



TROOP 314 NEWS

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

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BSA Troop 314 Events Completed in September 2019:

7th Sunday: Family Swim Day, Naples

On Sunday, September 15, Trumen's Grandmother hosted the Scouts for an afternoon of swimming and kayaking at her home in Naples, Long Beach.



As this was designated a family event, we were able to do this without all the normal Safe Swim Defense rules (such as a lifeguard); all Scouts had a parent present.



Trumen and Ryan completed some aquatic requirements, namely the rescue practice (reach-throw-row-go), but mostly they just had fun.

20th 21st and 22nd Troop Camp and Hike at Crystal Lake Recreation area.

On September 20, three Scouts and two adults headed up to Crystal Lake State Recreation Area for some camping and hiking. Two nights camping were earned.

Crystal Lake is one of our favorite camping areas, because no reservations are required, it is a beautiful area at almost 6,000 feet elevation, and with no through-traffic (it's at the end of the road). Unfortunately, it is also a popular destination for car and motorcycle clubs, who often roar up the mountain, even late at night, without regard to others who enjoy the peaceful setting.

On Friday night we had a group of loud sports cars arrive at about 10:30 ("Quiet time" is 10PM-6AM), and proceed to do donuts in the parking lot which was practically right next to our campsite. The noise was deafening. Calling the Sheriff would have been pointless, as it takes an hour just to get up the mountain. And no park Rangers were on duty at this time (lack of funding). So we just put up with it until they left. This is one big reason why I love backpacking in the backcountry, where you leave all that behind.

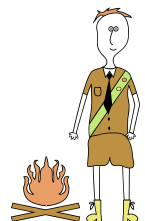


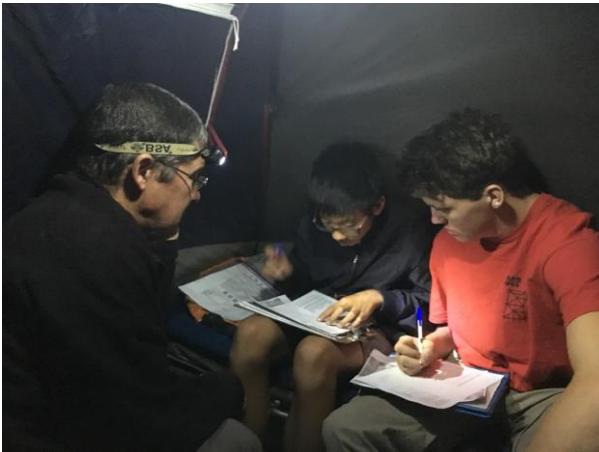
Kayaking.



Scout feeding time.

Big thanks go to Trumen's Grandmother for a fun day!





Hike Planning.



Windy Gap.



On Saturday morning, the group headed up the Windy Gap trail for a 5.2 mile hike. The trail to Windy Gap rises from 5800 feet to 7500 feet. Less than a quarter mile down the back side of the ridge, you come to a pleasant little spring, Little Jimmy Spring, which was flowing nicely.



Somebody had left a stuffed dead iguana there, which was weird. After filling our water bottles (yes, we filtered it), we had a very short walk to Little Jimmy Campground.



Stuffed iguana close up.



Several other Boy Scout Troops were camping there, and I would love to camp there sometime in the winter when it's covered with snow. There are wood-burning stoves, tables, and pit toilets there, so with the nearby spring, it has everything we need.

The scouts used maps and compasses to navigate during the hike, meeting Road-to-First-Class requirements. The hike down was predictably fast, and we arrived back at camp just in time to have lunch.



Cooking lunch.

After lunch, we did a little working on advancement requirements, but mostly just relaxed and explored the campground area.



Troop cleans up after dinner

The scouts also completed several cooking requirements. Their attempt at making brownies for dessert was a bit of a problem due to missing ingredients (oil & eggs), but that stuff happens. Overall, it was a fun and productive campout.

- Mr. Marubayashi, Scoutmaster



Hiking Down



30th Court of Honor

Master of Ceremony - Timothy

At the September Court of Honor, Timothy was awarded his Star Rank, which he completed at his September 23 Board of Review. Congratulations Timothy!



Timothy Pins Dad.

Timothy also served as MC for the Court of Honor, and wrote the script and created the program.



Also, the following merit badges, earned at summer camp, were awarded:
Timothy: Cooking, Lifesaving
Trumen: Astronomy
Ryan: Archery

Congratulations, Scouts!



Get Your Calendars out and mark these dates!

BSA Troop 314 Events for October 2019

Theme of month is Advancement

7th PLC

Truman, SPL presiding

10th Orange Frontier District Scouters' Roundtable

7:30 PM Roundtable is no longer held at the LDS church.



It is now held at Boys and Girls Club of Cypress
10161 Moody St, Cypress, CA **(2nd Thursday each month)**

13th Fitness Pretest with Mr. Marubayashi at Cypress College
09:00 AM

14th Monday Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 7:00 PM
Planning for Backpack Hike.

19th and 20th Backpack in
overnighter hike, Holucum Valley
in Big Bear area.

21st Monday Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 7:00PM

27th Sunday shed Clean Up
09:00 AM

28th Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 7:00PM



*"The real way to gain
happiness is to give it to
others."*

- Sir Robert Baden-Powell



Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Truman
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Ryan
- Quartermaster: Timothy



Troop 314 Towers Above!



Troop 314 Meeting Notes

- First meeting of Month is 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.
- ** Usually no meetings are usually held on 5th Tuesday. These are saved for Fundraisers, (eating out) or special meetings at interesting locations.

Court of Honor is held 4 times a year, every 3 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.

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.).



Scout Slogan

Do a good turn daily



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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.***



Contact Information Link

Please update your contact information as needed.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ALgJqX-iwYHBrTZ8xf7AuGKqIjv6FxyLLXZP3NjuVFk/edit?usp=sharing>

Here is the updated calendar link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xC1YQ139Topl7ACL-iNrMHGAQHsn8S0Ak6TLk2l_0IU/edit?usp=sharing

Updated Activity / Camping sign-up link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yfH9Mc0LA647ZVNaBMBKZaZC9gF5Y2-frHx7YnKtHs/edit?usp=sharing>

Scout in Charge/Scout Leader Planning Sheet

This is the link to the planning document.

http://troopleader.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/512-505_16_Wksht_WEB.pdf

Please plan to use it when you are the assigned Scout in Charge of an Activity.



TROOP 314 WEBSITE URL is:

www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com

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.



Orange Frontier District Website Link

<http://orangefrontier.ocbsa.org/>

The Troop can help you do something you always wanted to do!

**Scouts – You have the Power to
make some serious fun happen!**

Talk to 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.

***Troop / Family Activities are
only limited by your
imagination:***

Archery

Fishing – Pier or boat

Beach party / Homework Burn

Bowling

Rock Climbing

Go Cart Racing (Family)

Glider Rides @ Warner Springs

Hiking Trips / Backpacking

Sled / Mountain Snow Day.

Ski / Snowboard Trip

Laser Tag (Family)

Air Soft Games (Family)

Paint Ball / Airsoft (Family)

Shooting Range (Famiy)

Shooting BLM land

Calico Ghost Town

Baseball Game

Gold Prospecting / Gold Camp

Swim – Pool / Beach

Scuba

Snorkeling / Beach Trip

White water rafting

Canoe River Trip

Annual Mistletoe Trip

Kayaking

Picnic / BBQ

Museums



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

A Santee Chapter Meeting is held every
3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at Holy

Cross Lutheran Church



Chaplain's Wisdom of the month



Psalm 118:5

In my anguish I cried to the LORD, and he answered by setting me free.



JOKES, JOKES, JOKES

Have you heard these?



Q: Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?

A: Because he didn't have any guts!

Q: What do you call a big fat Jack-O-Lantern?

A: A plumpkin!

Q: Where do movie stars go on Halloween?

A: To Mali-Boo!

Q: Why did the runner quit the race against Bigfoot?

A: He couldn't face defeat.

Scout Trail Cooking:

What is Bark?

While working on food dehydrator recipes for mashed potatoes, I blended boiled potatoes and broth to a smoothie-like consistency and spread the mixture thinly on dehydrator trays. The potatoes dried into brittle sheets that easily broke into what I call, "Bark."



Potato Bark tasted pretty good as a ready-to-eat snack, especially Sweet Potato Bark, but with the addition of hot water, the Bark reconstituted back into mashed potatoes. I varied the flavor by blending the potatoes with vegetable, chicken, or beef broth.

One thing led to another, and soon I was blending and dehydrating other starchy foods like beans, creamed corn, pasta marinara, and pumpkin into Bark.

Why Bark?

When you cook and rehydrate Bark with other vegetables and meat, your backpacking meal turns into a thick stew with flavorful sauciness.

Because you make Bark from starchy foods high in complex carbohydrates, your hearty meal will power you up the next mountain with calories to spare.

Bark makes a great backpacking food because it weighs in at a couple of ounces per serving dry. Ten pounds of potatoes barks down to just eleven ounces.

If you run out of fuel or water, you can munch on Bark dry. Bark will reconstitute right in your mouth.



Go online for step by step recipes

- Courtesy of backpackingchef.com



TROOP 314: TOWER ABOVE THE REST!

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