

# TROOP 314 NEWS

## April 2017 AD

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<http://www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com>*

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

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## Events for Troop 314 in March:

- **Backpacking to Henninger Flats March 3<sup>rd</sup>**
- **Pi Day**
- **Court of Honor**

## Backpacking!

On March 3, three Scouts from Troop 314, and one from LDS Troop 188, hit the trail with Mrs. Knighton and Mr. M, to hike up to Henninger Flats, above Altadena.

This is an easy hike, 2.8 miles one-way, with 1200 feet of elevation gain. It follows a dirt service road, with a very steady slope, so it is not technical at all.



Final Bridge

The hike up provides a great, sweeping view of the city below.

The Scouts chose to go on Friday instead of Saturday, which turned out to be a good choice, because we had the camp almost all to ourselves Friday night. On Saturday morning lots more groups started arriving and it got rather crowded.





Owen on the rocks

This a good, easy introduction to backpacking, because there is no running water on the trail or at camp, so you have to carry all you need. They do have an outhouse (pit toilet), though, so you don't have to dig cat holes.



Sunset photos

You can see our GPS track at <http://cyclemeter.com/555a4cba2d19b62b/Hike-20170303-1607> .



Sunset silhouette



City at night

The ranger is very friendly, and the visitor center is interesting. We didn't have any encounters with dangerous or nuisance wildlife, but the camp does have food storage boxes to keep your food safe from raccoons (they are wooden, so I don't think they would stop bears). By the way, the food boxes were an Eagle project.

The Scouts chose to sleep under the stars (no tents), because it was such a beautiful night.



If you didn't make this trip, we hope to see you on the next one!!!



## PLC Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2017

Called to order the regular PLC meeting of Troop 314 at 6:43 p.m. on April 4, 2017 at Midway City.

Roll call the following people were present:  
Martin (SPL), Ethan (Scribe)

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes from last meeting (Mach 7th) was approved by Owen and minutes were email to all Troop 314 members.

New business

Discuss events on the annual calendar

4/11: Splicing tutorial with Mr. Marubayashi

4/18: NO MEETING

4/21-23: Camporee

4/25: Recruiting event, teaching Cubs Scouts how to splice rope

5/9: Show and Tell for Cycling (Theme)

Adjournment

Martin adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Ethan T.

Minutes approved by: Martin L.

- Troop Scribe, **Ethan T.**



Sleeping on the edge



Breakfast



## Contact Information Link

Please update your contact information as needed.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ALqJqX-iwYHBrTZ8xf7AuGKqIJv6FxyLLXZP3NjuVFk/edit?usp=sharing>

## Activities Sign Up Link

Please use this shared document to sign up for upcoming activities.

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/176b23wuQdDTa2E1A\\_38IzIjnT7WvTg0HjSre9dla1e8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/176b23wuQdDTa2E1A_38IzIjnT7WvTg0HjSre9dla1e8/edit?usp=sharing)

## Troop Calendar Link

Use this link to see the Troop calendar.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lls71fa5hxe2paPHrVYN13xQsnYCEsTVVDbOwwurMVo/edit?usp=sharing>

## New Rank Advancement requirements Link.

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)

## Scout in Charge/Scout Leader Planning Sheet

This is the link to the planning document.

[http://troopleader.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/512-505\\_16\\_Wksht\\_WEB.pdf](http://troopleader.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/512-505_16_Wksht_WEB.pdf)

Please plan to use it when you are the assigned Scout in Charge of an Activity.

## TROOP 314 WEBSITE URL is:

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

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. Sponsored by American Legion Albert E. Schwab Post 555, 14582 Beach Blvd.

## Orange Frontier District Website Link

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

## Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Martin L.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Christian D.
- Scribe: Ethan T.
- Webmaster: Owen M.
- Den Chief - Christian D.
- Chaplin's Aid – Diego M.



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

## **T314 EVENTS FOR April 2017**

### **Theme: Pioneering**

**4<sup>th</sup> Patrol Leadership Council**  
The following people were present:  
Martin (SPL), Ethan (Scribe)



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

**13<sup>th</sup> Orange Frontier District  
Scouters' Roundtable**  
**7 PM at LDS Church**  
**4000 Orange Ave.,**  
**Anaheim (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month)**



**18<sup>th</sup> No Meeting**

**20<sup>th</sup> OA Meeting Night** 

**21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> Camporee**

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

## **Troop 314 Meeting Notes**

- First meeting of Month is 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, or special meetings at interesting locations.

**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.).



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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Summer Camp July 2017:

We will be attending one of these two camps Check them out and decide which you would want to attend.

Camp Tahquitz

<http://longbeachbsa.org/tahquitz>

or

Camp Three Falls

<http://topatopa.org/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2016/09/2017-Three-Falls-Flyer.pdf>



## Hights Home Fire – Go Fund me page Link:

<https://www.gofundme.com/the-hights-relief-fund?ssid=835937610&pos=3>

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO  
DONATED!!!!



# OCBSA Dedicated Climbing Website

The Orange County Council Climbing Team has created a NEW website to keep everyone informed about training opportunities, climbing events, help needed, etc.

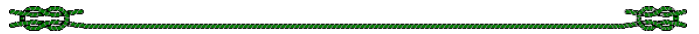
The list of people is over 900 Scouters! The website can be found under the 'Camping' tab of the Orange County Council website:

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

OR

It can be found directly at this address:

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



# 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  
Beach party / Annual Homework Burn  
Bonfire (June)  
Bowling  
Go Cart Racing (Family)  
Hiking Trips  
Backpacking - Hike in and out.  
Camp in wilderness.  
Snow Day.  
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/>



## New Advancement & Blue Card Procedures

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 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.



## TAPs to to Tour Activity Plans

Dear Scouters,

A cross-functional team has completed an evaluation of the BSA's Tour and Activity Plan, resulting in a recommendation to terminate the plan effective April 1, 2017, April fool's day. We recognize that those who were using the tool may wish to know why so the following FAQs have been developed.

The Orange County Council's Enterprise Risk Management Committee has developed a [Unit Program Planning](#) resource guide to help charter organization and unit leaders develop safe and successful outings for their participants. The elimination of the Tour and Activity Plan *does not* eliminate the need to follow the Guide to Safe Scouting and the required trainings, planning, and preparation for each scheduled activity. Council and district leaders are available to assist leaders with questions regarding this new policy. We recommend that you sign up for the weekly [Scouting Wire newsletter](#) to ensure you receive updates directly in your inbox.

## Tour and Activity Plan Terminated FAQ

As of April 1, 2017

**What does this mean for me, my unit, my council, and the Scouting family?**

- **Reduces complexity**, cutting back on processes and paperwork for unit leaders.
- **Increases consistency** with the [Commitment to Safety](#), the [Guide to](#)



[Safe Scouting](#), [Risk Assessment Strategy](#), as well as [Camp Standards](#) planning tools.

- **Changes the conversation**, engaging everyone in risk-based planning vs. process.
- **Eliminates processing**, freeing staff to focus on membership and removing administrative burden.

### **What is the new process?**

There is no required process, although Scouters are reminded to conduct the Scouting program consistent with BSA rules, regulations, and policies. Flexible risk assessment tools are summarized in the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#), and detailed in the [Enterprise Risk Management Guidebook](#).

2. **Will there be a replacement for the Tour and Activity Plan?** No.
3. **Will units have to file any trip forms of any kind? Is there any REQUIRED notification to council for trips?**

No, however the BSA program includes several planning tools ([Checklists](#), [The Sweet 16 of BSA Safety](#), Flying Plan) that are designed not for “filing,” but to prompt discussions/conversations about risks.

4. **Why are you terminating the plan?**

In addition to the above reasons, the BSA has adopted a flexible risk assessment strategy for your use. This is summarized in the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#), and detailed in the [Enterprise Risk Management Guidebook](#). Knowing and running

the program as designed includes numerous safety features.

5. **Does this include Exploring?**

Yes, the manual process Exploring has used for Outing permits in the past is also discontinued.

6. **This is the first I’m hearing of this, why?**

The termination of the plan is effective on April 1, 2017.

7. **Will the entire activity plan idea go away?**

No, having a plan is part of “Be Prepared.” Planning is integral into the program literature.

8. **What will this mean for considering safety on these outings?**

The Scouting program, as contained in our handbooks and literature, integrates many safety features. However, no policy or procedure will replace the review and vigilance of trusted adults and leaders at the point of program execution.

Source: [Commitment to Safety](#)

9. **Is the change simply, “We don’t have to fill out a Tour and Activity Plan anymore?” All the other steps are the same?**

The program hasn’t changed. For example, permission from parents is still needed to take youth on a trip, as would be program requirements for annual health and medical records for all participants. The Cub Scouts

camping program is still limited to council-approved locations, and so on.

### 10. Has all literature been updated to reflect this change?

Key documents are either updated or in the process of being updated. Other literature will be updated in the normal revision cycle, so it may take several years to complete. If you find something to be updated, feel free to let us know with the “Got Questions” link to the left.

### Insurance Questions:

#### 1. Will the liability insurance policy still provide coverage if a tour and activity plan is no longer required?

Yes. Registered volunteers are provided primary general liability insurance coverage for **official Scouting activities** except when using an automobile or watercraft. A volunteer’s (whether registered or not) automobile liability insurance is primary with the local council automobile policy providing excess automobile coverage. Non-registered volunteers are provided excess general liability and automobile liability insurance coverage for official Scouting activities. [Link](#). There is not a requirement to fill out a form for coverage.

#### 2. What is an official Scouting activity?

An official Scouting activity is defined in the insurance policy as consistent with the values, Charter and Bylaws, Rules and Regulations, the operations manuals, and applicable literature of the Boy Scouts of America. [Link](#)

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



## Chaplain’s Wisdom of the month:

### Luke 24 6-7

*He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7 ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’*



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

*– Will Rogers*



# JOKES JOKES JOKES

Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly. But when they lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once and for all that you can't have your kayak and heat it, too.

There were two fish in a tank, and one said to the other, 'How do you drive this thing?'

A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named 'Amal.' The other goes to a family in Spain, and they name him 'Juan.' Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wished she also had a picture of Amal.

Her husband responds, 'But they are twins. If you've seen Juan, you've seen Amal'.

What do you have if you have 2,000 mockingbirds? Two kilomockingbird!

**“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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