

TROOP 314 NEWS

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

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+And Much More - Newsletter contains numerous links to click for more information!

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9th Annual Planning Meeting for Troop events in 2017 - Report: DONE!

14th, 15th and 16th Camperall (Webelos event) at El Dorado Park

Have pics but no report:



Troop 314 manned booth at Camperall: Ethan T, Jon F., Long, Viet T. Mrs Hight and Mr. Trieu.



Ethan T. monitoring cooking





Camp, Climb and Cave Hike at Joshua Tree.

On October 14-15, Troop 314 had a rock climbing campout at Joshua Tree National Park. We camped Friday night at Indian Cove group camp, then spend Saturday morning climbing.

We climbed and rappelled on a rock formation called "Short Wall", which is "only" 50 feet high. Most of our group who attempted this crack climb were successful, using a "fist jam" to pull themselves up the first, and most difficult, part. This results in a few scratches and scrapes, but rock climbers are a tough bunch!

After the climbing, we packed up camp and then went to explore the "water caves", which are just a jumble of carsized boulders in a creek bed, which have a lot of deep spaces between them which are fun to explore. Much to our surprise,

we actually found some standing water down there, which would explain the mosquitoes that we experienced in camp.

The weather on Friday night was incredibly pleasant, with just a light, warm breeze. Overnight it just barely got cold enough to warrant a sleeping bag. On Saturday, it didn't get "hot" until nearly noon. The water caves were pleasantly cool. Perfect weather.

On the way home we stopped for lunch at John's Place in Yucca Valley, where they have giant orders of fries, onion rings, and fried zucchini. Yum!

The Scouts on this trip included Owen, Mitchell, and Martin, and the adults included Mr. M, Mr. Pearson, Mr. Le, and Mr. Pfieffer. Thank you to all the adults who helped make this happen!



View from camp









This is what camp looked like in full moon light



Camp

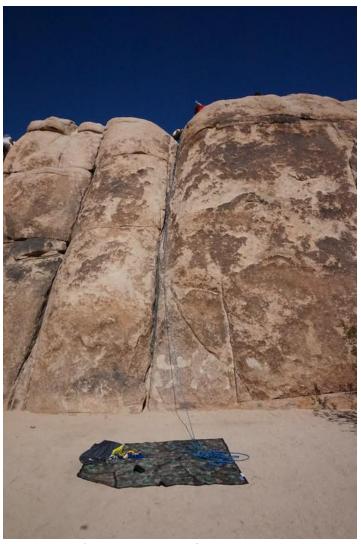




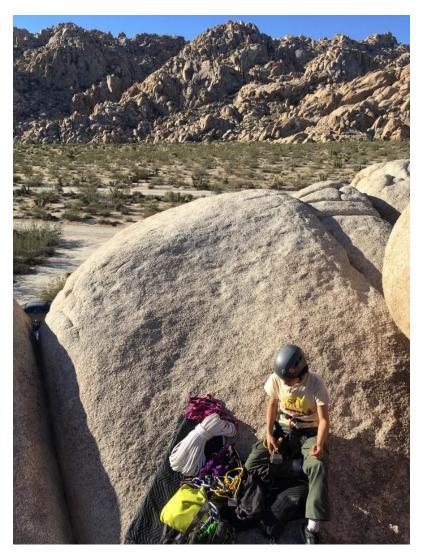
Mr. M on top



Mr. M checking Facebook?



Our setup for the crack climb.









Setting bulletproof anchors – one lassoed bolder, check.



Rope!



Owen climbing











Mr. Fieffer makes the climb











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Martin rappelling



Coming off rappel





Wind Farming



Water carved caves – cool and dark - and still contain water way back in... and a lot of Mosquitoes!



Mitchell – Yes it is hot and dusty on way back from caves.



Desert rats

October 25th Annual Cub Scout Halloween Party a Success

Troop 314 held it's now-apparently-annual Halloween party on Tuesday, October 25, and it was well-attended by the Cub Scouts of our local packs.

In spite of the "skeleton crew" available from the troop that was on hand to run the event, we pulled it off! We had a free hot dog dinner, snacks and goodies, several games including the cake walk, and music. Darts, mummy race, mummy bowling, and a "haunted cave" were some of the attractions.

Besides Cub Scouts, we had some guests from Sea Scout Ship 1767 Triton. Ian Marubayashi made vegan cake balls! Christian ran the donut eating contest, and Mrs. Hight ran the cake walk, while Mr. Marubayashi played DJ. The Trans ran the cave and dart game, and Mrs. Knighton ran the craft table. Mr. Hight ran the barbecue.

Thank you to all who helped make this another successful event!



Setup begins with committee chair.



Long as himself and Queen of hearts







Scout Halloween Party Fun







Mr. M, computer and lights = Engineer happiness.



Ms. H cloning experiments prove successful...











Big Crowd for chow.





The Three Amigos



Popcorn Sales Event October



Trieu family, popcorn and Mrs. Hight







American Legion Support

The American Legion voiced support for the Boy Scouts of America at its first national convention in 1919, making it the first national youth activity officially recognized by the Legion.

Mr. Tim Dusina is the new Commander of Our Sponors, American Legion Post 555.

The First Vice Commander is Adam Crawford. When you see Tim or Adam please remember to thank them for their generous support!



Tear

Rank Advancement Changes

Please note that there have been several changes made to Rank Advancement requirements beginning 1/1/2016. Scouts who are still working on a rank that started in 2015 can still use the old requirements. However, Scouts who start working toward a new rank in 2016 are responsible to know and complete the revised requirements. Here is a link to the document explaining the changes:

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016 BoyScoutRequirements 8.14.2015.pdf





Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Owen M.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Christian D'A.
- Scribe: Martin L.
- Webmaster: Owen M.
- Den Chief Christian D'A.



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.

Meeting Night

Skill Patrol Leader remember when you are planning the skill 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.

Communication - It's the patrol leader's responsibility to make sure the patrol knows what is happening that meeting. *This means picking up the phone to confirm communication received and understood.*

Facebook, snapchat, email or text are OK, but are not a substitute for direct bi-directional **voice** communication – a confirmed Phone message – and a 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 the 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





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!



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 your 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 adults and resources to make it happen!

Activities are only limited by your imagination:

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 and out.

Camp in wilderness.

Snow Day - Grassy Hollow Visitors

Center - Out of Wrightwood.

Ski / Snowboard Trip

Laser Tag (Family)

Air Soft Games (Family)

Paint Ball / Airsoft (Family)

Shooting Range

BLM land / Calico Ghost Town - Desert

Shoot – Rifles / Pistols (Family event)

Rock climbing - Indoor walls or natural

climbs work - we have BSA Climb

Instructors and our own climb gear!

Attend a Baseball Game

Gold Prospecting / Gold Camp

Swim - Pool / Ocean 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



OA Santee Chapter Meeting 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 November:

1st Patrol Leadership Council



5th Scouting for Food

8th Regular Troop 314 Meeting American Legion Post 555 Starting at 6:30PM

10th Orange Frontier District Scouters' Roundtable 7 PM at LDS Church 4000 Orange Ave., Anaheim (2nd Thursday each month)

Lookie Loo

12th Castaway Camp with Webeleos

15th Regular Troop 314 Meeting American Legion Post 555 Starting at 6:30PM (BOR)



17th O.A. Meeting

22nd Regular Troop 314 Meeting American Legion Post 555 Starting at 6:30PM

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

Troop 314 Meeting Notes

- Executive Committee Meeting is usually now on the Thursday 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 5th
 Tuesday. These are saved for Fundraisers e.g.: Dinners, or special meetings at interesting locations. (eg Climbing gym)

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!

December Theme: Science

4: Mistletoe Distribution 6: PLC 8: Roundtable 13: Troop Mtg-Elections / BOR 15: OA 17: Service - Caroling 20: Court of Honor - Christmas Party	3-4: Mistletoe Camp @ Crystal Lake (Martin/Mr.	
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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.

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.

New Advancement & Blue Card Procedures

Effective immediately, the Scout Shop will not be collecting Merit Badge Blue Cards to sell Merit Badges. The MB Blue Card tears into three parts. One part is to remain with the applicant, one part is to remain with the counselor, and one part is to remain with the unit.

The only item needed to present at the Scout Shop to purchase Merit Badges and Rank Advancement (for all Cub Scout thru Life ranks, including Venturing and SeaScouting) is a printed and completed copy of the unit advancement report, as we are doing now. The Scout Shop will no longer require that a copy of the advancement report be turned in. A unit will now only need to present one copy of the Internet Advancement Report to purchase rank and Merit Badge Advancements for verification. Once the Scout Shop has reviewed the report, it will be returned back to the unit.

Eagle Scout Advancement reports will still need to be turned in to the registration department for processing, until such time as the online system can accommodate Eagle Scout advancements in the same way other advancements are accommodated.



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 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) 785-0314 for any follow up that is needed.



Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken



"Never do for a boy what a boy can do for himself." - Lord Baden Powell



TROOP 314: TOWER ABOVE THE REST!

To get a copy of the most current Newsletter or for more information about Troop 314 send me a note at T314news@live.com -Thanks, Mr. Pearson

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