



# 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

I would like to take a moment and thank those who encouraged me to accept the position of scoutmaster. Thank you Mr. Pearson, Mrs. Hight, Mr. Tran, Mr. Hilton and many other parents. I promise to do my best to do my duty of the position which I am appointed.



As your newly appointed Scoutmaster, I would like my first "Scoutmaster's Corner" to focus on HONOR.

Honor begins with accepting that what we do, large or small, matters. Every minute of every day you have an opportunity. Seize this opportunity to be the best you can be, and to bring kindness to those around you.

It doesn't matter what your position is in life. When you die, God is not going to ask you whether you were the SPL, Scoutmaster, captain of the team or class valedictorian. What will matter is if you seized the opportunity you had to make a difference in the lives of those around you.

**T-314 Tower above the rest!**  
**Cyrus Bess, Scoutmaster**  
**Troop 314**



## SPL's Corner

The month of April went by fast, but well. Here are a few of the most noteworthy things.



The Camporee went well, no awards, but we did win the Golden Spoon. Hopefully we can continue winning the Golden Spoon, we used to have a seven year winning streak before I joined. We had almost full participation, which is always good.

Scout O Rama went very well, with more people showing up than I originally was expecting. As always it was crowded and we couldn't produce donuts fast enough, but there was not a lot we could do about that, we worked as fast as we could. If you read this sentence and you are a scout, please mention it to me at the next meeting. Like scouts even read this... Many Webelos and adults were attracted, so hopefully we might have some new recruits.

It has been decided that Troop meetings will now last from 6:30-7:30 instead of 7:00-8:00. This change was decided because of complaints about people having to leave late at night. Meetings might be made even earlier (6:00-7:00) but for now it will be 6:30-7:30. This change will take effect on May 19th. Thank you.

**Jon F. - Senior Patrol Leader**





## April 4th and 25th Scout Service Project days at OC Food bank.



These food bank packouts are always a good time. We being Scouts, we were entrusted with use of the box cutters, so we were working all the lines to keep them supplied with food to pack out.



## 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of May Orange Frontier's CAMP O REE

Tower went up - despite its late arrival... and Golden Spoon won by our crack team of chefs!

Good work all around.







## CPR Class by Matt Hilton 26<sup>th</sup> of April.

A lot of our Adult leaders and a couple Scouts had their CPR certification updated by Matt Hilton. Was a fun class, being taught by one of Troop 314's own Eagles.




## New Scouting Website:

<http://scoutingwire.org/>



### 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/>



### 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](mailto:hessc41@hotmail.com)



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*In the end, it's not the years  
in your life that count, it's  
the life in your years.*

- Abe Lincoln



### 2 ¢ From the Treasurer: Dues, Due again!

Dues will be \$160 again this year. Typically, we  
ask Scouts to use \$40 from their own fundraising  
– so that part of dues can come from Scout  
account. Please submit a  
“REQUEST FOR USE OF  
FAMILY ACCOUNT FUNDS”  
form. Thanks



- Treasurer, Sandra Bloch

## Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Jon F.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Alex. B.
- Blue Phoenix Patrol Leader: Christian D.
- Blue Phoenix Asst. Patrol Leader: Diego M.
- Autobots Patrol Leader: Elijah B.
- Autobots Asst. Patrol Leader: Robert P.
- Scribe: Mitchell Le.
- Webmaster – Open.
- Troop Guide - Open
- Quartermaster: Owen M.
- Librarian: Martin L. and Gabe B.
- OA Representative: - Open
- Chaplain's Aide: Austin Hallman
- Historian: Viet T.
- Den Chief - Christian D.

### Open Position in Leadership

- Troop Guide





## 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. Bess / Mrs. High

### AUTOBOTS

- Mr. Hallman / 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.”***



## 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!



# TROOP WEBSITE:

The Troop 314 website, URL is:

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



## 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 make it happen!

### Possible Activities:

Archery

Deep Sea Fishing - boat Trip

Ocean fishing – Pier trip / Surf.

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**

**Laser 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 / 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**

**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**



## Bring on the Adventure!

**Mr. Fieffer, Activities Chair**



**Get Out Your  
Calendars and mark  
these dates!**

## **T314 EVENTS FOR May 2015:**

**No First Friday Dinner this month  
at Post 555**

**4<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting  
American Legion Post 555  
Starting at 7PM**

**5<sup>th</sup> Junior Leadership Council  
American Legion Post 555  
Starting at 6:30PM**

**9<sup>th</sup> Scout O Rama**

**10<sup>th</sup> Mothers Day** 

**12<sup>th</sup> Regular Troop 314 Meeting  
American Legion Post 555  
Starting at 7PM**

**14<sup>th</sup> Orange Frontier District  
Scouters' Roundtable  
7 PM at LDS Church  
4000 Orange Ave.,  
Anaheim (2nd  
Thursday of each month)**



**19<sup>th</sup> Regular Order of Arrow  
Meeting Third Tuesday (7:00pm at  
Holy Cross Lutheran Church)**

**19<sup>th</sup> Regular Troop 314 Meeting  
American Legion Post 555  
Starting at 6:30PM (NEW TIME!!!)**

**23rd Saturday Flag Planting  
Westminster Memorial Park. Details coming.**

**25th Monday: Memorial Day  
Westminster**

**Memorial Park**  
(Usually meet at post 555  
around 10AM) Details  
coming.



**26<sup>th</sup> Regular Troop 314 Meeting  
American Legion Post 555  
Starting at 6:30PM (NEW TIME!!!)**

**As ever, Webelos Scouts and  
Parents are welcome to attend any  
meeting night as our guests!**

## **Troop 314 Meeting Notes**

- 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.
- Fourth Tuesday could be for Patrol meetings if can get the Scoutmaster to come early or close late.
- No meetings are usually held on 5<sup>th</sup> 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. but usually kept simple due to constraints on time and sanity).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**June 1<sup>st</sup> Exec. Council Meeting at American Legion Post 555**

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> Junior Leadership Council (JLC) Meeting at 6:30 at American Legion Post 555**



## Camp Chawanakee

**Troop 314 SUMMER CAMP 2015  
July 19th to 25th**

<http://www.seqbsa.org/camp%20chawanakee.htm>

## 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](http://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.

**Q. When do I need to file a Tour Activity Plan?**

**A. When any of 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 of the following activities:
  - Aquatics activities (swimming, boating, floating, 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

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## Chaplain's Aide's Inspiration of the month:

*Proverbs 17:17*

***A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.***



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## Scout Slogan:

***Do a good turn daily***



## BSA Fleur-de-lis The Boy Scout Emblem Explained



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**.

## Origin of the World Scouting Symbol "Fleur-de-Lis"

In Scouting's early years, critics accused Baden-Powell of trying to turn boys into soldiers, holding up as evidence the Scout symbol, which they called "a spear-head, the emblem of battle and bloodshed".

The Founder quickly replied, The crest is the "Fleur-de-Lis", a lily, the emblem of peace and purity. In truth, he had chosen as Scouting's emblem the sign for the North Point, universally shown on maps, charts and compass cards, because "it points in the right

direction (and upwards), turning neither to the right nor left, since these lead backward again..." Lady Baden-Powell added later, "It shows the true way to go."

Baden-Powell explained the origins of this sign. In the Middle Ages, mariner Flavio Gioja designed it to make the seaman's compass more reliable. In Italian, North was "Tramontana". Gioja used a capital "T" to mark it, and in deference to King Charles of Naples, whose crest was the Fleur-de-Lis, combined the letter with that emblem.

To explain the meaning of the Scout emblem, Baden-Powell said, "The two stars on the two side arms stand for the two eyes of the Wolf Cub having been opened before he became a Scout... The three points of the Fleur-de-Lis remind the Scout of the three points of the Scout's Promise..."



In the World Scout emblem, the Fleur-de-Lis is surrounded by a circle of rope tied with a reef knot to symbolize the strength and unity of the world brotherhood of Scouting: "Even as one cannot undo a reef knot, no matter how hard one pulls on it, so as it expands, the movement remains united."

The three tips of the Fleur-de-Lis represent the three main parts of the Scout promise: duty to God, obedience to the Scout Law, and service to others.

The two five-point stars stand for truth and knowledge, and the 10 points on the stars remind us of the 10 points of the Scout law. The ring holding the emblem together represents the bond of brotherhood. The symbol is white on a royal purple background, colors Baden-Powell chose because, in heraldry, white stands for purity and purple for leadership and helping others.

Since Scouting began, over 200 million Scouts have worn the Scout symbol, making it one of the more highly recognized emblems in the world. Today, over 150 World Scouting countries and territories, more than 16 million members continue to wear it with pride.



## The American's Creed

In 1918, when the First World War was just starting, a man named William Tyler Page wrote the American's Creed. A 'creed' is a statement of beliefs or principles.

For many years, the American's Creed was recited at public ceremonies and daily in schools.

This is what Mr. Page wrote:

*I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign states; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.*

*I, therefore, believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.*

## 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](mailto: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.

## Scout Law

### A Scout is:

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



### JOKES, JOKES, JOKES

#### Have you heard these?

Q: Why did the monkey fall out of the tree?

A: The monkey didn't fall out of the tree. This was a trick question.

Q: What does Tarzan say when he sees a herd of elephants in the distance?

A: Apple.

Q: What do you know when you see three elephants walking down the street wearing pink sweatshirts?

A: The equation for Potential Energy.

### In Honor of Mothers Day:

*Mama was my greatest teacher, a teacher of compassion, love and fearlessness. If love is sweet as a flower, then my mother is that sweet flower of love. - Stevie Wonder*



# TROOP 314

## TOWER ABOVE THE REST!

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