



# TROOP 314 NEWS

## April 2015 AD

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

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### Scoutmaster's Corner

The other day I was doing an online search for trivia related to the Order of the Arrow (for a game we're going to play), and somehow ended up watching a YouTube video of Mike Rowe (of "Dirty Jobs" fame) giving a speech at the 2013 BSA National Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.



The video is 30 minutes long, but I just had to listen to it; this guy is a captivating speaker. You boys may not be much for listening to speeches, but you should check it out at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=85dCjsCgvXQ>

Yes, he talks about dirty jobs -- not just the show, but the actual dirty tasks he used to do as a youth, helping his father and grandfather around the house. And he also talks about how people have reacted to the show.

And he relates it all to values that have always lived strong in the Scouting program, such as service, helpfulness, and just plain willingness to do hard work. In Scouting, you are exposed to many and diverse skills, which will serve you surprisingly well in life, in ways you may never have considered. He speaks of a "skills gap" that exists in this country, where misguided advice like "Work smart, not hard" has been thrown around, when it really should be "Work smart, AND hard."

When he says things like, "The Boy Scouts get it; the Boy Scouts have always gotten it," it makes me proud to be involved in this program. And I thank all of you for being involved, also. Because our sons are worth it.

Oh, and yes, in case you didn't guess, Mike Rowe is an Eagle Scout.

***Yours in Scouting, Richard Marubayashi,  
Scoutmaster, Troop 314***



## SPL's Corner

I was happy with the turnout of the March 31 Shakey's fundraiser. I hope you all can go to future fundraisers as well.



The hike on March 7 was a big success in my opinion. The hike itself was completed faster than predicted and the view was nice. I noticed that there was a lack of younger scouts (Blue Phoenix Patrol). This might just be because of the date not being doable for them, but it might show a lack of participation for younger scouts.

The COH went well, despite some complications. I hope that more scouts will step up and become Master(s) of Ceremony, mainly the younger Scouts.

I'm going to start picking Blue Phoenix Patrol Scouts to lead in the flag ceremony, each Scout going twice in a row. The fact that younger scouts don't even know how to do many basic scout functions worries me. I really don't want this troop to die after the last of the Autobots eagle-out. As you probably have already noticed, I'm going to try to focus more support on the younger scouts.

Don't forget to keep contact with your patrol and prepare for the camporee. Thank you.

**Jon F. - Senior Patrol Leader**



## A word from our Committee Chair

Two items.



We have moved the CPR class to Sunday April 26 at the Post.

The class will be taught by 314 Eagle Scout Matt Hilton, who is a certified CPR instructor. Class time in 4-7 pm. Cost for the current class size is \$45/person, but it could drop further if more people sign up. CPR cards will be printed and available at the class to those of you who have registered ahead. He will forward cards to last minute walk ons to me a few days later. Mr. Hilton

As we are getting ready for Camporee and Scout-O-Rama, and we have limited meetings (April 14 and 28), there will be no parent's meeting this month. The next Parent's Meeting will be May 12. Topics on the agenda include summer camp, open positions, and status of the Treasury. The latter appears to be good and we may wish to consider a revised budget that could reduce fees and dues. Parents can contact me ahead to add other items. Mr. Hilton

***YIS, Mr. Mike Hilton,  
Troop Committee Chairman***

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





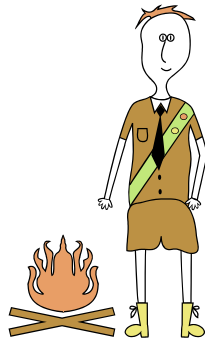
## Coldbrook Creek 6 Mile Hike and Camp, March 7th & 8th



**Scouts messing around in creek behind camp.**

Well Mr. M and Mr. F made the climb up trail to edge of the wilderness with our Scouts in AM. I showed up later with Rob and Owen as they had MESA and Soccer competitions respectively that keep them home in AM. It was OK though Owen and I had made the hike the week before. Owen had even gone out to summit out with his Dad in what becomes a pretty steep climb, not hike.

Camp was a good time, lots of stars and then moonlight - but I guess I missed the loud rap music earlier in the day.. that said, the offending party turned out to be a nice guy and gave us his fire wood when he and his family went home early – and just for entertainment of the Scouts - some of that wood was still flaming as brought it into camp!



Had good hearty dinners - Autbot patrol made a ton of steamed veges and dumplings, delicious.

All and all a decent campout with a flowing creek, big campfire... and a nearby bathroom that did not stink!

- Mr. Pearson, NLE

## Court of Honor 24 March

The Troop held a Court of Honor with Elijah Bess standing in as Master of Ceremonies though he was feeling pretty sick. Thanks to our SPL and ASPL Jon F. and Alex B. who helped with the merit badge and rank advancement awards.

Congratulations to Martin L who achieved STAR Rank and to both Elijah and Gabriel B. on earning their Life Rank.

Michael, Noel, and Viet completed Merit Badges. Steven Y. added a Bronze Palm to his Eagle Rank.



**New Star Scout and Proud Mom**



**Another Proud Mom with two new Life Scouts**

## Troop 314 Historian Report



Daylight saving is here! Last month in March 2015, the scouts of Troop 314 hiked 6 miles and camped overnight at Coldbrook Campground in Azusa, CA.

Then at the weekly meeting, each patrol prepared to plan for Camporee event coming soon in April. Each patrol came up with the chant, designed the patrol flag, and planned their menu. In addition to that, there was a uniform inspection for Camporee performed by Order of Arrow, and an OA election was done afterward.

At the meeting, each scout was given ten camp cards (discount card) to sell. This fundraiser is to help each scout to pay part of his trip to the summer camp. The cost is \$10 per card. They are to sell at least two camp cards.

On March 24th, the troop had Court of Honor. Elijah B. was a Master of Ceremony speaker. A few scouts received their merit badges and rank level. Congratulations to the scouts who received their merit badges! Also congratulations to Elijah B., Gabe B., and Martin L. for a well done job in achieving their Life Rank!

The fifth week of Tuesday in March, there was a troop fundraiser at Shakey's Pizza. The families of Troop 314 came out there for dinner to fundraise for our troop. Thank you all for your support, help, loyalty, and dedication!

***Your Troop Historian, Viet T.***



## New Scouting Website:

<http://scoutingwire.org/>



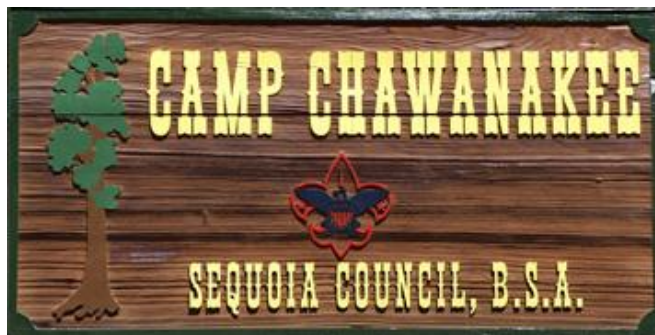
## Camp Chawanakee Troop 314 SUMMER CAMP 2015 July 19th to 25th

Scouts and Parents:

For those of you who will be attending camp this summer, you will need to see Gabe or Martin and check out the merit badge books for the classes you will be taking. In the front of each book, there is a list of the requirements for that badge.

You can also check on meritbadge.org, and while that is not an official reference for the requirements, they are usually pretty up-to-date. You can also ask Mr. M, as he has a copy of "2015 Boy Scout Requirements".

Please make sure that you have completed any requirement that cannot be completed at camp before we go, ie. attending a city council meeting, visiting a national park, being the MC to a court of honor, etc.



You should find a local MB Counselor, and ask him to sign off those requirements on a blue card, and take that blue card to camp. Make sure to do what the counselor asks of you and you take pictures and pick up brochures as needed to show that you completed the requirement.

For a blue card and to find a local MB Counselor, see Mrs. Bess. I have contacted the camp for their pre-requisites requirements and will let you know as soon as they get back to me.


"Feeling Good", Feeling Real Good!"

- ***Cyrus Bess, Campmaster 2015***

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

## 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)

## 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. Hight

### 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 phone message 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.

Dutch Oven Cooking is only done during specified meetings. For example, Hot dogs and cooking are usually done when we have Webelos visit.

## 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**

**Lazer 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**

**Add Your Ideas Here!**

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## ***Bring on the Adventure!***

***Mr. Fieffer, Activities Chair***



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

## **T314 EVENTS FOR APRIL 2015:**

**First Friday Dinner at Post 555  
Scout support at 6PM**

**Executive Council Meeting  
NO MEETING**

**Junior Leadership Council  
NO MEETING**

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

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



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

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

**17th Friday evening start of:**

**CAMP O REE**

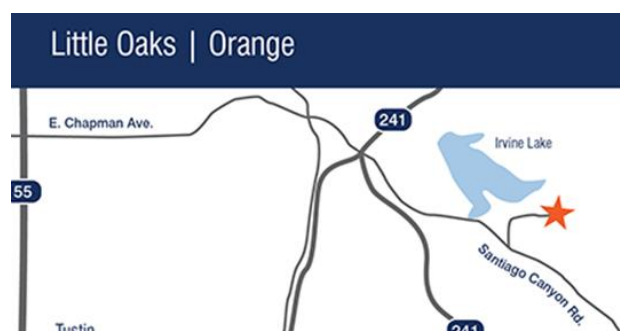
**Continues through 18th and 19<sup>th</sup>**

**<http://www.ofdcamporee.org/>**

The theme for  
Camporee is  
“Respecting Our  
Roots”. (Do with that  
what you will!)



We are **BUILDING THE TOWER** so we  
will need **ALL HANDS** in early on Friday  
17th if possible to complete  
construction. Sunset is 7:26 PM so we  
can do this. Only 160 lashings or so...  
piece of cake!



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

**25<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) Scout Service  
Project days at OC Food bank  
packout.**

**When: Arrive at 10:45 AM.**

**Where: 1870 Monarch Street,  
Garden Grove, CA 92841**

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

**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).

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

**May 1<sup>nd</sup> Post 555 First Friday Dinner – (Scout support)**  
Scouts signed up come at 6PM in your class As to make good impression – switch to class Bs if doing dirty work like washing dishes.

**May 4<sup>th</sup> Exec Council Meeting at American Legion Post 55**

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

**May 9<sup>th</sup> Saturday Scout-O-Rama**  
Troop will be Cooking our Famous Dutch oven Donuts!

Oak Canyon Park  
(5305 Santiago Canyon Drive,  
Silverado, CA 92676) \$5 parking.

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Flag Planting at Westminster Memorial Park.**

**May 25<sup>th</sup> Monday: Memorial Day Westminster Memorial Park.**

**Summer Camp 2015**  
**Camp Chawanakee: July 19<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>**

<http://www.segbsa.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 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

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

Psalms 121:1-2



***Where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, The maker of heaven and earth.***

***Austin H. - Chaplin's Aid***

## 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: Because he fell asleep.

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

A: "Look, a herd of elephants in the distance"

Q: How do you get an elephant into the fridge?

1. Open door.
2. Insert elephant.
3. Close door.

Q: How do you know there are two elephants in your fridge?

A: The door won't close.

Q: Why do elephants wear shoes with yellow soles?

A: So you don't see them when they float upside down in a bowl of custard.

Q: Have you ever seen an elephant floating upside down in a bowl of custard?

A: No, of course not.

Q: Why do elephants live in herds?

A: To get a wholesale price on the shoes with yellow soles.

Q: How do you get an elephant on top of an oak tree?

A: Stand him on an acorn and wait fifty years.

Q: What if you don't want to wait fifty years?

A: Parachute him from an airplane.

Q: Why isn't it safe to climb oak trees between 2 and 4 in the afternoon?

A: Because that is when the elephants practice their parachute jumping.

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

A: They're all on the same team.



**Coldbrook Creek Hike March 2015**



# TROOP 314

## TOWER ABOVE THE REST!

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