



TROOP 314 NEWS

December 2013 AD Edition

*BSA Troop 314 / Orange Frontier District
Westminster California*

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Scoutmaster's Corner

This month marks the end of my first two years as Scoutmaster.

It's been a great ride, with its ups and downs, highlights and lowlights, but mostly it's been a positive experience.



I've seen 4 Scouts achieve Eagle rank in that time, and 2 more are preparing for their Eagle Board of Review. We've had 2 district Camporees (plus one rainout), 2 American Legion Camporees, 2 Scout-o-Ramas, 2 Webelos Woods, 2 summer camps, a canoe trip on the Colorado River, a climbing trip to Joshua Tree, and various fundraising and service projects (including several Eagle projects). All these activities require planning, coordination, leadership, and participation, and I'd like to thank all those who make them happen.

I am happy to remain as Scoutmaster as long as I have a son in the troop, which will probably be for up to two more years, as long as I meet with your approval. In that time, however, we have to start "grooming" a successor. I have a couple of parents in mind who I think would make excellent Scoutmasters, but as I haven't discussed it with anyone yet, I'm not naming any names.

Also, a lot can happen in two years, and we may get a new family during that time who is just excited enough, with enough volunteer attitude, that they could naturally step up to the job.

But I should point out that the decision isn't up to the Scoutmaster. It's not even up to the Committee Chairman. It's officially up to the Chartering Organization. We can recommend candidates, but the Post has to approve them.

For now, though, I'd like to thank you for supporting me as your Scoutmaster, and I look forward to more great Scouting activities. Wishing everyone a great -- and safe -- holiday season.

Yours in Scouting,

Richard Marubayashi, Scoutmaster, Troop 314



November Webelos Lookie Loo at Roundtable



Set up and ready for Webelos Scouts



These young Webelos said sign me up now for the Troop 314 adventure!

November 17th Road to First Class Scouts at El Dorado Park for Orienteering Course

This Sunday, the Road to First Class Scouts held an orienteering course at El Dorado Park with Mrs. Hight.

Scouts Elijah, Gabe, Viet, and Martin took the course. Mr. Bess, Mr. Tran, Mr. Hight and Mr. Marubayashi were adults in attendance.



Plenty of interested Webelos and their Parents



Mrs. Hight holds court at the tailgate, with Scouts Gabe, Martin and Viet in attendance.

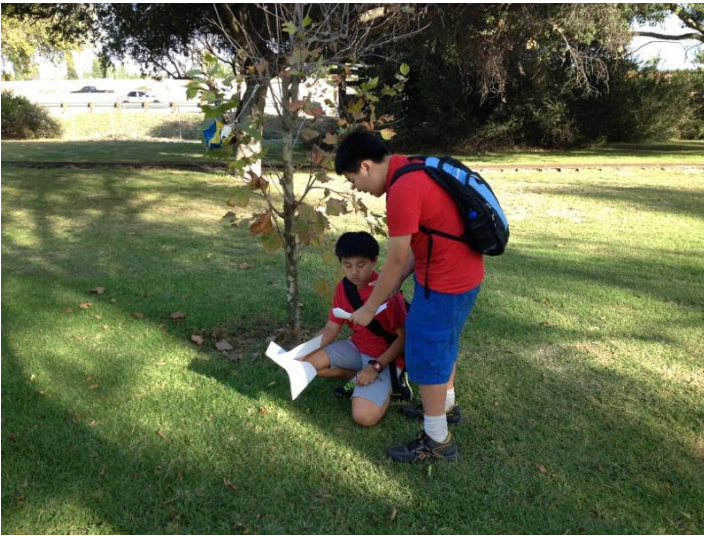


Robert talked to so many Webelos Scouts and Parents he almost lost his voice



Board Game Night at Post 555

This was a an opportunity for our Scouts who are fans of gaming - and a time for Road to First Class to get some needed experience in cooking.



Martin and Viet work on the problems of orienting.



Keeping hydrated.



This course seemed to have lead them to some odd spots.



Dinner in progress here.



Anyone Hungry?





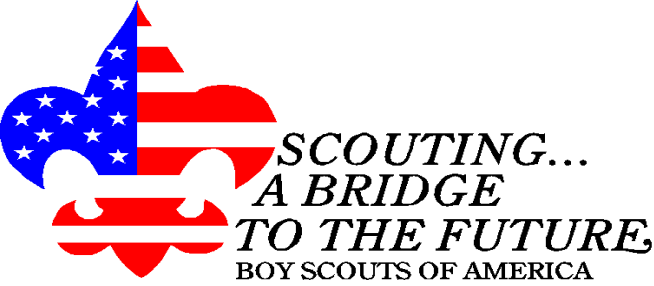
Patio becomes a kitchen.



Looks like a table of card sharks in the making.



Mr. Bess is happy to get horizontal.





Packing it in for the night. This time the ground felt like concrete because it was!



Viet and Martin are up in AM to whip up some grub.



Butter the top or bottom or both?



Martin and Mitchell exchange insights into the Culinary Arts.



Wiatava Lodge (#39) Santee Chapter News

There is no announcement from
Order of the Arrow for Dec. 2013.



Treasurer's Two Cents: Annual Dues Payment



Annual dues have increased \$10 per Scout.

We have broken annual dues into 3 payments:

1st Payment of \$65 due on or before November 5th

2nd Payment of \$60 due on or before January 14th

3rd Payment of \$45 due on or before March 4th

Please keep in mind that it is suggested that each Scout be responsible for paying 26.5% of the total due.

Total due = \$170 26.5% = \$45

Please contact me with any questions you have about fees or your Scout's account.

Regards, Lisa Gray
Troop 314 Treasurer

Food for the Court of Honor & Troop Social on 17th of December



We will follow the same food format as last COH. We be having hors d'oeuvres followed by desserts.

Food breakout is by Patrols as follows:

Bring Desserts: Bull Sharks + Scorpions

Bring Appetizers: Poltergeist + Blue Phoenix

Beverages, Hot and Cold as well as water will be provided by Mrs. Pearson.



Troop Program Features, a Scouting Resource

Troop 314 has adopted the "Troop Program Features" resource to help us structure and plan meetings around 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 usually will carry a theme through two months of meetings.

The complete set of three volumes is available from the BSA Website, "Scouting.org" - the link is provided below.

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/BoyScouts/Resources/TroopProgramFeaturesVol_I_III.aspx

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

At this time we are using "Winter Camping" found in Volume III.

Troop 314 Scribe –

**Junior Leadership
Committee (JLC)
Minutes for December
3rd 2013 AD.**



Leaders in attendance:

Brandon Hight, Steven M., Andrew M., Ian M., Owen M., Michael M., Austin H., Mrs. Hight, Mrs. Lee, Mr. Martel, Mr. Hallman, and Mr. Marubayashi.

Troop Program Feature is planning a winter snow camp- this will be skill for next meeting.

December 10th meeting
Opening/set up - Bull Sharks
Skill - Scorpions

Game - Poltergeist
Caroling practice / BOR

December 15th – Christmas caroling – meet at 4:30 at post
Caroling begins at 5:00 p.m.
7571 Westminster Blvd., Westminster, CA 92683.

December 17th – Court of Honor / Troop Social
Starts 6:30 p.m.; set up at 6:00 to 6:30 PM
Flag only – Blue Phoenix
Appetizers – Blue Phoenix and Poltergeist
Desserts – Bull Sharks and Scorpions
“Secret Santa” gift exchange

December 24th – No Meeting – Happy Christmas Eve!
December 31st – No Meeting – Happy New Years Eve!

January 18th – Electronic Game Night at El Dorado Park

AUSTIN H. and
LONG T., Troop Scribe



NEW Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Noel J.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Ian M.
- Blue Phoenix (RTFC) Patrol Leader: Gabe B.
- Scorpion (Mid-Young) Patrol Leader: David V.
- Bull Sharks (Mid-Old) Patrol Leader: Joseph G.
- Scribe: Viet T.
- Quartermaster: Elijah B.
- Troop Guide: **OPEN**
- Chaplain's Aide: Austin H.
- Historian: Alex B.
- Den Chief: **OPEN**

Scouts - We need a Webelos Den Chief to attend Pack 314 meetings - See Mr. M.

- Librarian: Martin L.
- OA Representative: Long T.



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)
Blue Phoenix Patrol – Mrs. Hight



Scorpions - Mr. Bess

Bull Sharks - Mr. Feiffer

(Bull Sharks and Poltergeist merge as of new year).



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** communication – a confirmed message transmission.

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!



Accept the things to which fate binds you, and love the people with whom fate brings you together, but do so with all your heart.

- **Marcus Aurelius**

Mark Your Calendars!

TROOP EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2013 AD:

2nd Executive Council Meeting
@Cypress Public Library 7 PM

3rd Junior Leadership Council Meeting 6:30 PM @ American Legion Post 555.



5th Hanukkah ends this evening.

No First Friday Dinner at Post 555

9th (Monday) Christmas Dinner @ Post 555 – Scouts help requested - arrive at 6:00PM.

10th Troop 314 Meeting at American Legion Post 555 starting at 19:00

Board of Reviews

Christmas Caroling Practice

Troop Program Feature is planning a Snow Camp:

- Flag & Setup – Bull Sharks
- Skill - Scorpions
- Game – Poltergeist and Blue Phoenix

12th BSA Orange Frontier District Roundtable at: LDS

Church 4000 Orange Ave.,
Anaheim (2nd Thursday of each month)



14th Mistletoe Collection and give away. (Need Adult in Charge).

15th Christmas Caroling – Meet at Post 555 at 4:30 PM – will sing at Westminster Terrace Assisted Living Community at 5:00 PM

7571 Westminster Boulevard
Westminster, CA 92683
(at Hoover and Westminster)



17th Troop 314 Court Of Honor & Troop Social @ American Legion Post 555

- Starts at 6:30 PM
- All Scouts in early for Setup 6:00 PM- ish
Flag– Blue Phoenix

Food by Patrols:

Bring Desserts: Bull Sharks + Scorpions

Bring Appetizers: Poltergeist + Blue Phoenix



24th No Troop Meeting - Christmas Eve

25th MERRY CHRISTMAS!



31st No Troop Meeting
1st January 2014
Happy New Year!



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.

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 is long ceremony so no dinners.

In **June** and **December**, our COH does not have candles and rank advancement pins, but we add a potluck dinner in June – (Optional potluck in Dec. usually kept simple).

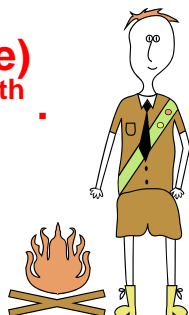
UPCOMING EVENTS!

January 6th Exec Council Meeting

January 7th Junior Leadership Council

January 18th 2014 Electronic Game Night Camp at Eldorado Park

**Camporee 2014
(may be at Irvine Lake)
April 25th, 26th and 27th.**



BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES For December 2013:



Erik V. 16 Years Old 12/02

Joseph G. 15 Year Old 12/04

Justin Z. 18 Years Old 12/18

Austin H. 13 Years Old 12/20

Sean D. 19 Years Old 12/18

Happy Birthday, Scouts!



Assistant Committee Chairperson

Mrs. Bailey is stepping down as Asst. Committee Chairperson, but she will stay on as an Eagle advisor. However, as for the Assistant Committee Chair, Mr. Gray said he would be happy to take this job on.



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



New Guide to Advancement

Just wanted to let everyone be aware that there is a new guide to advancement - 2013. You can find a copy of it here:

<http://www.ocbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Advancement-Guide-2013.pdf>

Thanks, Chris Hess
hessc41@hotmail.com

The Buddy System

The buddy system is an important part of Scouting that provides safety and support for the Scouts. The policy of the Boy Scouts of America is for boys to be active but in groups of no smaller than two!

East Fork Mining History - Eldoradoville

Those of you who have participated in Gold Camp have already heard the story of Eldoradoville from "Placer Pete", but it still makes for an interesting read. Hope you enjoy it.

<http://www.kcet.org/socal/departures/san-gabriel-river/eldoradoville-the-forgotten-boom-town-of-the-san-gabriels.html>



This came via a "FTB" which stands for "Fellow Trail Builder" - one of the San Gabriel Mountain

Trailbuilders, a group of volunteers who regularly meet to go out into the San Gabriel Mountains to work on the trails out there. When you take a hike in the San Gabriels, and walk between the two halves of a fallen tree that once blocked the trail, or over a repaired section that was once crumbling, you can often thank these volunteers for their anonymous labor.

They would also be a great source of Eagle project ideas! – Mr. Marubayashi

SCOUT LEADER REQUIREMENTS:

"Keeping you informed"

Keeping You Informed

Again this month 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.

Troop Guide

Job Description:

The Troop Guides introduce new Scouts to troop operations and helps them feel comfortable in the troop.

Reports to: The Assistant Scoutmaster of the New Scout Patrol

Rank: 1st Class

Troop Guide duties:

- Show up to meeting 15 minutes before meeting starts
- Help new Scouts earn advancement requirements through First Class.
- Advise patrol leader on his duties and responsibilities at Junior Leaders' Council (JLC) meetings.
- Attend Junior Leaders Council (JLC) meetings with the New Scout Patrol Leader.



- Prevent harassment of new Scouts by older Scouts.
- Help Assistant Scoutmaster train new Scouts by older Scouts.
- Guide new Scouts through early troop experiences to help them become comfortable in the troop and the outdoors.
- Teach basic Scout skills.
- 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.

Scout Trail Cooking:

Care of:

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

I fix hot lunches on longer trips because I already have the stove and pot in the pack. Might as well make full use of them. My hot lunches are the same dehydrated meals that I cook for dinners and they meet my requirement of being light-weight, compact, and well-preserved. And, of course, delicious!

Meals with rice as a base ingredient are my first choice for lunch. When I eat a hot lunch such as BBQ Bean Bark Stew with rice, beef, vegetables and bean bark, I get a noticeable power surge and feeling of well-being about 30 minutes after getting back on the trail.

Bean Bark Stew

Ingredients:

½ cup Bean Bark
 ½ cup Instant Brown Rice
 ¼ cup Dehydrated Mixed Vegetables (carrots, corn, peas, and green beans)
 ¼ Dehydrated Ground Beef
 1 cup water

At Home:

For more information about drying ground beef and vegetables, see [dehydrating meat](#) and [dehydrating vegetables](#).

Pack all dry ingredients in a 4 x 6 plastic bag.

On the Trail:

Combine all ingredients with water in pot, cover, and light stove.

Bring to a boil and cook for an additional minute or two. Total cook time using my homemade alcohol backpacking stove is seven to eight minutes.



Chaplain's Aide's Inspiration 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.



Remove from stove and transfer pot to insulating cozy for another five or ten minutes.

Stir briskly before eating and the bark will dissolve into tasty gravy.

Tour and Activity Plans – Online Only!

Council will only accept/process ONLINE Tour and Activity Plans. We will no longer accept emailed, faxed or walked in Tour and Activity Plans.

Online Tour and Activity Plan is the tool to help leaders be prepared for a safe and fun adventure. It helps you ensure trained leadership is in place as it verifies training of adults going.

It is a unit-level tool when you sign into MyScouting.org.

Please review all of the information on the page and the hyperlinks. A video showing you how to submit a tour and activity plan is on the FAQ page and [here](#).

When using the online version, you no longer have to collect signatures or council review. 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.

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

BSA Climbing Resources

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

JOKES, JOKES, JOKES Have you heard these?



Q: Which of Santa's Reindeer has bad manners?

A: RUDE-olph!

Q: What nationality is Santa Claus?

A: North Pole-ish!

Q: Why was Santa's helper depressed?

A: Because he had low Elf-Esteem!

Q: What do snowmen eat for breakfast?

A: Frosted Flakes!



Jokes Supplied by Robert P.

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.



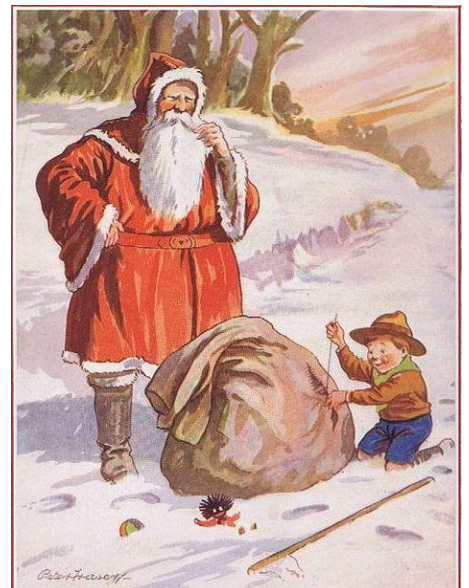
"It's the spirit within, not the veneer without, that makes a man."

- Robert Baden-Powell



December 7, 1941
“A date that will live in infamy”

**Remembering Japanese surprise attack
on Pearl Harbor 71 years ago.**



TROOP 314 - TOWER ABOVE THE REST !

