



TROOP 314 NEWS

JULY 2014 AD

SUMMER IS STILL HERE!

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

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+ March Madness Moves into July
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Scoutmaster's Corner



Happy summer everyone, I hope you are all enjoying the long warm days and vacation time!

This is a time when we all feel we can breath a little, take a stretch, and relax a bit. However, don't forget that it is also the beginning of a new term for the new boy leaders in the troop.

They all have jobs to do in the troop, and some will be new to those jobs, but they should do them the best that we can. If everybody does that, things will flow smoothly, and the boys will learn something about leadership.

Coming up, we have our traditional "homework burn" which is just a fun beach barbecue. But even for a pure fun event like that to happen, certain things need to get done, which requires organization, which requires responsibility and leadership.

Then we have summer camp the week of July 20-26; Mr. Tran is the adult coordinator for that event, although I will be attending also. In August we have the American Legion Camporee, on the weekend of August 8-10. I will be coordinating that one.

In short, many Cub Scout Packs "shut down" during summer vacation, but Boy Scout Troops do not! Let's all have a good time, enjoy your families, but don't forget about your role in Troop 314!

One last note-- I'd like to thank Noel for doing an excellent job as Senior Patrol Leader. He really did his best, and I could tell.

Good Scouting,

Richard Marubayashi,
Scoutmaster, Troop 314



SPL Corner

Dear Troop 314,

This is the first newsletter of the new term, and with the new term comes new jobs and responsibilities.

Despite the fact that many of you probably have jobs which you have no experience with, I still expect you all to do your best to perform them to the best of your abilities, and to ask for help when you need a hand.

I would like to receive from each of you regular email updates on subjects concerning your positions. I would avoid naming names, but in the past some of our leaders have been met with many difficulties. That said, we have also had many excellent leaders, such as, in my opinion, Noel as the previous SPL.

I hope that I can do as good as a job as he did, and I hope that you will all help me do so by being excellent leaders.

Your SPL, Ian M.



THINGS TO REMEMBER TO DO THIS MONTH:

- ➡ **Friday July 11th – Annual Troop Homework Burn & Beach Party at 4PM to 10PM at Bolsa Chica State Beach.**
(details inside)
- ➡ **Attend a Meeting with your Patrol. (Combine your meeting with something fun - It's Summer!)**



Chairman's Comment

I would like to thank Mrs. Bloch, who has agreed to be our new Troop Treasurer.

Mrs. Gray our current Treasurer, had announced that she will soon be stepping down as Treasurer, since Steven is aging out.

Thanks again to Mrs. Bloch, to Mrs. Gray for her time as Treasurer, and to all the parents that help make our Troop 314 so successful.

***YIS, Mr. Mike Hilton,
Troop Committee
Chairman***



Court of Honor June 24th

Gabe B. was our Master of Ceremonies for the night and did a great job, though we did our best to throw him off his plan. Sorry about that!



We enjoyed a delicious potluck dinner - Scouts and Scouters sure can cook! We made awards, bestowed a rank advancement and installed our new officers, ate some cake and cookies cleaned up and headed home. Not a bad night's work.



Robert earns his Camping Merit Badge accepting from Noel J.



Mr. Marubayashi and Gabe share the podium.



Viet Tran makes STAR Rank! Congratulations!



Committee Chair Mike Hilton shares some words of wisdom.



New ASPL, Owen M.



New SPL, Ian M.



Martin L. Takes on job of Patrol Leader for the Blue Phoenix and Michael M. is Patrol Leader – of Scorpions and Bull Sharks which will consolidate.



Troop 314 CUB SCOUT BELT LOOP DAY SATURDAY JUNE 28th At Eastwood Elementary School in Westminster

Belt Loops offered include Communicating, Soccer, Baseball, Computers, Chess, Flag Football, Art, Ultimate Frisbee, and Basket Ball.

I was unable to stay for the whole event, but Robert tells me that this was a pretty solid success. Thank you to all the Scouts and Scouters who took time and some who, missed a ballgame or canceled other plans to make this event work out so well.

Special thanks to Mrs. Hight who not only cooked for this event, but was able to use her contacts to invite all the local Cub Scout Packs.

We also thank Mrs. Hight and her Eagle, Brandon for the donation of 4 dual burner heavy duty camp stoves to the Troop!



Ultimate Frisbee.



Ultimate Recruitment Chair



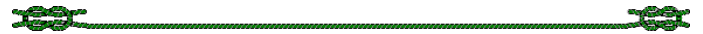






Troop 314 Consolidating Bull Sharks and Scorpion Patrols

The decision was made to combine the Bull Sharks and the Scorpions into one patrol. But it was not decided which name they would take for their patrol, or whether they will choose a whole new name. That will probably be left up to the boys to vote on (probably at the troop meeting).



Troop 314 Historian's Report

Last month Troop 314 practiced and prepared teaching the Belt Loop Activities to the Cub Scouts at Belt Loop Day on June 28th at Eastwood Elementary School from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The Belt Loop Day was a successful event hosted by Troop 314 where the Cub Scouts of Pack 314 and 670 participated and earned their nine Belt Loops. The activities were chess, computer, basketball, football, soccer, communication, art, softball, and ultimate frisbee. Not only the Cub Scouts enjoyed and earned their Belt Loops there, lunch was also provided. We served hot dogs, chilies, nachos with cheese, fruit, and water. Overall, the Boy Scouts performed an awesome job to teach the activities to Cub Scouts. This event was held for Troop 314 recruitment as well.



Then there was Court of Honor held on June 24th at the Post where Gabriel B. was Master of Ceremony and dinner was served with main courses, sides, and desserts before the ceremony began. Star Rank was awarded to Viet T; Merit Badges were awarded to several scouts; and Pali Awards were awarded to many parents and scouts who completed the Physical Fitness/Exercise.

Also, troop positions were presented to the elected members. During the ceremony, we had a drawing for the basket winner. We were able to fundraise \$130 for T314. Congratulations to all for a well done job!

Your Troop Historian, Viet T.



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.

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

No news from Steven....



Steven Y is the new OA, Representative

Troop 314 Scribe –

Junior Leadership Committee (JLC) Minutes for July First 2014 AD.



Leaders in attendance:

Gabe B., Elijah B., Austin H., Martin L., Ian M., Owen M., Robert P., Viet T., Mr. Bess, Mr. Marubayashi, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Tran, and Mrs. Hight

Viet T. acted as Troop Scribe at this meeting.

- Due to the less scouts at Troop 314, Bull Sharks and Scorpions will combine together as one patrol; skills and games will combine; high rank or older scouts move up to the upper patrol. Possibility

the high rank or older scouts from Blue Phoenix Patrol will move up to the upper patrol.

- Theme is focus on recruitment. For recruitment, do activities to attract more scouts and have better attendance by serving pizzas.
- September 20, 2014 is the tentative event Date for Troop 314 - Webelos activity pin Day. The Activity Pin Day is to be a Troop 314 event, like the Belt Loop event but instead aimed at Webelos Activity Pins (they are actually called Activity Badges).
- No uniform inspection in the summer.
- Mrs. Hight will be in charge of the skill and game on Tuesday, July 8th, 2014.
- Will have one meeting a month in park for July and August.
- The scouts will run again instead of sit-ups for physical fitness at the meeting.
- Homework burn will be on July 11th, 2014 from 4:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M. (Bring your own Dinner begins at 7:00 P.M.
- Game night is to be determined.
- Movie night is to be determined.
- Cub Scout Day Camp "Twilight Camp" at St. Hedwig Church in Los Alamitos from July 28th to August 1st. Camp needs Boy Scout volunteers especially volunteers needed on Friday night. Register on-line for volunteering.
- Troop's summer camp at Lost Valley from July 20th through July 26th.

July's theme: Recruitment

July 8th Opening/set up – Blue Phoenix
Mrs. Hight Skill and game.

July 15th Opening/set up – Scorpions/Bull Shark
Skill & Game– Blue Phoenix

July 22nd No Meeting due to Summer Camp

July 29th Opening/set up – Scorpions/Bull Sharks

Skill and Game – Blue Phoenix

Long T., Troop Scribe



BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES For July 2014:

*Steven Y. is 14 Years old on
the 25th*



Happy Birthday, Scout!



Troop 314 NEW Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Ian M.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Own M.
- Blue Phoenix (RTFC) Patrol Leader: Martin L.
- Scorpion Patrol Leader: Michael M.
- Bull Sharks Patrol Leader: Michael M.
- Scribe: Long T.
- Quartermaster: Gabe B.
- Librarian: Elijah B.
- OA Representative: Steven Y..
- Chaplain's Aide: Robert P.
- Historian: Viet T.
- Web Master: Owen M.

Open Positions in Leadership

- Troop Guide: *
- Den Chief: *



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.**

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 and Bull Sharks
- Mr. Hallman / Mr. Feiffer

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 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 message 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.

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



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 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!

Activities:

Archery

Deep Sea Fishing - Commercial ½ day Boat

Ocean fishing — Pier trip / Surf fishing – San Clemente has a good pier for fishing.

Beach party

Annual Homework Burn

Bonfire (June)

Bowling

Go Cart Racing (Family)

Hiking Trip

Backpacking - Hike in camp in wilderness of Orange County or our mountain backcountry

Snow Day – 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 work as we have 4 BSA Climb Instructors in this troop and our own climb gear/rope!



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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

Annual Homework Burn!

Kayaking

Picnic / BBQ

Bring on the Adventure!

Mr. Fieffer, Activities Chair



**Get out your Calendars
and mark these dates!**

TROOP EVENTS FOR JULY 2014:

**30 June Executive Council
Meeting @ Cypress Library 7 PM.
- All Parents Welcome!**

**1st Junior Leadership Council
(JLC) Meeting 6:30 PM @ American
Legion Post 555.**

**4th HAPPY Independence Day
(No First Friday Dinner)**



**8th Troop 314 Meeting at
American Legion Post 555 starting
at 7PM**

**10th Orange Frontier
District Roundtable**
LDS Church 4000 Orange Ave.,
Anaheim (2nd Thursday of each
month)



11th (Friday) HOMEWORK BURN / Beach Party!

June is traditionally the time of
our Bolsa Chica State Beach party
and homework burn, but we are
moving it this year to FRIDAY July
11th –

**We expect people
to show up around
4 PM and will have
dinner around 7
PM.**



**Once we find a fire pit – we will
communicate the location –
[nearest life guard tower(s)] Mr.
Marubayashi. and Mr. Pearson are
working on exactly how – and we
will email specifics.**

**Pack 314 is welcome
to join us! This is a
family event, as it is
impossible to
lifeguard this event
to BSA
requirements!**



**Parking is \$15 and
really scarce so
carpool if you can.
Hoping some early
beach parties will
be leaving by 4 PM
so some spots might open up by
then.**



We usually bring family food to BBQ (as on a stick usually) and stay till lights out at 10PM. It gets cool at sunset, (8:06) so bring a jacket / blanket. FYI full moon & big tides this Friday.

15th Troop Meeting at American Legion Post 555 starting at 7PM

**20th to 26th
Summer Camp 2014
@ Lost Valley**



22nd NO MEETING – Summer Camp week!

29th Troop Meeting at American Legion Post 555 starting at 7PM



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).

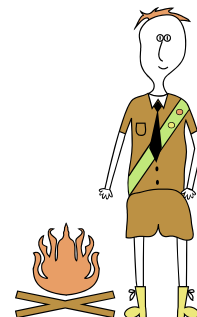
In **March** and **September** Scouts are honored for their rank advancements with a candle lighting ceremony and parents are given pins. This tends to be a long ceremony, so no dinners.

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!

**Cub Scout Day Camp
at St. Hedwig Church in Los Alamitos from July 28th to August 1st. Looking for Scout volunteers...**

**American Legion
33rd Annual
BSA Scouting
Camporee
August 8-10th, 2014**



The date is August 8-10. This is 2 weeks later than the traditional "last weekend of July".

The location is Mataguay Scout Reservation, in San Diego County. This is fairly close to Lost Valley (11 mi SSW, as the crow flies). We've gone there for Summer Camp once in my memory (2011), and it was a great camp.

The deadline for us to register is June 28. Remember the time they had to cancel because not enough troops had registered in time? That was a very rare event, and we don't want it to happen again.

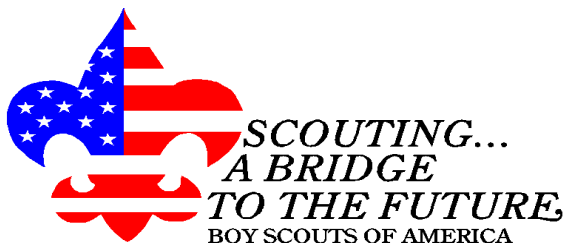
The cost is shown as \$12/person in the packet, but \$10/person on the website
<http://www.calegion.org/html/scouting.htm>).

I expect that the website is more accurate. This cost is traditionally borne by the AL Post 555.

There is much more information to come, as the date approaches. We will also start taking signups. Stay tuned!

Yours in Scouting,

Richard Marubayashi, Scoutmaster



Long Beach Sea Base

Aquatics Center Sea Scout Base sits in a beautiful corner of one of seven Long Beach marinas just a few blocks off Pacific Coast Highway. Activities at the base include



- Summer Aquatics Day Camp
- Aquatic Conservation Training
- Aquatics Merit Badge Courses
- Marina Docking and Launching
- Lifeguard Skill Training

Long Beach Sea Base Aquatics Center

5875 Appian Way
Long Beach, Ca 90803
(562) 431-5309

For information and reservations call the Scout Service Center at (562) 427-0911



NEW TROOP WEBSITE:

The Troop 314 website, URL is:

<http://www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.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 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”

Our Boy Scout 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 they do not do their job, they cannot expect to get credit for this position for advancement.

If your Scout needs guidance, he can go to Mr. Marubayashi, 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 Chaplain Aid.

WHAT DOES A QUARTER MASTER DO?

Job Description:

The Troop Quartermaster

keeps track of troop equipment and sees that it is in good working order.



Reports to: The Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Rank: 1st Class

Troop Quartermaster duties:

- Show up to meeting 15 minutes before meeting starts
- Keep records on patrol and troop equipment.
- Keep equipment in good repair.
- Issue equipment and see that it is returned in good order.
- Suggest new or replacement items.
- Work with the troop committee member responsible for equipment and / or Scoutmaster.
- Have good attendance at Troop meeting.
- Attends at least 2/3 of each event type during his service period.
- Set a good example.
- Enthusiastically wear the Scout Uniform correctly.
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Show Scout spirit.

Chaplain's Aide's Inspiration of the month:

Proverbs 10:5

He who gathers in summer is a son who acts wisely, But he who sleeps in harvest is a son who acts shamefully.

- Robert P. Chaplin's Aide



Scout Law

A Scout is:

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



Scout Trail Cooking:

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

Pizza Grits Supreme



Serves 1

Ingredients:

- ¼ Cup quick grits or ½ cup precooked and dried polenta
- ¼ Cup dried tomatoes, peppers, mushrooms, and onions
- ¼ Cup dried deli ham
- 2 Tbsp dried pineapple pieces

- ¼ Cup Pepperidge Farm Pizza Flavored Goldfish or freeze dried grated cheddar cheese
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1¼ cups of water

At Home:

Pack goldfish in a small plastic bag and enclose with other ingredients in a larger plastic bag.

On the Trail:

Combine grits, vegetables and ham with water and soak for five minutes. Light stove, bring to boil, and cook for one more minute. Insulate pot and wait ten minutes.

Prior to serving, stir crumbled Goldfish or other cheese options into grits. If you use powdered cheese, add a little extra water.

Packing & Cooking Alternative:

If you package the grits in a separate bag, you can soak and bring the other ingredients to a boil first and then add the grits. This will make it much less likely you will have any problem with grits sticking to the bottom of the pot.

- Sauté chopped onions and garlic until semi translucent in a large pot.
- Add lean ground turkey, cumin, salt, pepper, smoked chipotle powder and chopped green chilis. Lean ground turkey tends to be rather tasteless, so make sure you season well.
- Cook until turkey is cooked through.
- Add drained small white beans and chicken stock.
- Simmer on low heat for 20 minutes.
- Turn off heat and add chopped cilantro. Let cool.
- Spread on dehydrator shelves and dehydrate using the meat setting temperature (minimum 145°F) until dry, about 8 to 10 hours.
- Pack 1½ cups dried chili per serving in Ziploc bags.

On the Trail:

Add 1½ cups of dehydrated chili to 1½ to 2 cups boiling water, stirring constantly for about 5 minutes. Turn off heat, and let sit for about 30 minutes with lid on pot. Add cheese and sour cream before serving.

Additional Suggestions:

Sometimes I spoon white bean chili over instant mashed potatoes for a very filling meal.

Chef Glenn's Comments:

A ½ cup of breadcrumbs may be added per pound of ground turkey (or beef) before cooking and drying to make it more tender when rehydrated. Seedehydrating meat.

And bonus recipe – make at home or on trail:

White Bean Chili

Shared by SierraJud from Northern California

This white bean chili uses lean ground turkey. Make and enjoy it at home or dehydrate it for the trail.

Serves 6:

Ingredients:

- 1½ lbs. Lean Fresh Ground Turkey
- 1 Onion, chopped
- 2 Cloves Garlic, chopped
- 3 4.5 oz. cans Diced Green Chilis (or fresh, skinned, seeded and chopped)
- 1 - 2 Tbsp Smoked Chipotle Powder
- 1 Tbsp Ground Cumin
- Salt and Pepper to taste
- 3 15 oz. cans Small White Beans, drained and rinsed
- 6 cups Chicken Stock
- 1 cup Cilantro, chopped

At Home:



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](https://www.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.

BSA Fleur-de-lis, the Boy Scout Emblem is Explained Here:



- 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.

BSA Climbing Resources URL

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

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.

**JOKES, JOKES,
JOKES**
*Have you heard this
one?*



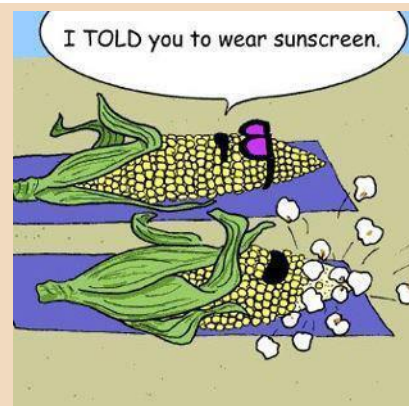
Q: When do you go on a red and stop at a green?

A: At a Watermelon!

Q: What did the pig say in the heat of summer?

A: I'm bacon!

Vacationing in Vermont, a man picked up the local paper to check the weather. It read.
Today: Sunny, 75
Tonight: Not so Sunny, 55



Jokes from Robert

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.*



TROOP 314 - TOWER ABOVE THE REST !

To contact the Newsletter Editor or for more information about Troop 314
Send me a note at T314news@live.com -Thanks, Mr. Pearson

