



TROOP 314 NEWS

JUNE 2014 AD

SUMMER IS HERE !!!!

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

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Scoutmaster's Corner

This past weekend, I had what I like to call a "Southern California day".



The day started with an early morning hike in the mountains with all three of my boys. We hiked to the San Antonio Ski Hut, which sits all by itself at 8,300 feet at the foot of the "Baldy Bowl". The Hut belongs to the Sierra Club Angeles Chapter, and is available for overnight stays, year round, for both members and non-members. The boys thought it was really neat, and we will probably stay overnight some time.

On the way back down, we stopped at San Antonio falls to dip our feet in the water, and just play at the foot of the picturesque falls.

After driving home and reviewing our photos, we went to the beach. The wind was strong and the water choppy but quite warm, and I did catch a few waves on the bodyboard. On the drive home, I told Owen that this had been a "quintessential Southern California day", since we had hiked in the mountains and swum in the ocean on the same day. What a great place we live in!

I bring this up not to gloat about the great day we had, but for two reasons. One, I think the Troop should seriously consider an overnight trip to the San Antonio Ski Hut. The fee is quite reasonable, considering the uniqueness of the experience. You can only get to the hut by a 2.5 mile hike with a 2,200-foot elevation gain, and the location is

really quite remote. The hut has spring water running continuously, and there are two wood-burning stoves for heat and cooking (in fact, gas stoves are not permitted). The bunk room upstairs can sleep 16, and reminds me of the POW quarters in "Hogan's Heroes" -- rustic, but cozy. There is a window at each end, each with a fantastic view. For more information, see

<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/lodges/sanantonioskihut.html>.

The other reason for my story is just to remind you all of what a great place we call home. There are recreational opportunities galore within a short drive of our homes. At certain times of the year, it's possible to start the day with snow skiing in the morning, followed by surfing in the afternoon (especially when we get a Santa Ana condition).

We have camping, hiking, fishing, and hunting in the mountains, we have boating, swimming, and surfing in the ocean, and at the Channel Islands we can camp where sea lions outnumber the campers a thousand to one. We have one of the greatest of the National Parks, Yosemite NP, half a day's drive away (where I happen to be going in two weeks!). And the Colorado River is only a few hours away, also, and the desert between here and there offers many places to camp, rock climb, hike, and even explore caves!

With all these outdoor recreation opportunities, a Boy Scout Troop should be in seventh heaven. Our only problem is deciding what to do next! Whatever we decide, let's get out there!



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**Richard Marubayashi, Scoutmaster,
Troop 314**



SPL Corner

I wanted to thank all the leaders and a scouts for a great six months.



I learned a lot in the position of SPL. We had some rough moments where we lacked communication, but it all worked out well. Thank you to the patrol leaders for guiding your patrols. We should work on communicating well so we can be prepared to every meeting. Good luck to all the future leaders of the troop.

Your SPL, Noel J.



THINGS TO REMEMBER TO DO THIS MONTH:

- ➡ **Get out of School and sleep in for a week!**
- ➡ **June 24th is a Court of Honor - now is time for each patrol to load up your opportunity drawing basket.**
- ➡ **Attend a Meeting with your Patrol. (Combine your meeting with something fun - It's Summer!**

Chairman's Comment

We are need of more parent leaders or we run the risk of not having a functioning program.

Mrs.Gray announced that she will be stepping down as Treasurer since Steven is aging out.

She will remain acting until she can train some successor but she will leave the Troop by year's end. We also need a Recording Secretary, and a Service Project Coordinator.

With Mr. Gray leaving, we need a new Assistant Committee Chairman. I would like to train that person to be Chairman as I have been doing this job for four years and I think that five will be long enough such that some new perspective is desirable. A related issue is recruiting. Without new members, the Troop will essentially age out of existence in two years. That is a reason why the upcoming Belt Lop Event is very important. I encourage all to support it. I will be talking to parents in the coming weeks about these issues.

YIS, Mr. Mike Hilton,
Troop Committee Chairman



Scout O Rama 2014

This year we built and ran our trademark T314 tower - hoping this might do a better job of building up recognition and recruitment of Cub Scouts. Event went well and everyone who climbed it had a great time.



24th Memorial Day Weekend Saturday Flag Planting



26th Memorial Day Services and Troop Wreath walk up at Westminster Memorial Park



**Memorial
Day**
*Never Forget
Ever Honor*



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



OA Ordeal Lost Valley

Order of Arrow camp will be at Lost Valley on Friday, June 13th through Sunday, June 15th. OA candidates need to attend the ordeal camp to become the official member of OA.

If OA candidates cannot be able to make the ordeal camp at Lost Valley, please contact Tom Miller at (714)746-5235 for notification.

The make up ordeal camp might be Sept. 5th through 7th or Oct. 3rd through 5th at OSO Lake. 🇺🇸

Long T.OA, Representative

CUB SCOUT BELT LOOP DAY SATURDAY JUNE 28th

I have created a page of information about our upcoming Cub Scout Belt Loop Day, and put it on our website:

<http://troop314ocbsa.scoutlander.com/publicsite/unitcustom.aspx?UID=31465&CUSTOMID=81559>

There is also a note on the home page, calling attention to this event.

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

Please have a look at it and let me know if you think of any changes that should be made.

Richard M. - Scoutmaster



Troop 314 Scribe –

Junior Leadership Committee (JLC) Minutes for June 3rd 2014 AD.



Leaders in attendance:

Gabe B., Elijah B., Joseph G., Noel J., Martin L., Ian M., Long T., Viet T., Mr. Bess, Mr. Marubayashi, Mr. Pearson, Mrs. Hight, Mr. Tran, Mrs. Lee, and Mr. Hilton

- This month the troop will practice to teach skills at Belt Loop Day on June 28th to be held at Eastwood Elementary School from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.
- Hot dogs, chili, corn chips, coffee, cookies, water and Gatorade will be served at the Belt Loop Day.
- Each patrol must have a meeting each month.
- Blue Phoenix meeting is on June 8th.
- Each patrol needs theme for basket and prepares the basket for June COH where we will have an opportunity drawing. Each scout buys an item or items for his patrol basket theme.
- Cub Scout Day Camp is at St. Hedwig Church in Los Alamitos from July 28th to August 1st. Camp needs Boy Scout volunteers. Service hours can be earned 5 hours per day.
- Elections on new positions will be on June 10th.
- Troop's meeting will be at Bolsa Chica Park at 6:30 PM on June 17th. Scouts wear Class B uniform. Each patrol brings snacks.
- Homework burn will be on Friday July 11th, 2014.
- COH will be on June 24th and Gabe B. will MC. Desserts provided, Scouts bring sides, and main courses for potluck dinner.
- Troop's summer camp at Lost Valley from July 20th through July 26th.

TRUSTWORTHY
loyal
HELPFUL
friendly
KIND
cheerful
COURTEOUS
thrifty
brave
clean
reverent

June's theme: Practicing for Cub Scout Belt Loop Day

June 10th - Opening/set up – Blue Phoenix

June 17th - N/A

June 24th – Opening/set up – All Troops Bull Sharks can do Flag at Court of Honor
MC – Gabe B.

Viet T., Troop Scribe



BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES For June 2014:

*Robert P. 16 years
on June 11th*

*David V. 15 years
on June 15th*



Happy Birthday, Scouts!

Troop 314 Leadership

- Senior Patrol Leader: Noel J.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Ian M.
- Blue Phoenix (RTFC) Patrol Leader: Gabe B.
- Scorpion (Mid-Young) Patrol Leader: David V.
- Bull Sharks (Mid-Old) Patrol Leader: Joseph G.
- Scribe: Viet T.
- Quartermaster: Elijah B.
- Librarian: Martin L.
- OA Representative: Long T.
- Chaplain's Aide: Austin H.
- Historian: Alex B.



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 - Mr. Hallman

Bull Sharks - Mr. Feiffer

TRUSTWORTHY LOYAL HELPFUL FRIENDLY COURTEOUS KIND

words to live by™

OBEDIENT CHEERFUL THRIFTY BRAVE CLEAN REVERENT

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 message transmission.

No one in the patrol should leave until everything is cleaned up and put away, or the patrol leader releases them.

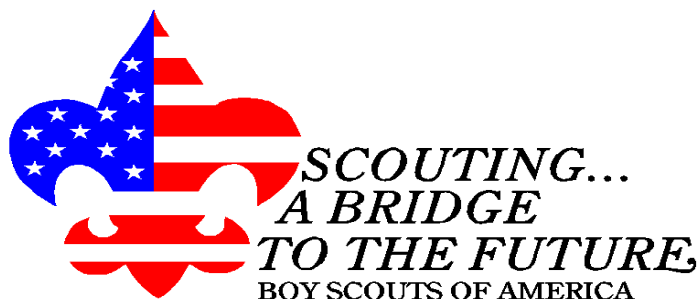


Dutch Oven Cooking is only done during specified meetings. For example, Hot dogs and cooking are usually done when we have Webelos visit.



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: (bring your own too!)

Archery

**Deep Sea Fishing - Commercial
Boat**

**Ocean fishing – Pier trip / Surf
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 all work



as we have 4 BSA Climb
Instructors in this troop and our
own climb gear/rope!

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

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

TROOP EVENTS FOR JUNE 2014:

**2nd Executive Council Meeting @
Post 7 PM. - All Parents Welcome!**

**3rd Junior Leadership Council
(JLC) Meeting 6:30 PM @ American
Legion Post 555.**

**7th First Friday Dinner (no first
Friday Dinner next month as is 4th
of July)**

**10th Troop 314 Meeting at American
Legion Post 555 starting at 19:00**

- **Set Up & Flag – Blue Phoenix**
- **TROOP ELECTION DAY**
- **Practice Skills for Cub Scout Merit
Badge Day**

**12th Orange Frontier
District Roundtable**
LDS Church 4000 Orange Ave.,
Anaheim (2nd Thursday of each
month)



**Mrs. Hight distributes Cub Scout Belt Loop
Day Flyer**

13th Scoutmaster's Birthday

**13th to 15th OA Ordeal Weekend
at Lost Valley. **



**17th Troop 314 Meeting IN THE
PARK **Class Bs.** (Bolsa Chica Park
in Westminster by Eastwood
Elementary School starting at 18:30**

- **Practice the Athletic belt loop
skills**

**24th Troop **Court of Honor
and Potluck Dinner at**
American Legion Post 555 starting at 18:30**

- **New officer Installations**
- **Gabe B. Master of Ceremonies**
- **Need all patrols in at 6:15 for dinner
setup!**

POTLUCK BREAKOUT:

Blue Phoenix – Bring a Side Dish

**Bull Shark and Scorpion Patrols bring a
Main Dish**

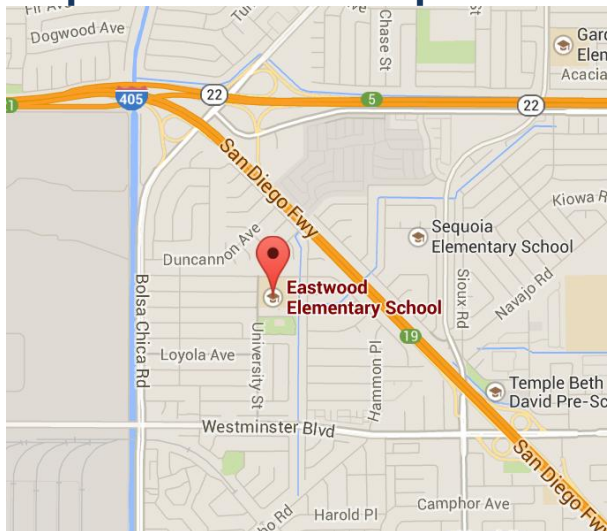
**Cake, drinks hot and cold, water, coffee
will be provided by Mrs. Pearson.**



28th SATURDAY Troop 314 Hosts a **Cub Scout Belt Loop Day!**

**At Eastwood Elementary School in
Westminster**

**9:00 AM to 14:00 or until all belt
loop events are completed.**



Cub Scouts and their parents are invited to join us for a morning of fun, food, and BELT LOOPS! The Cub Scouts Academics and Sports program is to be retired in 2015, so we wanted to provide Cubs a chance to earn them before they go away!

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 5th 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!

**JULY - NO First Friday
Dinner (Happy July 4th !)**



**JULY 11th HOMEWORK
BURN!**

**June is traditionally the time of
our Bolsa Chica State Beach party
and homework burn, but we are
moving it this year to FRIDAY July
11th –**



We will post the fire pit location – that is between which life guard tower numbers - the day of the event (when we secure a site) - on our Website!

**Pack 314 is welcome to join us!
This is a family event.**



Be part of the 50 Year Celebration!



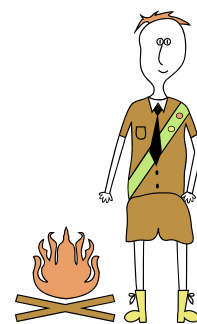
Cub Scout Day Camp

is at St. Hedwig Church in Los Alamitos from July 28th to August 1st. Looking for Scout volunteers...

**July 20th
to 26th
Summer
Camp
2014 @
Lost
Valley**



**American Legion
33rd Annual
BSA Scouting
Camporee
August 8-10th, 2014**



The date is August 8-10. This is 2 weeks later than the traditional "last weekend of July".

The location is Mataguay Scout Reservation, in San Diego County. This is fairly close to Lost Valley (11 mi SSW, as the crow flies). We've gone there for Summer Camp once in my memory (2011), and it was a great camp.

The deadline for us to register is June 28. Remember the time they had to cancel because not enough troops had registered in time? That was a very rare event, and we don't want it to happen again.

The cost is shown as \$12/person in the packet, but \$10/person on the website
<http://www.calegion.org/html/scouting.htm>).

I expect that the website is more accurate. This cost is traditionally borne by the AL Post 555.

There is much more information to come, as the date approaches. We will also start taking signups. Stay tuned!

Yours in Scouting,

Richard Marubayashi, Scoutmaster

Long Beach Sea Base

Aquatics Center Sea Scout Base sits in a beautiful corner of one of seven Long Beach marinas just a few blocks off Pacific Coast Highway. The base features indoor, outdoor, and aquatic facilities including a fully equipped upstairs kitchen, dining room, and meeting room overlooking the bay. Activities at the base include



- Summer Aquatics Day Camp
- Aquatic Conservation Training
- Aquatics Merit Badge Courses
- Marina Docking and Launching
- Lifeguard Skill Training

Long Beach Sea Base Aquatics Center
5875 Appian Way
Long Beach, Ca 90803
(562) 431-5309

For information and reservations call the Scout Service Center at (562) 427-0911

Scouts in the News

A Troop of Scouts visiting an upstate New York park rescued NBC News journalist Ann Curry after she broke her leg on a hike, making a splint and carrying the Emmy-winning broadcaster down a steep trail in a makeshift stretcher. The Scouts, from Troop 368 in Berkeley Heights, were hiking on a rocky trail in Harriman State Park on April 4 when they came across Curry, who was sitting on the ground with one leg out and appeared to be in pain, according to [Scouting magazine](#).

They didn't initially recognize the former "Today" anchor, but asked if she needed help. "She said, 'No, not really. I think I broke my ankle,'" said scouter Rick Jurgens. "She told us to keep going, but the guys refused." The Scouts splinted Curry's leg and tried to carry her down the steep incline. When they realized that wouldn't work, they made a makeshift stretcher out of sticks and a tarp and tested it to make sure it could bear weight. Then, according to Scouting, they picked up Curry, put her in the stretcher and carried her to the trail head, where her husband was waiting. The boys didn't realize who they had helped until after Curry left, when Jurgens told them that it was the famous journalist. A couple of weeks later, Curry sent a letter to each of the Scouts thanking them, saying they went "above the call of duty." In the letter, she said her leg was broken so severely that it would take 10 to 12 weeks to heal. "I feel enormously lucky you came along at just the right moment, and were so willing to help a stranger in need," Curry wrote. On Friday, she thanked the troop again in a tweet.

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



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 Chaplain Aid.



WHAT DOES A Chaplain Aide DO?

Job Description:

The Chaplain Aide works with the Troop Chaplain to meet the religious needs of the Scouts in the troop. He also works to promote the religious emblems program. Reports to: the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (and works with the Chaplain)

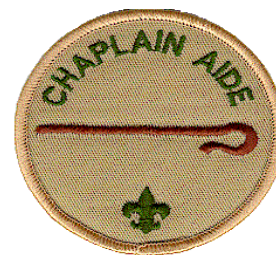


Chaplain Aide duties:

- Show up to meeting 15 minutes before meeting starts – Gives invocation.
- Keep troop leader apprised of religious holidays when planning activities.
- Assist Chaplain or religious coordinator in meeting the religious needs of troop members while on activities.
- Encourage saying grace at meals while camping or on activities.
- Tell Scouts about the religious emblem program of their faith.
- Help plan for religious observance in troop activities.
- Attends at least 2/3 of each event type during his service period.
- Set a good example.
- Enthusiastically wear the Scout uniform correctly.
- Live by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Show Scout spirit.
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Chaplain's Aide's Inspiration of the month:



Luke 11:4

Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.

- Austin Hallman Chaplain's Aide

The Buddy System

The buddy system provides safety and support for the Scouts. The policy of the Boy Scouts of America is for boys to be active but in groups of no smaller than two!

Scout Law

A Scout is:

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



Scout Trail Cooking:

“Five Ponds Fajitas”

2 large tortillas
3 ounces teriyaki beef jerky
2 ounces cheddar cheese
2 tablespoons salsa
¼ cup diced yellow onion, red pepper, green pepper. – these can be dehydrated vegetables.
2 tsp olive oil.

Rehydrate dried foods, Sauté onion, peppers, and jerky in olive oil. Spread in tortilla with salsa. Sprinkle on cheddar cheese, heat through and serve.

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://www.myscouting.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 Fleur-de-lis, the Boy Scout Emblem is Explained Here:



- 1 The three points of the trefoil stand for the three parts of the Scout Oath.
- 2 The shape of the Scout badge means that a Scout can point the right way in life as truly as does a compass in the field.
- 3 There are two stars on the badge. They symbolize truth and knowledge.
- 4 The eagle and shield stand for freedom and a Scout's readiness to defend that freedom.
- 5 The scroll bearing the Scout motto is turned up at the ends as a reminder that a Scout smiles as he does his duty.
- 6 The knot at the bottom of the scroll serves as a reminder of the Scout slogan, Do a Good Turn Daily.

Origin of the World Scouting Symbol “Fleur-de-Lis”

In Scouting’s early years, critics accused Baden-Powell of trying to turn boys into soldiers, holding up as evidence the Scout symbol, which they called “a spear-head, the emblem of battle and bloodshed”.

The Founder quickly replied, The crest is the “Fleur-de-Lis”, a lily, the emblem of peace and purity. In truth, he had chosen as Scouting’s emblem the sign for the North Point, universally shown on maps, charts and compass cards, because “it points in the right direction (and upwards), turning neither to the right nor left, since these lead backward again...” Lady Baden-Powell added later, “It shows the true way to go.”

Baden-Powell explained the origins of this sign. In the Middle Ages, mariner Flavio Gioja designed it to make the seaman’s compass more reliable. In Italian, North was “Tramontana”. Gioja used a capital “T” to mark it, and in deference to King Charles of Naples, whose crest was the Fleur-de-Lis, combined the letter with that emblem.



To explain the meaning of the Scout emblem, Baden-Powell said, “The two stars on the two side arms stand for the two eyes of the Wolf Cub having been opened before he became a Scout... The three points of the Fleur-de-Lis remind the Scout of the three points of the Scout’s Promise...”



In the World Scout emblem, the Fleur-de-Lis is surrounded by a circle of rope tied with a reef knot to symbolize the strength and unity of the world brotherhood of Scouting: “Even as one cannot undo a reef knot, no matter how hard one pulls on it, so as it expands, the movement remains united.”

The three tips of the Fleur-de-Lis represent the three main parts of the Scout promise: duty to God, obedience to the Scout Law, and service to others.



The two five-point stars stand for truth and knowledge, and the 10 points on the stars remind us of the 10 points of the Scout law. The ring holding the emblem together represents the bond of brotherhood. The symbol is white on a royal purple background, colors Baden-Powell

chose because, in heraldry, white stands for purity and purple for leadership and helping others.

Since Scouting began, over 200 million Scouts have worn the Scout symbol, making it one of the more highly recognized emblems in the world. Today, over 150 World Scouting countries and territories, more than 16 million members continue to wear it with pride.

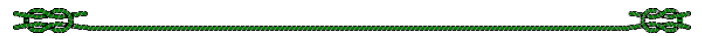


Hall Use at American Legion Post 555

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 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.



BSA Climbing Resources

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



“Adventure Pass” Passes away?

At the end of Silverado Canyon Road, where it hits the Maple Springs Trailhead, there’s a spot to park for folks planning a hike in the Cleveland National Forest. Signs there read: “Parked vehicles must display a forest Adventure Pass.” It’s one of many spots in Southern California national forests where the U.S. Forest Service requires visitors to buy the \$5 day pass or a \$30 annual pass.

However, an order handed down April 28 by a U.S. district judge may put an end to that requirement – as long as visitors don’t use toilets, picnic tables or other amenities.

U.S. District Judge Terry Hatter Jr. ruled the Forest Service can no longer charge fees for visitors who simply park and explore in undeveloped areas of Cleveland, Los Padres, Angeles and San Bernardino national forests. The ruling is the latest action in a lawsuit filed in 2012 by four hikers seeking to eliminate the fee for those wanting to hike in

parts of the four forests.

Federal law allows the Forest Service to charge a fee at developed areas with amenities such as a permanent toilet facility, a permanent trash receptacle and picnic tables. Fee revenue is used to operate, maintain and improve recreation sites, including cleaning restrooms, removing graffiti and replacing picnic tables.

Under existing policies, violators receive a notice to mail in the \$5 required fee when they are found parking at fee areas, said Jake Rodriguez, recreation and land officer at the Cleveland National Forest. But they could receive a citation, with a penalty of \$125, if they are observed using amenities or repeatedly violate the rule, he said. Silverado Canyon resident Mike Boeck said federal taxes should be payment enough. Boeck, who leads public hikes for multiple groups, said the fee "has the impact to deter people from accessing their public lands, especially the lower-income people."

John Heil III, spokesman for the Forest Service's Pacific Southwest Region, said his office is evaluating the court's decision and assessing next steps. In the meantime, forest visitors may park for free in any designated fee site, he said Monday. However, visitors must display a valid Adventure Pass if they use one of the site's amenities.

"The agency has to come up with solutions on how to comply with the law," said Matt Kenna, one of the lead attorneys for the hikers. "You can't just assume that somebody is using the amenities just because they are parking there."

The Forest Service has been overhauling the fees system nationwide, spurred in part by similar lawsuits. Like Hatter, multiple judges across the country have backed visitors' claims that a 2004 federal law prohibits charging a fee just for driving through or parking in recreation areas. The Forest Service responded by studying all 97 of its fee areas and is looking to drop fee requirements for 73 of them while reducing boundaries for the other 24.

This came off an offroader blog- Not sure who to attribute it to as passed on in email to me by Mr. Fieffer – NLE



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

- Robert Baden-Powell

National Youth Leadership Training

Scouts, do you want to be a top notch leader? Come join us at the end of June for a week of fun and learning. You will be equipped with the skills needed to effectively lead your scout troop, crew or ship.

See our youth-developed video for an overview of the NYLT course:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sOECnf6fH8M>

The NYLT course simulates a month in the life of a unit. It is a six-day course, held at Lost Valley. It reinforces and expands upon Be-Know-Do leadership. As a leader you will utilize the Teaching EDGE(TM) for the Scouts to learn a number of leadership skills and concepts. The youth will learn about the stages of team development and how to match the most appropriate leadership style with the developmental stage of the individual or team. The course has many challenges for the candidates, including its culmination where they undergo a quest for the meaning of leadership, which they then present to the entire NYLT troop.

2014 NYLT Program Week starts Saturday, June 28 – Check-in 10:00 AM at Temecula Ralphs. Course begins 11:30 am at Lost Valley. Bring your own lunch. Thursday, July 3 – NYLT Ends 5:00 PM Parents are invited to attend the "Quest for the Meaning of Leadership" presentations at 2:30 pm and/or the closing campfire at 4 pm.



Troop 314 will pay the NYLT costs for Scouts who want to get this training.

JOKES, JOKES, JOKES
Have you heard this
one?



You Might Be a Scoutmaster if:

- You gave your wife a mummy bag rated for -15 ° F for Christmas.
- Most of your wardrobe is olive drab or khaki.
- You didn't mind losing power to your house for three days.
- You raise your hand in the scout sign at a heated business meeting.
- You keep a bucket of water by your side while cooking dinner.
- You can stare at a spider web for an hour, and not notice the time passing.
- You carry your own toilet paper wherever you go.
- You always read by a flashlight.
- You hoard tent stakes.
- You decide to lash together the new deck on the back of your house.
- You disconnect the automatic dishwasher in favor of the "3 pot method".
- You cannot walk by a piece of trash without picking it up.
- You carry a first aid kit the size of a military duffle bag in your car.
- Your pots and pans are all black.
- You open letters with a pocket knife.
- You plan to serve foil meals at your next dinner party.
- You have something on your shoe...and you're sure it's only mud.
- You know 365 one pot meals.
- You actually own a left-handed smoke shifter.
- You buy your shampoo in little tiny bottles.
- You have to urge to help little old ladies...whether they want it or not.
- Everything in your cupboard says "instant, just add water".
- You really do use those emergency sewing kits.

One more painful Joke:

In Alaska, tourists are warned to wear tiny brass bells on their clothing when hiking in bear country. The jingle of those little bells warn away MOST bears before hikers can startle them, but they don't do much for the Kodiak brown bears. For this reason tourists are cautioned to watch the ground on the trail, paying particular attention to bear droppings to be alert for the presence of Kodiak/brown bears. The good news is one can easily recognize Kodiak brown bear droppings. They are the only ones that contain tiny brass bells.



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.***

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