



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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Scoutmaster's Corner

More Than Words



How many of you know the Scout Law?
How about the Oath? The Scout Slogan?
How about the Scout Motto.

It's good to see that so many of you
remember how to say the words, but how
many of you have incorporated these
ideas into the way you live your life?

As we close our meetings, our SPL will
lead you in reciting the Scout Law, Oath,
Motto and Slogan.

As you say the words, I want you to think
about their meaning. And when you leave,
don't leave these words echoing behind
you on the Post walls. Rather make them
a part of you, and find away to give them
meaning in the way you live your life.

- **Cyrus Bess, Scoutmaster**
Troop 314



March 5th Crystal Cove Hike – Troop 314 High Adventure Team

This was a conditioning Hike by Mr. M and
team.



Bolsa Chica Beach Cleanup on 13th of March.

This was a Troop Community Service project..



More Photos and info are posted on
Troop 314, Midway City invite only
group Facebook Page.



Troop 314 Celebrates a Court of Honor on the 22nd of March.

Tasty food, good company and a chance to pat ourselves on the back a bit, for a job well done.



Chow time, including Mrs. Hight's Famous deviled eggs.



Scout Oath



TRUSTWORTHY LOYAL HELPFUL FRIENDLY COURTEOUS KIND

words to live by™

OBEDIENT CHEERFUL THRIFTY BRAVE CLEAN REVERENT



Ethan T. and Mitchell L. are awarded their second Class Rank



Proud Scouts and Dads



But there is more...



Ethan T. and Mitchell L. are then awarded their First Class Scout Rank, Good Job!





Long T. is our newest Eagle Scout



Diego Earns his Tenderfoot Rank.



Christian D. now has is Life Rank



Pin on Proud Mom





Christian D., Life Scout and proud Mom



Dad gets pin.



Michael M. earns his Star Rank



Michael and Proud Dad





Mrs. Knighton, Committee Chair
Is our Master of Ceremonies
and shares a slide show.



Kevin Hight receives
his Extra Mile award.



Extra Miler Award goes to Mr. M.



Mrs. Hight is recognized for her
District Award of Merit



Kathy Hight receives the DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT !!!

Congratulations on a well earned award. The District Award of Merit is a council award presented by districts in the same manner that the Silver Beaver is a national award presented by councils.

The award is given to very select group of Scouters who render service of an outstanding nature at the district level.



Just a few of the things Kathy has done:

Was an assistant leader for a girl scout troop 28 years ago

Took over as assistant scoutmaster for a troop and road to first class as well

Took over as popcorn chair at troop and then Counsel level.

Became a trained range master for both BB and archery

Thank You Kathy for all you do!



COH is all wrapped up with a bit of wisdom from the SM.

***“Good Luck” is when
preparation meets
opportunity.***

- Coach Carlos Tosca



District Award of Merit

Desert Shoot Family Event on Saturday 19-March-2016

This was a well coordinated event – all three family groups traveling separately - after driving for an hour and a half met up within minutes at the Del Taco outside of Barstow. Kind of a miracle!



The firing was all down hill

It was a safe shoot, with three Grand Dads present as well as a Deputy Sheriff as our Rangemaster.



We all had a great time and thousands of rounds of ammo were shot up!



Mr. Le explains 9mm automatic pistol operation to Robert





Diego reloading



Martin shoots up some .357 magnum hollow points.



Rob reloads SKS.



The drive out

Palos Verdes Hike, Troop 314 High Adventure team Hike on PV Peninsula

On Wednesday, March 30, some of the Troop 314 High Adventure team took a morning hike in the Portuguese Bend Reserve on Palos Verdes Peninsula.



Mr. M, Mrs. Knighton, Ian M, Christian D, and Owen M hiked from the top of reserve to Inspiration Point on the top of the bluffs overlooking Sacred Cove, and back up, for a total distance of 6 miles, and elevation gain of about 1200 feet. It was a beautiful morning, and a great hike.



We saw interesting geological formations because Portuguese Bend is constantly sinking toward the sea. We saw wildlife, including half of a rabbit (would that be wilddeath?). The best part was the views; we could see all of Catalina Island, from

Avalon to the West End. We also got some good exercise, preparing for our big summer backpacking trip.

See info about the Reserve at

http://pvplc.org/lands/portuguese_bend.asp



See our GPS track at

<http://cyclemeter.com/555a4cba2d19b62b/Walk-20160330-0836>

See all my photos at

<https://richmaru.smugmug.com/Kids/Scouting/Portugese-Bend-Hike-2016-03-30/i-gB9FWBK>.



TRUSTWORTHY
loyal HELPFUL
friendly
KIND
cheerful
thrifty
brave
clean
reverent

What is Scout-O-Rama?

Scout-O-Rama is the annual “trade show” of Scouting in Orange County that is attended by over 20,000 participants. Scouts, their families and friends interested in learning about Scouting enjoy a fun-filled day of exhibits, competitions and displays. Some popular events from recent years include dutch-oven cooking demonstrations, climbing towers, obstacle courses, Bubble Rollers, Medieval Times and the Vans Skate Team shows. Local Packs, Troops, Teams, Posts and Crews can participate in the Scout-O-Rama event by displaying an exhibit booth. This event is open to the public.

The next Scout-O-Rama will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Oak Canyon Park, 5305 Santiago Canyon Drive, Silverado, CA 92676, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tickets to Scout-O-Rama are available each year in conjunction with the Camp Card Sales fundraiser. The Camp Card (sleeve) includes a ticket into the event for an entire family and can be purchased from a Boy Scout, at the box office on the day of the event or by contacting the Orange County Council, Boy Scouts of America for \$10.00 per family. Parking is an additional \$10.00 (subject to change). Through Camp Card sales, Units can earn money to send their Scouts to camp.

Rank Advancement Changes

Please note that there have been several changes made to Rank Advancement requirements beginning 1/1/2016. Scouts who are still working on a rank that started in 2015 can still use the old requirements. However, Scouts who start working toward a new rank in 2016 are responsible to know and complete the revised requirements. Here is a link to the document explaining the changes:
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutRequirements_8.14.2015.pdf

Time now to get registered to attend The 2017 National Jamboree!

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>.

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 Postion
- Webmaster: Owen M.
- Troop Guide: Open
- 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**

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. Fieffer



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 the 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



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!



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 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 – Pier trip / Surf 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 – Grassy Hollow Visitors Center – Out of Wrightwood.

Ski / Snowboard Trip

Laser Tag (Family)

Air Soft Games (Family)

Paint Ball / Airsoft (Family)

Shooting Range

BLM land / Calico Ghost Town - Desert

Shoot – Rifles / Pistols (Family event)

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 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
April 2016:**

5th Patrol Leadership Council

7th Exec. Meeting.

10th Sunday - High

Adventure Team

Hike – Mr. M has

sent out invites on Scoutlander.



12th Regular Troop 314 Meeting

American Legion Post 555

Starting at 6:30PM

**First Aid is topic / Scoutmaster
Reviews**

**14th Orange Frontier
District Scouters'
Roundtable**

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



Troop 314 Meeting Notes

**16th Saturday - Shed Clean out
and gear function check.
– Mitchell L.**

**17th Saturday / Sunday Camporee
preparation. – Christian D.**

**19th Regular Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM**

Board of Review night
(Contact Mrs. Bess. To set one up!)

**April 22nd to 25th Camporee
The Final Orange Frontier
Organized by Brandon Hight
(No tower build)**

**26th Regular Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM**
Tower building skills night

**27th Wednesday Council Eagle
Scout Recognition Dinner**

**As ever, Pack 314 - and any
Cub Scouts and Parents are
welcome to attend any
meeting night as our guests!**

- **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!

April 3rd Patrol Leaders Council at 18:30 hours at American Legion Post 555

April 7th THURSDAY Exec Council Meeting at Post 555 19:00 hours

May 7th Scout-O-Rama Tower will be built on 6th and manned all day on Saturday the 7th .

May 14th Orange County Food Bank morning volunteering.

TENATIVE Date: May 21st (Saturday) Ian M's Eagle Court of Honor 12 to 5.



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

TROOP 314 WEBSITE URL is:

www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com

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.

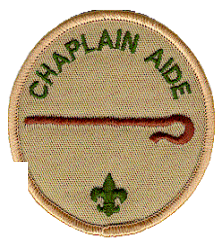
Online, you no longer have to collect signatures. Complete the plan and certify that any missing requirements will be completed before the trip begins. When you submit, an email will be sent to your council, chartered organization, committee chair, and designated emergency contact.

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 cheerful.

***A happy heart makes the face
cheerful, but heartache crushes
the spirit. – Proverbs 15:13***

(Proverbs 18: 24)



SUMMER CAMP!

All BOYS & GIRLS Welcome!

Ages 6 - 17

Summer Camp at Newport Sea Base:

- Learn a new skill!
- Have FUN!
- Earn badges!
- Scouts and non-Scouts welcome!



SUMMER 2016 CLASS SCHEDULE

Week A: June 20 - June 24 (Squids/JAC/Sailing 1 only)
Week 1: June 27 - July 1
Week 2: July 5 - July 8 (Tuesday - Friday)*
Week 3: July 11 - July 15
Week 4: July 18 - July 22
Week 5: July 25 - July 29
Week 6: August 1 - August 5
Week 7: August 8 - August 12
Week 8: August 15 - August 19
Week Z: August 22-August 26 (Squids/JAC/Sailing 1 only)

For complete program information and to sign up for classes, please refer to our homepage: www.newportseabase.org

“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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