



# TROOP 314 NEWS

## October 2016 AD

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

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

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links to click for more information!**

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## Saturday September 10th - Troop 314 Kayaking



**T314 Flotilla**



**Beautiful day to be on the water**







Just wiggle this a little.



## Cleaning out the Troop 314 Shed



Where does all this go back in?





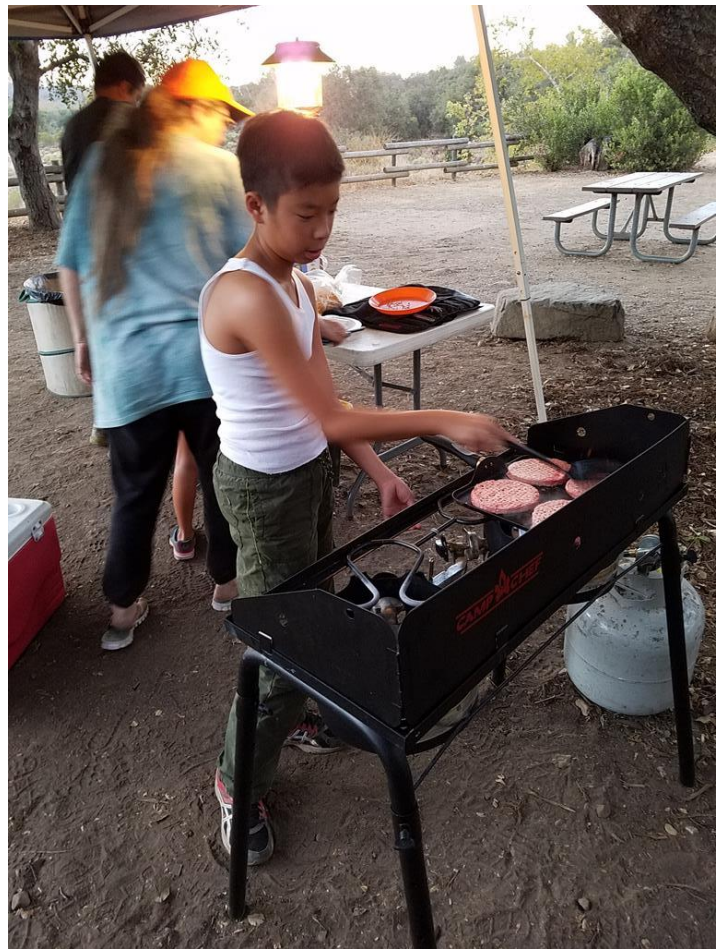
## 24th Movie Night Camp and Cooking merit badge at Caspers Wilderness Park.

Diego and Ethan completed their cooking merit badge requirements.

Adults attending Mr. and Mrs. Hight, Mr. Trieu, and Mr. Tran.



Scouts (and sister): Diego, Viet, Ethan and sister.



Ethan cooks up some beef



Mr. Hight:

“I only do what the voices in my wife’s head tell me to do”







**Movies in the wilderness. Modern technology is something.**



**Time to eat.**

## **Troop 314 Court of Honor**

1. Owen, Mitchell, Christian, and Ethan received their summer camp merit badges.
2. Ian received his Eagle Scout recognition from Andy from American Region 555.
3. Long received his Eagle Palm (Bronze) award



**Summer camp merit badges awarded.**



**Getting going.**





**Eagle Scout Ian M. Recognized by Post 555  
Chaplin, Andy Timko**



**Long earns his Eagle Rank Bronze Palm**



**Retiring of the Colors.**



## Activities Outside of Scouting

Our scouts are not only doing scouting events. They exemplify the Scout Law everyday, in or out of the troop.

Viet completed his Basic Leadership Training course with his Navy JROTC unit as a Freshman at Troy High School on the weekend of Sept 15, 2016.



The Proud Tran Clan.



## 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 Sponsors, 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!

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## It's that time again....time to work on the Budget!

We'll be having a Parent / Committee Meeting next Tuesday, 10/11 to discuss the 2017 Budget. This meeting will give us an opportunity to review expenditures from 2016, anticipated expenditures for 2017 and budgetary procedures for events and activities in the future.

**2017 Re-Charter & Scout Accounts:** Re-charter is coming up quickly! Please be on the look out for an e-mail regarding your family's account status. All families need to bring their accounts up to date before re-charter. All outstanding fees and the base \$36 re-charter fee are due no later than Tuesday, 10/18.

Please note: we prefer all fees to be paid by check made out to T314. Please identify your Scout and what you're paying for in the memo section. E.g. Joe Scout, 2017 Re-charter

**Youth Protection Training:** All registered Scouters must be current with their YPT training or we can't register you. If your YPT is due for renewal before the end of the year, please get it done before 10/18. BSA sends out reminders - I'll send one too!

**Reimbursement:** If you were recently approved to make a troop purchase and need to be reimbursed, bring your receipt to the meeting.

**Recycling:** Please be sure to bring the receipt with all recycling proceeds.

Thanks so much!

- **Sandra Knighton**

Committee Chair



## 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/2016BoyScoutRequirements\\_8.14.2015.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/2016BoyScoutRequirements_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.

<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](mailto:hessc41@hotmail.com)



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

**- Lord Baden Powell**



## 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***

## 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/>





# 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  
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/>

## **Get Your Calendars and mark these dates! T314 EVENTS FOR October:**

**4<sup>th</sup> Patrol Leadership Council**

**9th Annual Planning meeting  
DONE!**

**11th 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)**



**14<sup>th</sup> , 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Camperall  
(Webelos event) at El Dorado Park  
(Mrs. Hight)**

**14 and 15th Camp and Climb at  
Joshua Tree. (Owen / Mr. M.)**

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

*BOR – 2017 Re-charter Fee Due (\$36)*

**20<sup>th</sup> OA Meeting  
7:00pm at Holy Cross Lutheran  
Church .**

**22nd University of Scouting**

**October 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Cub Scout  
Halloween Party  
American Legion Post 555  
Starting at 6:30PM**

**29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Popcorn show and tell**

**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.  
**Theme: Science**
- 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 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!

### November

**Theme: Wilderness Survival**

**1: PLC**

**5: Flag Planting/Scouting for Food Collection**

**8: Troop Mtg**

**10: Roundtable – Lookie Loo**

**12: Castaway Camp w/ Cubs @ Caspers (Christian/Ms.K)**

**15: Troop Mtg – BOR**

**17: OA**

**22: Troop Mtg**

**29: Troop Mtg**

### December Theme: Science

**3-4: Mistletoe Camp @ Crystal Lake (Martin/Mr. Tran)**

**4: Mistletoe Distribution**

**6: PLC**

**8: Roundtable**

**13: Troop Mtg–Elections / BOR**

**15: OA**

**17: Service - Caroling**

**20: Court of Honor – Christmas Party**



### 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.



### 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](http://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.



*"Good tidings will soon arrive. We shall never be abandoned by Heaven while we act worthy of its aid and protection." – Sam Adams, September 1777.*

## 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.

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## 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 Aide's Wisdom of the month: Psalm 107:1



*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.*

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## Scout Trail Cooking Recipe of the Month:

**Bangers n' Mash, also known as sausages and mash, is a traditional British dish made of mashed potatoes and sausages**

### Ingredients

1	Tsb	dried onions
1	pkt	brown gravy mix
1	Tsb	vegetable oil (1 packet)
5	oz	Vienna sausages (one can)
1 1/3	cup	instant mashed potatoes
2	Tsb	dry milk
2	Tsb	butter powder
4 1/4	cup	water
1	pkt	freeze-dried peas

### Notes

Find the freeze-dried peas here:

<http://www.rei.com/product/510148>

Butter powder can be bought online:

<http://www.frontiercoop.com/products.php?ct=dfmbc&cn=Butter+Powder>

### Instructions

At home:

Pack the onions in a snack size zip top bag, tuck the gravy packet, oil packets and Vienna sausages with it. Put the potatoes, dry milk and butter powder in a quart freezer bag. Add the pea packet along with it.



In camp:

Add the 2 Tablespoons of water to the onion, let set aside for 15 minutes (you can use warm water to speed it up). Bring 3 cups water to a boil, add 1 cup to the pea package, seal tightly. Add 2 cups to the potato bag, stirring well. Seal tightly and put the potatoes and the peas into a cozy to keep warm.

In the pan add the oil and heat over a medium flame. Drain the sausages and add in, shaking to brown evenly. Add in the onions just after the sausages and cook till all is browned.

Shake in the gravy powder and 1 cup cold water. Stir till bubbling and thickened (it takes about 30 seconds to a minute).

Take off the stove, plate up the potatoes and divide the gravy and sausages. Drain off any remaining water in the peas and then divide.

Courtesy of

<http://www.trailcooking.com/recipes/bangers-n-mash>

**“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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