



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

Aptitude and Attitude

We are all different. We
have different aptitudes and
attitudes.

Aptitude is a natural ability or talent, one's
capacity to learn. Attitude is a mood or a state of
mind shown by actions and words.

As Scouts we must respect each other's
aptitudes. We must be patient, whether we are
teaching or being taught.

Our attitude toward what we are doing reflects
what we are. If you have a good attitude, your
aptitude will improve.

"Troop 314 Tower above the rest"!

C. Bess, Scoutmaster Troop 314



Minutes from Pre Election Meeting on December 1st

The more SPL's & Patrol leaders learn to delegate
(and hold scouts accountable), the more participation
there will be. Increased participation leads to greater
scout spirit because:

- Scouts feel needed and included
- Scouts learn more skills feel a greater sense of accomplishment
- Troop cohesiveness increases
- Number of activities increases
- Quality of activities increases
- Excitement increases in those thinking about joining the troop

Leaders need to increase their communication skills:

- Planning with Parameters (establish & use goals)
- Follow Through
- Enthusiasm
- Encourage participation
- EDGE
- Attire & Grooming

Patrol Leaders need to conduct effective Patrol
meetings.

Building relationships with packs is going well, but
recruitment efforts need to improve

More Order of the Arrow involvement/excitement
would be good.

Thank you, John McCready

7th Hollywood Sign / Bronson “Bat Cave” Hike.

The Troop enjoyed a fine little hike from the Bronson Caves, by Brush Canyon Trail to the Hollywood sign.

The caves are not much to see and not really natural caves - just an old rock mining site, that became famous as the batmobile from the 1960s show used to drive out of one of these caves.



Mr M. snaps a picture of Sasquatch with his new camera. Mysteriously, Mr. M. was unable to provide any pictures for the newsletter.



Several sasquatch like creatures can be seen behind Mr. Tran. False Alert – actually in enhanced imaging prove to be Scouts.



On the way to Hollywood sign.

I was as ever, dead last on this hike, dragging along far to the rear on “Sweep” patrol. Thanks for Mr. Tran for keeping me company. – NLE.



Mr. Tran snaps a picture while Ian attempts the difficult way to summit behind him.



Looking down on Hollywood. We could see Griffith Park Observatory in distance.



Some likely suspects hanging around near sign.



Attention (Ex) Scouts 18 to 21 years old!

There is a new position in Scouting – The “College Scouter Reserve”. This is essentially the same job as Assistant Scoutmaster without the additional required training. (Do need YPT). Please consider staying on as an adult and mentoring the scouts.

If you are interested in being an Assistant Scoutmaster you may also apply at 18. To be an Assistant Scoutmaster, you must take the following trainings: Youth Protection Training, Scoutmaster Specific Training, This is Scouting, and Introduction to Outdoor Leadership.

Also, you only have to be 18 years old to be a merit badge counselor. YPT certificate is also needed.

All Troop 314 Parents: We need BSA Class II Instructors to run our tower- Please recertify (Jason Feiffer and Vu Tran) or go for training, It is actually a lot of fun. Thanks!

BSA Climbing Instructor Training/Re-certification January 15-17th 2016

Taking your unit climbing requires more than just having the right equipment! It requires qualified instructors to ensure a safe trip. By training as a BSA Climbing instructor you will be able to take Scouts out to experience the challenges of climbing & rappelling and have an active climbing program in your local unit or be active with district or council sponsored climbing/rappelling activities.

WHEN: January 15, 2016 @ 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

WHERE: William Lyon Homes Center for Scouting
1211 E Dyer Rd
Santa Ana, CA 92705
USA

COST: \$25.00

CONTACT: Paul D'Amore

dpauldamore@yahoo.com

Become a BSA trained climbing instructor, increase your certification to Level 2, or renew your certification at the BSA Climbing Instructor Training.

Participants must attend all dates for certification:

Friday, January 15, 2016 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Saturday, January 16, 2016 7:30 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday, January 17, 2016 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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

IF YOU WANT TO GO -

NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER...

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>.



***Associate yourself with men of
good quality if you esteem your
own reputation for 'tis better to be
alone than in bad company.***

- George Washington

New BSA Climb Manual “Belay On” Out - Link below.

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/Outdoor%20Program/pdf/430-500_BelayOn_WB.pdf

Please direct questions to Paul D'amore via email at dpauldamore@yahoo.com or phone at 949-322-4865.



Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Viet T.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Martin L.
- Blue Phoenix Patrol Leader: Owen M.
- Blue Phoenix Asst. Patrol Leader: Christian D.
- Autobots Patrol Leader: Michael M.
- Autobots Asst. Patrol Leader: Robert P.
- Scribe: Long T.
- Webmaster – Elijah B
- Troop Guide – Noel J.
- Quartermaster: Christian D
- Librarian:
- OA Representative: - Open
- Chaplain's Aide: Diego M.
- Historian:
- Den Chief - Christian D'A.
- **Den Chief #2, #3 – Open Positions**
- Troop Guide: Noel J.
- Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster: Robert P.

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. Feiffer

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
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 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 parents and resources to make it happen!

Activities include, but are not limited to:

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. Camp in wilderness of Orange County or our mountain backcountry.

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

Ski / Snowboard Trip

Laser Tag (Family)

Air Soft Games (Family)

Paint Ball (Family)

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

BLM land / Calico Ghost Town - Desert

Shoot – High powered Rifles / Pistols / and Shotgun skeet shooting (Family event)

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



Angel's Baseball Game

Gold Prospecting (Gold Camp)

Swim – Pool Time or a Summer 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 December 2015:

1st Pre Election Meeting.

2nd – Exec Canceled.



5th and 6th Game Night Camp Out
at Featherly Park. Meeting at Post
10:30 to pack out Mr. M's Trailer.

6th Happy Hanukkah



December 7, 1941

"A date that will live in infamy"

8th Regular Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM

- Troop Elections

10th Orange Frontier District
Scouters' Roundtable

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



Dec 12th Saturday AM Mistletoe
Picking and PM give away at
Ralphs on Warner in Huntington
Beach.

15th Court of
Honor
American Legion
Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM




- Bring your Secret Santa Gifts

Potluck Dinner: Mrs. Pearson will
provide beverages Hot and Cold.

- Autobots bring an Entrée

- Blue Phoenix a side dish and/or a
dessert.

- Please show up a bit earlier to help
with setup dinning tables and food, so
our dinner can start at 6:30.

17th Order of Arrow 
Meeting Third Thursday Each
Month (7:00pm at Holy Cross
Lutheran Church)

Dec 19th SATURDAY- Christmas
Caroling at Westminster Terrace
at 5:30. (same place as last two
caroling).

22th No Troop 314 Meeting

25th Merry Christmas one and all!

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

Troop 314 Meeting Notes

- **Executive Committee Meeting** is 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. but usually kept simple, due to constraints on time and sanity in the holidays).

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](http://www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com/)

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.

File Tour Activity Plan if the following apply:

- Trips of 500 miles or more
- Trips outside of Orange Co. Council borders.
- Trips to any national high-adventure base, National Scout Jamboree, National Order of the Arrow Conference, or regionally sponsored event
- When conducting any the following activities:
 - Aquatics activities (swim, boat, float, scuba, etc.)
 - Climbing and rappelling
 - Orientation flights (process flying plan)
 - Shooting sports
 - Any activities involving motorized vehicles as part of the program (snowmobiles, boating, etc.)
 - Any overnight camping



Step by Step: How to file a Tour and Activity Plan Online

Do you have an account at myscouting.org? If not, you should open one. Make sure you have your BSA ID number, and use it to open your account. You can create an account (and even take YPT) without your BSA number, but it will be a headache to then attach your BSA number to your account. If you don't have your BSA number handy, Cindy Bess can get that for you.

So, then go to **myscouting.org** and log in. On the left, you should see a list of Unit Tools, one of which will be "Tour and Activity Plan". Click that.

At the top, you'll see a drop-down box – select "New Plan" (selected by default), and then click "Go".

You'll be presented with a checklist of things to gather. After you've done this a few times, you'll already have them in the system (like vehicle info). Look over the list, then click "Next".

Select your unit, type of trip (Day Tour), method of transportation (car or van), and an emergency contact. The emergency contact has to be someone who is NOT going on the trip. I habitually select Mike Hilton, but it doesn't have to be him. I believe the info for the emergency contact will automatically fill in when you select their name, because it's stored in the system.

Click Next.

Give the trip a name (such as "Hollywood Sign Hike"), and a short description. Enter the number of participants – Adults Male and Female, and Youth Male.

Click Next.

Enter each registered adult, one at a time, by selecting their name from the drop down list. Info will populate automatically, but you have to indicate whether this person is the primary leader for the trip, whether they are YPT trained, whether they'll be driving, and vehicle info. Make sure you check the box "Vehicle insurance meets state's liability standard" or "Will follow

appropriate Department of Transportation guidelines for state and/or jurisdiction". After all the info is filled in, click "Add" in the upper right corner .

Once you have at least one adult listed for the tour, to add another you click the "+" sign next to "Add Registered Adult", near the bottom. Again, click "Add" after all the info is filled in.

When all adults are added, click "Next" at the bottom.

Fill in the "Departing" and "Going To" and "Returning" info, with dates and places.

Click Next.

For "What activity will you be doing?", you have to indicate at least one thing.

Click Next.

On the "Are you prepared?" page, you have to indicate who has cpr, first aid, and hazardous weather training, and answer questions about medical forms and permission slips.

Click Next.

On the Notification page, you will be shown a list of people who will be notified about this Tour. Check their emails, and Edit as necessary.

Click Next.

On the summary page, they will point out things that need attention, such as: Non-current YPT. Vehicle Insurance not acknowledged. To correct these things, you can just click on the highlighted items. This will take you to the appropriate page where you can add or edit info. To go back to the Summary page, you can just click the last bubble on the navigation bar at the bottom.

From the Summary page, I think you just click "Next" to submit the TAP. The last page gives you an option to print the TAP, which you'll need to do.

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.



Standard Elements of a Flag Ceremony

Learn it, Love it, Live it.

FLAG BEARER:

The person who carries the flag - one flag per person. Hold the staff at a slight angle in front of the body or hold the folded flag in front of the body at waist level. The Flag Bearer stands silent and at attention throughout the ceremony and does not repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

COLOR GUARD:

They guard the honor of the flag and watch to see that the flag does not touch the ground. They stand behind the flag bearer, or to each side if in a line of more than one flag. Two per flag is traditional, but any number may be used. They stand silent and at attention throughout the ceremony and do not repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

COLOR GUARD COMMANDER:

The designated Scout who "calls out" the parts of the ceremony. Stands in front and to one side of audience.

Raising and Lowering the Flag on a Flag Pole - Raise the flag briskly, lower it slowly. When flying the flag at half mast, raise it to the top of the pole, then lower it to half mast. When taking the flag down from half mast, first raise it back to the top of the pole, then lower it slowly.

(On Memorial Day, fly the flag at half-mast until noon then raise it to full staff for the rest of the day.)

Carrying the Flag

Always carry the flag aloft and flying free. When the flag is carried alone, there should be an honor guard to the left of it, or one on each side of it. When carried with other flags, the U.S. Flag should be in front of the others, or the right if the flags are in a line. Never dip the flag of the United States for any person or thing.



Commands for a Standard Flag Ceremony

Said by the Color Guard Commander:

"Please stand for the presentation (or retiring) of Colors."

Note: Said before flags enter the room or begins motion.

"Scouts, Attention."

Note: All Scouts stand at attention.

**"Color Guard, Attention."
"Color Guard, Advance."**

Note: Color Guard advances to stage or flag pole, U.S. Flag is first in line.

"Scouts, salute."

Note: The Color Guard stays at attention. Color Guard Commander and Scouts Salute.

Scouts salute the flag any time it is in motion.

"Color Guard, Halt."

"Will the audience please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance."

Note: Color Guard does not salute or recite the Pledge of Allegiance or sing the National Anthem. They stand at attention and guard the flags.

"Two"

Upon this command, scouts lower their arm smartly to their side from the salute.

"Color Guard, Post the Colors."

Note: Once the flags are posted into the flag stands, the color guard salutes the flag and then stands at attention. When retrieving the colors, the color guard first salute the flags before removing them from their posts.

"Color Guard, reform. Forward."

"Color Guard, halt."

"Color Guard, at ease." (or "Scouts, dismissed" if this is the closing)

Note: The Color Guard Commander may direct the Scouts to be at-ease or to be seated.



Color Guard Commander's Cheat Sheet

Presenting the Colors:

1. Please stand for the presentation of the colors.
2. Scouts, attention.
3. Color Guard, attention.
4. Color Guard, advance.
5. Scouts, salute.
6. Color Guard, halt.
7. Will the audience please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.
8. (Pledge of Allegiance)
9. Two.
10. Color Guard, post the colors.
11. Color Guard, reform. Forward.
12. Color Guard, halt.
13. Color Guard, at ease.
14. Audience, at ease.

Retiring the Colors:

1. Please stand for the retiring of the colors.
2. Scouts, attention.
3. Color Guard, attention.
4. Color Guard, advance.
5. Color Guard, halt.
6. Color Guard, retrieve the colors.
7. Scouts, salute.
8. Color Guard, forward.
9. Color Guard, halt.
10. Two.
11. Color Guard, at ease.
12. Audience, at ease.

Standard Ceremony info. courtesy of Troop 889, Woodlands Texas



Chaplain's Aide's Wisdom of the month:



Isaiah 9:6

***For to us a child is born, to
us a son is given; and the
government shall be upon his
shoulder, and his name shall
be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty
God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace.***



JOKES:

I dropped out of communism class,
because of lousy Marx.

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded
dough.

Haunted French pancakes give me the
crepes.

Velcro -- what a rip off!

Cartoonist found dead in home; details are
sketchy

Q: What is a diver's favorite game?

A: Pool!

Q: What kind of can doesn't need a can
opener?

A: A pelican

Q: How does Bill Gates, the man who
made Microsoft enter his house?

A: He uses Windows

Q: Why did the dermatologist hurry to the
jail?

A: Everyone was breaking out!

"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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send me a note at T314news@live.com -Thanks, Mr. Pearson

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