



TROOP 314 NEWS

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

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Troop 314 Events Completed in February 2019:

Camp Blue Jay @ Ortega Falls Feb 23rd - 24th

Lots of water! No rope climbing.

We wanted to camp somewhere that we could do some rock climbing, and since Ortega Falls is just a short drive from home and has a no-reservations campground nearby, it seemed like a good choice. But we knew that there was a chance that the falls would be flowing so heavily that the climbing walls would be entirely too wet, but at least we would get some camping in.

The drive up Ortega Highway was very scenic, with all the greenery and we decided to stop at the falls before going on to Blue Jay Campground. As soon as we reached the parking area, we realized that the falls must really be flowing, because it was crowded! People were coming out to see the falls, much like they come out to see poppy blooms.

The creek was indeed flowing strongly, and the falls were more vigorous than I have ever seen them. Boys always like flowing creeks and waterfalls, so they, and I, had fun rock-hopping around the area before we headed back to the car.



Blue Jay Campground is located 2.5 miles off of Ortega Highway, far enough that you can't hear the highway traffic at all, and it is quite peaceful (at least in the off-season, as this was). The campground was far from full (I'd guess about 1/4 capacity), so we had our pick of sites.

There was still snow on the ground in patches, so some of the boys actually built a small snowman!



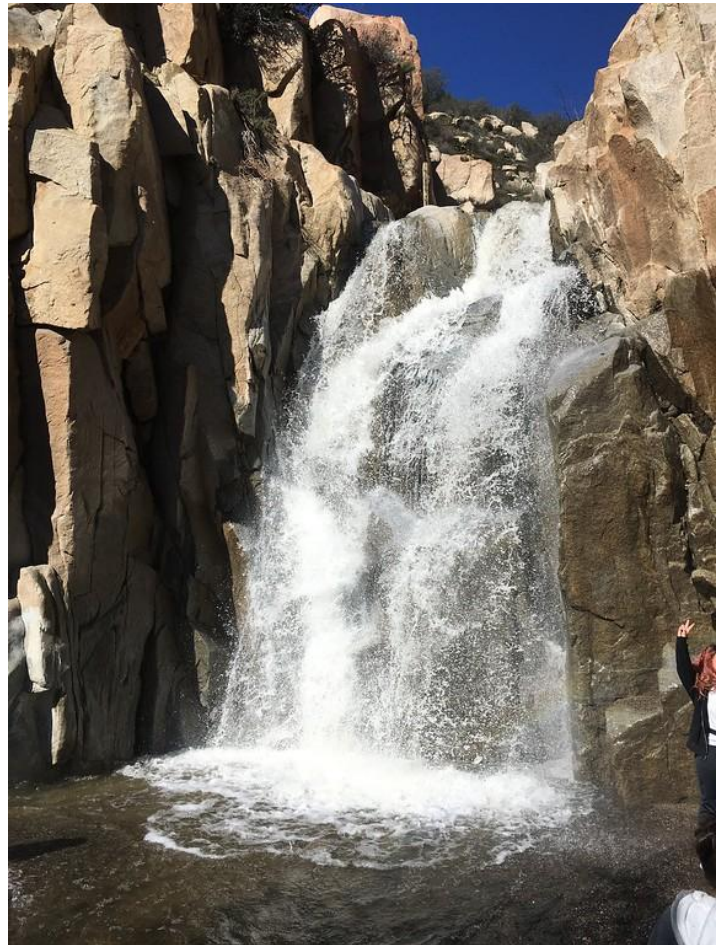
There was enough grass without snow to pitch our tents, so that was not a problem. The site next to us was unoccupied, so the boys made use of the tree stump there to chop firewood.

Since climbing was off the table, we instead went for a little hike, about 3 miles round trip, on the San Juan Trail. The visibility was so great, we could easily see Catalina Island, 50 miles away, and we thought we could also see San Clemente Island, 75 miles distant!

This campout was a little unusual in that every meal was a hot one; chili dogs for lunch, beef stew for dinner, and sausage & egg casserole for breakfast! Yum! The beef stew was made from scratch, not canned, and it was delicious! We should remember that recipe!

We heard coyotes and owls during the night. Overnight the temperature got down to the high 30's, but I heard no complaints about anyone being cold. And a roaring campfire helps! We even had a fire in the morning.

On the drive home, we stopped at the Ortega Candy Store for some treats, which I consider to be a tradition.



If you ask me, camping in the off-season can be the best time, as there are no crowds or bugs. I would like to go back to Blue Jay Campground in the early or late summer, but we may encounter both of the above. We'll see. Anyway, another successful campout. Adults attending: Mr. M, Ian M. Scouts attending: Mitchell, Trumen, Ryan. Nights camped: 1. Miles hiked: 3.

- Mr. M. Scoutmaster



Troop 314's latest EAGLE SCOUTS –

Owen and Christian earn Eagle Rank with two
Palms!

On Tuesday, February 26, Christian and Owen both had their Eagle Boards of Review, capping off a 13-year journey from Tiger Cubs to Eagle Scouts.



Please join us in congratulating these fine young men!

The date of the Eagle Court of Honor will be announced some time after they get their confirmation from National.

They have been friends since kindergarten, but started Cub Scouts in different Packs. When they bridged into Boy Scouts, they entered different Troops, but not long after that, Christian came to Troop 314, and the rest is history, as they say.

It has been their plan for some time to "Eagle" together, but it was just luck that their EBOR's were scheduled for the same day! Even their birthdays are only 4 days apart!



Get Your Calendars out and mark these dates!

BSA Troop 314 EVENTS March 2019

5th PLC - Completed!
Timothy, SPL presiding



12th Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM
➤ water purification/OA visit

14th Orange Frontier District
Scouters' Roundtable
7 PM at LDS Church
4000 Orange Ave.,
Anaheim
(2nd Thursday each month)



19th Court of Honor



American Legion Post 555
Candle lighting COH
➤ **Mitchell Master of Ceremonies**

26th Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 6:30PM
➤ **Camporee Final Check**

29, 30 & 31st
Camp-O-Ree at Oso Lake
21131 Los Alisos Blvd
Rancho Santa Margarita CA 92688



COMING EVENTS:

Scout-O-Rama is just around the corner
Mark your calendars for the largest
Scouting event in Orange County! Scout-
O-Rama is happening on May 11, 2019
from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Oak Canyon
Regional Park.



*"The real way to gain
happiness is to give it to
others."*

- *Sir Robert Baden-Powell*



Troop 314 New Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Timothy
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Ryan
- Quartermaster: Mitchell
- Scribe: ?



Troop 314 Towers Above!



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 5th 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.).

Scout Slogan

Do a good turn daily

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*

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



- Sir Robert Baden-Powell

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!

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Contact Information Link

Please update your contact information as needed.

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Here is the updated calendar link:

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Updated Activity / Camping sign-up link:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yfH9Mc0LA647ZVNaBMBK
ZaZC9gF5Y2-frHx7YnKtHs/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1yfH9Mc0LA647ZVNaBMBK
ZaZC9gF5Y2-frHx7YnKtHs/edit?usp=sharing)

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:

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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.

Orange Frontier District Website Link

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



The Troop can help you do something you always wanted to do!

**Scouts – You have the Power to
make some serious fun happen!**

**Talk to 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.**

***Troop / Family Activities are
only limited by your
imagination:***

Archery

Fishing – Pier or boat

Beach party / Homework Burn

Bowling

Rock Climbing

Go Cart Racing (Family)

Glider Rides @ Warner Springs

Hiking Trips

Backpacking - Hike in camp.

Sled / Mountain Snow Day.

Ski / Snowboard Trip

Laser Tag (Family)

Air Soft Games (Family)

Paint Ball / Airsoft (Family)

Shooting Range (Famiy)

Shooting BLM land

Calico Ghost Town

Baseball Game

Gold Prospecting / Gold Camp

Swim – Pool / Beach

Scuba

Snorkeling / Beach Trip

White water rafting

Canoe River Trip

Annual Mistletoe Trip

Kayaking

Picnic / BBQ

Museums



Order of the Arrow Wiatava Lodge (#39) Santee Chapter

A Santee Chapter Meeting is held every
3rd Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at Holy

Cross Lutheran Church



Chaplain's Wisdom of the month



**Chaplain's Aide's
Bible Verse of the month:**
HEB 11:1

***"Now faith is confidence in what we hope for
and assurance about what we do not see."***



JOKES, JOKES, JOKES

Have you heard these?

When Alexander Bell invented the telephone he had 3
missed calls from Chuck Norris.

Chuck Norris has already been to Mars, that's why
there are no signs of life there.

Chuck Norris' dog has a sign that says beware of
Chuck Norris.

Chuck Norris can cut through a hot knife with butter.

Q: Why do most married men die before their wives?

A: Because they want to!

Q: Why do parents give children a middle name?

A: To let the child know when it's in deep trouble!

Q: What dinosaur can't stay in the rain?

A: A stegosau-rust.

TROOP 314: TOWER ABOVE THE REST!

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