



TROOP 314 NEWS

May 2013 AD Edition

*BSA Troop 314 / Orange Frontier District
Westminster California*

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Scoutmaster's Corner

Wow, it's been a busy month! I don't mean the calendar month of April, I mean the 30 days preceding this writing (May 12). On April 20 we had a Camporee skills practice, on April 30 we had the "rocket bbq" with the Cub Scouts, on May 3-5 we had the District Camporee and yesterday (May 11) we had the Council Scout-o-rama. Having the Camporee and Scout-o-rama on consecutive weekends made for an especially hectic time period. Thank you to all the boys and parents who participated in either one, and especially to those who participated in both!

As much as we like to keep this a "boy-run" troop, it could not function without its dedicated adult volunteers. There are certain jobs that will exist in any troop, no matter how small or how large, which means that a large troop actually has an easier time filling those jobs, because they have a larger pool of active volunteers from which to draw. Being a small troop, we need to have a higher percentage of active volunteers in order to fill those jobs. If that doesn't happen, then a large percentage of the work will be done by a small percentage of the people. Unfortunately that is the current situation, which is why I'm so grateful to that small group of dedicated volunteers.

The biggest jobs, for the most part, are the ones that come with a title: Committee Chair, Advancement Chair, Fundraising Chair, etc, because their work never ends. One exception would be the person coordinating summer camp, because it takes several months to complete that

job (thank you Mr. Tran!). Outside of those positions, we have many events throughout the year that need an adult coordinator; ideally, those jobs would go to the remaining adults who do not have a title (other than Committee Member). But I see many of those events being coordinated by the same people over and over. I would really like to see more responsibility being shouldered by adults who don't have a ongoing job in the troop.

Some of the upcoming such events are: Kitchen help at the Post (May 17), the Memorial Day weekend flag planting (May 25), the Memorial Day service and wreath presentation (May 27), and the annual homework burn (June 22). The youth in charge of the homework burn is Robert P. If you are a troop adult without a current job, please consider coordinating (or helping the youth to coordinate) one of these events. If you don't know what is required to do this, please see me or one of my Assistant Scoutmasters. Thanks!

Yours in Scouting,

Richard Marubayashi, Scoutmaster



SPL Corner

The new theme for the month will be the theme of cooking so that means to all of you that do not have this merit badge you will be getting it within these 2 months. Yay!



Over these past 5? months I have found respect for any other SPL before me because I just now am realizing how hard it is to actually be SPL. That, and I have noticed that there are a few kids being pretty hard on fellow Scouts, - I'm not going to give names here, but it has no place in Scouting and will stop.

In lighter news we won first place in Escape the King's Cellar at camporee this year and that was taken home by our new boy patrol the phoenixes yay! Also the runner-ups were the older boy patrol being the Bull Sharks. I had to go home early on Friday so I can't tell you if there was anything after the events that is worth mentioning.

This is your SPL signing off, Brandon H.

NEW EAGLE!

Please join me in congratulating the troop's newest Eagle Scout, Eden Bailey! Eden completed his Eagle Board of Review, so he's officially an Eagle Scout. This is very exciting news, indeed.

Eden is not yet 18, so he will be staying with us for a while, and helping the troop while he completes his Bronze Palm. Specifically, he will be helping some of the younger scouts with their advancement. Thank you, Eden!

- Mr. Marubayashi



WHAT IS? "Troop Program Features"

Troop 314 is using the "Troop Program Features" scouting resource guides to help us plan meetings around choose 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 carry a theme through two months of meetings.

The theme for the next two months of May & June will be COOKING – with emphasis on getting our Scouts the merit badge for Cooking.

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>

This resource is just a guideline, we do not have to or can do all the suggested activities.... we can pick the ones that interest us and expand on them - only limited by our energy and creativity.

20th Skills Saturday @ Bolsa Chica Park in Westminster

We enjoyed another day in the park trying hard to learn skills to help in Camporee competitions.

Well, seems we learned some things but maybe not all about camporee skills.



Is this really a Camporee event?



Rocket looked good, but the glue leaked...so all looks and no go.



Yes Owen, now just climb in there...



Another launch prep of Cub Scout prepared Rocket.

Rockets & Cub Scouts 314 BBQ April 30th

The Rocket BBQ was a great success, and the Pack 314 Cub Scouts had a "blast".

We held our Troop Meeting Bosa Chica Park and invited Cub Scout Pack 314. It was a bit dark and gloomy, but we enjoyed launching the rockets as fast as we could, (as we were getting bumped out of school grounds at 7:30) and noshing on a dinner of Hotdogs & Chips.



These went up so fast they almost all were blown apart by the brutal acceleration.





Slower launch here. But a wild trajectory right after this photo was taken.



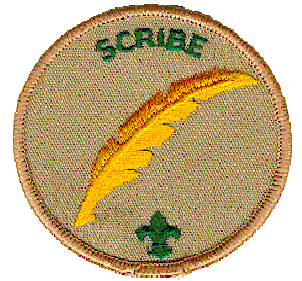
'No arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is as formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women.'

- Ronald Reagan

Troop 314 Scribe – Junior Leadership Committee (JLC) Minutes May 7th, 2013 AD.

Leaders in attendance:

Alex B., Brandon H., Mrs. Hight, Ian M., Mr. M., Robert P., Mr. Pearson, David V., Erik V., Jon F., Mrs. Martel



In this JLC, the leaders discussed the two upcoming month's theme: cooking. This theme may go hand-in-hand with the Cooking MB which is soon to be an **EAGLE REQUIRED** MB.

This can vary to any form of cooking (anything appropriate), from Dutch oven meals to stove cooked meals when patrols are working on skill. The end of this theme may also include a cooking competition by pairing into groups of 2-3 and preparing a dish to a panel of judges.

Also discussed in this JLC, were other upcoming events including the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony and the Flag Planting. There are plans to purchase or make a wreath to bring up on the ceremony at the end of the month.

Homework burn is also an event coming up on Saturday June 22nd. I will be the boy in charge of this event and it will probably be at Bolsa Chica State Beach. I will find a fire pit there and call everyone to tell where it is after I have reserved it. I'm trying to make Homework Burn this year more family inclined, so I'm planning to invite the Cub Scouts and use the event as a Recruiting Event.

- Robert F.P., Scribe

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The Historian's Report

A record of BSA Troop 314 activities for the month of April, in 2013 A.D.:

8th-Excutive Council Meeting at Cypress Public Library

9th-JLC Meeting at Post 555

11th -BSA Orange County Frontier Roundtable

16th –Troop Meeting at Post 555

19th-Post 555 Dinner

20th-Skills at Bolsa Chica Park

23rd-Troop Meeting at Post 555

30th- Troop Meeting and Rocket Launch at Bolsa Chica Park

- Troop Historian, Jon F.



SUMMER CAMP 2013, WHITSETT

Registration payment schedule:

We have developed this following schedule to help spread out the payment for everyone. The cost per Scout will be \$385.00 and per Adult is \$295.00. Please make your payment **directly** to Mr. John or Mrs. Gray, our treasurers.

1. ~~Feb/12~~ \$150
2. ~~Mar/12~~ \$100
3. ~~Apr/16~~ \$75 (Scout) and \$45 (Adult – Final)
4. May/14 \$60 (Scout - Final)

Thanks, Mr. Tran



Troop 314 Leadership 2013

- Senior Patrol Leader: Brandon H.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Ian M.
- Flying Squirrels (Mid-Young) Patrol Leader: Long T.
- Bull Sharks (Mid-Old) Patrol Leader: Erik V.
- Poltergiest (Venturer) Patrol Leader: Open
- Scribe: Robert P.
- Quartermaster: Alex B.
- Troop Guide: Noel J.
- Chaplain's Aide: Steven Y.
- Historian: Jon F.
- Den Chief: Peter M.
- Librarian: David V.
- OA Representative Long T.
- Troop Bugler: Andrew M.

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.

Road To First Class (RTFC)

Phoenix Patrol – Mrs. Hight

Scorpions - Don Hallman

Bull Sharks - Mr. Feiffer

Poltergeist - Open



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.

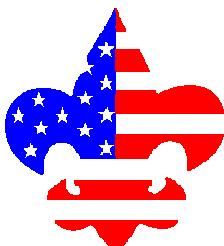
The patrol that has flag ceremony /setup / cleanup should show up by 6:45pm (earlier if it's a court of honor). It's the patrol leader's responsibility to make sure they do. **This means picking up the phone to confirm.** Email or text are OK, but are not a substitute for direct bi-directional voice comm.

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

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



Mark Your Calendars!

TROOP EVENTS PLANNED FOR MAY 2013 AD:

6th Monthly Executive Council Meeting
At Cypress Public Library at 7:00 PM

7th Troop 314 Junior Leadership
Council (JLC) meeting at Post 555, 6:30
PM

9th BSA Orange Frontier
Roundtable at LDS Church
4000 Orange Ave., Anaheim
(2nd Thursday of each month)



(11th and 12th Newsletter is compiled, thank me very much! - you are welcome - NLE.)

11th Saturday at at Oak Canyon
Troop 314's
Famous Donut Booth!

2013 SCOUT-O-RAMA
Regional Park - 5305 Santiago Canyon
Drive, Silverado.

12th - Sunday is
Mother's Day



THANKS MOMS
for all you do!

14th Troop 314 Meeting at American Legion Post 555 starting at 19:00
Troop Program Feature is Cooking

- Flag & Setup - Poltergeist
- Skill 1 & Skill 2, - Scorpions
- Game – Bull Sharks

17th Post 555 Dinner
Friday, at 5:30 PM

May need Scouts help out with tables and dish cleaning. Adults this is not a drop off – need your help to supervise scouts. Thanks.

21st Troop 314 Meeting at American Legion Post 555 starting at 7:00 PM
Troop Program Feature is Cooking

- Flag & Setup - Scorpions
- Skill 1 & Skill 2, - Bull Sharks
- Game – Poltergeist

25th Memorial Day weekend Saturday
Flag Planting at cemetery on Veteran's graves.



27th Monday - Memorial Day Holiday
Ceremony and Wreath Presentation @ Westminster Memorial Park



Tentatively - Troop will meet at Post 555 around 10:30 AM and head over on foot for Ceremony across the street. Field uniforms (Class As) Look sharp!

28st Troop 314 Meeting at American Legion Post 555 starting at 7:00 PM
Troop Program Feature is Cooking

- Flag & Setup – Bull Sharks
- Skill 1 & Skill 2, - Poltergeist
- Game – Scorpions



Troop 314 Meeting Notes:

The Second Tuesday is Scoutmaster Conferences, the Third Tuesday meeting includes Board of reviews, Fourth Tuesday Meeting of Month is usually Parents Meeting and no meetings are usually held on 5th Tuesday.

Court of Honors / Troop Socials are held every three months – usually the last Scout meeting of month (except December).



UPCOMING EVENTS! SUMMER 2013:

TROOP 314's Annual BEACH PARTY AND HOMEWORKBURN Saturday – JUNE 22nd



The Burn at the Beach begins around Noon @ Bolsa Chica State Beach.

Get wet, dig in the sand, go fishing, chow down and enjoy a sunset, then get ready for a roaring fire on a cool night - fueled in part by homework! What is not to like?



This is Family event - all are welcome and especially our friends in Cub Scout PACK 314!!

Scout in Charge - Rob P.

Placer Pete's Gold Camp 2013



@ Camp Williams on the East Fork
of the beautiful San Gabriel River

June 28th to 30th



SUMMER CAMP 2013 @ WHITSETT !!



July 14 - 20

<http://www.campwhitsett.org/>



BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES For May 2013:

Ian D. **16** Years Old

Happy Birthday, Scout!



Roundtable – Not just for Leaders!



The monthly District Roundtable meeting provides vast amounts of information and training forum for adult leaders, parents and scouts involved in the Scouting program. Parents and children are welcome and encouraged to attend so that they become more informed on our Scout program and meet their district leaders in person.

So come join us and meet District Committee Members who serve in positions such as:

Advancement, Cub Scout and Boy Scout Recruitment, Unit Commissioner and others. The method of the Boy Scouting is to tap into the experience, knowledge, and insight of the participating leaders; to share expertise across the district. If you are a unit leader, committee member, parent, or other interested scouter, we want to serve your needs, provide the training and assistance to provide a quality program to serve your youth. If you have a suggestion, a comment or an idea for an upcoming topic of relevant interest to scouting, please contact your District Executive.

Roundtable meetings allow the attendees from all parts of the Scouting program to:

- Discuss topics of interest
- Learn new skills and program topics
- Learn about upcoming District and Council events
- Meet and exchange ideas with other Scouters

SCOUT LEADER REQUIREMENTS:

“Keeping you informed”

As ever, we are highlighting one Scout Troop Leadership position in “What Does A ____ Do?” series, so that we can all be aware what is expected of scout in leadership, and help them to succeed by assisting and encouraging. These positions are especially important to Scouts working on their Star requirements



Den Chief Job Description:

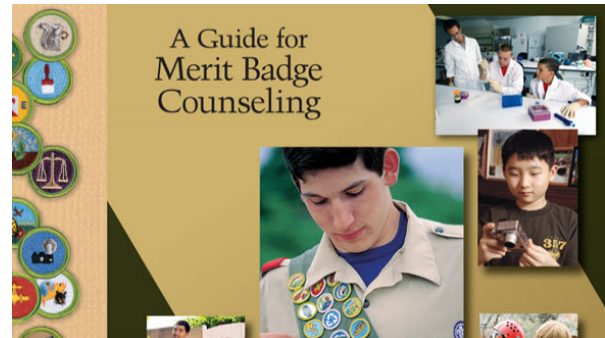
The Den Chief works with the Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, and den leaders in the Cub Scout pack. He reports to the Den Leader in the pack and the Assistant Scoutmaster for the New Scout Patrol in the troop.

Rank: 1st Class

Den Chief Duties:

- Serve as the activities assistant at den meetings.
- Meet regularly with the Den Leader to review the den and pack meeting plans.
- If serving as a Webelos Den Chief, prepare boys to join Boy Scouting.
- Project a positive image of Boy Scouting.
- Know the purposes of Cub Scouting.
- Encourage Cub Scouts to join a Boy Scout troop upon graduation.
- Help out at weekly den meetings and monthly pack meetings.
- Attends at least 2/3 of the den meetings/events during his service period.
- Be a friend to the boys in the den.
- Set a good example.
- Wear the Scout uniform correctly.
- Live by Scout Oath and Law.
- Show scout Spirit.

Merit Badge Counselors Needed!



Sign-up today and start helping Scouts earn their next merit badge!

What is a merit badge counselor?

The merit badge counselor is a key player in the Boy Scout advancement program. Whatever your area of expertise or interest—whether it is a special craft or hobby (basketry, leatherwork, coin collecting), a profession (veterinary medicine, aviation, engineering), or perhaps a life skill (cooking, personal management, communications)—as a merit badge counselor, you can play a vital role in stirring a young man's curiosity about that particular topic. By serving as a merit badge counselor, you offer your time, knowledge, and other resources so that Scouts can explore a topic of interest.

If you are not yet a merit badge counselor, it is easy to become a volunteer. Contact your advancement coordinator and learn how. Everyone has a skill - why not pass it on?

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/GuideforMeritBadgeCounselors.aspx>



Last Chance for NYLT 2013

If you are interested in attending National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) this year, you need to sign up NOW. All NYLT camps want registration materials and payments turned in this month.

What is NYLT? The NYLT course is a six-day course that simulates a month in the life of a unit. The Scouts come away from their NYLT experience with exposure to the best of the best of leadership techniques. They learn so many invaluable skills about how to create a vision of success, how to set goals and make plans, how to listen and solve problems, and how to teach and lead. Most of all, they learn the bigger picture of how to put the needs of others first in order to be a truly great leader. (Wow, wouldn't that look good on a college or work application!)

To attend NYLT, Scouts must:

1. Be 13 years of age or have completed the 7th grade
2. Be a First Class Scout
3. Have his Unit Leader recommendation
4. Complete Introduction to Leadership Skills

Still interested? Click on the links below to find out more:

OC Council Schope Scout Reservation at Lost Valley
6/22-27.

<http://nylt.ocbsa.org/>

LA Council Cabrillo Beach Youth Waterfront Sport
Center 6/21-23 & 6/28-30 (2 weekends)

LA Council Forest Lawn Scout Reservation 7/28-8/3
<http://www.boyscoutsla.org/website/NYLT/>

West LA Council Camp Josepho 6/23-28
<http://bsa-la.org/index.php?page=NYLT-2013>

Long Beach Council Camp Tahquitz 6/21-23 & 6/28-
30 (2 weekends)
<http://www.longbeachbsa.org/Calendar-Events>

San Gabriel Valley Council Camp Trask 8/4-10
<http://www.sgvcbbsa.org/programs/training/youth-leaders/nylt-national-youth-leadership-training>

Inland Empire Council Camp Emerson 6/10-15
Inland Empire Council Camp Emerson 6/17-22
<http://www.doubleknot.com/OpenRosters/ViewOrgPageLink.aspx?orgkey=1617&linkkey=16194>

I believe there is money budgeted for training. If you are interested, see Mrs. Gray or Mr. Hilton about troop funding for NYLT.

Mrs. Dantas



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 remember to turn in your attendance sheet to me (Mrs. Dantas) 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 me.

Thank you, Mrs. Dantas



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

Chaplain's Aide's Inspiration of the month:

During this month of May, set a goal to strive towards - become the better leader and the better Scout you want to be.



Follow the Scout motto, Scout law and Scout oath. As the founder of Scouting, Robert Baden Powell, said "A Scout is never taken by surprise; he knows exactly what to do when anything unexpected happens." Try and live the meaning of this quote so you trained and prepared for whatever the future holds.

Chaplain's Aid, Steven Y.

Scout Camp Cooking Recipe of the Month: Meatball in an Onion

Ingredients:

Ground Beef, seasoning and Large Onions.

This savory dish is a great camp dinner idea as the food is cooked directly on a bed of coals... No pots to clean up!

Cut large onions in half remove the center to form a well. Chop up the centers and add to ground beef along with pepper, salt, ground garlic and any other seasoning of choice, Roll beef up into meatballs and place in the hollow of the Onions.

Place the onions directly on the coals. Use tongs to turn meat ball until cooked – scoop out the meatball and cooked, caramelized onion onto plate – the bottom in contact with coals stays in fire.

Courtesy of Troop 321 Saddleback district

FAST "Tour and Activity" PERMITS AVAILABLE ON LINE! Go to:

<https://myscouting.scouting.org/>

BSA Climbing Resources

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

Orange Frontier Senior District Executive:

amberw@ocbsa.org

Amber Walker (714) 546-8558 Ext. 108

**JOKES, JOKES,
JOKES**
*Have you heard
these?*



Regular Jokes:

Q: Where do Polar Bears vote?
A: The North Poll!

Q: Why don't skeletons fight
each other?
A: Because they don't have the
guts!

Q: What do you call a fake
noodle?
A: An impasta!

Q: How do you make 7 an even
number?
A: You take out the "S"!

Philosopher of the Month:

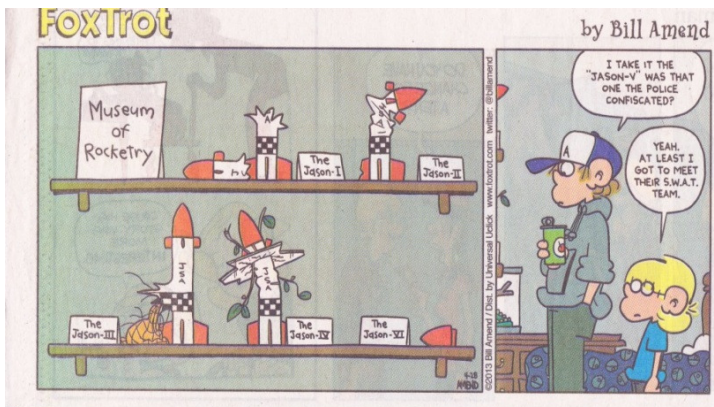
"There is nothing so absurd but
some philosopher has said it."
-- Cicero

RIDDLE OF THE MONTH:

Question: A bus driver was heading
down a street in Colorado. He went right
past a stop sign without stopping, he
turned left where there was a "no left
turn" sign and he went the wrong way
on a one-way street. Then he went on
the left side of the road past a cop car.
Still - he didn't break any traffic laws.
Why not?



Answer: Because he was walking.



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



- Robert Baden-Powell

TROOP 314 - TOWER ABOVE THE REST!

