

TROOP 314 NEWS

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Scoutmaster's Corner

Dear Troop 314,

This month marks the end of the 3rd year that I have been Scoutmaster of this troop. While I am happy to continue in this capacity into a 4th year, we are in need of a volunteer to succeed Mr. Hilton as our Troop Committee Chair.

Mike has suggested that I would make a suitable candidate, but if I did that, we'd need a new Scoutmaster. If anybody would like to inquire about what it would entail, feel free to pull me aside at any meeting or activity. I would be happy to mentor a successor.

I expect to be here for a few more years, and would like to do whatever I can to see that Troop 314 remains healthy and vibrant well into the future. Or, as an alternative, I could remain as Scoutmaster, and we find a successor to the Committee Chair.

I am sure that Mr. Hilton would be willing to mentor his successor as much as his busy schedule permits.

Please consider volunteering for this valuable service to the troop, even if you never considered it before.

Looking back on 2014, it has been a rewarding year, but we unfortunately did not gain very many members, while we lost several. Some aged out, some dropped out for personal reasons, two moved, and some just went inactive to pursue different endeavors. This is all normal for most troops, but usually we gain enough new scouts to make up for attrition. These usually come from the Webelos of the troop's "feeder pack", but this time ours did not have any Webelos 2's to bridge over.

However, in the past half year or so, we have made a concerted effort to plan activities around the Cub Scouts, starting with the Belt Loop day in June, and ending with the Halloween party in October.

These should all have a very positive effect in attracting Webelos to our troop. We need to continue in this effort, and make it a part of our annual program.

Speaking of our annual program, we need to do something we haven't done in several years -- have an annual program planning meeting. This involves both the adults and youth leaders, and lays out the framework of our activities for the coming year, including, wherever possible, assigning adults to oversee each event.

See this web page for lots of great information on the planning conference: http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/P rogramPlanning.aspx

Keep watching your email for an announcement of this important meeting!

I hope everyone has a safe and joyous holiday season. I'm looking forward to the Court of Honor with installation of new youth leaders, and our appetizer/dessert potluck with Secret Santa!

Happy Holidays,



Richard Marubayashi, Scoutmaster, **Troop 314**



SPL's Corner

Dear Troop 314,



writing in the newsletter as SPL. I do not expect to be praised as the best SPL the troop has ever known, but I hope I lived up to your expectations, and did a satisfactory job.

For the past several years, I have never been without a position of responsibility. I will be aging out in less than a year, so I will not be taking another position of responsibility, and this is also a partial goodbye. My brother will still be in the troop for several more years, so I am sure to see some of you on a rare occasion, but I will most

likely be guite preoccupied with school and college.

Additionally, after I have stepped down, I will likely be busy with reaching Eagle. Even though there were many things I did not enjoy about Boy Scouts, overall, I very much enjoyed it, and I feel that it was all worth it, especially if I can make Eagle before I age out.

I hope that you all feel the same way I do, and that none of you think of Scouts as just a chore that your parents forced you into. I don't mean to be rude or anything, but judging by the state of the troop as it is right now, I am concerned about its future. I hope you all step up, take positions of responsibility and do a great job! There's an old story about the troop that has been around ever since my older brother joined. Supposedly, at one point in its roughly fifty years, Troop 314 was down to only a single scout. Imagine the recruiting he must have done and the dedication he must have had to keep this troop alive. It would have been so easy for him to just give up and age out, allowing the troop to disappear, but he didn't.

I don't want that story to repeat itself. I won't lie. Positions of responsibility are pains in the rear. But they're also fun, and worth it. You feel a sense of pride in leading the troop, and the satisfaction of keeping everything running smoothly. It's overwhelming at times, and you don't always know what you're getting yourself into, but sometimes, you have to get out of the kiddie pool and dive off the deep end to learn how to swim.

To whoever is to succeed me, I hope you do an even better job of it than I have, and enjoy yourself doing it. This troop will fall apart without strong, motivated leadership, as well as scouts.

Goodbye, and please take care of the troop,

lan M.

Senior Patrol Leader



Caspers Wilderness Park Movie Night - November 8th and 9th

The Troop had a Movie Night in South Orange County's Caspers Wilderness Park. Thanks to Mrs. Hight for the movies and the Large Screen TV. Camping was a good time with some great films and plenty of snacks!

Christian cooked up some really tasty food to boot!



Let the viewing begin!



Home sweet Camp Home.





Dishwashing can be fun. OK, Maybe.





Kevin sees some humor in it.



Movie Camp Crew



Lashings made simple? - Mr. Tran and Mr. Pearson.



Breakfast munch down, mmmm bacon.



Owen gets fire going quickly.



Flag Retirement Veteran's Day November 11th

They served, and serve today, so we may live free men.







Color Guard at attention.



Noel helps with readings







Christian does his part too.







Color guard handles flag with care and dignity to its rest.











Old Glory is retired with Honor.

Robert gives Benediction



Roundtable Webelos Lookie Loo Nov 13th

Mr. Tran, Mr. Pearson and Mr. M along with Robert, Viet, and Owen setup a nice rustic display with our lashed poles and climbing gear.

Mr. M had a computer and monitor showing a Troop 314 slide show to keep it cutting edge. I think we managed to make a great impression on all the Webelos who came by this night!



All set up and ready for Webelos and their parents!

Robert's Eagle Service Project November Sundays 16th and 23rd.

Hello Troop 314. I would like to personally THANK YOU for all your hard work in support of my Eagle Service Project on November 16th and 23rd.

As you may know, I am building 6 benches for the front (outside) of our Buena Park public Library. As of this newsletter all six of the benches are done!!! This took almost two months of work.

I have been going to this library since I was too young to walk and I am a big fan of our great libarians - so this is a special project to be able to give back something to them.

Over 100 pieces of wood were sanded and varnished in those weekends. Along with all the sanding and mutliple coats of varnish our scouts have done, the adult volunteers have made 5 of the decks for the benches.

I really appreciate your help from all the Scout Parents and Scouts. These benches are a pretty complex design and this makes for a a labor intensive project, so I could not have got this far without all your help!

Hopefully in December we will be able to install the benches and Library patrons can start enjoying them!!!









VARNISH





Varnishing





Varnish - Good job Viet!





Mr. H and Alex sand and sand and sand.



Mr.s Hight and Alex B. Varnish



Martin and Jon give bench a final coat.



MARTIN GETS THE END GRAIN AGAIN.



Mr. Hight is a Power sanding machine.



Robert gives Mrs. Hight a few pointers



More Parts to varnish



Building the decks is a project! Mr. Fieffer and Austin help Mr. Pearson.



Austin Mr. Bess and Mr. Vu form second shift.



Another bench deck is started.



Measure twice drill once or the other way around I am tired and forget.



Endless varnish.



One of the bench decks has been completed.



When does the pizza arrive?



Noel and Gabe at work.



Really Big and really grumbley Human Clamps, 6 boards in, two to go.





The Crew. Thanks guys!



Martin and Gabe cannot take it any more!



Do not annoy the old guys? Please!



lan does his magic.



Doing the dirty work



lan and Mr. P level bench the hard way.







These bench decks weigh a ton!



Need an extra drill, Mr. M! ?





Viet, Long and Martin doing their stuff.



Long gets a deck smooth.



Day two Crew!



The final product – Six redwood / composite lumber benches racked, stacked and ready to install.

Darn good work Troop!

THANKS!

Food for the Court of Honor & Troop Social on 16th of December

We will be having hors d'oeuvres followed by desserts.



Food breakout is by Patrols as follows:

Bring Desserts: Autobots

Bring Appetizers: Blue Phoenix

Table Cloths, Decorations, Beverages, both Hot and Cold - as well as water will be provided by Mrs. Pearson.



Troop 314 Historian's Report

In November 2014, a Scouts participated and stayed overnight at Caspers Wilderness Park to watch movies on Nov. 8th.



Christian planned prepared and cooked the meals for scouts to eat for lunch, dinner, and breakfast.

Then on Veteran's Day, November 11th, Troop 314 performed flag retirement. Cub Scouts from Pack 314 were invited.

Finally, a few scouts and parents volunteered to help Robert Pearson's Eagle Project on Nov.16th and Nov. 22nd. His project was successfully completed by more than 50% of the work. Way to go, Robert P!

Your Troop Historian, Viet T.



Troop 314 Service Projects:

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

Parents - If you can help out to plan and file a tour activity plan, please let Mr. Hilton know!





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



Troop 314 Scribe – Junior Leadership Committee (JLC) Minutes for December 2nd 2014 AD

Leaders in attendance:

Christian D'Alessandro, Martin Lee, Ian Marubayashi, Owen Marubayashi, Robert Pearson, Viet Tran, Mrs. Hight, Mr. Marubayashi, Mrs. Lee, Mrs. D'Alessandro, Mr. Tran, and Mr. Pearson

Viet T. acted as Troop Scribe at this meeting.

Events:

New Patrol Leader of Blue Phoenix from January 2015 through June 2015 is Christian D. New Patrol Leader of Autobots from January 2015 through June 2015 is Elijah B.

Dec. 7th – Mistletoe picking at Crystal Lake Meet at the Post at 8:00am. Return home to bag the mistletoe from 12pm to 1pm. Passing out mistletoe at 1pm.

Dec. 9th – Troop's Election Day

Dec. 16th - COH

Blue Phoenix – appetizers

Autobots – desserts

Color Guard: Viet, Martin, Robert P., Jon, and Austin

Troop's Christmas Caroling is to be determined for date, time, and location.

Dec. 23rd – No meeting

Dec. 30^{th} - Fundraiser



Long T., Troop Scribe





Know the joy of life by piling good deed on good deed until no rift or cranny appears between them.

Marcus Aurelius



BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES for December 2014:

Hallman, Austin Dec 20th - 14 years old

Have a Great Birthday, Scout!





Thanks for all your Donations!

You can also help stop hunger in OC this Holiday Season by participating in our Virtual Scouting for Food Drive until 12/31/2014.

(Click on the blue text for link)



Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Ian M.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Owen M.
- Blue Phoenix Patrol Leader: Martin L.
- Autobots: Michael M.
- Scribe: Long T.
- Quartermaster: Gabe B.
- Librarian: Elijah B.
- OA Representative: Steven Y...
- Chaplain's Aide: Robert P.
- Historian: Viet T.

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 / Road To First Class (RTFC)

- 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 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.

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!







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.

Be conservation minded



The Troop 314 website, URL is:

http://www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com



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 get it done!

Activities:

Archery
Deep Sea Fishing - Commercial ½
day Boat

Ocean fishing — Pier trip / Surf fishing — San Clemente has a good pier.

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

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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

Bring on the Adventure!

Mr. Fieffer, Activities Chair



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!

Get out your Calendars and mark these dates!

TROOP 314 EVENTS FOR December 2014:

Christmas Caroling in December

We will be sending our info soon!



1st Executive Council Meeting at Cypress Public Library at 7PM to 8:45.

2nd JLC Junior Leadership Council (JLC) Meeting held at AL Post 555 at 6:30 PM.

5th <u>NO</u> (first) Friday night dinner at Post 555.

7th Mistletoe picking Crystal Lake Recreation Area. And distribution at Ralphs on Warner in HB.

- **✓ Permit Done**

Meet at Post 8AM

At Crystal Lake there is a cafe that serves hot food and drinks, but does not have the ability to accept payment by credit or debit cards. They can only accept cash and checks, but what if you're short on cash and you don't have your checkbook with you?

Believe it or not, the owner, Adam, will trust you to send your payment by mail later. He doesn't ask for collateral or even identification. He has been known to feed weary cyclists who forgot to bring money, trusting them to pay by mail or the next time they come up.

This was amazing to me and Mr. Tran and Mr. Pearson. This just doesn't happen very often, and when it does, it reaffirms your faith in people, as Adam has not lost his faith in people.

December 7, 1941 "A date that will live in infamy"



Pearl Harbor - Lest We Forget

9th Troop 314 Meeting at American Legion Post 555 starting at 7PM

Set up, Flag and Oath - Everyone

Blue Phoenix – Game if time Autobots – No Skill

- > Troop Run
- > Troop Elections
- Secret Santa Drawing

11th Orange Frontier District Roundtable 7 PM. LDS Church 4000 Orange Ave., Anaheim (2nd Thursday of each month)



16th Troop 314 Social and Court of Honor at American Legion Post 555 starting 6:30PM (Scouts arrive earlier to help set up! Thanks)

Blue Phoenix – Appetizers Autobots – Deserts

Webelos Scouts are welcome to attend



as our guests!





23rd No Meeting

25th

MERRY CHRISTMAS!



30th NO MEETING Troop Fund Raiser TBD - Thinking Carls Jr. this time?

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. usually kept simple due to constraints on time and sanity).

UPCOMING EVENTS!

January 5th Exec Council Meeting

January 6th Junior Leadership Council

- ★ Troop Snow Sport Day Date and place depends on SNOW!
- ★ Troop Recruitment:
 Webelos Activity Pin Day –
 TBD We are moving out as too busy a schedule.
- **★ Summer Camp 2015 ?**

One idea is:

www.chawanakee.com/ Camp Chawanakee. 56 Merit Badges in 9 Weeks for the summer of 2015.



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.

When 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 the plan, an email will be sent to your council, chartered organization, committee chair, and your designated emergency contact.



Accept the things to which fate binds you, and love the people with whom fate brings you together, but do so with all your heart.

Marcus Aurelius



Work Lost Valley This Summer!

Lost Valley's summer camp staff members are at least 16 years of age, some areas require older staff. There is also a Counselor in Training (C.I.T.) position for youth who are 14 and 15 years old. All staff are housed in cabins with heat, electricity, bunk beds, and shared drawers/storage lockers. Staff are fed three meals per day in our dining halls.

Some Program Areas require staff to be over 18 and most Area Directors must be over 18 or over 21. Schoepe Scout Reservation is flexible in working around school, work, Scouting, and other personal commitments. All staff will receive Scout camp and program area specific training during Staff Week. Many Area Directors will also receive BSA specific training at a separate BSA National Camp School training.

The 2015 Summer Camp season will last from June 19th to August 8th; Area Directors, management, and other staff may have an earlier report date. There may be positions available before and after these dates. More information will be made available once you are hired. Preference is given to those who are available the entire summer. Please include any known date conflicts with your application. All dates are subject to change.





We are in the process of receiving applications and conducting interviews for the 2015 Schoepe Scout Reservation at Lost Valley Summer Camp Staff. We offer competitive wages, with food and housing included for the length of your employment. We are looking to fill every position from janitorial staff all the way up to Program Director. If you would like to be on camp staff, we need your application and for you to set up an interview as soon as possible. I hope to start sending out staff agreements in January. If you do not have an application, please click on this link to download one today.

Lost Valley Summer Staff Interview Dates

Here are the following interview dates and times to select from:

Saturday, December 6, 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 9, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Thursday, December 11, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Saturday, December 13, 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Monday, December 15, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Please call the front desk to set up your interview: 714.546.8558

If you live long distance from the Council Service Center in Santa Ana, please still set up a time to conduct a phone interview. If there is any other time than the dates listed you are available please call or email me directly to set up a meeting.

Jennifer Blevins | Camping Director

E Jenniferb@ocbsa.org P 714.546.8558 ext. 131 | F 714.546.0415



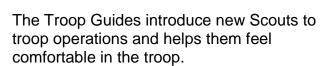
Keeping You Informed

This month we are highlighting one Scout Troop Leadership position in "What Does A 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 Guide

Job Description:



Reports to: The Assistant Scoutmaster of the **New Scout Patrol**

Rank: 1st Class

Troop Guide duties:

- Show up to meeting 15 minutes before meeting starts
- Help new Scouts earn advancement requirements through First Class.
- Advise patrol leader on his duties and responsibilities at Junior Leaders' Council (JLC) meetings.
- Attend Junior Leaders Council (JLC) meetings with the New Scout Patrol Leader.
- Prevent harassment of new Scouts by older Scouts.
- Help Assistant Scoutmaster train new Scouts by older Scouts.
- Guide new Scouts through early troop experiences to help them become comfortable in the troop and the outdoors.
- Teach basic Scout skills.
- 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 Law

A Scout is:

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





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.

Chaplain's Aide's



Inspiration 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

- Robert P. Chaplin's Aide



JOKES, JOKES, JOKES Have you heard these?

A song told me to Deck the Halls.

So I did.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall aren't that very happy.

Q: What do you sing at a snowman's birthday party?

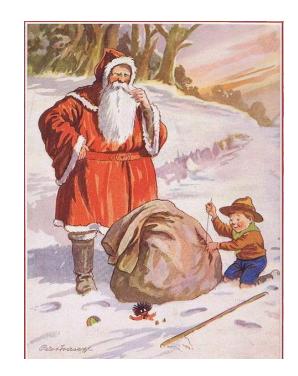
A: Freeze a jolly good fellow!



"Something tells me this must be the eighth day of Christmas. ..."







Ma'oz Tzur

Rock of Ages, let our song praise Your saving power. You amid the raging throng were our sheltering tower. Furious they assailed us, but Your help availed us. And Your word broke their sword when our own strength failed us.

Silent night, holy night!

All is calm, all is bright.

Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child.

Holy infant so tender and mild, Sleep in heavenly peace,

Sleep in heavenly peace. Silent night, holy night!

Shepherds quake at the sight. Glories stream from heaven afar Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia, Christ the Savior is born! Christ the Savior is born. Silent night, holy night! Son of God love's pure light.

Radiant beams from Thy holy face With dawn of redeeming grace,

Jesus Lord, at Thy birth. Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

TROOP 314 TOWER ABOVE THE REST!

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