



TROOP 314 NEWS

March 2014 AD Edition

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

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Scoutmaster's Corner

Dear Troop 314,

When I joined this troop in 2006, it was a small troop, with somewhere between 25 and 30 Scouts. But it was a good fit for us, and we liked it. And in all the years since, I think it has remained in the 20-30 scout size range. As boys aged out, or Eagled out, new ones would come in, usually from nearby Cub Scout Packs, but also sometimes from family connections. Each year, about 6 boys would leave, and about 6 (one patrol's worth) would join, so we'd stay about the same size.

We are currently down to 21 Scouts, which is a fine size for a small troop. But we don't have a "line" on any new recruits for this spring. We have several Scouts who I'm hopeful will attain Eagle this year, and while we prefer they remain active in Scouts, it's not unusual for Scouts to turn to other endeavors after they reach Eagle. If they do choose to leave Scouts, then we will dip below the 20-Scout mark.

I think it's time we started recruiting in earnest.

Our current recruitment activities consist of Camp-o-ree, Scout-o-Rama, Lookie-Loo, and Webelos Woods, with an occasional Cub-oriented event, such as our rocket-launching picnic.



But that rocket launch was aimed only at Pack 314, which doesn't have any Webelos 2's bridging over this year. And Camp-o-ree is only partially about recruitment.

We need to consider recruiting at several nearby Packs. I've gotten wind of another troop in our district which is acquiring 48 Webelos this year!! It's a safe bet that those are not all from one "feeder Pack". They must have done some serious recruiting.

Your current SPL is now promoting the idea of a "Belt Loop Day" this summer, and I think that is a great idea. Belt loops are part of a program called the Cub Scouts Sports and Academics program, but that program is being discontinued in about one year. This means that this may be one of their last chances to earn belt loops. Let's make it a great event!

Did you know that the national website, [scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org), has a bunch of other recruiting ideas? Just take a look at:

http://www.scouting.org/Home/Membership/Youth_Recruitment/Events.aspx .

There are 15 suggestions listed, and the very first one is a "Bike Rodeo". This is something that we used to do for Pack 314, but haven't for several years now. I think we need to revive that tradition.

If you have some ideas to recruit new members, or just want to pitch in and help, let us know! You can speak to me, or to the SPL, or the Recruitment Chair, Mr. Tran.

Troop 314 is a great troop, with great people, but it couldn't hurt to "bulk up" a little. With more Scouts, that means we also will have more parents to help out, and that means more possibilities for a great program!

Good Scouting,

Richard Marubayashi,
Scoutmaster, Troop 314



THINGS TO REMEMBER TO DO THIS MONTH:

- ➡ **Pay Treasurer your last dues \$45 installment by Troop meeting, on 11th of March.**
- ➡ **Sign up for the Sunday, March 23rd Troop Hike at Malibu Creek.**
- ➡ **Let Mr. Tran know if you are going to Summer Camp @ Lost Valley.**
- ➡ **Show up ready for OA Elections and Uniform inspection on 18th.**

➡ **Attend a Meeting with your Patrol.**

➡ **Sign up for Camporee - April 25th, 26th and 27th**

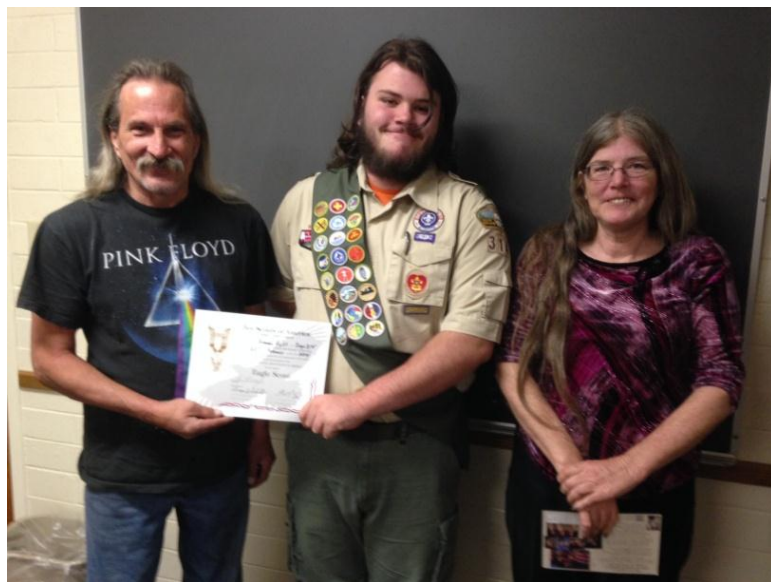
➡ **Bring a Dessert or an Appetizer for the Court of honor on the 25th.**

(Blue Phoenix: Desserts. Bull Sharks and Scorpions: Appetizer).



Newest Troop 314 Eagle!

Yes, He made it! Please join me in congratulating Troop 314's newest Eagle Scout, Brandon Hight!



Brandon and his proud parents.



Announcement from T314 Committee Chair



I also would like to congratulate Brandon Hight on earning the rank of Eagle Scout!

Due to the timing of his Board of Review, I had to miss the last scheduled Parents meeting. I have rescheduled the Parents meeting for Tuesday March 11, which will be in the Post concurrent with the Troop Meeting. The primary topics are the need for a new Recording Secretary, Scout O Rama tickets decision, fundraising, and recruiting.

I would like to thank Mrs. Diane Dantas for her excellent service as Advancement Chairperson. She has been tireless, diligent, and patient in her service. Prior to being Committee Chairman, I had her job. I know how difficult it can be and I greatly appreciate her dedication to accuracy and detail. I look forward to working with Cindy Bess, who has graciously stepped up to the job.

Mr. Hilton, Committee Chair



**We are scheduled to have our
Order of the Arrow elections on
Tuesday, March 18 at our regular
troop meeting.**

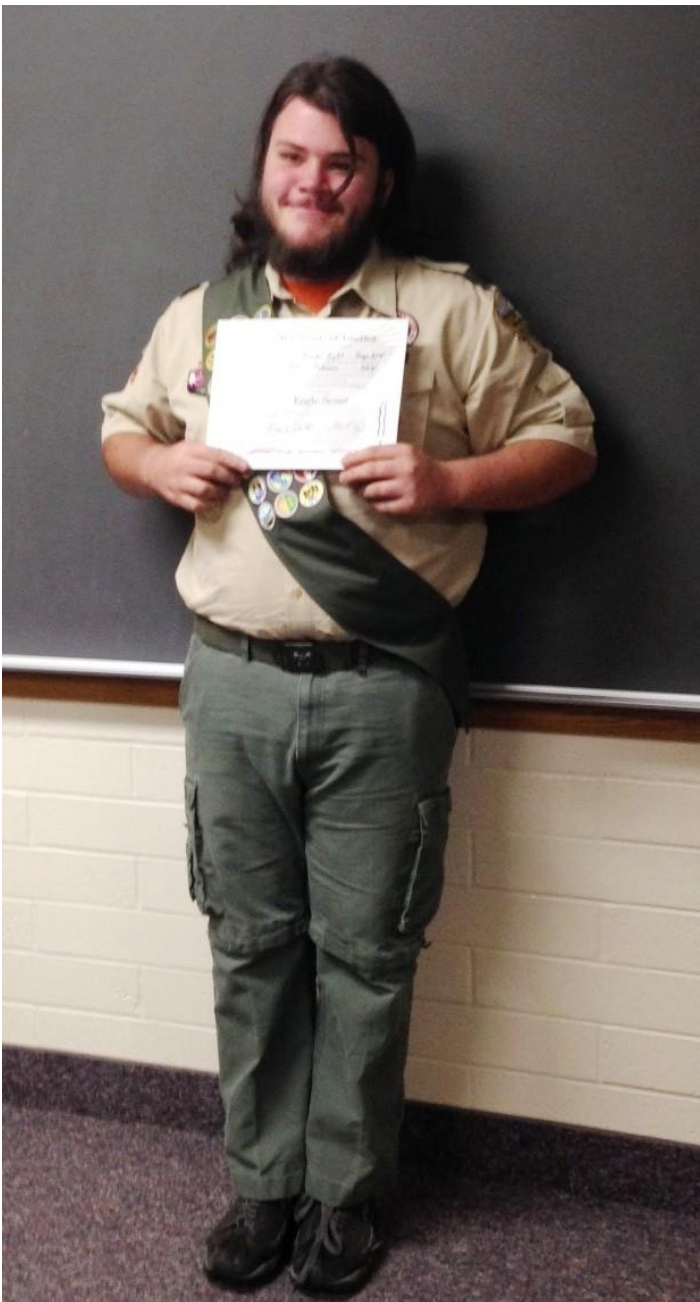
Eligible scouts are:

Elijah Bess
Jon Fieffer
Austin Hallman
Martin Lee
Owen Marubayashi
Michael Milan*



*Michael was already elected, but did not complete the Ordeal.

We will be providing more information about the Order of the Arrow, if you are not sure if you want to be elected. The OA elections team will explain it on election night, but you will probably want some time to think about it. Stay tuned.



**A tough and well earned Eagle!
He has joined "the 2% club"!**



Need Scouts to help with St. Patrick's Day Dinner at Post 555

This is callout for 2 scouts to help at the St. Patrick's Day dinner at the Post. Joseph Guy volunteered to help already at JLC, so we only need two more. It's on Monday, March 17th. Looks like serving starts at the usual 5:30 PM, so they'd probably need Scouts to arrive at 6:00. Menu is corned beef and cabbage. Though they never promise to, they always feed the scouts, too. Yum. See Mr. M. if you are interested.

Also, on the same night, March 18th, the OA team will also be conducting the troop uniform inspection for Camporee. This will eliminate the need to have the inspections on Friday night of Camporee, making it a much more relaxed evening.

So let's make sure all your uniforms are up to date and correct with all insignia that belongs (and none that doesn't). The regular inspections we are now having at each troop meeting should help with that.

More to come! – Mr. Marubayashi Scout Master



Yes, it is time for us to register for Summer Camp 2014!

Last year 2013 we went to Camp Whitney and out Scouts had a blast there with all the activities available.

We came back with a record breaking number of completed merit badges. We hope to do the same at this year's camp.

This year we will be going to Lost Valley (Camp Schoepe Scout Reservation) south of Orange County. Camp Schoepe will be celebrating its 50th anniversary (flyer attached). You can get more information about this summer camp at this site (<http://www.ssriv.org/>).



For us to make reservations, I would like to get a count of how many people will be going to this year's camp. Please send me an email if you are interested. I would like to start registering for our troop after next meeting.

So far, the following scouts and adults I believe are planning to go:

1. Mr. Marubayashi
2. Mr. Tran
3. Mr. Bess
4. Long.
5. Viet.
6. Ian.
7. Elijah.
8. Gabe.
9. Martin.



There are several sessions available this summer. Last year, due to summer activities and birthdays, July sessions were the best options for everyone. For this summer, all sessions are presently open. I am incline to pick a July session again (but staying clear of the 4th of July weekend).

Below are the options, those that planning to go please send me a note of your 1st and 2nd preferences and the ones that you WILL NOT be able to join. I will try to find a session that can best accommodate all those are interested. I list the 2 less problematic July sessions first:

Session 4: July 13- July 19

Session 5: July 20-July 26

The rest of the currently open sessions for your selection:

Session 1: June 22- June 28

Session 2: June 29 - July 5

Session 3: July 6 - July 12

Session 6: July 27-Aug 2

Both camps Grace and Irvine are open for all sessions.

The cost for us will be (in council):

Adult \$175

Scout \$365



I will work out and provide a payment schedule next week for you. If I miss anyone please help forward this email for me.

Thanks, Mr. Tran

Post First Friday Night Dinners: T314 Scouts Knock Out Clean Dishes In February.



Noel, Long, Viet and Rob take care of business

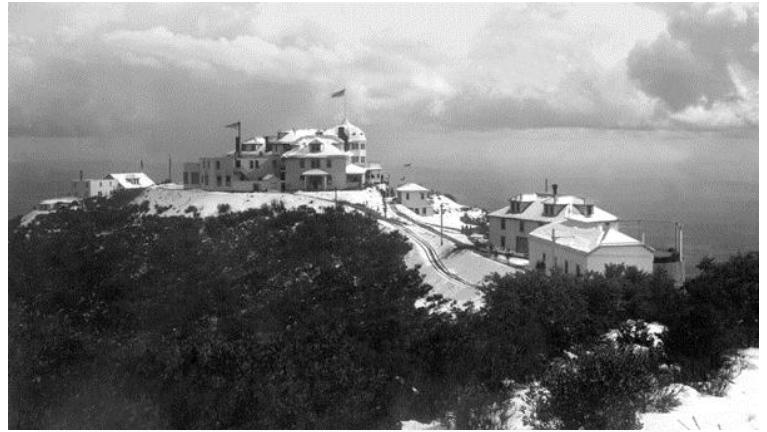


T314 ECHO MOUNTAIN HIKE (Site of historic Mount Lowe Railway).

The following Scouts went on the Echo Mountain hike on February 2nd: Elijah B., Gabriel B., Ian M., Owen M. and Robert P. This was 5 miles of hiking with what I think is a 1400 foot elevation gain (felt like a lot more!).



Owen, Rob and Elijah pull out ahead on the steep uphill trek.



The Echo Mountain promontory (ca. 1896) after a snowfall, and the White City resort of the Mount Lowe Railway as seen from a higher spot on the ridge and overlooking Altadena, CA. Buildings viewed from left to right: The Echo Chalet, Echo Mountain House, Incline Powerhouse, Dormitories and Car Barn. Behind the car barn, note an inflatable reservoir for the storage of hydrogen gas produced in Pasadena and piped some 8½ miles to Echo.



Gabe, Mr. Bess and Ian M. on Sweep

Actually your Newsletter Editor was on real sweep (as in dead last... and almost dead most of the way up!)

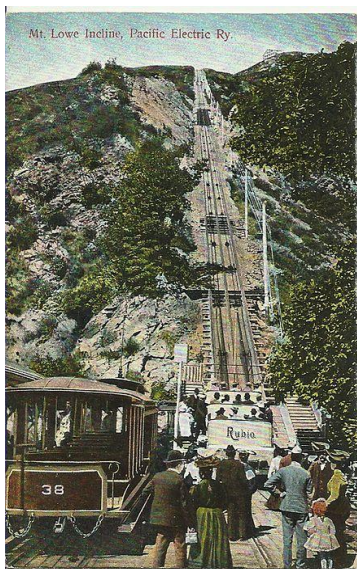




Sitting on Ruins of the White City Resort at top.



Scouts Group shot with Alta Dena below.



This Railway opened in 1893



Ian M. always found up on top of something! This time it is an artifact - a giant cable grip wheel from Mount Lowe railway, still remarkably intact for being on the mountain for over 100 years.



Troop 314 Service Projects:

The Troop has an open position for an Adult Service Project coordinator –

Parents - If you can help out to plan and file a tour permit, please let Mr. Hilton know!

We have some ideas floated at JLC for Troop Service projects:

First Saturday Stewards (at El Dorado Park Nature Center), the Orange County Food Bank, Ronald McDonald House, and Beach (Bolsa Chica) Cleanup.



Uniform Inspections

In order to get great score for Camporee Uniform inspections - these will occur at every troop meeting. "Opportunity drawing" tickets will be awarded for correct uniforms and prize drawings will occur at the last meeting of the month.



Scout be responsible for paying 26.5% of the total due. Total due = \$170 26.5% = \$45

- Lisa Gray, Troop 314 Treasurer



The SCOUTStrong Presidential Active Lifestyle Award (PALA)

When you have completed the log sheet, (Should be done by now!!) turn it into Mrs. Hight. She will be keeping track of PALA for 2014 (thank you, Mrs. Hight).



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

Here are the events in the OA recorded at the OA meeting on 2/20/14:
(This meeting is on every third Thursday of the month from 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 p.m.):

\$18 due in OA / in if OA.

March 12th- Lodge Annual Barbecue at Regional Park. (\$5 Parking)

March 15th- Service Event

March 30th- Blue and Gold Dinner

April 5-6- Oso Lake- theme-Indian Affairs

April 25th- 27th-Camporee- Need Leaders

July- Day Camp with 200 attendants in 2014



Long T.O.A., Representative



Treasurer's Two Cents: Annual Dues Payment

We have broken annual dues into 3 payments:

1st Payment of \$65 due on or before November 5th

2nd Payment of \$60 due on or before January 14th

March 11th Final Dues Payment due \$45

Please keep in mind that it is suggested that each



Troop 314 Historian's Report

In the month of February the troop participated in a variety in skills aimed at improving upon Camp O'ree.



We were shown how to construct a fire as well as techniques and ingredients for a good fire.

We also practiced the use of teamwork in our patrols when we had a relay involving scouts having to tie various knots, make an arm splint, and all coming together to construct a tent.

The scouts were also tasked with seeing if they could remember random knots when needed be when the bull sharks created musical chairs with a twist. Involving each chair having a randomly selected knot and seeing if the scout could tie the knot and grab a chair in time. It concluded with a sudden death over the horrifying square knot.



I hope to see as we get closer to Camp O'ree that we cover more past events and skills, as well as forming even greater teamwork amongst the Scouts of each patrol so we can aspire to show our rivals what it is to tower above the rest. Keep it up Scouts and we'll all do great.

Your Historian, Alex B.

Troop 314 Scribe –

Junior Leadership Committee (JLC) Minutes for February 7, 2014 AD.



JLC notes

(Viet was not here, Martin L. submitted his notes)

- March 11th
Setup Blue Phoenix
Skill Bull Sharks
Game Scorpions
 - March 18th
Setup Scorpions
Uniform inspection need patrol flag(theme cowboys and aliens), song, yell
 - March 25th
Setup all Patrols / Flag Bull Sharks
COH appetizers and desserts, To be MC'd by the Erik and David V.
 - Camporee “no guns” except made from 1/4 inch cardboard.
 - Cooking contest 5 dishes Golden Spoon for scouts and a chili cook off for adults
 - Scout-o-rama May 10
- Discount cards 2 per family (Replacing ticket books)
- Belt Loop Day someday near summer June

- Hike March 23 Malibu Creek
- April 29 fundraiser at Shakey's
- St Patricks day Dinner need 2-3 scouts (Joseph already signed up)
- March 7th American Legion Ladies' Auxiliary Dinner and Austin, David, Erik, and Ian M signed up.

Martin L. for Viet T., Troop Scribe



BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES For March 2014:

Owen M. 13 Years old on the 14th



Happy Birthday, Scout!

Community Service Opportunity

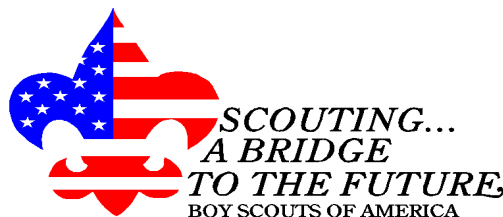


Angels Baseball is looking for Boy Scouts to volunteer their time by passing out water and cheering on the runners at the Angels' 5K & family fun run on Saturday, March 29th at Angel Stadium. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Roderick Stephens at

roderick.stephens@angels.com

and/ or visit the website at:

www.angels.com/5K



Troop Program Features, Scouting Resource

Troop 314 is using the "Troop Program Features" resource to help us structure and plan meetings around a theme that is aligned with skills, values and outdoor adventures that are expected from Scouting. Each program feature includes meeting plans and an outing plan. Because each theme is so packed with suggestions, we usually will carry a theme through two months of meetings.

It is expected that the older Scouts will use **meeting time** to manage Troop resources of people and equipment **to plan** for the execution of events. This is an important skill in itself. The complete set of three volumes is available from the BSA Website, "Scouting.org" - the link is provided below.

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/Resources/TroopProgramFeaturesVol_I_III.aspx

Scouts - We need a Webelos Den Chief to attend Pack 314 meetings ~ once a month.

This is an important post to represent our Troop and help bring in Webelos II to Troop.

**** See Mr. M. for details on these jobs.***

Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Noel J.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Ian M.
- Blue Phoenix (RTFC) Patrol Leader: Gabe B.
- Scorpion (Mid-Young) Patrol Leader: David V.
- Bull Sharks (Mid-Old) Patrol Leader: Joseph G.
- Scribe: Viet T.
- Quartermaster: Elijah B.
- Librarian: Martin L.
- OA Representative: Long T.
- Chaplain's Aide: Austin H.
- Historian: Alex B.

Open Positions in Leadership

- **Troop Guide:** *
- **Den Chief:** *



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 / Road To First Class (RTFC)
— Mr. Bess / Mrs. Hight



Scorpions - Mr. Hallman

Bull Sharks - Mr. Feiffer

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Meeting Night Patrols

Skill Patrol Leaders remember when you are planning the skills for the meeting, make sure that two levels of Skills should be worked out and that they are appropriate to the Troop Program Features Theme. It is best that everyone is (and can be) involved. When possible – see if a competition or game & competition can be made out of your skills.

The patrol that has flag ceremony /setup / cleanup should show up by 6:45pm (earlier if it's a court of honor). It's the patrol leader's responsibility to make sure they do. ***This means picking up the phone to confirm.***

Email or text are OK, but are not a substitute for direct bi-directional **voice** communication – a confirmed message transmission.

No one in the patrol should leave until everything is cleaned up and put away, or the patrol leader releases them.

Dutch Oven Cooking is only done during specified meetings. For example, Hot dogs and cooking are usually done when we have Webelos visit.

Camping Green

Personal Mess kits are used on 99.889 % of Troop campouts – If in doubt, buy one and bring yours!



Have a blast!

**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 Mr. Fieffer 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 get it done!**

Activity Ideas (bring your own too!)

Archery

Deep Sea Fishing - Commercial Boat

Ocean fishing – Pier trip / Surf fishing

Beach party

Annual Homework Burn Bonfire (June)

Bowling

Go Cart Racing (Family)

Hiking Trip

Backpacking - Hike in camp in wilderness of Oange County or mountain backcountry

Snow Day - at Grassy Hollow Visitors Center – Out of Wrightwood.

Ski / Snowboard Trip

Lazer Tag (Family)

Air Soft Games (Family)

Paint Ball (Family)

Shooting Range Could be a family or scout event depending what guns we want to shoot.

BLM land / Desert Shoot – High powered Rifle & Pistol shooting (Family event)

Rock climbing - Indoor Rock walls or natural climbs all work as we have 4 BSA Climb Instructors in this troop and our own climb gear/rope!

Angel's Baseball Game

Gold Prospecting

Swim – Pool or Summer Beach Trip

Scuba Instruction

Snorkeling / Beach Trip

White water rafting

Canoe River Trip

Annual Mistletoe Trip

Kayaking

Picnic / BBQ



Mr. Fieffer, Activities Chair

Get out your Calendars and mark these dates!

TROOP EVENTS FOR February 2014 AD:

3rd Executive Council Meeting
@Cypress Public Library 7 PM

**4th First Junior Leadership
Council (JLC) Meeting 6:30 PM @**
American Legion Post 555.

7th First Friday Dinner at Post 555
Scouts signed up arrive at 6:00PM.
Fish and Chips

9th Newsletter Published
Thank you for your Contributions!

11th Troop 314 Meeting at American
Legion Post 555 starting at 19:00
Camporee basic Scout Skills is focus this
months meetings.

Scoutmaster Conferences

- Setup and Flag - Blue Phoenix
- Skill - Bull Sharks
- Game – Scorpions

**13th Orange Frontier
District Roundtable**
LDS Church 4000 Orange
Ave., Anaheim (2nd Thursday
of each month)



What is roundtable? It's a monthly, one-hour get-together in your community where parents and scout leaders plan a great Scouting experience. Roundtable is organized at Scouting's district level, so it's easy to get to, and content is locally relevant.

17th Monday. Saint Patricks Day
Dinner at Post 555 @ 5:30 PM
\$6 a plate.
Corned beef
and cabbage.



18st Troop 314 Meeting at American
Legion Post 555 starting at 19:00

Board of Review Night

- Setup and Flag - Scorpions
- No Skill or Game OA Elections and
uniform inspection

23rd Sunday - Malibu Creek Hike
(5 miles total mainly flat)
Meet at Post at
7:30 AM leaving
at 8AM.



M*A*S*H

25th Troop 314 COURT OF HONOR
at American Legion Post 555 starting at 6:30
PM

Scouts get in earlier please to facilitate setup
– no later than 6:15. Bull Sharks have Flag.

Bring food per patrol.

No Dinner – Blue Phoenix get to bring
Desserts. Bull Sharks and Scorpions bring an
Appetizer. Mrs. Pearson will provide plates,
utensils and drinks both hot and cold.



Troop 314 Meeting Notes:

- The Second Tuesday is Scoutmaster Conferences.
- The Third Tuesday meeting includes Board of Reviews for Rank Advancement.
- Fourth Tuesday Meeting of Month is usually Parents Meeting.
- No meetings are usually held on 5th Tuesday. These are saved for Fundraisers e.g.: Dinners.

Court of Honors are held 4 times a year, every three months – usually the last Scout meeting of month (except December).

In **March** and **September** 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. usually kept simple due to constraints of time).

UPCOMING EVENTS!

First Friday Dinner Scout Schedule

PATROL NAME	APRIL 4	MAY 2	JUNE 7
BLUE PHOENIX	MITCHELL L.	OWEN M.	MARTIN L.
SCORPIONS	ELIJAH B.	STEVEN Y.	JON F.
BULL SHARKS	SEAN & IAN D.	ALEX B.	STEVEN M.
SPL/ASPL	NOEL J.	IAN M.	NOEL J.

March 31st Exec Council Meeting
- All Parents Welcome

April 1st - JLC No fooling!

April 4th - Troop Supports Post 555 First Friday Dinner.

April 25th, 26th and 27th Camporee 2014
(Oak Canyon Park near Irvine Lake) Theme is "The Final Frontier".



April 29th Fundraiser (5th Tuesday – No Troop meeting)
Dinner at Shakeys Pizza (Mrs. Gray will organize.)

May 10th Scout -O-Rama at Oak Canyon Park (Irvine Lake)

Scout-O-Rama



June GOLD CAMP:
(Weekends of 21/22 and 28/29)



Summer Camp 2014 @ Lost Valley



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**



Cooking Merit Badge Awardees FYI

For those of you who completed the Cooking Merit Badge the last quarter of 2014, the scout shop is was of the Cooking Merit Badge for the rest of the year. They will be getting more badges this year but they are not sure if they will be the new badges with the silver trim or old badges. In any case, the troop owes you a badge in early 2014!



SCOUT IN CHARGE – YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

If you are the Scout -in-charge of an outing, activity, service project, Eagle project, training, patrol meeting, etc, after your event, please turn in your attendance sheet to advancement chair so the participants can get credit for attending.

The log should include date, start & stop time, location, and the list of who attended. If it's a service/Eagle project, it should include the hours that each participant worked to the nearest half-hour.

If it's a camping trip, it should include number of nights camped for each participant.

It's important to turn in this information in a timely manner. Some scouts may need these activities for advancement. You can hand deliver a paper report or email it to the advancement chair.

Mrs. Bess, Advancement Chair



SCOUT LEADER REQUIREMENTS:

“Keeping you informed”

Boy leaders should work on the items listed below during their tenure in this position. They may be asked what they did at the end of their service by Mr. M.

If your scout needs guidance, he can go to Mr. Marubayshi, or his patrol advisor for help. Parents, we are listing scout responsibilities here so that you can be informed, and can remind your scout of his responsibilities too. This month we are highlighting:



WHAT DOES A Patrol Leader DO?

Job Description: The Patrol Leader is elected by the patrol and **leads** the patrol.

Reports to: The Senior Patrol Leader
Minimum Rank: 1st Class

Patrol Leader duties:

- Show up to meeting on time or 15 minutes before meeting starts if have set up.
- Get Trained by Scoutmaster.
- Plan and lead patrol meetings.
- Finds out what patrol wants to be doing and brings topic to JLC meeting to get implemented.
- Plan and lead patrols responsibility at Troop meeting. (skill, flag, game or other troop program feature event) .
- Plan and lead an activity.
- Keeps there patrol under control.
- Keep patrol members informed (not just emails either – need to talk to them to confirm communication).
- Assign each patrol member a job and help them succeed. (They need at least an assistant patrol leader).
- Represent the patrol at all Junior Leaders' Council (JLC) meetings and at the annual program planning conference.
- Prepares the patrol to take part in all Troop activities.(Camporee, Scout o Rama, hikes camps etc.

- Develop a patrol spirit with a Patrol Flag, Cheer and song.
- Attends at least 2/3 of each event type during his service period.
- Work with other troop leaders to make the troop run well.
- Know what patrol members and other leaders can do.
- Sets the right example.
- Wears the Scout uniform correctly.
- Makes a point to live by the Scout Oath and Law.

The Patrol Leader Leads with Scout Spirit!



BSA “Sweet 16”

So you are planning an outing and you want to make sure you are ready. The first thing that crosses your mind is; “Will the scouts be safe on this outing”? Look no further. The Sweet 16 of Scouting will help set your mind at ease. Review these simple points before the outing and set your mind at ease. Few youth organizations encompass the breadth, volume and diversity of physical activity common to Scouting, and none enjoy a better safety record. The key to maintaining and improving this exemplary record is the conscientious and trained adult leader who is attentive to safety concerns.

As an aid in the continuing effort to protect participants in Scout activity, the BSA National Health & Safety Committee and the Council Services Division of the BSA National Council have developed the "Sweet Sixteen" of BSA safety procedures for physical activity. These 16 points, which embody good judgment and common sense, are applicable to all activities.

1. QUALIFIED SUPERVISION

Every BSA activity should be supervised by a conscientious adult who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of the children and youth in his or her care. The supervisor should be sufficiently trained, experienced and skilled in the activity to be confident of his/her ability to lead and to teach the necessary skills and to respond effectively in the event of an emergency. Field knowledge of all applicable BSA standards and a commitment to implement and follow BSA policy and

procedures are essential parts of the supervisor's qualifications.

2. PHYSICAL FITNESS

For youth participants in any potentially strenuous activity, the supervisor should receive a complete health history from a health care professional, parent or guardian. Adult participants and youth involved in higher-risk activity (e.g., scuba) may require professional evaluation in addition to the health history. The supervisor should adjust all supervision, discipline and protection to anticipate potential risks associated with individual health conditions. Neither youth nor adults should participate in activity for which they are unfit. To do so would place both the individual and others at risk.

3. BUDDY SYSTEM

The long history of the "buddy system" in Scouting has shown that it is always best to have at least one other person with you and aware at all times as to your circumstances and what you are doing in any outdoor or strenuous activity.

4. SAFE AREA OR COURSE

A key part of the supervisor's responsibility is to know the area or course for the activity and to determine that it is well-suited and free of hazards.

5. EQUIPMENT SELECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Most activity requires some specialized equipment. The equipment should be selected to suit the participant and the activity and to include appropriate safety and program features. The supervisor should also check equipment to determine that it is in good condition for the activity and is properly maintained while in use.

6. PERSONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT

The supervisor must ensure that every participant has and uses the appropriate personal safety equipment. For example, activity afloat requires a PFD properly worn by each participant; bikers, horseback riders, and whitewater kayakers need helmets for certain activity; skaters may need protective gear; and all need to be dressed for warmth and utility depending on the circumstances.

7. SAFETY PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

For most activities there are common sense procedures and standards that can greatly reduce the risk. These should be known and appreciated by all participants, and the supervisor must ensure compliance.

8. SKILL LEVEL LIMITS

There is a minimum skill level requirement for every activity, and the supervisor must identify and recognize this minimum skill level and be sure that none are put at risk by attempting activity beyond their ability. A good example of skill levels in Scouting is the venerable "swim test" which defines conditions for safe swimming based on individual ability.

9. WEATHER CHECK

The risk factors in many outdoor activities vary substantially with weather conditions. These variables and the appropriate response should be understood and anticipated.

10. PLANNING

Safe activity follows a plan that has been conscientiously developed by the experienced supervisor or other competent source. Good planning minimizes risks and also anticipates contingencies that may require emergency response or a change of plan.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

The supervisor needs to be able to communicate effectively with participants as needed during the activity. Emergency communications also need to be considered in advance for any foreseeable contingencies.

12. PERMIT AND NOTICES

BSA tour permits, council office registration, government or landowner authorization, and any similar formalities are the supervisor's responsibility when such are required. Appropriate notification should be directed to parents, enforcement authorities, landowners, and others as needed, before and after the activity.

13. FIRST AID RESOURCES

The supervisor should determine what first aid supplies to include among the activity equipment. The level of first aid training and skill appropriate for the activity should also be considered. An extended trek over remote terrain obviously may require more first aid resources and capabilities than an afternoon activity in the local community.

14. APPLICABLE LAWS

BSA safety policies generally parallel or go beyond legal mandates, but the supervisor should confirm and ensure compliance with all applicable regulations or statutes.

15. CPR RESOURCE

Any strenuous activity or remote trek could present a cardiac emergency. Aquatic programs may involve cardiopulmonary emergencies. The BSA strongly recommends that a CPR-trained person (preferably an adult) be part of the leadership for any BSA program. Such a resource should be available for strenuous outdoor activity.

16. DISCIPLINE

No supervisor is effective if he or she cannot control the activity and the individual participants. Youth must respect their leader and follow direction.

In addition to these general rules, safety concerns in certain BSA activities, including most of the aquatics programs, have been specifically addressed in more detailed guidelines. All leaders should review and comply with such guidelines in the respective activities.

Chaplain's Aide's Inspiration of the month:



Psalm 9:9

*The Lord is a refuge for the
oppressed, a stronghold in times of
trouble.*

Austin H. – Chaplin's Aide

The Buddy System

The buddy system provides safety and support for the Scouts. The policy of the Boy Scouts of America is for boys to be active but in groups of no smaller than two!

Scout Law

A Scout is:

*trustworthy,
loyal,
helpful,
friendly,
courteous,
kind,
obedient,
cheerful,
thrifty,
brave,
clean,
and reverent.*



The 2015 World Scout Jamboree

WSJ will take place in Japan, Tuesday, July 28 to Saturday, August 8, 2015.



For questions and additional information, please visit

<http://www.scouting.org/worldjamboree.aspx>.



Scout Trail Cooking:

Care of: <http://www.backpackingchef.com/>

Got bad trail hunger?

Make Chili!

I learned how to make chili from an old pro who has been making this chili recipe for her husband for over 50 years starting on their honeymoon.

Make a big batch, dry it and divide into individual servings. It rehydrates well on the trail and I hear from lots of folks who love it.

Beef & Bean Chili Recipe

Serves 3 - 5

Ingredients:

- 1 to 1¼ pounds lean ground beef or turkey
- ½ cup bread crumbs, finely ground
- 1 large onion
- 1 – 2 cloves garlic
- 3 Tbsp Chili Powder
- 1 15 oz. can kidney or red beans, drained
- 1 10 oz. can tomato puree
- 1 14 oz. can diced tomatoes



In the kitchen:

Work bread crumbs into ground meat with your fingers and set aside for a moment. I add bread crumbs because dehydrated meat infused with bread crumbs rehydrates better on the trail. Also, the bread crumbs absorb and lock in more of the chili flavor. If you are not planning on dehydrating this chili recipe for backpacking, there is no need to add bread crumbs to the meat. You can [make your own bread crumbs](#) by dehydrating bread.

Sautee onions and garlic in a little olive oil using just enough to coat the pan. It really helps to use a non-stick pan.

Add ground meat and cook for about ten minutes until browned, stirring continuously.

Add chili powder and cook for one more minute.

Add tomato puree, diced tomatoes, and drained beans.

Cook until bubbling and then reduce heat to a simmer for one hour.

Dehydrate:

Have a taste and put the rest in the refrigerator overnight. The extra time enhances the flavor. Hitting the trail in the morning? Start dehydrating immediately.



Spread chili out on dehydrator trays covered with non-stick Paraflexx® Sheets or parchment paper.

Dehydrate at 125° for 8 – 10 hours. This recipe took up three 15 x 15 Excalibur Dehydrator trays. After about four hours in the dehydrator, break up any meat and beans that might be stuck together with a spoon or your fingers to expose pieces to more air circulation.

Once dry, divide dehydrated chili into one cup or larger servings and pack in plastic zip-lock bags.

Yield: Five cups weighing about 12 ounces dry.

On the Trail:

Combine one cup chili with one cup water and let sit for about five minutes. If you are cooking a larger serving, just add an equal part of water to your dried chili.



Light stove, bring to a boil and continue cooking for one minute.

Remove from stove and place pot inside insulating [pot cozy](#) for ten minutes.

Garnish with crackers, dried pita bread chips or cheddar cheese.

See this source for [freeze dried cheddar cheese](#).

Now that you know how to make chili, enhance your meal options with Chef Glenn's Chili Mac recipe found in [Recipes for Adventure](#).



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](#).

When 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 the plan, an email will be sent to your council, chartered organization, committee chair, and your 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 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.

BSA Climbing Resources

<https://sites.google.com/site/bsaclimbinstclass/materials>



**JOKES, JOKES,
JOKES**

Have you heard this one?



JOKE

“And this over here” croaked the 90 year old museum tour guide, “is a fossil 4 million and 69 years old, on it’s left you can see another fossil that’s 2 million and 69 years old.”

“Wow! That’s really fascinating,” said a fellow in the audience, “how can you age it so accurately to the year?” “Well that’s simple” answered the old chap, “It was two million years old when I started working here 69 years ago.”

Joke Supplied by Robert P.

“It’s the spirit within, not the veneer without, that makes a man.”

- Robert Baden-Powell



The 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.***



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