



# TROOP 314 NEWS

## April 2018 AD

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

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## Reporting Events Completed by Troop 314 in March:

### Big Bear Mountain Snow Day



#### Getting Ready

On March 3, Troop 314 was represented by three Scouts and two adults at Big Bear's Bear Mountain ski resort.

Mr. Marubayashi and Ian Marubayashi took Owen, Christian, and Trumen for a day of snowboarding. Owen and Christian had snowboarded before, so they did not choose to take the 2-hour lesson, but Ian, Trumen, and I did.



#### Lunch

I have never fallen on my tailbone so many times in a day, but I had a great time anyway, and so did the boys. There was supposed to be a fair bit of snow falling that day, but all we got was a little rain and fog. I would have liked to go back and practice some more, but this was about the last bit of snow that our local mountains got for this season. I was jealous of Owen and Christian for making it look so easy.

There was an incident at Bear Mountain that day, wherein a young girl fell off the ski lift. She wasn't seriously injured, but it was carried on the local news that evening. None of us witnessed it, but I heard our instructor talking about it. Troop 670 was also there that day, and some of their adults were there to help catch the little girl!



### Apres-Ski

I hope we do this again next year, and maybe then I'll progress to "novice" at snowboarding. Fun times!

- Scoutmaster Marubayashi

## Hike to Cave of Munits

On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, scouts from Troop 314 did a hike to a little known cave called The Cave of Munits. This cave is in the Upper Las Virgenes Canyon Open Space Preserve, in Bell Canyon, in the San Fernando Valley.

Owen, Christian, Michael, and Mitchell joined me and Mrs. Knighton for this fun hike. The weather was iffy at first, because we'd had some rain late in the week, but it cleared out just in time for this hike, leaving cool clear skies, and just a little mud.

The El Escorpion Trail doesn't go quite to the cave, but a side trail reaches the cave where it sits half way up a hill, so after less than a mile of hiking, you have a beautiful view of the grassy hills below.



The mouth of the Cave of Munits.



On the "roof" of the cave

After exploring the cave, we climbed out the top of the cave onto the hillside, and proceeded up to the ridge. From there we had to do a little route-finding, but easily reached Castle Peak, which, though it is actually lower than the cave, affords a panoramic view of the West Hills area and the San Fernando Valley to the east. We also discovered a possum sleeping in a rock crevice up there!





**Christian surveys the view.**



**The Scouts take break on ridge.**

After scrambling down the hill from Castle Peak, we rejoined El Escorpion Trail for the short walk back to the car. We stopped at In-n-Out Burger in Canoga Park, where I discovered that I had lost my wallet! I went back to the trailhead, where I had last seen it, but couldn't find it. That was disappointing, but I have since then replaced all the important stuff, and no one ran up charges on my credit cards, so all is good.



**Owen with the canyon in background.**



**The Scouts on Castle Peak.**







Our friend the possum.

This is a moderately easy hike off of Glendora Ridge Road, near the village of Mt. Baldy. It involves about 5 miles of hiking, 1400 feet of elevation gain, and a maximum elevation of 5,796 feet.

It was a little cool, about 45 degrees, when Christian, Michael, Trumen, and Timothy started this hike with me, Ian Marubayashi, and Mrs. Knighton. But we soon warmed up from walking uphill along the fire road. We had great views of the surrounding mountains, including snow-capped Mt. Baldy, although a few times our view was obscured by fogged. But even that was neat, as the fogged raced up the mountainside.



First trail junction and switchback after about 2 miles of hiking.



Looking behind us. Castle Peak on right, Cave on left.

Although it takes an hour to drive to this place, it was well worth it, and we had a wonderful time.

--- Scoutmaster Marubayashi

## March 24th Sunset Peak Hike

On Saturday, March 24, Troop 314 went for a dayhike. This was originally going to be an overnight backpacking trip, but some of the boys said they did not have warm enough sleeping bags. So instead, we hiked to Sunset Peak.



Second switchback, overlooking Mt. Baldy village.





**Michael, Trumen, and Timothy watching the fog.**



**Michael and Timothy bushwhacking down the ridge.**



**Our group at the summit.**

We reached the summit at about 11:00, and ate our snacks and lunches on the tin cover of the old rain-gathering system. There used to be a fire lookout tower here, but all that remains is the concrete footings and this water system.

We took a shortcut down the mountain by following the ridge that descends to the east. This involved a little bit of scrambling, which made it a fun way to go.



**Starting the last steep scramble down to the car.**

This was one of those hikes that are easy but still leaves your legs just a bit sore, so you know you got some exercise. A good way to start the weekend! --- Scoutmaster Marubayashi

## March Court of Honor

Troop 314's Spring Court of Honor was held on March 27th at Post 555. It was MC'd by Michael B, and Mr. M provided a slide show of recent troop events.

It was definitely one of our smaller, lower-key Court of Honors, but Trumen was presented with 8 merit badges that he had earned before joining T314, but which had not been awarded. And believe it or not, there are still a few more that he has yet to be awarded!

We also had a Bronze Palm for Viet Tran, though he was unable to attend. He had earned 5 extra merit badges by the time he had his Eagle Board of Review, which means the Palm could be awarded immediately, without waiting the 4 months that a palm normally requires. We had no rank advancements or other merit badges to award, but the Summer Court of Honor should have a few of those to award!

Yours in Scouting, Mr. Marubayashi

## 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/1UYqcBeU59PhVVqcIyJgS8fghPJAnra1dIPkXyZ8UBak/edit?usp=sharing>

## 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\\_38lzlnT7WvTg0HjSre9dla1e8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/176b23wUQdDTa2E1A_38lzlnT7WvTg0HjSre9dla1e8/edit?usp=sharing)

## Troop Calendar Link

Use this link to see the Troop calendar.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lls71fa5hxe2p\\_aPHrVYN13xQsnYCEsTVVDbOwvurMVo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Lls71fa5hxe2p_aPHrVYN13xQsnYCEsTVVDbOwvurMVo/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 (New Leader Positions For Spring 2018)

- Senior Patrol Leader: Christian D.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Martin L.
- Quartermaster: Timothy D.
- Scribe: Michael B.
- Troop Guide Owen M.



## Get Your Calendars and mark these dates!

## T314 EVENTS FOR April 2018

**NO PLC for April**  
**Enjoy Spring Break!**



**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)**



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

**- Cycling Merit Badge Intro.**  
**Plus Bike Maintenance**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> – Martin's Eagle Project**



**19<sup>th</sup> OA Meeting**



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

- Bike ride to Costco for food.

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

- Possible Archery (Indoor)

**28<sup>th</sup> Saturday Troop Shed Clean**  
**out and Inventory.**



## 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.).

## 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 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!

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

**Archery**

**Deep Sea Fishing** - boat Trip

**Beach party** / Annual Homework Burn

**Bowling**

**Go Cart Racing** (Family)

**Hiking Trips**

**Backpacking** - Hike in and out.

**Snow Day.**

**Ski / Snowboard Trip**

**Laser Tag** (Family)

**Air Soft Games** (Family)

**Paint Ball / Airsoft**

(Family)

**Shooting Range** (Family)

**BLM land / Calico Ghost**

**Town - Desert**

**Rock climbing**

**Attend a Baseball Game**

**Gold Prospecting / Gold Camp**

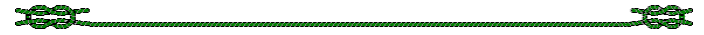
**Swim – Pool / Ocean Laguna Beach Trip**

**Scuba Instruction**

**Snorkeling / Beach Trip**




**White water rafting  
Canoe River Trip  
Annual Mistletoe Trip  
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/>



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

**A Scout is loyal.**

Whoever can be trusted with very little can also  
be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest  
with very little will also be dishonest with much.

– Luke 16:10



**“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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