



# TROOP 314 NEWS

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

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## Scoutmaster's Corner

### Happy 2016 New Year Troop 314



What is your New Year Resolution?

A resolution is a promise to do an act of self-improvement. Let's promise to do our best to do our duty, by ourselves and to others. Let's do our best to become a better person, family member, American and Scout.

Troop, I am proud to be many things; the list can be long, so I'll just say "I am proud to be a Scouter and your Scoutmaster.

"Happy New Year"!

**C. Bess, Scoutmaster Troop 314**



## SPL Corner

Hello everybody! I am very pleased to say that I am the newest SPL of Troop 314!



The troop will start the first meeting of new year with our annual viewing of "A Time to Tell". We also will have our Annual Planning meeting this month on the 17<sup>th</sup>.

We had a great first PLC meeting this past week. I'm really looking forward to put the "Outing in Scouting"! One of my goals as senior patrol leader is to focus on the 8 methods of scouting: Ideals, Patrols, Outdoors, Advancement, Adult Association, Personal Growth, Leadership development, and Uniform.

I believe that if the troop really focuses on these methods, the troop will only become greater. I hope everyone has had an amazing holiday, and have started the new year with a bang!

**YIS. Christian D'A.**

## Committee Chair

Happy New Year!



I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday break! As we enter 2016, I am looking forward to a year of exciting adventure and great scouting.

Congratulations to our new Scout leaders! I know you have great things in store for the troop and look forward to supporting your success. Thanks, also, to all Adult Scouters who continue to volunteer time and energy to the Scouts.

We have successfully completed our Re-charter thanks to the efforts of Mrs. Marubayashi. Re-charter fees are due this month. Dues will be \$150 this year. Please bring your first check for \$50 (or request to take from Scout account) to the troop meeting on 1/12/16.

Moving forward, please note that there have been several changes made to Rank Advancement requirements beginning 1/1/2016. Scouts who are working toward rank advancement are responsible to know and complete the revised requirements. The Executive Committee will be sure to review these changes as well so we may support Scouts in successful completion. Here is a link to the document explaining the changes:

[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutRequirements\\_8.14.2015.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutRequirements_8.14.2015.pdf)

Looking forward to a fantastic 2016!

***Yours in Scouting, Ms. Knighton,  
Committee Chair***

## Game Night Camp @ Featherly Park 05/06 December



**Games were played, Photographic evidence**



**Ethan Scout in Charge, also Cooked.**



## Dec 11 and 12<sup>th</sup> Mistletoe Camp Out at Crystal Lake Recreation Area, Picking, Packing and Passing out at Ralphs HB.

This past month, some of our scouts decided to go camping at Crystal Lake, right before they went mistletoe picking. It was very chilly and windy up there; the temperature went down to about 24 degrees!



We first set up a campfire and boiled water for some nice hot chocolate. When we were setting up camp, the wind blew one of our tents off the ground, but luckily it was stopped by two trees.



The remainder of the night consisted of warming up by the fire and doing some old school RP. It was so cold, that one of our scout's hot chocolate froze!

The next morning we all ate at the Crystal Lake Diner, and were joined by our other scouts.



Campers and the Morning Crew pose for picture in the snow.



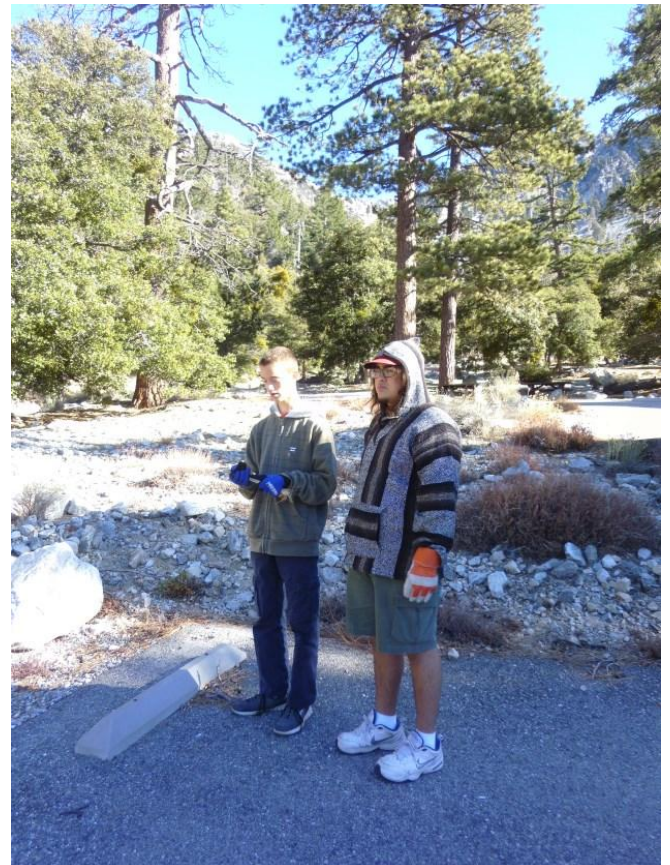




Picking the mistletoe



**The 4 P's: Permit, Picking, Packing and Passing out!**







Packing out the mistletoe at the Post



Bulk bagging the product.



More Packing out



We picked and packed, and it was time for the passing. Many of the people walking by were surprised to hear we were passing out free mistletoe. So many people did not believe us, so I wrote out in tape on the wall: IT IS ALL FREE.

We made a total of 128 dollars in grateful donations to our troop. It was a great experience and I am looking forward to it again next December.

***YIS Christian D'A.***



Getting Chili at Adam's place.



## **Mr. M: Outdoor High Adventure Activities Chair Report: It Was A Dark And Stormy Night...so naturally, a great time to set up Scout Camp!**

On Friday, December 11, four scouts and two adults from Troop 314 braved the cold and wind to experience a night of camping in below-freezing weather at Crystal Lake Recreation Area. Christian, Martin, Mitchell, and Diego were transported by Mr. M and joined by "the other Mr. M", Ian, who is now an adult Scouter, at Crystal Lake Recreation Area, at an elevation of nearly 6,000 feet, just after a wintry cold front had passed through. We missed the snow and rain, but not the cold and wind. It was 32 degrees when we arrived at camp, not surprisingly the only people in the campground. There was just a thin layer of snow on the ground.

However, per the Scout Motto, we were prepared with plenty of warm clothing, and wood for a fire. We enjoyed hot cocoa around the campfire. We also learned that the restrooms were heated, but we did not -- repeat, did NOT -- sleep in the restrooms!

During the night, the wind increased to about 20 MPH, and our tents shook all night like we were at Everest Base Camp, but no tents were damaged, and everyone survived the night, and even slept!

In the morning, the wind was still howling, so it was useless to try to cook breakfast on the stove. Diego found that his leftover

cocoa had frozen solid, too. So we just packed up and headed over to the cafe and had breakfast while we waited for the rest of the mistletoe-picking crew to arrive. By the time they did, the wind had mostly died, leaving us with only stories. This was literally a "High Adventure"!

## **Christmas Caroling at Westminster Terrace Assisted Living Community. 19th of December**



**Practice**



**More Practice**



Carolers



## December 2015 Court of Honor



Family Picture

**TRUSTWORTHY**  
 loyal **HELPFUL**  
**friendly**  
**KIND**  
 cheerful  
 thrifty  
 brave  
**clean**  
 reverent  
**COURTEOUS**  
**OBEDIENT**



COH Food tables are ready.





**Chaplin's Aid, Diego M. gives the Invocation**



**New SPL: Christian D'A. sworn**



**Our newest Eagle Ian M., and proud Mom and Dad**



**Our New ASPL: Owen M. sworn in.**

**Owen also earned his Life Scout Rank**







**Martin L., Autobot Patrol Leader**



**Ethan T. earns his Tenderfoot Rank**



**Mitchell Le, our new Quartermaster and Librarian**



**Robert is Webmaster**

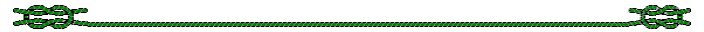




Jon earns communication and personal fitness merit badges.

*“Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.”*

*- Will Rogers*



## 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.



Viet gets his 3 year pin.





## BSA Climbing Instructor Training/Re-certification January 15-17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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

### All Troop 314 Parents:

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

## 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](http://www.bsajamboree.org)

or <https://summit.scouting.org>.



**Legendary UCLA coach, John Wooden explains how his dad Joshua, gave him and his brothers simple rules to live by organized into what he called "Two Sets of Threes."**

The first set was about honesty:

***Never lie. Never cheat. Never steal.***

The second set dealt with adversity:

***Don't whine. Don't complain.  
Don't make excuses.***



# Troop 314 NEW Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Christian D.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Owen M.
- Blue Phoenix Patrol Leader: Ethan T.
- Blue Phoenix Asst. Patrol Leader:
- Autobots Patrol Leader: Michael M.
- Autobots Asst. Patrol Leader
- Scribe: Rotating Position
- Webmaster Robert P.
- Troop Guide Noel J.
- Quartermaster: Mitchell L.
- Librarian: Mitchell L.
- OA Representative: Owen M.
- Chaplain's Aide:
- Historian:
- Den Chief - Christian D'A.
- **Den Chief #2, #3 – Open Positions**
- 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](mailto:hessc41@hotmail.com)



## 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 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***



*There are three kinds of  
men. The one that learns  
by reading. The few who  
learn by observation. The  
rest of them have to pee  
on the electric fence for  
themselves.*

*- Will Rogers*



# 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 January 2016:**

**Happy  
New Year!**



**5<sup>th</sup> Patrol Leadership Council**

**6<sup>th</sup> – Exec. Meeting.**

**12<sup>th</sup> Regular Troop 314 Meeting  
American Legion Post 555  
Starting at 6:30PM  
Scoutmaster Reviews**

**14<sup>th</sup> Orange Frontier District  
Scouters' Roundtable**

**7 PM at LDS Church 4000  
Orange Ave., Anaheim (2<sup>nd</sup>  
Thursday of each month)**



**17th Planning Meeting**

**19<sup>th</sup> Regular Troop 314 Meeting  
American Legion Post 555  
Starting at 6:30PM  
Board of Review night**

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

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.).



# UPCOMING EVENTS!

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> Patrol Leaders  
Council at 6:30 at American  
Legion Post 555**

**February 3<sup>rd</sup> Exec Council  
Meeting at Post 555**

**March 6<sup>th</sup> Scouts Ski / Snowboard  
day at Mountain High  
\$49 Scouts Day Package Special  
Includes rentals, lift tickets, and chow.**

**April 22 -25<sup>th</sup> Camporee**

**May 7<sup>th</sup> Scout-O-Rama**

**TBD Scout Service Project days  
for February / March / April**



**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

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

You have found the home page of. Troop 314 of. Midway City, California. Sponso  
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](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.



## 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.



# They're called "Essentials" for a reason.

## Every packing list starts with these 10 items:

**Pocketknife or multitool** can be handy in a wide variety of situations. It's useful for tasks as large as building an emergency shelter or lighting a campfire with poor fuel, or as small as repairing a damaged backpack. Don't forget to first earn your Totin' Chip.

**First-aid kit** can be a lifesaver. Literally.

**Extra clothing** to match the weather. Multiple layers are better than a single massive jacket, because layered clothing is adaptable to a wide range of temperatures. Cotton clothin is called killer cotton for a reason – pack wool as first choice for cold wet weather.

**Rain gear** is very important. Being wet from rain may result in hypothermia, a potentially fatal condition. Hard experience shows that Ponchos are not rain gear.

**Flashlight** is important for setting up camp in dark, signaling, handy in a porta-potty at night or in worse case finding your way over rough trail in the dark.

**Trail food** is good for maintaining your energy.

**Water** can prevent dehydration, heat exhaustion and heatstroke.

**Matches and/or a fire starter** may be used to light fires for heat, cooking or for signaling for help.

**Sun protection** might include sunblock, sunglasses, lip balm and a wide-brimmed hat.

**Map and compass** are probably the most important tools you can carry in the case you get lost.

## Here are some additional items you may want to pack, depending on the outing:

### Keeping Clean

- Toilet paper (**The 11<sup>th</sup> Essential !**)
- Toothbrush / Toothpaste / Dental floss
- Soap
- Comb
- Waterless hand cleaner
- Small towel
- Washcloth
- Trowel for digging cathole latrines

### Cooking and eating

- Large plastic cereal bowl or kitchen storage bowl
- Spoon
- Cup or insulated mug
- Water treatment system
- Backpacking stove with fuel
- Large pot and lid (2.5- or 3-quart size)
- Small pot and lid (1.5- or 2-quart size)
- Lightweight frying pan (10 to 12 inches in diameter)
- For melting snow, add 1 large pot and lid (6 to 10 quarts)
- Hot-pot tongs

### Extras

- Watch Camera Notebook
- Pen or pencil Sunglasses
- Snow Goggles Small musical instrument
- Swimsuit Gloves Whistle Nylon cord
- Insect repellent Sewing / Repair kit
- Duck Tape Hiking stick or trekking poles
- Binoculars Fishing gear Animal identification books, plant keys, geological studies, star charts or other guides



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



*Here are my three treasures.  
Guard and keep them!*

*The first is pity; the second, frugality;  
the third, refusal to be 'foremost of all  
things under heaven'. For only he that  
pities is truly able to be brave; Only he  
that is frugal is able to be profuse. Only  
he that refuses to be foremost of all  
things is truly able to become chief of  
all Ministers.*

- The *Tao Te Ching*

## The “Pun”ny Corner:

The cost of NASA is astronomical.

The woman quit her job at the donut factory  
because she found the hole business annoying.

Have you ever tried to eat a clock? It's very  
time consuming.

When Peter Pan gets in a fight, his punches  
Neverland.

I had a hand in the puppet show.

The dead batteries were given out free of  
charge.

The riot at Wall Mart was labeled a shopping  
maul.

**“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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