



Patrol Advisor / Patrol Leader Report - Blue Phoenix

The Blue Phoenix Patrol held their first monthly meeting this past Sunday 01/12/14 @ 1pm. We met at the Bolsa Chica park near Eastwood Elementary School.

At that meeting PL, Gabe B., invited the patrol to join him in working towards the Conservation merit badge; the patrol agreed to move the meeting start time to 2pm Vs. 1pm; the patrol rehearsed posting and retiring of the flag; as advisor I have proposed a project for the patrol which we will begin work on February 09, 2014; patrol meetings will be every second Sunday of the month.



Mr. Bess, Patrol Advisor

December 2013 Troop Social and Court of Honor –

New Scout Leadership was sworn in and merit badges were awarded. The Candle Lighting and pins for parents, ceremony for 2nd and 1st Class Rank Advancements earned at this COH will be held with the March 2014 COH.



Owen M. Leads Troop in Scout Oath



We will be missing Brandon H. as he has aged out – hope to see him again at his Eagle Court and as a "College Scouter Reserve".



Our last two Senior Patrol Leaders, Brandon H. and Steven M.



New Scribe and Blue Phoenix Patrol Leader



Merit Badges Awarded



Swearing in new Officers



New Quartermaster, Librarian, Patrol Leader and Chaplin's Aide



These Scouts Earned their Cooking Merit Badge – Not easy work on this one!



Elijah is sworn in as Quartermaster



Noel J., Troop 314's New Senior Patrol Leader



Troop gets its new Patrol Leaders - Scorpions (David V.), Bull Sharks (Joseph G.) and Blue Phoenix (Gabriel B.)



Scoutmasters Corner



Ian M. Is our new ASPL



Colors are retired and it is time for desserts!

Troop Performed Christmas Caroling at Westminster Terrace Assisted Living Community.

We enjoyed a great turn out of Scouts and Scouters -

Thanks to Mr. Bess we had enough practice to sound pretty good. Mr. M. supplied a music amplifier that help quite a bit too.

This was a fun event; everyone had a good time and it was nice to say hi to all the residents after singing. Always feels good share some cheer, especially during the holidays.



Uniform Inspections begin with January Meeting. Mr. Bess is Charge of this program.

Uniform inspections will occur at every troop meeting. "Opportunity drawing" tickets will be awarded for correct uniforms and prize drawings will occur at the last meeting of the month.



Troop 314 Service Projects:

The Troop has an open position for an Adult Service Project coordinator

We have some ideas floated at JLC for Troop Service projects: First Saturday Stewards (at El Dorado Park Nature Center), the Orange County Food Bank, Ronald McDonald House, and Beach (Bolsa Chica) Cleanup.

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

No OA News for This month!

Long T.OA, Representative



Treasurer's Two Cents: Annual Dues Payment



Greetings Troop 314 Parents,

The second installment towards registration is due on January 14, 2014. If you have not paid the first installment, now \$125 is due. I will be at meeting on 14th to collect money and issue receipts.

If you have not already done so, please bring your Scouts account up to date to ensure your family and Scout are in good standing. You may contact me at any time with questions regarding your Scout's account.

FYI: Annual dues have increased \$10 per Scout. We have broken annual dues into 3 payments:

1st Payment of \$65 due on or before November 5th
2nd Payment of \$60 due on or before January 14th
3rd Payment of \$45 due on or before March 4th

Please keep in mind that it is suggested that each Scout be responsible for paying 26.5% of the total due. Total due = \$170 26.5% = \$45

Please contact me with any questions you have about fees or your Scout's account.

Regards, **Lisa Gray** Troop 314 Treasurer

Advancement Chair Announcement



After holding the position of Advancement Chair for five years, I have decided that it is time for me to step down. The March 2014 Court of Honor will be my last day unless someone steps up sooner. This is a good time to turnover the position as there are no boys in the troop turning 18 this year and winter is a slow time for advancement. I have really learned a lot about Boy Scouts doing this job. It's been quite an education. If you are interested in being the new Advancement Chair, please contact me or Mr. Hilton.

Thank you. **Mrs. Dantas, Advancement Chair**



The SCOUTStrong Presidential Active Lifestyle Award Challenge (PALA) repeats for 2014

The SCOUTStrong Presidential Active Lifestyle Award Challenge will help you add activity to your life, and reward you when you do!

All registered youths and adults in Troop 314 need to participate in PALA again if we want to achieve the Gold level for 2014.



To earn the SCOUTStrong PALA Challenge Award, you are required to meet a daily activity goal of 30 minutes a day for adults and 60 minutes a day for Scouts, for at least five days a week, **for six out of eight weeks.**

So choose your health goals and activities from the ones listed and enter it on your PALA log sheet. Stick with the program and you'll earn an award in less than two months.

When you have completed the log sheet, turn it into Mrs. Hight. She will be keeping track of PALA for 2014 (thank you, Mrs. Hight). If you'd rather, you can log it online at:



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

and then print out your completed log sheet at the end. It's your choice.

Thank you. **Mrs. Dantas, Advancement Chair**

Troop Program Features, a Scouting Resource

Troop 314 has adopted the "Troop Program Features" resource to help us structure and plan meetings around a theme that is aligned with skills, values and outdoor adventures that are expected from Scouting.

Each program feature includes meeting plans and an outing plan. Because each theme is so packed with suggestions, we usually will carry a theme through two months of meetings.

It is expected that the older Scouts will use meeting time to manage Troop resources of people and equipment to plan and execute events. This is an important skill in itself.

The complete set of three volumes is available from the BSA Website, "Scouting.org" - the link is provided below.

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/BoyScouts/Resources/TroopProgramFeaturesVol_I_III.aspx

This resource is just a guideline, we do not have to do all the suggested activities.... we can pick the ones that interest us and expand on them - only limited by our energy and creativity...

At this time we are using "Winter Camping" found in Volume III.

It was suggested that we might have another informational meeting at REI to learn about cold-weather camping gear, but at least for now - it was voted it down at JLC.



Troop 314 Scribe –

Junior Leadership Committee (JLC) Minutes for January 7th 2014 AD.



Leaders in attendance:

Elijah B., Gabe B., Alex B., Joseph G., Noel J., Martin L., Ian M., Robert P., Long T., Viet T., David V., Mr. Bess, Mr. Marubayashi, Mr. Pearson, Mrs. Hight, and Mr. Hilton.

January's theme: Winter Camping

January 3rd – Dish washing at Post

January 14th – Opening/set up- Blue Phoenix

Skill - Bull Sharks

Game – Scorpions

No Scoutmaster for conferences at meeting (he is at Eagle BOR)

- Patrol leaders to turn in dish washing duty assignments to SPL. Scouts not able to make their assigned date are responsible for finding someone to switch with.
- Service project possibilities:
Saturday; Stewards (El Dorado Park Nature Center), Orange County Food Bank, Ronald McDonald House, Beach Cleanup
- Another informational meeting at REI to learn about cold-weather camping was voted down at JLC.
- Uniform inspections will occur at every troop meeting. "Opportunity drawing" tickets will be awarded for correct uniforms and prize drawings will occur at the last meeting of the month.
- Camporee uniform inspection will occur at the troop meeting at which OA elections are held. Date not yet determined.

January 18th – January 19th – Game Night at Eldorado Park. Entrance/exit gate closes at 5:00 P.M. Mrs. Hight will get a gate key.

January 21st – Opening/set up- Scorpions

Skill – Blue Phoenix

Game – Bull Sharks

Board of Review must be requested in advance of this date!

January 25th or January 26th – Leadership Training;
JLC members to notify Scoutmaster by January 18th for definite leadership training date. PICK ONE! Training to be held 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM with a break for lunch.

January 28th - Opening/set up- Bull Sharks

Skill – Scorpions

Game – Blue Phoenix

Parent Meeting

February's theme: Winter Camping

February 7th – Dish washing at Post.

February 15th – February 16th - Snow Camp; Boy in charge is Joseph G; location to be determined, either Crystal Lake or Appletree Campground.

February 15th – February 17th – President's Day weekend

March and April's theme is Space Exploration (Astronomy and Rocketology).

April 25th – April 27th – Camporee; theme is The Final Frontier

April 29th – Troop 314's Fundraiser at Shakeys.

May 10th – Scout-O- Rama

June 20th – June 22nd or June 27th – June 29th - Gold Camp

Viet T., Troop Scribe



NEW 2014 Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Noel J.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Ian M.
- Blue Phoenix (RTFC) Patrol Leader: Gabe B.
- Scorpion (Mid-Young) Patrol Leader: David V.
- Bull Sharks (Mid-Old) Patrol Leader: Joseph G.
- Scribe: Viet T.
- Quartermaster: Elijah B.
- Troop Guide: **OPEN**
- Chaplain's Aide: Austin H.
- Historian: Alex B.
- Den Chief: **OPEN**

Scouts - We need a Webelos Den Chief to attend Pack 314 meetings - See Mr. M. for details on the job.



- Librarian: Martin L.
- OA Representative: Long T.

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 / Road To First Class (RTFC)

– Mr. Bess / Mrs. Hight

Scorpions - Mr. Hallman

Bull Sharks - Mr. Feiffer

(Bull Sharks and Poltergeist merged as of New Year).



Meeting Night Patrols

Skill Patrol Leaders remember when you are planning the skills for the meeting, make sure that two levels of Skills should be worked out and that they are appropriate to the Troop Program Features Theme. It is best 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 are OK, but are not a substitute for direct bi-directional **voice** communication – a confirmed message transmission.

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

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



Happy New Year!



Get out your new Calendars and mark these dates!

TROOP EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2014 AD:

3rd First Friday Dinner at Post 555
Scouts who have signed up for - arrive at 6:00PM.

6th Executive Council Meeting
@Cypress Public Library 7 PM

7th First Junior Leadership Council (JLC) Meeting 6:30 PM @
American Legion Post 555.

9th Orange Frontier District Roundtable
LDS Church 4000 Orange Ave., Anaheim (2nd Thursday of each month)



What is roundtable? It's a monthly, one-hour get-together in your local community where parents and scout leaders help each other plan a great Scouting experience. Roundtable is organized at Scouting's district level, so it's easy to get to, and the content is locally relevant.

11th Newsletter Published
Thank you for your Contributions!

14th Troop 314 Meeting at American Legion Post 555 starting at 19:00
Troop Program Feature
Winter Camping / Planning a Snow Camp:

- Setup and Flag - Blue Phoenix
 - Skill / Troop Program Feature- Bull Sharks
 - Game – Scorpions
- No Scoutmaster conferences

18th Electronic Game Night Extravaganza and Campout at Eldorado Park in Long Beach

21st Troop 314 Meeting at American Legion Post 555 starting at 19:00

Scoutmaster Conferences

Troop Program Feature

Winter Camping / Planning a Snow Camp:

- Setup and Flag - Scorpions
- Skill / Troop Program Feature- Blue Phoenix
- Game – Bull Sharks

25th (or 26th) Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST). All Scouts in leadership positions attend this training with Mr. Marubayashi, Scoutmaster. 10AM-3PM, with a break for lunch.

Leadership is a vital part of the Scouting program. Boy Scouts in positions of leadership run the troop. They take care of the many tasks necessary for troop and patrol meetings and activities to run smoothly. By accepting the responsibilities of troop leadership, Scouts are preparing themselves to be leaders throughout their lives.

The purpose of the ILST course is to teach Scouts with leadership positions about their new roles and how to most effectively reach success in that role. It is intended to help Scouts in leadership positions within their troop understand their responsibilities and to equip them with organizational and leadership skills to fulfill those responsibilities. Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops is the first course in the series of leadership training offered to Boy Scouts and is a replacement for Troop Leadership Training.

Completion of Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops is a prerequisite for Boy Scouts to participate in the more advanced leadership courses National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) and the National Advanced Youth Leadership Experience (NAYLE). It is also required to participate in a Kodiak Challenge Trek.

28th Troop 314 Meeting at American Legion Post 555 starting at 19:00

Board of Reviews

Troop Program Feature

Winter Camping / Planning a Snow Camp:

- Setup and Flag – Bull Sharks
- Skill / Troop Program Feature- Scorpions
- Game – Blue Phoenix

Troop 314 Meeting Notes:

- The Second Tuesday is Scoutmaster Conferences.
- The Third Tuesday meeting includes Board of Reviews for Rank Advancement.
- Fourth Tuesday Meeting of Month is usually Parents Meeting.
- 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 is 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. usually kept simple due to constraints of time).



UPCOMING EVENTS!

Feb 3rd Exec Council Meeting

Feb 4th JLC

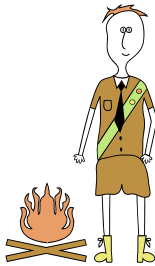
Feb 7th Troop Supports Post 555 First Friday Dinner.

Feb Snow Camp 15th or 22nd exact date to be planned in January meetings - as is location. Either Crystal Lake or Appletree Campground.

Troop Program Features - Space Exploration was proposed as the theme for March and April at JLC.

March Final Dues Payment due \$45

**April 25th, 26th and 27th
Camporee 2014
(may be at Oak Canyon
Park near Irvine Lake)
Theme is "The Final
Frontier".**



**April 29th Fundraiser (5th
Tuesday – No Troop meeting)
Dinner at Shakeys Pizza (Mrs. Gray will
organize.)**

**May 10th Scout -O-Rama at Oak
Canyon Park (Irvine Lake)**

Scout-O-Rama



**June GOLD CAMP:
(Weekends of 21/22
and 28/29)**



Relive the 1870's Southern California Gold Rush on the San Gabriel River. Discover the rich history of the historic East Fork! Camp right along the river for 2 nights with your fellow

prospectors, Scouts and Scouters, siblings and family members. Camp at historic Camp Williams the last privately owned campsite along the East Fork and home to Placer Pete's Gold Camp.

Summer Camp 2014 Lost Valley



As an American, I will do my best to -

Be clean in my outdoor manners.

I will treat the outdoors as a heritage.

I will take care of it for myself and others

I will keep my trash and garbage out of lakes, streams, fields, woods, and roadways.

Be careful with fire.

I will prevent wildfire.

I will build my fires only where they are appropriate.

When I have finished using a fire, I will make sure it is cold out.

I will leave a clean fire ring, or remove all evidence of my fire.

Be considerate in the outdoors.

I will treat public and private property with respect.

I will use low-impact methods of hiking and camping.

and

Be conservation minded

I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands, wildlife, and energy.

I will urge others to do the same.



BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES For January 2014:

Steven M. 29th
17 years old

Happy Birthday, Scout!



Cooking Merit Badge Awardees FYI

For those of you who completed the Cooking Merit Badge the last quarter of 2014, the scout shop is was of the Cooking Merit Badge for the rest of the year. They will be getting more badges this year but they are not sure if they will be the new badges with the silver trim or old badges. In any case, the troop owes you a badge in early 2014!

Mrs. Dantas, Advancement Chair

Legendary UCLA coach, John Wooden explains how his dad Joshua, gave him and his brothers simple rules to live by organized into what he called "Two Sets of Threes." The first set was about honesty: **Never lie. Never cheat. Never steal.** The second set dealt with adversity: **Don't whine. Don't complain. Don't make excuses.**

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SCOUT IN CHARGE – YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

If you are the Scout -in-charge of an outing, activity, service project, Eagle project, training, patrol meeting, etc, after your event, please remember to turn in your attendance sheet to me (Mrs. Dantas) so the participants can get credit for attending.

The log should include date, start & stop time, location, and the list of who attended. If it's a service/Eagle project, it should include the hours that each participant worked to the nearest half-hour.



If it's a camping trip, it should include number of nights camped for each participant.

It's important to turn in this information in a timely manner. Some scouts may need these activities for advancement. You can hand deliver a paper report or email it to me.

Thank you. **Mrs. Dantas, Advancement Chair** Guide to Advancement

Just wanted to let everyone be aware that there is a new guide to advancement (2013). You can find a copy of it in this link:

<http://www.ocbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Advancement-Guide-2013.pdf>

Thanks, **Chris Hess**
hessc41@hotmail.com

The Buddy System

The buddy system is an important part of Scouting that provides safety and support for the Scouts. The policy of the Boy Scouts of America is for boys to be active but in groups of no smaller than two!

SCOUT LEADER REQUIREMENTS:

“Keeping you informed”



Again this month we are highlighting one Scout Troop Leadership position in “What Does A ____ Do?” series, so that we can all be aware what is expected of scout in leadership, and help them to succeed by assisting and encouraging.

Troop Quartermaster

Job Description:

The Troop Quartermaster keeps track of troop equipment and sees that it is in good working order.

Reports to: The Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Minimum Rank: 1st Class

Troop Quartermaster duties:



- Show up to meeting 15 minutes before meeting starts
- Keep records on patrol and troop equipment.
- Keep equipment in good repair.
- Issue equipment and see that it is returned in good order.
- Suggest new or replacement items.
- Work with the troop committee member responsible for equipment.
- Have good attendance at Troop meeting.
- Attends at least 2/3 of each event type during his service period.
- Set a good example.
- Enthusiastically wear the Scout Uniform correctly.
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Show Scout spirit.

Scout Trail Cooking:

Care of: <http://www.backpackingchef.com/>

Trail Breakfast: Ham and Vegetables with Rice

Try Ham and Vegetables with Rice for long lasting energy from three important food groups. This backpacking meal works for breakfast or supper.

Ingredients:

- ¼ cup deli ham, dehydrated
- ¼ cup mixed vegetables, dehydrated (corn, peas, carrots, green beans)
- ½ cup instant brown or white rice
- ¼ cube vegetable bouillon*
- 1 cup water



At Home:

For instructions on dehydrating corn and other vegetables, see [dehydrating vegetables](#).

For instructions on dehydrating deli meat, see [dehydrating meat](#).

*I use Organic Gourmet brand vegetable bouillon cubes from a health foods store. The cubes are large, so a ¼ cube does the trick. The advantage of the Organic Gourmet brand bouillon cubes over regular bouillon cubes is that they don't contain any MSG. If you can't find bouillon without MSG, leave it out since there are many flavors from the vegetables and ham to enjoy. A shake of salt and pepper will get you by.

Combine all ingredients in a 4 x 6 plastic bag.

On the Trail:

Place all ingredients in pot with one cup of water. Light stove and bring to a boil. Continue cooking for another minute or two. Transfer pot to insulating cozy for ten minutes to allow food to fully rehydrate.

[Click here for information about purchasing dehydrated vegetables and meat for this recipe.](#)

Chaplain's Aide's Inspiration of the month:

John 3:16



"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."



Tour and Activity Plans – Now Online Only!

Council will only accept/process ONLINE Tour and Activity Plans. We will no longer accept emailed, faxed or walked in Tour and Activity Plans. Sign into [MyScouting.org](https://my.scouting.org).

Please review all of the information on the page and the hyperlinks. A video showing you how to submit a tour and activity plan is on the FAQ page and [here](#).

When using the online version, you no longer have to collect signatures or council review. Complete the plan and certify that any missing requirements will be completed before the trip begins. When you submit the plan, an email will be sent to your council, chartered organization, committee chair, and your designated emergency contact.



BSA Climbing Resources

<https://sites.google.com/site/bsaclimbinstclass/materials>



Meaning of The World Scouting Symbol "Fleur-De-Lis"

Baden-Powell chose as Scouting's emblem the sign for the North Point, universally shown on maps, charts and compass cards, because "it points in the right direction (and upwards), turning neither to the right nor left, since these lead backward again".

Baden-Powell explained the origins of this sign. In the Middle Ages, mariner Flavio Gioja designed it to make the seaman's compass more reliable. In Italian, North was "Tramontana". Gioja used a capital "T" to mark it, and in deference to King Charles of Naples, whose crest was the Fleur-de-Lis, combined the letter with that emblem.



To explain the meaning of the Scout emblem, Baden-Powell said, "The two stars on the two side arms stand for the two eyes of the Wolf Cub having been opened before he became a Scout...(opened to truth and knowledge) The three points of the Fleur-de-Lis remind the Scout of the three main parts of the Scout promise: duty to God, obedience to the Scout Law, and service to others "

In the World Scout emblem, the Fleur-de-Lis is surrounded by a circle of rope tied with a reef knot to symbolize the strength and unity of the world brotherhood of Scouting: "Even as one cannot undo a reef knot, no matter how hard one pulls on it, so as it expands, the movement remains united."

The symbol is white on a royal purple background, colors Baden-Powell chose because, in heraldry, white stands for purity and purple for leadership and helping others.

Since Scouting began, over 200 million Scouts have worn the Scout symbol, making it one of the more highly recognized emblems in the world. Today, over 150 World Scouting countries and territories, more than 16 million members continue to wear it with pride.

Helpful chart:



1. The three points of the trefoil stand for the three parts of the Scout Oath.
2. The shape of the Scout badge means that a Scout can point the right way in life as truly as does a compass in the field.
3. There are two stars on the badge. They symbolize truth and knowledge.
4. The eagle and shield stand for freedom and a Scout's readiness to defend that freedom.
5. The scroll bearing the Scout motto is turned up at the ends as a reminder that a Scout smiles as he does his duty.
6. The knot at the bottom of the scroll serves as a reminder of the Scout slogan, Do a Good Turn Daily.

P.S. – Read up! You just might get asked one of these questions at your Eagle Board of Review!

JOKES, JOKES, JOKES

Have you heard these?



ANTI-JOKE January

Q: Why did the tree grow?

A: Because he wanted to leave!

Q: How did the man fall out of the tree?

A: It was a windy day and he slipped.

Q: What do you call a doctor with no eyes?

A: Blind.

Roses are red.

Violets are blue.

Sunflowers are yellow.

These are all gardening facts.

Q: What did the snail say when the bird sang him a song?

A: Nothing. Gastropods have no sensory organs for hearing.

Q: What is Santa's favorite color?

A: Blue.

The 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.

***"It's the spirit within, not the veneer without,
that makes a man."***

- **Robert Baden-Powell**



Jokes Supplied by Robert P.



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TROOP 314 - TOWER ABOVE THE REST !

