



TROOP 314 NEWS

November 2019 AD

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

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BSA Troop 314 Events Completed in October 2019:

**Fitness Pretest with Mr. Marubayashi at
Cypress College Oct 13th**

**19th and 20th Overnighter, Holcum
Valley in Big Bear area.**

**Sunday shed Clean Up
09:00 AM 27th**



How can we cook it? Let us count the ways

On Oct 19, Troop 314 took a camping trip to a place we'd never been before: Holcomb Valley Campground, just north of Big Bear Lake. The Big Bear location was requested by Trumen, so you see we really do try to let the boys choose!

Anyway, this campout took a very interesting turn, in the cooking department. We had brought two stoves, one of the big ones and one of the small ones.



The scouts made their lunch (hot dogs) on the small stove while Ian tried a new device -- a solar oven! -- to heat up the adults lunch. But wouldn't you know it, it got cloudy and the solar oven wouldn't heat up. So we used a dutch oven to heat it up, but I didn't use enough charcoal. So Ian tried another method -- the engine block of the van.



He put his foil-wrapped lunch on the exhaust manifold and ran the engine for a few minutes. It "kind of" worked. It could have used more time, but he was too hungry.

Then, later, when the stove wasn't even on, the propane regulator suddenly sprung a leak and began loudly venting propane (this was the little stove, not the big one). We quickly removed the propane bottle (we were using the little 1-lb bottles), but we were unable to fix the regulator, so that stove was out of commission.

Then I discovered that I had forgotten to bring a big propane tank for the big stove, so that was also unavailable. So, for cooking, that left one choice -- the fire.



For dinner, the scouts had pizza, so they cooked it over the fire ring on the built-in grate, and we adults cooked bacon-wrapped hot dogs on skewers over the fire.





Both methods worked fine. We also heated chili in the can, over the fire. In the morning, without a stove, Ian and I were thinking we'd just do without breakfast, but then I got an idea. I started up some charcoal in the chimney starter, then put a couple of tent stakes on the top, and voila! I had a rocket stove! But I could cook only one thing at a time.

I first put a pot of water on, which boiled very quickly, and had myself a cup of coffee. Then I filled the pot with cooking oil and heated that up for our breakfast -- Scotch Eggs -- which are deep-fried hard-boiled eggs in a "jacket" of Italian sausage, breaded. It took two tries to get the cooking time right, but it actually worked very well! You can see a video of them cooking, if you follow the link at the end. I think I like this method of camp cooking!



So, in all, we used **SEVEN** methods of cooking! Stove top, solar oven, dutch oven, engine block, campfire grill, skewers over campfire, and rocket stove!

This campout also featured navigation by the stars (until the sky clouded up), and verbally checking off other RTFC requirements. Trumen finished everything for Second Class!

By the way, we also got beautiful views of Big Bear Lake, and we stopped on the way out so that Trumen and Ryan could feel the cold water (it was very cold). We had to deal with some traffic on the way down the mountain, but overall, it was a fun campout, and I want to thank Trumen for suggesting the location.

Photos and videos at this link:

<https://richmaru.smugmug.com/Kids/Scouting/2019-10-19-HolcombValley>

- **Scoutmaster Mr. Marubayashi**



Shed gets a cleaning

On Sunday, October 27, three scouts, three adults, and three siblings met at the Post to clean up the storage shed.



It has needed this for some time, and it was very satisfying to finally get it done. We pulled everything out of the left side, vacuumed, and put it all back in a more organized fashion. Then we did the same for the right side (more or less).



There are a number of places where we found termite "frass" (droppings).

There are even some places where the floor has been eaten away by termites. The shed should be fumigated, but for now we just vacuumed up the frass.

Thank you to all who helped!

– **Scoutmaster Mr. Marubayashi**

Get Your Calendars out and mark these dates!

BSA Troop 314 Events for November 2019

Theme of month is Advancement

4th PLC
Truman, SPL presiding

9th Saturday 8AM Flag Planting in Honor of Veteran's day - Cypress Forest Lawn

9th Saturday 2PM through 10th
Camperall Orange Frontier District at Eldorado Park

11th Monday Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 7:00 PM

Veteran's Day



14th Orange Frontier District
Scouters' Roundtable

7:30 PM Roundtable is no longer held at the LDS church.



It is now held at Boys and Girls Club of Cypress
10161 Moody St, Cypress, CA **(2nd Thursday each month)**

16th Saturday AM Bowling
10 AM Cal Bowl in Lakewood north of
Long Beach Airport

18th Monday Troop 314 Meeting
American Legion Post 555
Starting at 7:00PM

23rd Fishing Seal Beach Pier
10AM - until fish start or stop biting!?

25th NO Meeting

Happy
Thanksgiving!!!



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

- Sir Robert Baden-Powell

Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Truman
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Ryan
- Quartermaster: Timothy



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.
- ** Usually no meetings are usually held on 5th Tuesday. These are saved for Fundraisers, (eating out) 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



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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.***



Contact Information Link

Please update your contact information as needed.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ALgJqX-iwYHBrTZ8xf7AuGKqIJv6FxyLLXZP3NjuVFk/edit?usp=sharing>

Here is the updated calendar link:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xC1YQ139Topl7ACL-iNrMHGAQHsn8S0Ak6TLk2l_0IU/edit?usp=sharing

Updated Activity / Camping sign-up link:

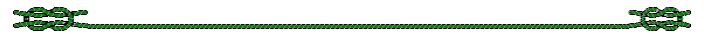
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Scout in Charge/Scout Leader Planning Sheet

This is the link to the planning document.

http://troopleader.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/512-505_16_Wksht_WEB.pdf

Please plan to use it when you are the assigned Scout in Charge of an Activity.

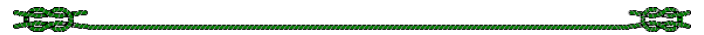


TROOP 314 WEBSITE URL is:

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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
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





Chaplains

Wisdom of the month:

Ecclesiastes 4:12

*Though one may be overpowered,
two can defend themselves. A cord
of three strands is not quickly broken*



TROOP 314: TOWER ABOVE THE REST!

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