



TROOP 314 NEWS

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Westminster, (Midway City) California

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Scoutmaster's Corner

Living in Freedom

People want to live in
freedom, yet many
people forget that living
in a free society carries
with it certain obligations:



You must honor the rights of other;
You must respect the law;
And you must defend the rights of others
to exercise their freedoms, even when you
don't agree with them.

You must embrace these principles as if
the future of America depends upon it.

Because, in fact, it does.

T-314 Tower above the rest!

Cyrus Bess, Scoutmaster Troop 314



ASPL Gives a Heads Up on Upcoming Troop Events!

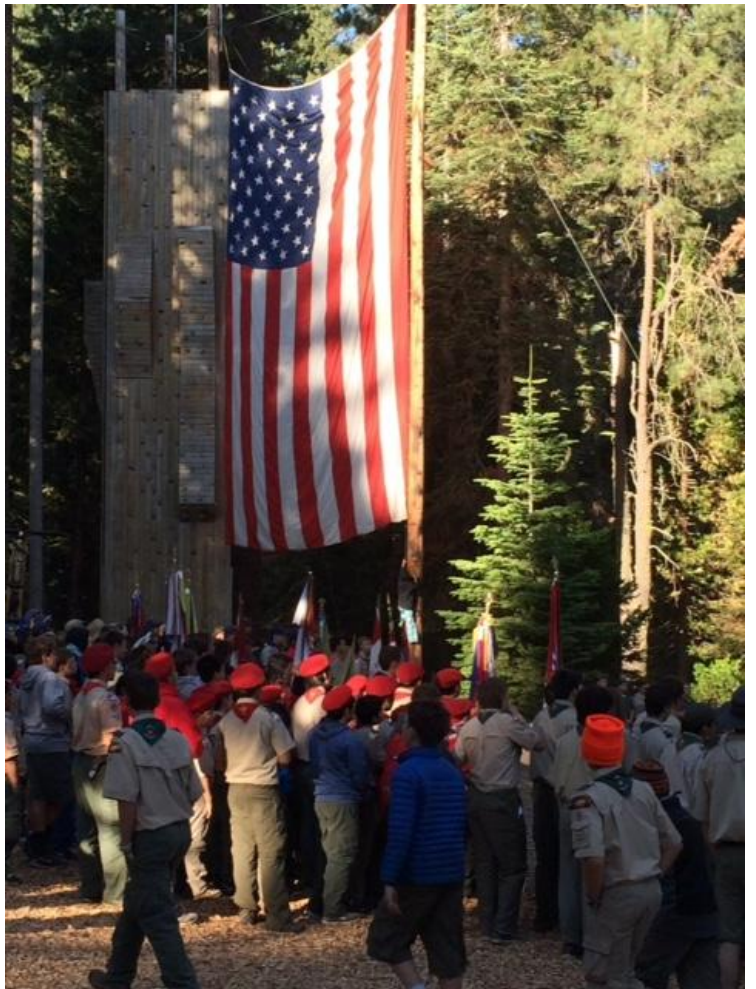
- August 7-9 American Legion Camporee
- August 11 Sports meeting day at El Dorado Park. Capture the Flag. Event is 6-8pm
- August 18 Skill Autobots, Game Blue Phoenix
- August 25 Skill Blue Phoenix, Game Autobots
- August 29 Movie Night- Cubs 5-8, Scouts 5pm-9am
- Sept 19 Robert and Noel's Eagle COH
- Sept 26 Bolsa Chica Wetlands park cleanup 9am-12pm
- October 2-4 Webelos Woods
- October 27 Halloween party
- November 7 Hike to Hollywood sign

Your ASPL, Martin L.

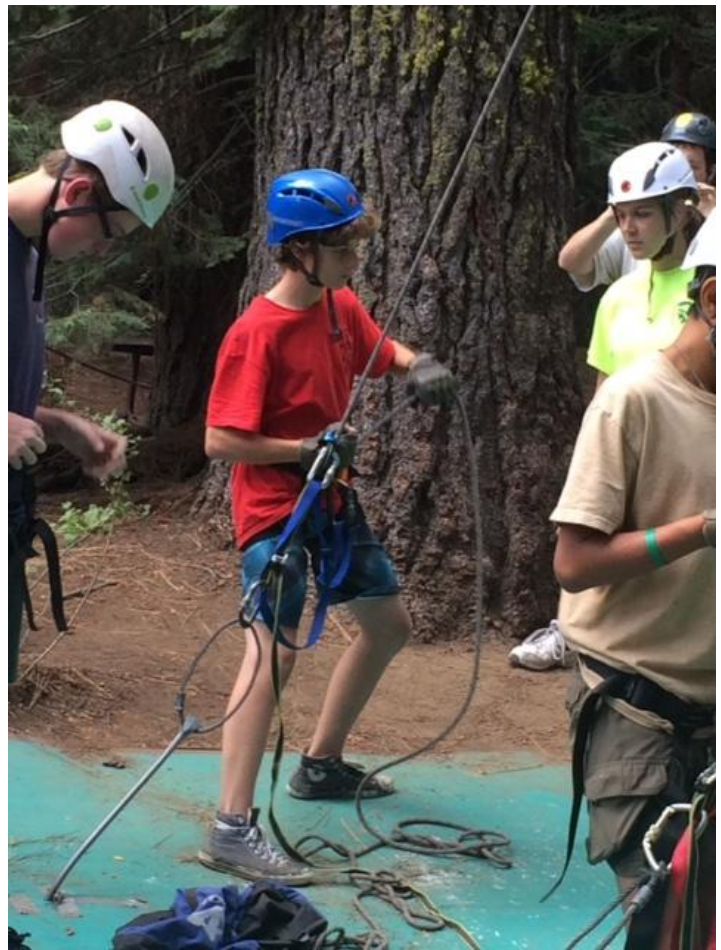


Summer at Camp Chawanakee!

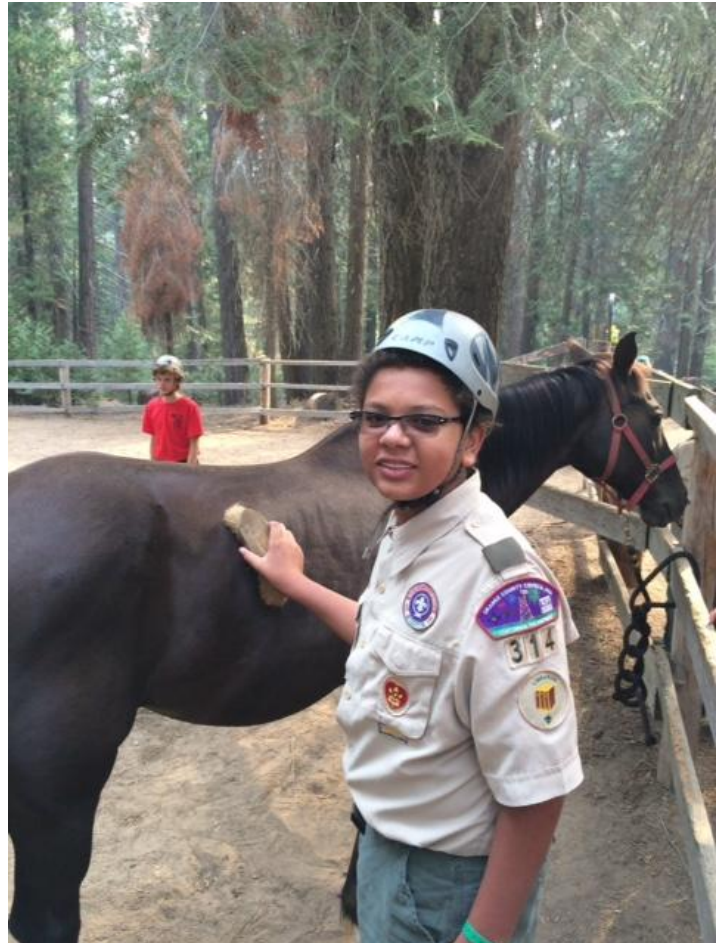
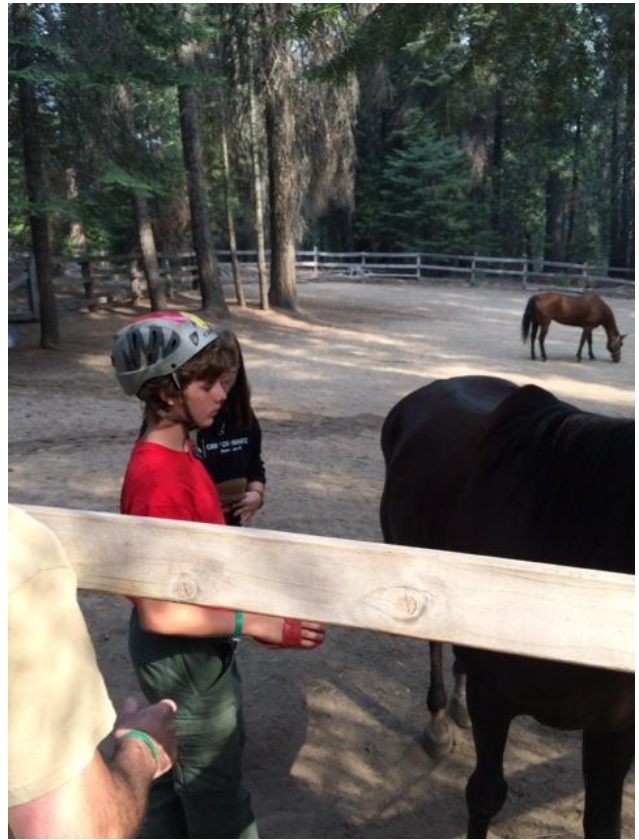
Word is Camp was all good. Lots of pictures follow. Thanks Scoutmaster.













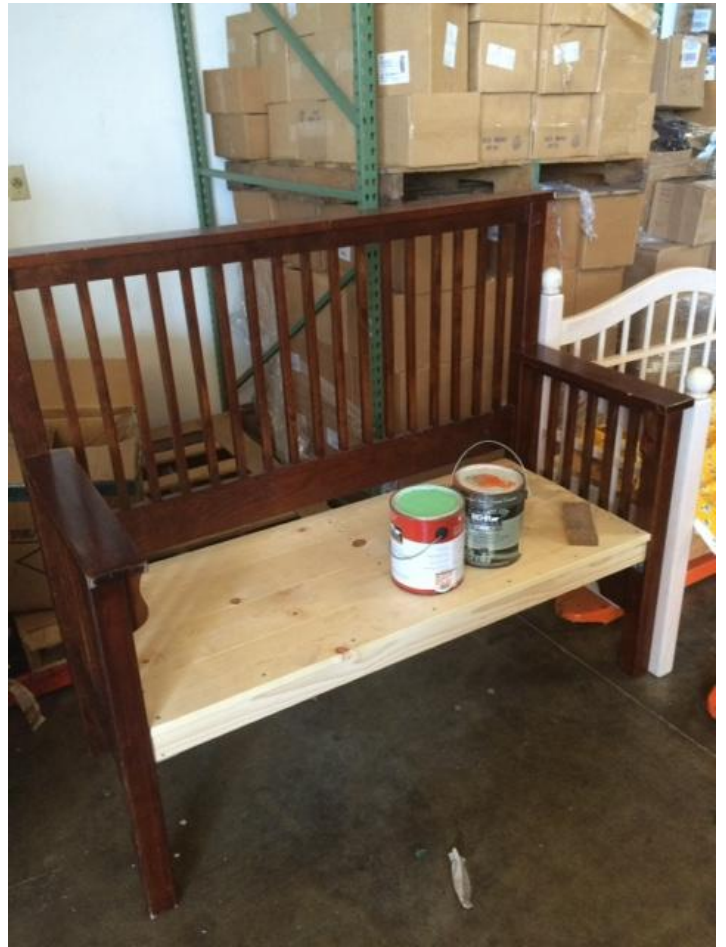
Ian's Eagle Project

"Bench Hunger" – for Grateful Hearts organization

This project created some really nice benches out of old bed heads and footers – the foot is cut in half and becomes the sides of bench.

Basic principles are square and level and the bench seat is about 18 inches high and 22 inches deep – the rest is just being creative with the materials at hand.

Each one takes a bit of its own approach to finish and so becomes something of is a work of art.



Long's Eagle Project Gun Racks for NJROTC - Build out Weekend

Scouts and Scouters put in a lot of time sanding, patching and varnishing wood on this project.

Mr. Hilton cooked up some big tasty burgers and Mrs. Tran put out a great spread of food for the volunteers!



" You can't live a perfect day
without doing something for
someone who will never be
able to repay you."

- John Wooden







Christian Reports on Cub Scout Summer Camp

This past week I was volunteering at the Cub Scout day camp in Los Alamitos, California and had a wonderful time. It let me have a chance to get a lot of service hours, make new friends with the kids and staff, and learn how to lead a group of kids in the most efficient way.

We would have two flag ceremonies every day, and the cubs would lead them to work on their achievements. We did many crafts such as paper mache maracas, hiking kits, walking sticks and more. The webelos

learned how to use money to pay for materials and build cardboard villages while the wolf's learned how to use a map and compass. The kids would also shoot bb guns, bows, and slingshots!

At the end of the week we had a campfire where the kids would do a skit and song, have snow cones, and say their goodbyes. This day camp has been an awesome experience and I hope that if you're a scout who needs service hours, cub day camp is the place for you.

Also please consider being a den chief. Its awesome and we need some more.

Last but not least I am going to a den meeting to help the webelos with their cooking. Also later this month I will be meeting with the den committee to discuss a regular schedule for den meetings.

Please please please contact me if you are interested in being a den chief.



~ **Christian D'A. Den Chief**

One of the best helpers for a Cub Scout Den Leader or Webelos Leader is a Den Chief, a Boy Scout who helps with activities, advancement, ceremonies, crafts, and other den events. Being a Den Chief qualifies as a leadership position for rank advancement.

More Den Chiefs means more Cubs growing up to join your troop and they give the boys a friend in the troop when it's time to graduate.

“ Success is stumbling from failure to failure with no loss of enthusiasm.”

– Winston Churchill

Coming Up, The 2017 Jamboree!

NOW IS THE TIME TO REGISTER...

National Scout Jamboree will be held from July 19 to July 28, 2017

If you weren't able to jet over to Japan for the World Scout Jamboree 2015 - you can still attend the 2017 National Scout Jamboree right here in the U.S.! Taking place at the Summit Bechtel Reserve from July 19 through July 28 in West Virginia, plans for the 2017 Jamboree are moving fast. Stay ahead of the curve by registering to attend as a [participant](#) or [staff volunteer](#) for the 2017 National Scout Jamboree today!

To learn more about the 2017 National Scout Jamboree and the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve, please visit

www.bsajamboree.org

or <https://summit.scouting.org>.



Scouts and Power Tools

I was looking through the Guide to Safe Scouting, and I learned some interesting things under “Age Guidelines for Tool Use and Work at Elevations or Excavations”:

- The mantra that “youth are not allowed to use power tools” is incorrect. But they are limited according to the type of tool and the youth’s age.
- Youth are supposed to be 14 or older to use a pickaxe, mattock, posthole digger, paint roller with extension pole, or a “Wheel cart (1-, 2-, or 4-wheeled)”. A 4-wheel cart?? Isn’t that a wagon?? I guess a 2-wheel cart is a dolly, and a 1-wheel cart is a wheelbarrow. LOL – Elijah B., who was the biggest 12-year old I had ever seen, would not be allowed to use a wheelbarrow or even a wagon!! Hilarious!
- Youth 14 and older ARE allowed to use:
 - Screwdriver (electric)
 - Handheld sander (small) [I think this would include a palm sander]
 - Cutting tools (e.g., Dremel, small)
 - Paint sprayer (small, less than 50 psi)
- Youth 16 and older are allowed to use:
 - Lawn mower (self-propelled, riding or push)
 - Line trimmer (electric or gas)
 - Edger (electric or gas)
 - Leaf blower (electric or gas)
 - Belt sander (electric, corded or cordless)
- They have to be 18 or older to use:
 - Circular, reciprocating, jig, or radial saw
 - Band and scroll saws [I think scroll saws are quite safe, myself]
 - Router/planer
 - Chain saws
 - Wood chippers [they allowed the boys to use a wood chipper at Lost Valley, Forestry MB weekend]

- Youth 14 and older can use a 6-foot ladder. There is no mention of taller ladders, or extension ladders.
- Have to be 18 or older to use scaffolds above 4 ft or open platforms above 4 ft. with fall protection.

It is useful to know that youth 14 and older can use a palm sander, and 16-yr-olds can even use a belt sander.

Richard Marubayashi, Asst Scoutmaster

New Scouting Website:

<http://scoutingwire.org/>

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/>



Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Viet T.
 - Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Martin L.
 - Blue Phoenix Patrol Leader:
 - Blue Phoenix Asst. Patrol Leader:
 - Autobots Patrol Leader: Michael M.
 - Autobots Asst. Patrol Leader: Robert P.
 - Scribe: Long T.
 - Webmaster – Open.
 - Troop Guide – Noel J.
 - Quartermaster: Christian D
 - Librarian:
 - OA Representative: - Open
 - Chaplain's Aide: Diego M.
 - Historian:
 - Den Chief - Christian D'A.
 - **Den Chief #2 – Open Position**
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- Troop Guide: Noel J.
 - Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster: Robert P.

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. M. / Mrs. Hight

AUTOBOTS
- / 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 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 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:

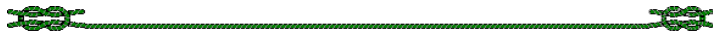


<http://www.ocbsa.org/lifetoeaglepacket/>

<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.***

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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!



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TROOP WEBSITE:

The Troop 314 website, URL is:

www.troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com

FYI - A Google search of "BSA Troop 314" gets you this link:

Boy Scout Troop 314 (Midway City, California) Homepage
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

Laser 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



Bring on the Adventure!

- Mr. Fieffer, Activities Chair



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

T314 EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2015:

**No First Friday Dinner this month
at Post 555**

**3rd Executive Committee Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 7PM (last one on
Tuesday – next Month we start
meeting on Wednesday after JLC!)**

**4th Junior Leadership Council
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM**

**7th , 8th and 9th American Legion
Camporee at Rancho Alegre Scout
Camp - Santa Barbara**

**11th NOT a Regular Meeting!!!
Starts at 6 PM - Meeting in
ELDORADO PARK – Off
Studebaker between Spring and
Willow streets Capture the flag
Night (Free parking at this
location) Bring water bottles.**

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



**18th Regular Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM**

- Please show up a bit earlier to help with setup and so meeting can start at 6:30.

- **BOARD OF REVIEW NIGHT**

**20th Regular Order of Arrow 
Meeting Third Thursday (7:00pm at
Holy Cross Lutheran Church)**

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

- Please show up a bit earlier to help with setup and so meeting can start at 6:30.

- **POPCORN KICKOFF**

**29th MOVIE NIGHT at Post 555
Pizza Popcorn Fried Chicken
And Movies for Cubs and Scouts!**

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

Troop 314 Meeting Notes

- Executive Committee Meeting is now on the Wednesday 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.
- Fourth Tuesday could be for Patrol meetings if can 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.

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. but usually kept simple due to constraints on time and sanity).

UPCOMING EVENTS!

September 1st Junior Leadership Council (JLC) Meeting at 6:30 at American Legion Post 555

September 2nd Exec. Committee Meeting at American Legion Post 555 7 PM (NEW DAY!)

September 19th Robert and Noel EAGLE COURT OF HONOR at Post 555 2PM to 5PM

Sept 26th Bolsa Chica Wetlands area cleanup 9am-12pm

Tour and Activity Plans – Online

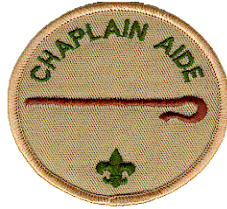
Council will no longer readily accept emailed, faxed or walked in Tour and Activity Plans. They want them on line. Sign into [MyScouting.org](https://my.scouting.org).

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.

File Tour Activity Plan if 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 (swim, boat, float, 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 Wisdom of the month:



Proverbs 24:12

Don't excuse yourself by saying, "Look, we didn't know." For God understands all hearts, and he sees you. He who guards your soul knows you knew. He will repay all people as their actions deserve.

Scout Law

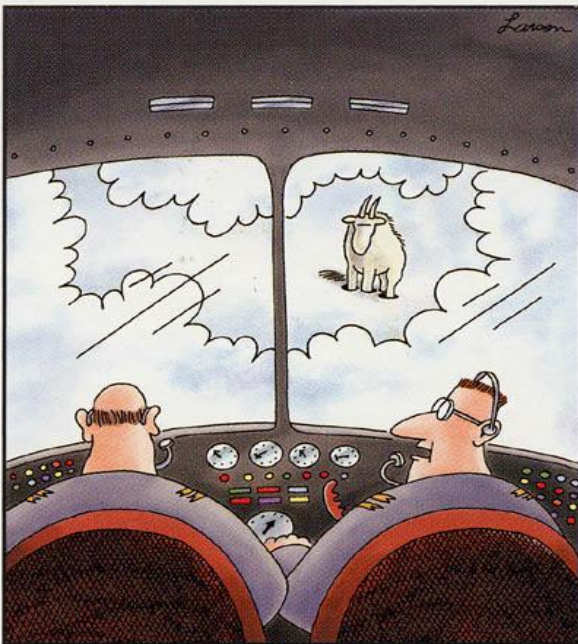
A Scout is:

*trustworthy,
loyal,
helpful,
friendly,
courteous,
kind,
obedient,
cheerful,
thrifty,
brave,
clean,
and reverent.*



JOKES, JOKES, JOKES

Have you heard these?



"Say ... what's a mountain goat doing way up here in a cloud bank?"

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) 892-8508 for any follow up that is needed.

Q: What do you do when you cross a joke with a rhetorical question?

TROOP 314

TOWER ABOVE THE REST!

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

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**“ Try not to become a person of success,
but rather try to become a person of value.”**

- Albert Einstein



Late submissions:

SPL Corner

Hello fellow scouts. I cannot attend the American Legion Camporee, but I give my full support to all you scouts. I know that all the scouts will perform well and have fun during the weekend camping event. You can tell us about your experiences there and what awards you achieved at the troop's meeting on Tuesday. Thank you for your participation, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

Yours in Scouting, Viet Tran SPL

Troop 314 Scribe - Junior Leadership Committee (JLC) Minutes for August 4th 2015

Leaders in attendance:

Gabe Bess, Christian D'Alessandro, Martin Lee, Owen Marubayashi, Diego McCready, Michael Milan, Robert Pearson, Mr. Bess, Mrs. Hight, Mr. Marubayashi, Mr. Hilton and Mr. Pearson

Events:

The theme of the month of August is Storytelling/Theater.

- August 7th-9th - American Legion Camporee
- Recommended to come to post at 1:00 p.m. to help pack the trailer
 - Time scouts must be at post: 3:00 p.m. (going to post at 3:30 p.m.)
 - (bring permission slip for marksmanship if want to shoot at the shooting range)
 - Location: Santa Barbara

August 11th- Troop Sports Day – Meeting at El Dorado Park (\$7 Parking)
Activity: Capture the Flag with Cub Scouts
Time: 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Bring water bottles!!!

August 18th- Skill – Autobots
Game – Blue Phoenix
(discussion for the movie being shown to Cub Scouts)

August 25th- Skill – Blue Phoenix
Game – Autobots

August 29- Movie Night at the Post with Cub Scouts
Time: 5:00 p.m. (when Cub Scouts come), 5:30 p.m. (movie shown for Webelos;
8:00 p.m. (Webelos will leave and Boy Scouts will have their movie night)
Pizza popcorn and fried chicken will be served. Bring sleeping bag/blankets

October 27th- Halloween Party at Post

November 7th- Hike to Hollywood Sign

There are still some open troop positions so if anyone needs a position of responsibility to advance to the next rank, here is your chance. - Long T., Troop Scribe