



TROOP 314 NEWS

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

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Scoutmaster's Corner

Dear Troop 314,

Well, I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and had lots of quality time with your family and relatives.



Even when I can't go visit my extended family (I worked through the holidays), it's nice when I get a few days to spend with my wife and kids where the only goal is to enjoy each other's company. I hope you all did the same.

I am very pleased to welcome Jon F to his new role as Senior Patrol Leader. I'm sure he will do a fine job, and I hope he finds it a rewarding position. It can be intimidating to be in the most important youth position in the troop, but I think he'll find it easier than he may have expected. He's already passed the "scariest" part, just stepping up! Good for you, Jon!

The new patrol leaders, Eli B and Christian D, are also taking positions they have never had before, so it should be a good learning experience for them -- fun, too, I hope! Probably their biggest task will be to prepare their patrols for Camporee, which happens in April.

One of the hard things about being a smaller sized Troop is that a higher percentage of the

work needs to be done by a smaller percentage of the members, but on the other hand, having a smaller group should, in theory, make it more flexible and responsive to change.

So, for example, we should be able to plan and execute an outing on short notice more easily than a large troop. We just need people to step up, and for that, I thank our new youth leaders!

This winter, we would like to plan a winter sports outing -- Mountain High Resort is hosting a "Scouts Day" on February 21, and the JLC has indicated a desire to participate. This is going to be fun!

Oh, just a reminder -- the Executive Committee meetings are now held at the Post, because library rooms are longer available. But the day is the same -- the day before JLC -- and the time is still 7:00 PM. All adults in the troop are encouraged to attend.

So, welcome to the New Year, everyone -- let's make it another good one!

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



SPL's Corner

Dear Troop 314,

As you probably all already know, I'm the new SPL for the next six months.

I will try to be just as good as a leader as Ian, if not better. Since I'm new, it might take some time before I'm used to being SPL and learn to do everything efficiently. I hope you all enjoy my term as SPL and bow before your new overlord.

Here is a couple of things that I plan to do or to do differently. One of the things is to slightly lift the ban on dodge ball. This does not mean you get to use it every week or choose to do it when your patrol leader forgets that they have game duty.

If I feel that we are using it too much, then we'll stop using it for a while. But until then, dodge ball has now been re-opened. Also, I plan to try to have the troop complete the Personnel Fitness merit badge, as it is Eagle required, has no alternatives, and I believe a lot of scouts don't have it yet. I have not discussed this with Mr. M in detail yet, so no details or promises.

I'm always open to suggestions from you guys if you want the troop to do something.

Jon F. - Senior Patrol Leader

"Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment."

- Will Rogers



From the Chairman

I want to thank all who have expressed condolences regarding the deaths of my mother-in-law and my cousin. The last four months have been a trying time on the Hilton family. But I am now able to devote more time again to the Chairman position. I thank all of you for your patience as I have been significantly absent.

I am announcing a Parents Meeting on Tuesday January 27 in parallel to the Troop meeting. The subjects will be annual planning and also adult positions that are open. In particular I need an Assistant Chairperson to act in my absence, and to train the person to be the next Chair, possibly starting at the end of 2015 or the beginning of 2016.



I encourage parents to approach me directly if have questions prior to the meeting.

YIS, Mr. Hilton Committee Chair

2 ¢ From the Treasurer: Dues, Due again!

Dues payment total will be \$160.

We are a bit behind schedule, so if possible please pay these over the next two months!

Typically, we ask Scouts to use \$40 from their own fundraising – so that part of dues can come from Scout account. Submit a "REQUEST FOR USE OF FAMILY ACCOUNT FUNDS" form.
Thanks

- Treasurer, Sandra Bloch



December 2014 Troop Court of Honor and Social

Special thanks to Dzuong Le for the great photos!



Invocation



Ian, SPL and Owen, ASPL hand out award to Diego.



The proud insignia of the Blue Phoenix.



Steven Y. is our latest Scout attaining his Eagle Rank!

TRUSTWORTHY
loyal HELPFUL
friendly
COURTEOUS KIND
cheerful
thrifty
brave
clean
reverent



Jon is Troop 314 new SPL, Alex ASPL



Viet T. Earns Life Rank and two year service pin.



New Troop 314 leaders are sworn in.



Rank comes with risk of Mom attack.



APLs are sworn in.



Mistletoe December 7th 2014

The 4 Ps of Mistletoe:

Permit, Picking, Packing and Passing out!



Hey the stuff is just lying on the ground!



Mr. Bess helps out with Secret Santa gifts.



You get the good stuff off the tree



Hike anyone?



Rob gives boosts up for Ian.



Mitchell clips a winner.





Chow time. Thanks Chef Adam!



Packing up.




The Christmas Cheer Team.



Passing out free Mistletoe



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 



Next to last, on Saturday, Dec. 20th, Troop 314 Scouts sang Christmas carols at the Westminster Senior Living Center. The seniors were very happy and pleased to hear the scouts and parents sang beautifully.

Finally, there were no troop meeting on Dec. 23rd and fundraiser on Dec. 30th.

Viet Tran, Troop Historian

Troop 314 Historian Report

In December 2014, Troop 314 had a busy month with different activities going on before the holiday break began. On Dec. 7th, the scouts and parents drove up to Crystal Lake early in the morning to pick mistletoes, and returned by 11:00 am to the Post to bag the mistletoes and passed them out at Stater Brothers Store at 12:00 P.M.

Then on Dec. 9th, there was troop's election day for the next term, January through June 2015. Each position was nominated and voted.

Next, Court of Honor was held on Dec. 16th. Blue Phoenix Patrol brought appetizers and Autobots Patrol brought desserts. Mrs. Pearson provided the beverages. Also, Mitchell Le received few merit badges, and Viet Tran received his Life Rank and two years service award

as well.

Youth leaders were sworn an oath to their position. SPL is Jon F; APL is Alex B.; Blue Phoenix PL is Christian D.; Blue Phoenix APL Diego McCready; Autobots PL is Elijah B.; Autobots APL is Robert P.; Scribe is Mitchell Le; Quartermaster is Owen M.; Chaplain Aide is Austin H.; Historian is Viet T.; Den Chief is Christian D.; Librarian is Martin L.

Congratulations to all Scouts and best wishes and luck in 2015!

Troop 314 Scribe – Junior Leadership Committee (JLC) Minutes for January 2015 AD

- No Submission to Newsletter



Mitchell L. Troop Scribe

NEW 2015 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.
- OA Representative: - Open
- Chaplain's Aide: Austin Hallman
- Historian: Viet T.
- Den Chief - Christian D.

Open Position in Leadership

• Troop Guide



“It’s the spirit within, not the veneer without, that makes a man.”



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

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 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 said 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.***



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:

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*The only difference
between death and taxes
is that death doesn't get
worse every time Congress
meets.*

Will Rogers



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.

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.

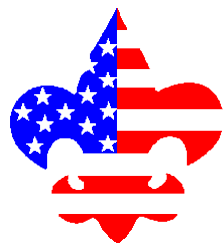
BLM land / Calico Ghost Town

- 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 or Summer Beach Trip
Scuba Instruction
Snorkeling / Beach Trip
White water rafting
Canoe River Trip
Annual Mistletoe Trip
Annual Homework Burn!
Kayaking
Picnic / BBQ



Happy New Year!

Get Out Your 2015
Calendars and mark
these dates!

TROOP 314 **EVENTS FOR** **January 2015:**

Bring on the Adventure!



Mr. Fieffer, Activities Chair

5th Executive Council Meeting
(All Parents welcome)
Post 555 at 7PM to 8:45

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

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

➤ **Camporee Staff**
sign up night



9th NO (first) Friday night dinner at Post 555.

10th Saturday 10AM - 12:00
Noel's Eagle Project: Shelf Assembly.

11th Sunday 3PM
Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ISLT) Bolsa Chica Park (near Eastwood Elementary School).

<http://www.scouting.org/filestore/training/pdf/ILST%20FINAL%202011%20-%20Item%20Number%20511-016.pdf>

(RAINED OUT)! New Date TBD

13th Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 7PM

Set up, Flag and Oath - Everyone

Blue Phoenix – Skill
Theme for next two months:
Movies

Autobots – Game

FYI:

- **Troop vote on Pala Exercise**
- **Gold Camp is June 19,20 & 21**
- **Mountain High Scouts Day Feb 21st \$49 lift ticket.**
- **Sheet out for First Friday dinner support for next six months.**

20th Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 7PM

Blue Phoenix – Game
Autobots – Skills

27th Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 7PM

Blue Phoenix – Skill
Autobots – Game

- **Parents Break Out meeting - Mr. Hilton Presiding.**

As ever, Webelos Scouts and Parents are welcome to attend meetings as our guests!

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, and Patrol meetings these days.
- 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!

February 2nd Exec Council Meeting at Post or if closed at nearby Denny's Restaurant

February 3rd Junior Leadership Council Meeting at 6:30 at American Legion Post 555

February 6th Post 555 First Friday Dinner – (Scout support)

February 21st Scouts Ski / Snowboard day at Mountain High

\$49 Scouts Day Package Special February 21st, 2015

- 8 hr. Lift Ticket / Ski or Snowboard Rentals
- 1 hr. & 45 minute Group Lesson
- Hot dog, Chips, and Beverage

- Elijah B. Is Scout in Charge

<http://www.mthigh.com/tickets-passes/scouts-day>

April 18th Camporee
Theme is “the 10 Essentials”

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

TBD Scout Service Project days for February / March / April

TBD Troop Snow Sport Day – Date and place depends on SNOW!

TBD Troop Recruitment: Webelos Activity Pin Day

TBD Summer Camp 2015 ?
One idea is: Camp Chawanakee

<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

There are three kinds of men. The one that learns by reading. The few who learn by observation. The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence for themselves.

Will Rogers



They're called "Essentials" for a reason.

Every packing list starts with these 10 items:

Pocketknife or multitool can be handy in a wide variety of situations. It's useful for tasks as large as building an emergency shelter or lighting a campfire with poor fuel, or as small as repairing a damaged backpack. Don't forget to first earn your Totin' Chip.

First-aid kit can be a lifesaver. Literally.

Extra clothing to match the weather. Multiple layers are better than a single massive jacket, because layered clothing is adaptable to a wide range of temperatures. Cotton clothin is called kille cotton for a reason – pack wool as first choice for cold wet weather.

Rain gear is very important. Being wet from rain may result in hypothermia, a potentially fatal condition. Hard experience shows that Ponchos are not rain gear.

Flashlight is important for setting up camp in dark, signaling, handy in a porta-potty at night or in worse case finding your way over rough trail in the dark.

Trail food is good for maintaining your energy.

Water can prevent dehydration, heat exhaustion and heatstroke.

Matches and/or a fire starter may be used to light fires for heat, cooking or for signaling for help.

Sun protection might include sunblock, sunglasses, lip balm and a wide-brimmed hat.

Map and compass are probably the most important tools you can carry in the case you get lost.

Here are some additional items you may want to pack, depending on the outing:

Keeping Clean

- Toilet paper (**The 11th Essential !**)
- Toothbrush / Toothpaste / Dental floss
- Soap
- Comb
- Waterless hand cleaner
- Small towel
- Washcloth
- Trowel for digging cathole latrines

Cooking and eating

- Large plastic cereal bowl or kitchen storage bowl
- Spoon
- Cup or insulated mug
- Water treatment system
- Backpacking stove with fuel
- Large pot and lid (2.5- or 3-quart size)
- Small pot and lid (1.5- or 2-quart size)
- Lightweight frying pan (10 to 12 inches in diameter)
- For melting snow, add 1 large pot and lid (6 to 10 quarts)
- Hot-pot tongs

Extras

- Watch
- Camera
- Notebook
- Pen or pencil
- Sunglasses
- Snow Goggles
- Small musical instrument
- Swimsuit
- Gloves
- Whistle
- Nylon cord
- Insect repellent
- Sewing / Repair kit
- Duck Tape
- Hiking stick or trekking poles
- Binoculars
- Fishing gear
- Animal identification books, plant keys, geological studies, star charts or other guides

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.***



Chaplain's Aide's Inspiration of the month:

Jeremiah 29:11

***"For I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD.
"They are plans for good
and not for disaster, to
give you a future and a
hope."***



- RWP NLE

JOKES, JOKES, JOKES Have you heard these?



My New Year's resolution is 1080p.

Q: What vegetable was forbidden on the ships of Arctic explorers?

A: Leeks

Q: What kind of math do Snowy Owls like?

A: Owlgebra.

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

A: I have no eye deer.



TROOP 314

TOWER ABOVE THE REST!

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