



TROOP 314 NEWS

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Westminster, (Midway City) California

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Scoutmaster's Corner



I Am an American

"I am an American." That's the way that most of us put it, just matter-of-factly. They are plain words, those four; you could write them on your thumbnail, or you could sweep them clear across the bright autumn sky.

But remember, too, that they are a way of life. So, whenever you speak them, speak them proudly, speak them gratefully--

"I AM AN AMERICAN"

C. Bess, Scoutmaster Troop 314



OFD Pinewood Derby

On Saturday, January 30, several members of Troop 314 had a good time and put in service hours helping out with the Orange Frontier District's annual Pinewood Derby.

The event was held at the Westminster Mall, and featured 2 tracks with electronic timing. We had races for Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos, plus an "open" class for siblings, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, and adults. Troop 314 members helping out included Ian and Mr. Marubayashi, Brandon and Mrs. Hight, and Ethan T.

Ian did not bring a car, but he did bring a kit, and in the time between races he managed to assemble a completely plain "block of wood" car. This "plain jane" car took 1st and 2nd in it's two heats in the open class!

Thank you to all who helped out! Let's do it again next year!

- **Mr. Marubayashi**

All my photos from this event can be seen at <http://smu.gs/1oeacpc>



Ian M. weighing a car



Ian M. and Chris H (from O/A)
preparing the "garage".



Mrs. Hight and Brandon setting up.



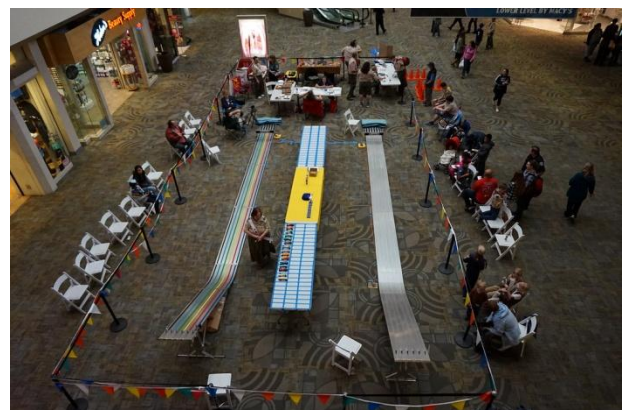
Ian M. and Ethan T. working on a Cub's car.



Ian helping Brownies with their cars



Ian's 5-minute
creation, the "block of wood" and it was a winner!



Nice looking setup for races.



Rank Advancement Changes

Please note that there have been several changes made to Rank Advancement requirements beginning 1/1/2016. Scouts who are working toward rank advancement 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

Looking forward to a fantastic 2016!

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

TRUSTWORTHY
loyal HELPFUL
friendly
KIND
cheerful
thrifty
brave
clean
reverent
COURTEOUS
OBEDIENT

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

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



Family Event: Snow Day

Pearson's, Marubayashi's along with 4 other families traveled up on Superbowl Sunday to the Grassy Hollow Visitors Center outside of Wrightwood in the Los Angeles National Forest.

Snow was getting bit thin, but we were easily able to get in some sledding and Owen even did some snowboarding.

It was a good time and the drive was easy with light traffic thanks to the football fans being indoors this day.



Owen owns the board! Seriously.



This is even more exciting than it looks – have to avoid trees, tree stumps and wooden posts.



North side of Mount Baldy



Rob with his signature, I wear shorts everywhere look.



Ian was tops on the long runs

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 Position
- 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. Feiffer

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 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



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 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



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 February 2016:

2nd Patrol Leadership Council

4th – Exec. Meeting.

**9th Regular Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM
Scoutmaster Reviews**

**11th Orange Frontier District
Scouters' Roundtable**

**7 PM at LDS Church 4000
Orange Ave., Anaheim (2nd
Thursday of each month)**



**13th Saturday Elijah's Eagle
Service Project**
Details coming from Elijah B.

**16th Regular Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM
Board of Review night**

**19th and 20th Camp/ Hike / Climb
at Ortega Falls** (21 miles east of 5 frwy
on Ortega Highway 74)

**23rd Regular Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM**

**28th ILST - Sunday 10-12 Noon.
Introduction to Leadership Skills
for Troops**

**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 5th 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!

March 1st Patrol Leaders Council at 6:30 at American Legion Post 555

March 3rd NEW DAY THURSDAY Exec Council Meeting at Post 555

March 6th Scouts Ski / Snowboard day at Mountain High
\$49 Scouts Day Package Special Includes ski/snowboard rentals, lift tickets, and chow.

March 13th Sunday - Bolsa Chica cleanup - Scout Service Project day

March 19th – Family Event
Desert high power rifle shoot
Near Calico Ghost town, past Barstow.

April 18th Hanger 18 Climb Day (Cubs Scouts Welcome!)

April 22 -25th Camporee

May 7th Scout-O-Rama

July 25-29 Volunteer opportunities at Cub Scout Evening camp in Los Alamitos.

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FYI - A Google search of “BSA Troop 314” gets you this link:

Boy Scout Troop 314 (Midway City, California) Homepage
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.

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 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 Wisdom of the month:



A Scout is loyal.

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much.

– Luke 16:10

Jokes Jokes Jokes

I went to a seafood disco last week. I pulled a mussel.

Q: What did the magician say to the fisherman?

A: Pick a cod. Any cod.

Q: What do evil chickens lay?

A: Deviled Eggs.

Q: Why did the cookie cry?

A: Because his mom was a wafer so long.

Q: What is a Jedi's favorite dessert?

A: An Obi Wan Cannoli.

Q: What do you do when you see a ship wreck?

A: You let it sink in.



“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 -Thanks, Mr. Pearson

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