

TROOP 314 NEWS

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

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Events for Troop 314 in February:

- Crystal Lake Camp 4th &5th
- Bolsa Wetlands Cleanup February 12th
- Hike Henninger Flats was moved to March 3rd – Report and pictures in next month's Newsletter!

Camping: Crystal Lake February 4th and 5th

Scout participants: Christian, Owen, Martin, Viet, Long, Diego, and Ethan Adults: Mr. Mr. Tran, & Mr. Trieu

Crystal Lake is a first come, first serve campsite, but not much pressure to find a campsite at this time of year.

There was a lot of snow and the adults could not drive up to the campsite. It was sunny but when the sun went down, the temperature plummeted.

A few scouts went hiking up the mountain and survived the trip. Some scouts also made a wall out of snow. Mr. M took his drone for a test flight.

Ethan cooked up a nice hot dinner menu of chicken masala and baguettes. All participants enjoyed the meal and the strawberry shortcake with whipped cream served up for dessert.

As the evening progressed, and temperatures dropped, everyone enjoyed gathering around a hot campfire to stay warm.



- Troop Scribe, Ethan T.

We had photos taken, maybe someone can send them in for publication next month?





Changes at the Orange Frontier District

Dear Scouts and Scouters,

You may or may not have heard this, but recently the entire Advancement Committee at Orange Frontier District was changed out.

Scouts, you may not think that this concerns you at all, but if you have plans to go for Eagle, then it does.

The new Advancement Chairman (replacing Chris Hess) is Rudy Solorzano, and he has been recruiting committee members from ALL units in the district, so hopefully we will all have representation. This also reduces the workload on any given committee member, and will hopefully make them more flexible in scheduling.

I have accepted a position on the board, and also volunteered to take over the Merit Badge Counselor Coordinator position (previously held by Sandy Sova). In fact I have already sat on my first Eagle Board of Review!

We hope that this means that Scouts will not have to wait so long to meet with the Committee or turn in project or Eagle paperwork. Mr. Solorzano is from Troop 295, which meets on Mondays, and it will be possible to turn things in to him there (by prior arrangement; don't just pop in).

The Committee and other interested parties attended an informal training recently, led by Wayne Huddleston, from the National Advancement Task Force and coauthor of the Guide to Advancement.

At that training we learned of many opportunities to bring our procedures more in line with National policy (and make them more Scout friendly, I might add). This is good

news for both Scouts and Scouters, who may have felt that the Eagle Scout processes were less than a happy experience.

I look forward to good things at the District level!

Yours in Scouting, Mr. Marubayashi



Word from the Committee Chair



A motion was made and approved at last month's Committee Meeting, that we would assign rotating note taking duties for the monthly committee Meeting - see below to note your assignment. If you are unable to complete your note taking duties, please make arrangements with someone else to cover your date.

Feb - Mr. M
March - Mr. Milan
April - Mr Trieu
May - Mr. Feiffer
June - Mrs. M
July - Mr. McCready
August - Mrs. Lee
September - Mr. Le
October - Mr. Hight
November - Ms. Knighton
December - Mr. M

The Committee needs all parents to participate so we may provide a dynamic program for our scouts. Mrs. M will be sending out a Doodle survey to get feedback regarding the Committee Meeting calendar. Please complete the survey so we can plan Committee meetings that work for all.

Mr. Le is looking into creating a Google group for the Troop. This will enable easier information sharing.

We need a Committee member volunteer to assist with Camp Card Sales. This will require attending a training (3/14 @ 6pm OR 3/18 @ 8am) and setting up on site sales dates for the Scouts.

- Sandra Knighton, Committee Chair



Contact Information Link

Please update your contact information as needed.

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ALgJqXiwYHBrTZ8xf7AuGKqIJv6FxyLLXZP3NjuVFk/edit?usp =sharing



Activities Sign Up Link

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

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/176b23w uQdDTa2E1A 38IzIjnT7WvTg0HjSre9dIa1e8/edit ?usp=sharing



Troop Calendar Link

Use this link to see the Troop calendar.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lls71fa5hxe2p aPHrVYN13xQsnYCEsTVVDbOwvurMVo/edit?usp=shari nq



New Rank Advancement requirements Link.

Here is a link to the document explaining the changes:

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016Bo yScoutRequirements_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.



Orange Frontier District Website Link

http://orangefrontier.ocbsa.org/



Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Martin L.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Christian D.
- Scribe: Ethan T.
- Webmaster: Owen M.
- Den Chief Christian D.
- Chaplin's Aid Diego M.



Get Your Calendars and mark these dates!

T314 EVENTS FOR March 2017

Theme: Geocatching

7th Patrol Leadership Council The following people were present: Martin (SPL), Christen (ASPL), Ethan (Scribe), Owen (Troop Guide), Diego (Chaplain Aid)



9th Orange Frontier District Scouters' Roundtable 7 PM at LDS Church 4000 Orange Ave., Anaheim (2nd Thursday each month)

11th OC Food Bank Service 8:30 AM

14th Regular and Committee Troop 314 Meeting / Pi Day Theme American Legion Post 555

- Each scout is required to bring a pie for pi day. There will be a signup sheets on who is bringing what type of pie sent out on discord.
- We will also do the one handed tent build activity

16th OA Meeting Night



17th St. Patrick's Day

18th Orange Frontier District's Scouter Appreciation dinner

21st Regular Troop 314 Meeting American Legion Post 555 Starting at 6:30PM

- The Camp Card Sales Kickoff
- Geocaching Presentations

24th -26th: Geocaching adventure requires 2 adult leaders to volunteer.

28th Court of Honor American Legion Post 555 Starting at 6:30PM / Candle Lighting Ceremony

Pot Luck Dinner / Christian is MC





Troop 314 Meeting Notes UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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 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.).

Summer Camp July 2017:

We will be attending one of these two camps Check them out and decide which you would want to attend.

Camp Tahquitz http://longbeachbsa.org/tahquitz

or

Camp Three Falls
http://topatopa.org/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2016/09/2017-Three-Falls-Flyer.pdf

April Troop Theme: Pioneering April Calendar

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lls71fa5hxe2paPHrVYN13xQsnYCEsTVVDbOwvurMVo/edit?usp=sharing

4: PLC

10: Committee Mtg
(Mr. Trieu Scribe)

11: Troop Mtg / CM / \$40 Dues

13: Roundtable

18: BOR

20: OA

21-23: OFD Camp-O-Ree
http://www.ofdcamporee.org/
25: Troop Mtg



Learn How to Communicate with National Youth Leadership Training

A key life skill is communicating well with Scouts, leaders and adults in general.

Your youth unit leaders need to know how the get the attention of the crowd and keep it, making the delivery clear, interesting and fun!

How will youth learn to make sure the people they are communicating with will understand the message by delivering complete information.

Your solution: **National Youth Leadership Training.**

NYLT is a 6 day course compressing a model 5 week unit cycle of leadership council, unit meetings, and utilizing communications, goal setting, teaching and leadership skills. The presented skills are reinforced with patrol and troop level fun and challenging activities. Your youth grow from being just followers being your "go-to" Be-Know-Do leaders.

Registration is filling quickly. Participation is open to Boy Scouts, Varsity, Venturing, and Sea Scouts.

The OCBSA 2017 NYLT course:

Sunday June 25 to Friday June 30 Schoepe Scout Reservation at Lost Valley Cost: \$250

For information and applications please go to http://nylt.ocbsa.org or contact OCC NYLT at

Course Director Valerie Venegas, <u>nylt2017ocbsa@gmail.com</u>, <u>714-401-6971</u>

Staff Advisor: Jere

Bright, jeremiahb@ocbsa.org, 714-546-4990

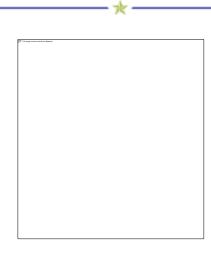
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Hights Home Fire - Go Fund me page Link:

https://www.gofundme.com/the-hights-relief-fund?ssid=835937610&pos=3

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO DONATED!!!!



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 list of people is over 900 Scouters! The website can be found under the 'Camping' tab of the Orange County Council website:

http://www.ocbsa.org/

OR

It can be found directly at this address:

http://climbing.ocbsa.org/



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
Beach party / Annual Homework Burn

Bonfire (June)

Donnie (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

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

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/



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Boy Scout Troop 314 (Midway City, California) Homepage www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com/ ▼

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Tour and Activity Plans – Online

Tour and Activity Plans are 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.





New Advancement & Blue Card Procedures

The Scout Shop will not be collecting Merit Badge Blue Cards to sell Merit Badges. The MB Blue Card tears into three parts. One part is to remain with the applicant, one part is to remain 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**, as we are doing now.

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.

Eagle Scout Advancement reports will still need to be turned in to the registration department for processing, until such time as the online system can accommodate Eagle Scout advancements in the same way other advancements are accommodated.

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) 785-0314 for any follow up that is needed.



Chaplin's Wisdom of the month:

John 11:25-26

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

"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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