



TROOP 314 NEWS

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<http://www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com>

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

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Reporting Events Completed by Troop 314 in December:

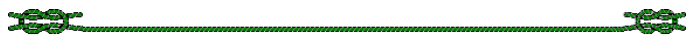
02- Service at El Dorado Nature Center

05- Troop Elections

09- Christmas Caroling

16- Mistletoe Camp @ Crystal
Lake (no fires)

19- Court of Honor



SPL Corner

Hello everyone!

I am very excited to be the SPL of the
troop for my second time. This year holds
much potential in recruitment, and growth
within the troop. I am sure that this will be
a year to remember!

Your SPL, Christian D'A.

Caroling for the holidays

On Saturday, December 9, 4 scouts and 3
adults from Troop 314 took time out of
their busy holiday schedule to bring good
cheer to the elderly residents at the Long
Beach Care Center. The Long Beach Care
Center is a skilled nursing facility ("SNF")
which cares for the elderly and infirm who
need 24/7 care in a safe environment.

Living at such a facility
can mean long periods
away from family and
loved ones, so visits
and entertainment are
highly appreciated.

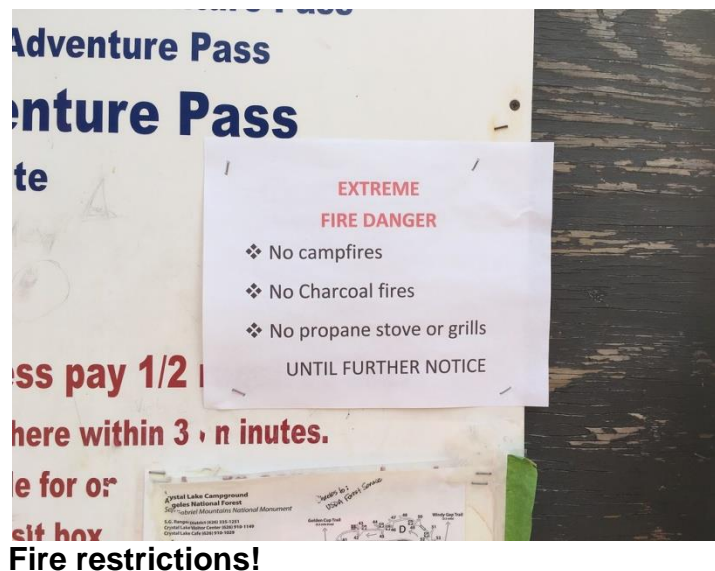


Scouts participating were Timothy, Owen,
Christian, and Trumen, and adults were
Mrs. Knighton, Mr. Dacayanan, and Mr.
Marubayashi. Thank you to all who
participated, especially to Mr. Dacayanan,
who made the arrangements.



Mistletoe camp cut short

On Saturday, December 16, Troop 314 scouts met at Crystal Lake, with the intention of camping overnight, and collecting mistletoe for our annual mistletoe giveaway.



Fire restrictions!



Packing mistletoe in camp

The next day, we had our giveaway at Vons just down the road from the Post.



Timothy and Owen manning the table

We did collect mistletoe, but the overnight portion was cancelled because we found that extreme fire restrictions were in place (as of just a few days before), such that we wouldn't even be able to cook our dinner or make hot beverages; propane stoves were included in the restrictions.

So we just collected the mistletoe, packaged it in gift bags for the giveaway, and drove back down the mountain.

Participants on the mountain were Owen, Michael, Trumen, Timothy, Mr. M and Mr. Le, and participants in the giveaway were Owen, Timothy, Trumen, Martin, Mr. M, and Mrs. Dacayanan.





Owen, Martin, and Trumen at the table.



Challenge yourself: GO CLIMB A ROCK!

On Tuesday, December 12, almost all of the scouts of Troop 314 met at Hangar 18 climbing gym in Signal Hill, and had a great time in 3 types of climb:

- Being belayed by a qualified belayer, such as Mr. M.



- On an auto-belay device, which like it sounds, requires no belayer.
- On the bouldering wall, with no belay at all; just thick crash pads.

Is this your idea of fun? Want to take it to the next level? Let's climb outdoors, on real rock! This requires BSA-certified climb instructors, and in this troop we have two of them -- Mr. M and Mr. Pearson. Our certification, however, needs to be periodically renewed, and ours are coming up for renewal.

I don't know about Mr. Pearson, but I would be willing to go to the trouble and expense of getting recertified, IF THE SCOUTS EXPRESS INTEREST.



Besides, we also need climb instructors if we are to allow boys to climb our tower at Scoutorama or Camporee. We do this for YOU, so please let us know your level of interest!



Mr. Marubayashi, Scoutmaster



December Court of Honor Eagle Rank Recognition



John Fieffer is honored for his achievement of Eagle Rank



Link to Troop 314 Annual Plan on Google Sheets

The link for the troop's annual plan was not loading correctly. I've corrected the problem and you should be able to view the document with this link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UYqcBeU59PhVVqciYJgS8fghPJAnra1dIPkXyZ8UBak/edit?usp=sharing>

Contact Information Link

Please update your contact information as needed.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ALgJqX-ijwYHBrTZ8xf7AuGKqIJv6FxyLLXZP3NjuVFk/edit?usp=sharing>

Activities Sign Up Link

Please use this shared document to sign up for upcoming activities.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/176b23wuQdDTa2E1A_38IzIjnT7WvTg0HjSre9dla1e8/edit?usp=sharing

Troop Calendar Link

Use this link to see the Troop calendar.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1LLs71fa5hxe2paPHrVYN13xQsnYCEsTVVDbOwvurMVo/edit?usp=sharing>

New Rank Advancement requirements Link.

Here is a link to the document explaining the changes:

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutRequirements_8.14.2015.pdf

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/>



Troop 314 Leadership (New Leader Positions For Spring 2018)

- Senior Patrol Leader: Christian D.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Martin L.
- Quartermaster: Timothy D.
- Scribe: Michael B.
- Troop Guide Owen M.



**Get Your Calendars
and mark these dates!**

T314 EVENTS FOR January 2018

2nd No Troop Activities

**9th PLC
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM**

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



**16th Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM**

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

30th Fifth Tuesday of month. **



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.
- ** No meetings are usually held on 5th Tuesday. These are saved for Fundraisers, 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.).

Coming Attractions:

**“Snow Sports Day”,
Date: "TBD".**

(It is snowing in mountains now!)

We tried to get a consensus on when this happens, but so far have not settled on a date. But I've been looking at the info for Mountain High, and I would say it's most likely to happen in February (years ago, it was typically held the last weekend in February).

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OCBSA Dedicated Climbing Website

The Orange County Council Climbing Team has created a NEW website to keep everyone informed about training opportunities, climbing events, help needed, etc.

The website can be found under the 'Camping' tab of the Orange County Council website: www.ocbsa.org/

OR <http://climbing.ocbsa.org/>

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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.*



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!
BSA Fleur-de-lis



The Boy Scout Emblem Explained



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.

Origin of the World Scouting Symbol "Fleur-de-Lis"

In Scouting's early years, critics accused Baden-Powell of trying to turn boys into soldiers, holding up as evidence the Scout symbol, which they called "a spear-head, the emblem of battle and bloodshed".

The Founder quickly replied, The crest is the "Fleur-de-Lis", a lily, the emblem of peace and purity. In truth, he had chosen 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..." Lady Baden-Powell added later, "It shows the true way to go."

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... The three points of the Fleur-de-Lis remind the Scout of the three points of the Scout's Promise..."

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 three tips of the Fleur-de-Lis represent the three main parts of the Scout promise: duty to God, obedience to the Scout Law, and service to others.



The two five-point stars stand for truth and knowledge, and the 10 points on the stars remind us of the 10 points of the Scout law. The ring holding the emblem together represents the bond of brotherhood. 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.

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 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. The Troop Committee will hook you up with the adults and resources to make it happen!

Activities are only limited by your imagination:

Archery

Deep Sea Fishing - boat Trip

Ocean fishing

Beach party / Annual Homework Burn

Bonfire (June)

Bowling

Go Cart Racing (Family)

Hiking Trips

Backpacking - Hike in and out.

Camp in wilderness.

Snow Day.

Ski / Snowboard Trip

Laser Tag (Family)

Air Soft Games (Family)

Paint Ball / Airsoft (Family)

Shooting Range (Family)

BLM land / Calico Ghost Town - Desert

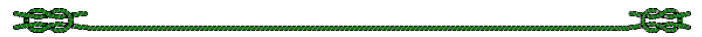
Rock climbing - Indoor walls or natural climbs work - we have BSA Climb Instructors and our own climb gear!

Attend a Baseball Game


Gold Prospecting / Gold Camp



Swim – Pool / Ocean 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

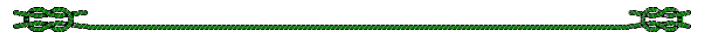


Order of the Arrow Wiatava Lodge (#39) Santee Chapter

OA Santee Chapter Meeting 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/>



New Advancement & Blue Card Procedures

The MB Blue Card tears into three parts. One part remains with the applicant, one part remains with the counselor, and one part is to remain with the unit.

*The only item needed to present at the Scout Shop to purchase Merit Badges and Rank Advancement is a printed and completed copy of the **unit advancement report**.*

The Scout Shop will no longer require that a copy of the advancement report be turned in. A unit will now only need to present one copy of the Internet Advancement Report to purchase rank and Merit Badge Advancements for verification. Once the Scout Shop has reviewed the report, it will be returned back to the unit.

Chaplain's Wisdom of the month

Psalms 107:1

*Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love
endures forever.*



Jokes Jokes Jokes

Q: What's invisible and smells like carrots?

A: Invisible carrots.

Q: What's green and has wheels?

A: Grass. I lied about the wheels.

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

To.

To who?

To whom.

Q: Why did the chicken commit suicide?

A: To get to the other side.

"Never do for a boy what a boy can do for himself." - Lord Baden Powell

TROOP 314: TOWER ABOVE THE REST!

To get a copy of the most current Newsletter or for more information about Troop 314
send me a note at T314news@live.com -Thanks, Mr. Pearson

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