



# TROOP 314 NEWS

## October 2017 AD

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

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## Eagle Announcement! Congratulations, Viet.



It is my pleasure and honor to  
announce that Viet Tran has achieved  
the rank of Eagle Scout on August 29<sup>th</sup>  
2017.

An Eagle Scout is respected for their  
unfailing adherence to the principles of  
trustworthiness, leadership and initiative.

Viet's continual progress through the ranks to  
achieve this award shows his determination to  
prepare himself for a meaningful, productive role  
in society.



It is with great pride that we congratulate Viet on  
his dedication, hard work and perseverance for  
the honor of his recent achievement.



Through Viet's commitment and dedication to the  
Scout Oath and Scout Law, he knows the true  
meaning of service.



**“New”  
Scoutmaster  
Richard  
Marubayashi**

Welcome Back Mr. M.!



## Reporting Events Completed by Troop 314 in September:

- **Blue Jay Campout  
September 9&10<sup>th</sup>**

Troop 314 had a short weekend campout at the Blue Jay Campground, which sits on the mountains 3 miles off of Ortega Highway. This nice location is out of reach of the noise of Ortega Highway, and has good views of the canyon behind Ortega Falls.



Five Scouts went: Christian, Owen, Mitchell, Michael, and Timothy. Two adults, Mr. Marubayashi and Mrs. Knighton, provided the adult presence (and transportation).



We had a nice hike part way down the San Juan Trail, but the rest of the outing was just relaxing. We had tuna melts for lunch, and turkey foil pack dinners around the campfire, followed by a dutch oven cinnamon apple divorce. It was a good time, but we should go back in the winter when it's not so hot, and probably less crowded.

## Other Events for September:

- **Popcorn Sales**



## Well, it's that time of year again - Re-Charter!

We are collecting re-charter fees for all Scouts and Scouters now and need them paid by **Oct 10** - this will ensure a timely submission of our 2018 charter application.

### ***How much is the 2018 re-charter fee?***

Boy Scouts of America has increased the registration costs this year to \$33 per each registered Scout or Scouter. Boy's Life subscriptions remain \$12. So, each Scout's re-charter fee is **\$45** and each Scouter's fee is **\$33**. Please make your check payable to *Troop 314*.

*Scouter Note: In addition to remitting your annual fee, all Scouters must have a current Youth Protection Training certificate. This includes all registered Scouters 18 and older.*

### ***What are the dues for 2018 ?***

This year's dues are **\$100**. This money is used for a variety of troop expenses, including Camporall and Camp-O-Ree, advancement, recruitment, equipment maintenance, etc. Dues may be paid in full or in installments. Please note, Scouts are encouraged to help "pay their way" by contributing at least 25% of their expenses. This money may be earned through fundraising commissions.

*Eagle Scouts Note: According to T314 P&P, "Youth who obtain the rank of Eagle in Troop 314 are encouraged to remain with the Troop until their 18th birthday. It is understood that a youth obtaining the Eagle rank is qualified to lead the troop youth in many of the scouting activities throughout the scouting year. As an incentive to remain active with the Troop the Eagle Scout Fee structure is not to exceed 15% of the unit's yearly registration fee." (2018 Eagle Scout dues = \$15)*

### ***Here is some useful information about the importance of re-chartering from the 2017 OFFICIAL RECHARTER INSTRUCTION BOOKLET:***

#### ***What is a Charter?***

The chartering process is one of the oldest traditions in Scouting. It is the formal (legal) document that certifies the agreement between a Chartered Partner – an organization that agrees to utilize Scouting as part of its service to youth and community outreach – and the Boy Scouts of America, setting expectations for the quality of program to be delivered to the Charter Partner's youth population. *(T314's chartering organization is Post 555)*

#### ***Why is a Charter Renewed Annually?***

- Fosters a formal, timely plan for regular dialogue between charter organization and BSA.
- Assures up to date member registration in district/council Scout activities and rank advancement.
- Makes units eligible to qualify for yearly Journey to Excellence goal setting, review process and recognition.

### ***Unit Charter Renewal***

Unit Charters are issued for one year and expire on the last day of the charter renewal month (akare charter date) printed on the charter. After that, units are "separated" from Scouting, the unit is "dropped" from BSA membership, as are all its members. [If] a unit is separated from Scouting, it ceases to exist and CANNOT legally operate in any capacity, including activities and advancement. An expired unit has no status in BSA and no insurance coverage for any of the unit's members and Chartered Organization. Youth and adults are unregistered, cannot attain awards and recognition. Advancement or achievement of any kind for the boys – including Eagle Rank – cannot take place, and tenure in rank and for leadership positions is stopped.

Questions? Please call me at (562) 822-8631.

Thank you!

Ms. Knighton, Committee Chair



## **Link to Troop 314 Annual Plan on Google Sheets**

The link for the troop's annual plan was not loading correctly. I've corrected the problem and you should be able to view the document with this link:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1UYqcBeU59PhVVqcIyJqS8fghPJAnra1dIPkXyZ8UBak/edit?usp=sharing>

Thanks for your patience! - Ms. Knighton

## **Contact Information Link**

Please update your contact information as needed.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ALgJqX-1wYHBrTZ8xf7AuGKqIJv6FxyLLXZP3NjuVFk/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\\_38IzljnT7WvTg0HjSre9dla1e8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/176b23wuQdDTa2E1A_38IzljnT7WvTg0HjSre9dla1e8/edit?usp=sharing)

## Troop Calendar Link

Use this link to see the Troop calendar.

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lls71fa5hxe2paPHrVYN13xQsnYCEsTVVDbOwvurMVo/edit?usp=sharing>

## 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: Mitchell L.
- Scribe: Timothy D.
- Chaplin's Aid – Diego M.



## 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 in groups of no smaller than two!

Individual Scouts are required to find a buddy when they are participating in Scout functions. It is important to remember to use the buddy system when you are leaving your group for any reason, whether it is to go to a car, take a walk, go to the men's room or visit the Trading Post to buy candy.

## 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.

# Get Your Calendars and mark these dates!

## T314 EVENTS FOR October 2017

**Theme: Wilderness Survival**

**3<sup>rd</sup> PLC**

**8<sup>th</sup> Service - Bolsa Chica Wetlands**

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

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



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

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

**26<sup>th</sup> Service for Post 555 (Dinner)**

**29<sup>th</sup> Popcorn Sales**

**31<sup>st</sup> No Meeting Halloween**



## 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 3 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.

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.).



## 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 website can be found under the 'Camping' tab of the Orange County Council website: [www.ocbsa.org/](http://www.ocbsa.org/)

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## 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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## 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**



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**.

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 Steve Scukanec to confirm the hall is available and to make reservations. [scukanecbsa@hotmail.com](mailto:scukanecbsa@hotmail.com)

Steve Scukanec is our troop Chartered Organization Representative.

## **Chaplain's Wisdom of the month**


**Proverbs 13:20**

*Whoever walks with the wise  
becomes wise, but the companion of  
fools will suffer harm.*



## **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 remains with the applicant, one part remains with the counselor, and one part is to remain with the unit.

# JOKES JOKES JOKES

Q: What is the definition of the early evening news?

A: It starts with the words "Good evening" then spends the next half an hour telling you why it isn't one.

Q: What ballet do pigs like best?

A: Swine Lake.

Q: Where would a 65 year old man find a young, attractive woman who would take an interest in him?

A: In the "fiction" section of the library.

**"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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send me a note at T314news@live.com -Thanks, Mr. Pearson

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