



# TROOP 314 NEWS

## JULY 2014 AD ***SUMMER IS WINDING DOWN !***

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

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## Scoutmaster's Corner

For at least a couple of years now, I've had a piece of paper posted on the wall of my home office; on this paper are printed three things: 1) The BSA Mission Statement, 2) The Aims of Scouting, and 3) The Methods of Scouting.



"The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law."

"The aims of the Scouting movement are to build youth into quality citizens by building character, fostering citizenship, and promoting fitness."

The Methods of Scouting are:

- > Patrols
- > Ideals
- > Outdoors
- > Advancement
- > Association with adults
- > Personal growth
- > Leadership
- > Uniform

These are the things we adult leaders need to keep in mind, even as we haggle over the details of how we plan to achieve them.

In particular, I find myself going back repeatedly to the methods of Scouting, to remind myself that each of these is important -- none should overshadow the others. We sometimes have Scouts who focus only on rank advancement, and neglect the importance of being part of a patrol, camping outdoors, or wearing the uniform correctly. Then we have those who just want to have fun with the camping and other outdoor activities, and forget about functioning as a patrol, or continuing their education through advancement.

As we plan our program for the year, scheduling campouts, service activities, fundraisers, and advancement opportunities, let us not forget what guides us -- the above ideals and methods. Yes, patrol form and function is important! Yes, outdoor activities are important! Yes, advancement is important! And so on for all the methods of Scouting. And, you may ask, "what about fun"? Yes, that is important too, but there's nothing that says all of the above cannot be fun. Done right, it's all fun.

Yours in Scouting,

**Richard  
Marubayashi,  
Scoutmaster,  
Troop 314**



## SPL's Corner



Dear troop 314,

In the next few months, we have several fun events to look forward to. We are looking at a not-yet-decided on Halloween event, a kayaking trip, and a fishing trip combined with a train ride.

Listen for the announcements and look for the sign-up sheets at the troop meetings!

***Your SPL, Ian M.***



## Newest Troop 314 Eagle Scout Service Project has been completed!

Steven Y. completed his Eagle Scout Service Project this summer.



Congratulations, Steven.

## THINGS TO REMEMBER TO DO THIS MONTH:

➡ Sad to say, but now is a very good time to get that Summer “to do” list finished. School start is just around the corner!

Benches were fabricated and installed at the “Urban Forest” a small non-profit organization in Huntington Beach, who greatly appreciated the additional the benches, which allows volunteers there a place to rest.





## Summer Camp at Lost Valley 2014



Our official troop photo before heading to camp. All in class A uniforms.



In the mess hall.



Long, Viet, Martin, Austin, and Mitchel relaxing in front of their tents.



Our camp site.



Thanks to Mr. Tran and Mr. Bess for all the pictures!







Returning to campsite (Long, Martin, Mitchell, Gabe and Mr. Bess)



Swim Test.



First evening campfire gathering close up (Mr. M and the scouts)



Playing a board game about world domination (Elijah, Alex, Joseph, Owen) with Austin looks on.



Polar Bear team (Mr. Tran, Mr. M, Martin, Viet and Long)





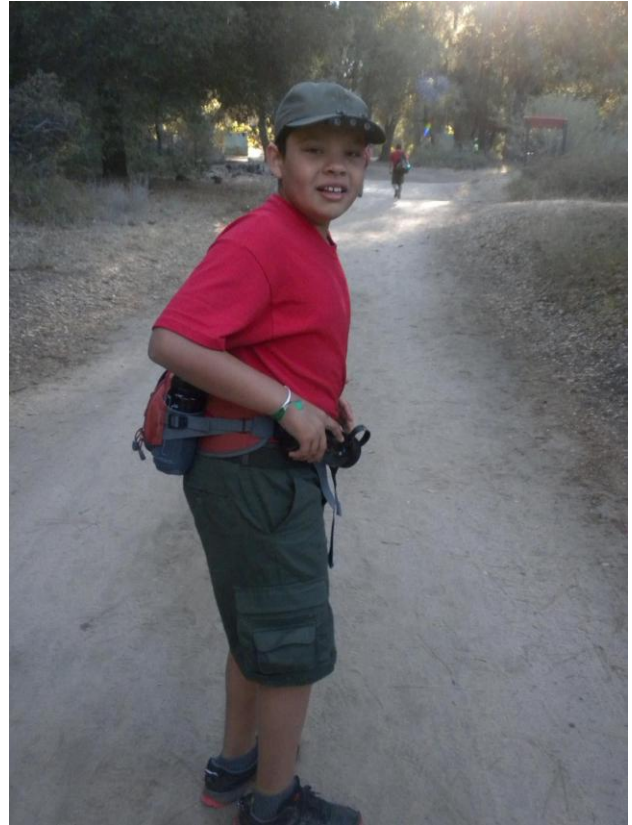
Polar Bear team in the water. This pool is spring fed daily (no chlorine) and is darned cool!



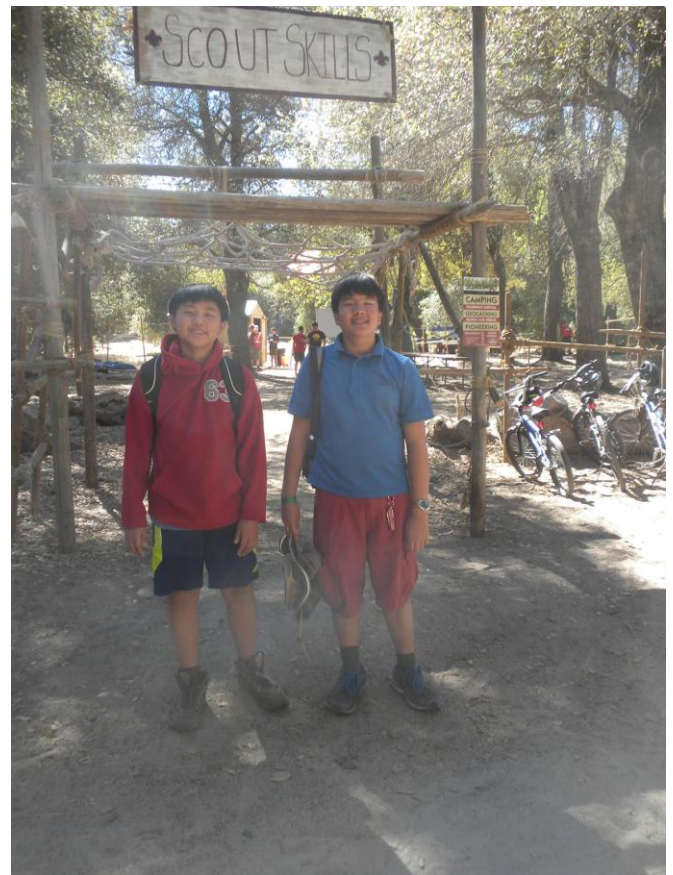
Mr. Tran and Mr. M were doing a dance routine to keep warm.



Polar Bear yoga!  
Now there are three words rarely used together.



We found Diego...



Viet and Martin in front of Scout Skills,  
finished with their Camping MB class session.





Biking to classes (Viet and Martin)



Gabe and Mr. Bess heading to noon-time gathering



Viet, Long and Martin in front of the Horse ranch for Horsemanship MB



In line for chow (Diego, Mr M, Mr. Bess, Viet, Long, Martin)



Joseph, Alex, Owen, Diego, Mitchell at noon-time gathering.



Playing board game in Mr. M's Trailer (Joseph, Gabe, Owen, Alex, Mr. M)





Mr. Bess noon-time inspection of inside of eyelids.



Viet in the water for his Life Saving MB.



First scouts at the lunch line (Martin, Mitchel, Austin, Gabe, Long and Viet).



The Scouts (Martin, Austin, Long, Viet, Mitchel) play cards during a break.



Austin and Elijah in Life Saving MB.







Long and Viet prepare to mount their horses



Ride 'em out.



Mr. "Rowdy Yates" Tran



On the trail again.



Mr. M and Owen on their horses







Mr. "Legend of the West" Bess



The riflemen group photo



Relaxing at camp T314



The horsemen group photo



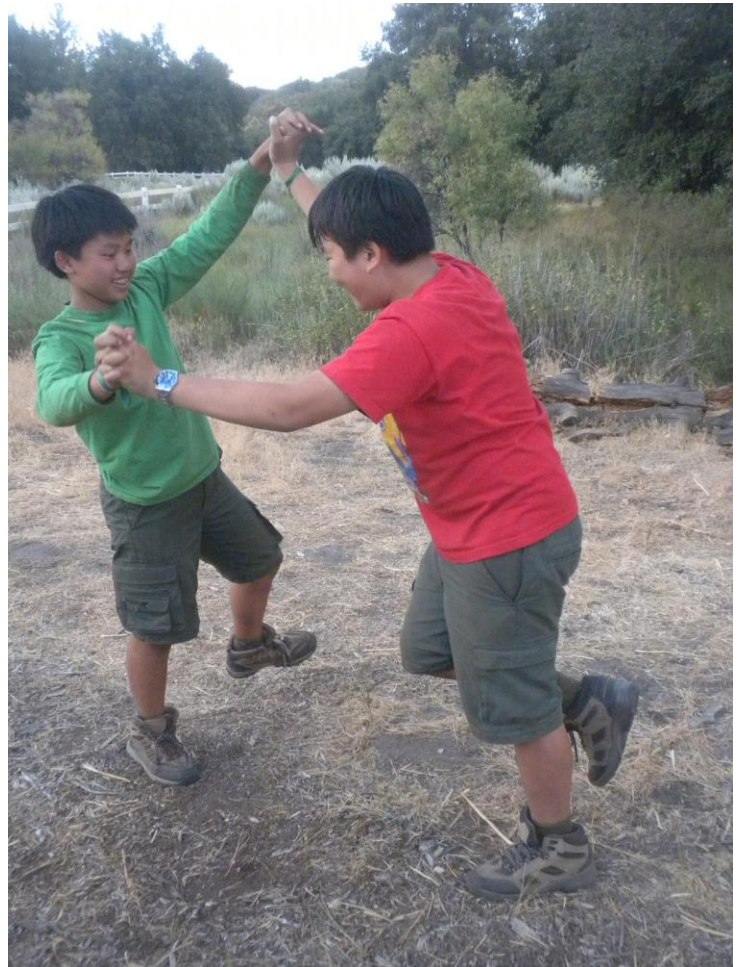




Other end of rope.



Tug-of-war the evening before leaving camp  
(Diego, Martin, Mitchel, Viet, Long)



Viet and Martin in some sort of Shaolin Kungfu  
match. Burned on tattoos optional.







The Scouts (Diego, Viet, Martin, Long, and Austin) pose for a quick photo in front of Archery range.



Cyrus coaches Gabe with his homework



Proud Dad with Sons Viet and Long in front of Archery range.



The number of pens recovered from Elijah's hair (over 200), some still missing....



Elijah shows off his new look with his friends (Martin, Austin, Long, and Viet).



The boys (Viet, Owen, Elijah, Long, Martin, and Alex) relaxing back in camp.



Camp staff serenade Scouts with their Happy Trails song.



## Homework Burn and Beach Party 2014 is a Success

June is traditionally the time of our family event at Bolsa Chica State Beach – a party and homework burn. This year we moved it this year to FRIDAY July 11<sup>th</sup> and it worked out fine.



Thanks to Mr. Le for the great pictures!



A little Shelter against the wind.



One hot pit – sure wish my skewer was longer!







And the question is two for me?



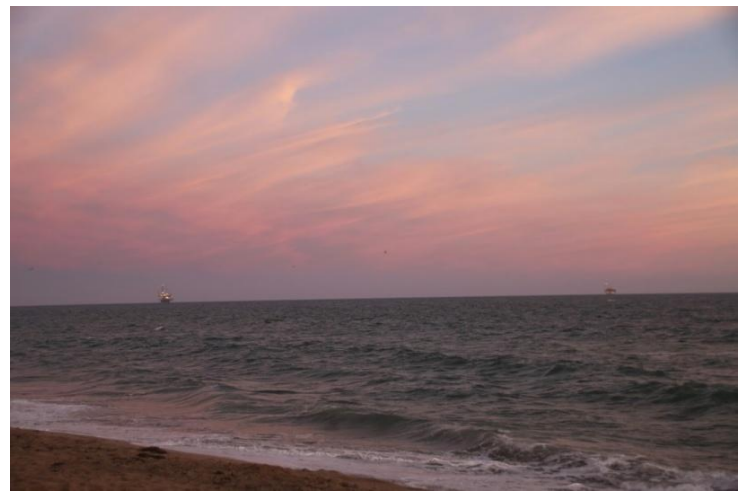
WOW! Beautiful sunset.



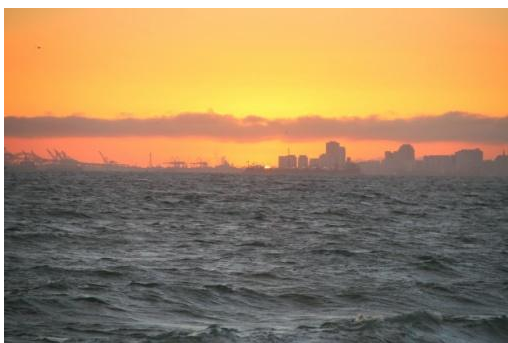
Massive hot dog skewer failure was rampant!







What an evening!



And a day ends and night begins





Bring on the night.



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## Troop 314 Consolidating Bull Sharks and Scorpion Patrols into the Autobots

The decision was made to combine the Bull Sharks and the Scorpions into one patrol.



## Troop 314 Historian's Report

In July 2014, the two patrols, Bull Sharks and Scorpions were consolidated into one patrol. Their new patrol name is Autobots. Since two patrols were combined, the skills and games would also be combined and performed at the troop meeting.



Next, Troop 314 had homework burn at the beach on July 11th, 2014, where a few scouts burned their homework in the bonfire. It was very fun and relaxing!

Then there was a Troop's summer camp at Lost Valley from July 20th through July 26th. All eleven scouts successfully earned their Boy Scouts Merit Badges. Not only that, Long T., Viet T., Mr. Tran, and Mr. Marubayashi earned their Polar Bear patch by swimming early in the morning at 6:00 A.M. for four consecutive days.

While most of the scouts were at the camp, Steven Y. performed his Eagle Scout Project by building two benches. His project went very smoothly and everything was completed with high satisfaction. Congratulations, Steven Y!

**Your Troop Historian, Viet T.**

## Troop 314 Service Projects:

The Troop has an open position for an Adult Service Project coordinator –

Parents - If you can help out to plan and file a tour permit, please let Mr. Hilton know!



We have some ideas floated at JLC for Troop Service projects:

First Saturday Stewards (at El Dorado Park Nature Center), the Orange County Food Bank, Ronald McDonald House, and Beach (Bolsa Chica) Cleanup.

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



The following is an activity for the Order of the Arrow:

40th Annual Lodge  
POW-WOW @ Lost Valley  
September 5-7, 2014

**Steven Y. the OA, Representative T314**



## Troop 314 Scribe –

### Junior Leadership Committee (JLC) Minutes for August 5th, 2014 AD



Leaders in attendance:

Elijah Bess, Gabe Bess, Martin Lee, Ian Marubayashi, Owen Marubayashi, Michael Milan, Robert Pearson, Long Tran, Viet Tran, Mr. Bess, Mrs. Hight, Mr. Marubayashi, Mr. Milan and Mr. Pearson

Events:

The theme of the month of August is Fishing and Water.

August 8th – 10th –American Legion Camporee

August 12th – Blue Phoenix- opening/set up  
Autobots- game, skill

August 19th- Meeting at Bolsa Chica Park  
Bring Water buckets and sprayers  
(Fun Day)

August 26th - Autobots- opening/set up  
Blue Phoenix- game, skill

August/September- There will be a kayaking Trip at Los Alamitos Bay. The date is not decided yet but all



choices of date include: August 16th, 23rd, 30th and September 6th.

September- There will be a fishing trip. (The date is not decided yet.) San Clemete Pier by Train is the idea.

- We will have a fun day of fishing, swimming, and picnics
- The date is not decided yet but choices of dates are September 13th, 20th, and 27th

October- There was the idea of doing a haunted house. We have not decided yet if we are doing a haunted house.

*Long T., Troop Scribe*



## BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES For August 2014:

*Alex B. 28-Aug*

*Ian M. 30-Aug*

*Both Scouts turn 17 this year!*

Have a Great Birthday, Scouts!



## Troop 314 NEW Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Ian M.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Own M.
- Blue Phoenix (RTFC) Patrol Leader: Martin L.
- Scorpion Patrol Leader: Michael M.
- Bull Sharks Patrol Leader: Michael M.
- Scribe: Long T.
- Quartermaster: Gabe B.

- Librarian: Elijah B.
- OA Representative: Steven Y..
- Chaplain's Aide: Robert P.
- Historian: Viet T.
- Web Master: Owen M.

## Open Positions in Leadership

- Troop Guide: \*
- Den Chief: \*



**Scouts - We need a Webelos Den Chief to attend Pack 314 meetings ~ once a month. This is an important post to represent our Troop and help bring in Webelos II to Troop.**

**\* See Mr. M. for details on these jobs.**

## 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.

**Blue Phoenix Patrol /  
Road To First Class (RTFC)**  
— Mr. Bess / Mrs. Hight



**Scorpions and Bull Sharks (Now AUTOBOTS)**  
- Mr. Hallman / Mr. Feiffer

## Meeting Night Patrols

Skill Patrol Leaders remember when you are planning the skills for the meeting, make sure that two levels of Skills should be worked out and that they are appropriate to the Troop Program Features Theme. It is best that everyone is (and can be)



involved. When possible – see if a competition or game & competition can be made out of your skills.

The patrol that has flag ceremony /setup / cleanup should show up by 6:45pm (earlier if it's a court of honor). It's the patrol leader's responsibility to make sure they do. ***This means picking up the phone to confirm communication received and understood.***

Email or text are OK, but are not a substitute for direct bi-directional **voice** communication – a confirmed Phone message – read back of message 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.

Dutch Oven Cooking is only done during specified meetings. For example, Hot dogs and cooking are usually done when we have Webelos visit.



## 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 Mr. Fieffer 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 parents and resources to get it done!**

## Activities:

### Archery

**Deep Sea Fishing** - Commercial ½ day Boat

**Ocean fishing** – Pier trip / Surf fishing – San Clemente has a good pier for fishing.

### Beach party

**Annual Homework Burn Bonfire (June)**

### Bowling

**Go Cart Racing (Family)**

### Hiking Trip

**Backpacking** - Hike in camp in wilderness of Orange County or our mountain backcountry

**Snow Day –** Grassy Hollow Visitors Center – Out of Wrightwood.

### Ski / Snowboard Trip

### Lazer Tag (Family)

### Air Soft Games (Family)

### Paint Ball (Family)

**Shooting Range** Could be a family or scout event depending what guns we want to shoot.

**BLM land / Desert Shoot –** High powered Rifle & Pistol shooting (Family event)

**Rock climbing** - Indoor Rock walls or natural climbs work as we have 4 BSA Climb Instructors in this troop and our own climb gear/rope!



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**Angel's Baseball Game**  
**Gold Prospecting**



**Swim – Pool or Summer Beach Trip**  
**Scuba Instruction**  
**Snorkeling / Beach Trip**  
**White water rafting**  
**Canoe River Trip**  
**Annual Mistletoe Trip**  
**Annual Homework Burn!**  
**Kayaking**  
**Picnic / BBQ**

**Bring on the Adventure!**



*Mr. Fieffer, Activities Chair*

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**Get out your Calendars and mark these dates!**

## **TROOP EVENTS FOR AUGUST 2014:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Friday night dinner canceled this month.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Executive Council Meeting @ Cypress Library 7 PM.**  
**- All Parents Welcome!**

**5<sup>th</sup> Junior Leadership Council (JLC) Meeting 6:30 PM @ American Legion Post 555.**

**12th Troop 314 Meeting at American Legion Post 555 starting at 7PM**

**Autobots have Skill/Game**  
**Blue Phoenix have Flag and Oath**  
**Parents Meeting Eagle Scout**  
**Project presentation – Robert P.**

**14<sup>th</sup> Orange Frontier District Roundtable**  
**LDS Church 4000 Orange Ave., Anaheim (2nd Thursday of each month)**



**19th Troop Meeting at Bolsa Chica park next to Eastwood Elementary School in Westminster.**

**Early Start time 6:30**

**“Water” theme – bring water shooting things and sports gear if not into getting too soaked.**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Popcorn kickoff meeting.**

**26<sup>th</sup> Troop Meeting at American Legion Post 555 starting at 7PM**  
**Scouts Patrol Meeting this night.**

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### **Troop 314 Meeting Notes:**

- The Second Tuesday is Scoutmaster Conferences.
- The Third Tuesday meeting includes Board of Reviews for Rank Advancement.
- Fourth Tuesday Meeting of Month is usually Parents Meeting.
- No meetings are usually held on 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday. These are saved for Fundraisers e.g.: Dinners.

**Court of Honors** are held 4 times a year, every three months – usually the last Scout meeting of month (except December).



In **March** and **September** 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. usually kept simple due to constraints of time).

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

↗ **AUG-SEPT Kayaking Alamitos bay (Naples) plus family picnic! – Date and Time to be announced**

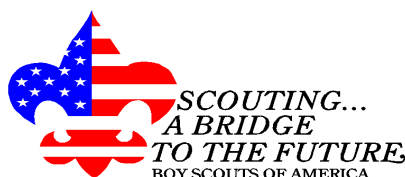
↗ **SEPTEMBER Fishing at San Clemente Pier / swimming picnic / Plus Train ride to and from! Best Date to be announced**

↗ **SEPT 5<sup>th</sup> First Friday Dinner**  
**Scouts Volunteered: Gabe, Robert and Viet.**

↗ **October 3<sup>rd</sup> first Friday Dinner at Post 555**

↗ **October 24<sup>th</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Webelos Woods at El Dorado Park.**

↗ **Webelos Activity Pin Day – TBD**  
**We are moving out of September as too busy a schedule.**



## NEW TROOP WEBSITE:

The Troop 314 website, URL is:

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



## 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 IN CHARGE – YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

If you are the Scout -in-charge of an outing, activity, service project, Eagle project, training, patrol meeting, etc, after your event, please turn in your attendance sheet to advancement chair so the participants can get credit for attending.

The log should include date, start & stop time, location, and the list of who attended. If it's a service/Eagle project, it should include the hours that each participant worked to the nearest half-hour.

If it's a camping trip, it should include number of nights camped for each participant.

It's important to turn in this information in a timely manner. Some scouts may need these activities for advancement. You can hand deliver a paper report or email it to the advancement chair.



**Mrs. Bess, Advancement Chair**



# Standard Elements of a Flag Ceremony

**FLAG BEARER:** The person who carries the flag - one flag per person. Hold the staff at a slight angle in front of the body or hold the folded flag in front of the body at waist level. The Flag Bearer stands silent and at attention throughout the ceremony and does not repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COLOR GUARD:** They guard the honor of the flag and watch to see that the flag does not touch the ground. They stand behind the flag bearer, or to each side if in a line of more than one flag. Two per flag is traditional, but any number may be used. They stand silent and at attention throughout the ceremony and **do not** repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COLOR GUARD COMMANDER:** The designated Scout who "calls out" the parts of the ceremony. Stands in front and to one side of audience.

**Raising and Lowering the Flag on a Flag Pole** - Raise the flag briskly, lower it slowly. When flying the flag at half mast, raise it to the top of the pole, then lower it to half mast. When taking the flag down from half mast, first raise it back to the top of the pole, then lower it slowly. (On Memorial Day, fly the flag at half-mast until noon then raise it to full staff for the rest of the day.)

**Carrying the Flag** - Always carry the flag aloft and flying free. When the flag is carried alone, there should be an honor guard to the left of it, or one on each side of it. When carried with other flags, the U.S. Flag should be in front of the others, or the right if the flags are in a line. Never dip the flag of the United States for any person or thing.

## Commands for a Standard Flag Ceremony

Said by the Color Guard Commander:

1. "Please stand for the presentation (or retiring) of Colors."  
*Note: Said before flags enter the room or begin motion.*
2. "Scouts, Attention."  
*Note: All Scouts stand at attention.*
3. "Color Guard, Attention."

4. "Color Guard, Advance."  
*Note: Color Guard advances to stage or flag pole, U.S. Flag is first in line.*
5. "Scouts, salute."  
*Note: The Color Guard stays at attention. Color Guard Commander and Scouts Salute.*  
**Scouts salute the flag any time it is in motion.**
6. "Color Guard, Halt."
7. "Will the audience please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance."  
*Note: Color Guard does not salute or recite the Pledge of Allegiance or sing the National Anthem. They stand at attention and guard the flags.*
8. "Two"  
*Upon this command, scouts lower their arm smartly to their side from the salute.*
9. "Color Guard, Post the Colors."  
*Note: Once the flags are posted into the flag stands, the color guard salutes the flag and then stands at attention. When retrieving the colors, the color guard first salute the flags before removing them from their posts.*
10. "Color Guard, reform. Forward."
11. "Color Guard, halt."
12. "Color Guard, at ease." (or "Scouts, dismissed" if this is the closing)  
*Note: The Color Guard Commander may direct the Scouts to be at-ease or to be seated.*

## Color Guard Commander's Cheat Sheet

Presenting the Colors:

1. Please stand for the presentation of the colors.
2. Scouts, attention.
3. Color Guard, attention.
4. Color Guard, advance.
5. Scouts, salute.
6. Color Guard, halt.
7. Will the audience please join me in the Pledge of Allegiance.
8. *(Pledge of Allegiance)*
9. Two.
10. Color Guard, post the colors.
11. Color Guard, reform. Forward.
12. Color Guard, halt.
13. Color Guard, at ease.
14. Audience, at ease.

Retiring the Colors:

1. Please stand for the retiring of the colors.
2. Scouts, attention.
3. Color Guard, attention.
4. Color Guard, advance.
5. Color Guard, halt.
6. Color Guard, retrieve the colors.



7. Scouts, salute.
8. Color Guard, forward.
9. Color Guard, halt.
10. Two.
11. Color Guard, at ease.
12. Audience, at ease.



Standard Ceremony info. courtesy of Troop 889, Woodlands Texas



*"A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy."*

- Samuel Adams



## SCOUT LEADER REQUIREMENTS:

### "Keeping you informed"

Our Boy Scout leaders should work on the items listed below during their tenure in this position. They may be asked what they did at the end of their service by Mr. M. If they do not do their job, they cannot expect to get credit for this position for advancement.

If your Scout needs guidance, he can go to Mr. Marubayashi, or his patrol advisor for help. Parents, we are listing scout responsibilities here so that you can be informed, and can remind your scout of his responsibilities too. This month we are highlighting:



## WHAT DOES the TROOP SCRIBE DO?

### Job Description:

The Troop Scribe keeps the troop records. He records the activities of the Junior Leaders' Council (JLC) and keeps a record of dues, advancement, and Scout attendance at troop meetings.

Reports to: The Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

Minimum Rank: 1<sup>st</sup> Class

### Troop Scribe duties:

- **Show up to meeting 15 minutes before meeting starts**
- Attend and keep a log of Junior Leaders' Council (JLC)
- Record attendance at troop functions.
- Work with the troop committee member responsible for finance, records, and advancement.
- Have good attendance at Troop meetings.
- Attends at least 2/3 of each event type during his service period.
- Set a good example.
- Enthusiastically wear the Scout Uniform correctly.
- Lives by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Shows Scout spirit.



## BSA "Sweet 16"

So you are planning an outing and you want to make sure you are ready. The first thing that crosses your mind is; "Will the scouts be safe on this outing"? Look no further. The Sweet 16 of Scouting will help set your mind at ease. Review these simple points before the outing and set your mind at ease. Few youth organizations encompass the breadth, volume and diversity of physical activity common to Scouting, and none enjoy a better safety record. The key to maintaining and improving this exemplary record is the conscientious and trained adult leader who is attentive to safety concerns.

As an aid in the continuing effort to protect participants in Scout activity, the BSA National Health & Safety Committee and the Council Services Division of the BSA National Council have developed the "Sweet Sixteen" of BSA safety procedures for physical activity. These 16 points, which embody good



judgment and common sense, are applicable to all activities.

### 1. QUALIFIED SUPERVISION

Every BSA activity should be supervised by a conscientious adult who understands and knowingly accepts responsibility for the well-being and safety of the children and youth in his or her care. The supervisor should be sufficiently trained, experienced and skilled in the activity to be confident of his/her ability to lead and to teach the necessary skills and to respond effectively in the event of an emergency. Field knowledge of all applicable BSA standards and a commitment to implement and follow BSA policy and procedures are essential parts of the supervisor's qualifications.

### 2. PHYSICAL FITNESS

For youth participants in any potentially strenuous activity, the supervisor should receive a complete health history from a health care professional, parent or guardian. Adult participants and youth involved in higher-risk activity (e.g., scuba) may require professional evaluation in addition to the health history. The supervisor should adjust all supervision, discipline and protection to anticipate potential risks associated with individual health conditions. Neither youth nor adults should participate in activity for which they are unfit. To do so would place both the individual and others at risk.

### 3. BUDDY SYSTEM

The long history of the "buddy system" in Scouting has shown that it is always best to have at least one other person with you and aware at all times as to your circumstances and what you are doing in any outdoor or strenuous activity.

### 4. SAFE AREA OR COURSE

A key part of the supervisor's responsibility is to know the area or course for the activity and to determine that it is well-suited and free of hazards.

### 5. EQUIPMENT SELECTION AND MAINTENANCE

Most activity requires some specialized equipment. The equipment should be selected to suit the participant and the activity and to include appropriate safety and program features. The supervisor should also check equipment to determine that it is in good condition for the activity and is properly maintained while in use.

### 6. PERSONAL SAFETY EQUIPMENT

The supervisor must ensure that every participant has and uses the appropriate personal safety equipment.

For example, activity afloat requires a PFD properly worn by each participant; bikers, horseback riders, and whitewater kayakers need helmets for certain activity; skaters may need protective gear; and all need to be dressed for warmth and utility depending on the circumstances.

### 7. SAFETY PROCEDURES AND POLICIES

For most activities there are common sense procedures and standards that can greatly reduce the risk. These should be known and appreciated by all participants, and the supervisor must ensure compliance.

### 8. SKILL LEVEL LIMITS

There is a minimum skill level requirement for every activity, and the supervisor must identify and recognize this minimum skill level and be sure that none are put at risk by attempting activity beyond their ability. A good example of skill levels in Scouting is the venerable "swim test" which defines conditions for safe swimming based on individual ability.

### 9. WEATHER CHECK

The risk factors in many outdoor activities vary substantially with weather conditions. These variables and the appropriate response should be understood and anticipated.

### 10. PLANNING

Safe activity follows a plan that has been conscientiously developed by the experienced supervisor or other competent source. Good planning minimizes risks and also anticipates contingencies that may require emergency response or a change of plan.

### 11. COMMUNICATIONS

The supervisor needs to be able to communicate effectively with participants as needed during the activity. Emergency communications also need to be considered in advance for any foreseeable contingencies.

### 12. PERMIT AND NOTICES

BSA tour permits, council office registration, government or landowner authorization, and any similar formalities are the supervisor's responsibility when such are required. Appropriate notification should be directed to parents, enforcement authorities, landowners, and others as needed, before and after the activity.

### 13. FIRST AID RESOURCES

The supervisor should determine what first aid



supplies to include among the activity equipment. The level of first aid training and skill appropriate for the activity should also be considered. An extended trek over remote terrain obviously may require more first aid resources and capabilities than an afternoon activity in the local community.

#### 14. APPLICABLE LAWS

BSA safety policies generally parallel or go beyond legal mandates, but the supervisor should confirm and ensure compliance with all applicable regulations or statutes.

#### 15. CPR RESOURCE

Any strenuous activity or remote trek could present a cardiac emergency. Aquatic programs may involve cardiopulmonary emergencies. The BSA strongly recommends that a CPR-trained person (preferably an adult) be part of the leadership for any BSA program. Such a resource should be available for strenuous outdoor activity.

#### 16. DISCIPLINE

No supervisor is effective if he or she cannot control the activity and the individual participants. Youth must respect their leader and follow direction.

In addition to these general rules, safety concerns in certain BSA activities, including most of the aquatics programs, have been specifically addressed in more detailed guidelines. All leaders should review and comply with such guidelines in the respective activities.

## The History of Scouting in Orange County California

Phil Brigandi is an historian, exploring the history of the Orange County Council. The following is an excerpt from his book "On My Honor: A Century of Scouting in Orange County, California":



Scouting in Orange County is as old as the Boy Scouts of America. Our first local troop was founded in Anaheim in 1910. Elmore B. Douglas (1877 – 1971), a local house painter and a Sunday School Teacher at

the First Methodist Church, heard about the new program and decided to give it a try. He wrote to the national headquarters for a handbook and other literature, and announced his plans to his students.

On October 20, 1910, the Anaheim Gazette reported: "Scout Master Douglas is meeting with much success in the organization of a local troop of Boy Scouts of America." It was the birth announcement for Orange County Scouting. The troop became known as Anaheim Troop 1.

## Chaplain's Aide's Inspiration of the month:



***Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.***

- 1 Timothy 4:12

**Robert P. Chaplin's Aide**

## Scout Law

**A Scout is:**

*trustworthy,  
loyal,  
helpful,  
friendly,  
courteous,  
kind,  
obedient,  
cheerful,  
thrifty,  
brave,  
clean,  
and reverent.*





## Scout Dutch Oven Eating Recipe of the Month

# Savory Stew with Biscuits



- 1 Beef Roast (1/2 lb. per person)
- 1 bottle Zesty Italian salad dressing
- 1 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1 large onion
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1 tsp. garlic salt
- 1 tsp. seasoning salt
- 1/2 cup corn starch
- 1 - 2 cans refrigerated jumbo biscuits
- 1 large Ziplock bag
- 2 - 3 1 lb. bags frozen vegetables.

Note: The onion can be omitted if the frozen vegetable package includes onion. It's nice to include a specialty mixture of vegetables for color and variety.) 1 package mushroom (or brown) gravy mix. Also, (a package of e.g., McCormick, beef stew seasoning can be used in place of the seasonings and corn starch)

The morning of the dinner, cut up the roast into bite-sized cubes, put the cubes in the Ziplock bag, and add the salad dressing and Worcestershire sauce. Seal the bag and knead to mix the contents. Put the bag back in the cooler until it is time to cook. It is best if the meat can marinate at least four hours (this imparts a wonderful flavor to the meat as well as tenderizes it).

Dice the onion, sauté in the butter in the Dutch oven. Then add marinated meat and spices and brown the meat. After the meat has browned, add the mixed vegetables and stir.

Mix the gravy mix with water in a separate cup per the instructions on the package and add to the stew. If there is not enough liquid to the mixture, add a little more water. Cover the Dutch Oven and allow to cook for about 1/2 hour.

Mix the corn starch with cold water in a separate cup until it is a thick liquid. Slowly stir this into the stew until it starts to thicken. Cover and allow to simmer for 5 - 10 more minutes, stirring frequently.

Pull the oven off the fire and uncover. Place jumbo biscuits on top of the stew leaving a small gap between the biscuits. Cover the oven and place the oven on a pile of coals, then place coals on the lid. Check until the biscuits are light golden brown.

Jim Lewis, SM Troop 1, Bartlesville, OK



## 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](https://my.scouting.org).

When 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 the plan, an email will be sent to your council, chartered organization, committee chair, and your designated emergency contact.

## BSA Climbing Resources URL

<https://sites.google.com/site/bsaclimbinstclass/materials>

## 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) 892-8508 for any follow up that is needed.

## The 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.***

**JOKES, JOKES,  
JOKES**  
***Have you heard this  
one?***



Q: Why does Michael J. Fox make the best smoothies?

A: He uses the best ingredients.

Q: What's gray and bad for your teeth?

A: A rock.

Q: Why couldn't Joe ride his bike to school?

A: Because Joe has no legs.

Jokes from Robert



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