

TROOP 314 NEWS

November 2013 AD Edition

BSA Troop 314 / Orange Frontier District Westminster California

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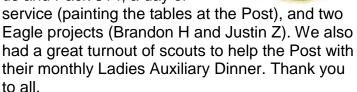
And Much More!

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Scoutmaster's Corner

I hope everybody had an enjoyable October.

We had an important camping event (Webelos Woods), a very fun Halloween party for us and Pack 314, a day of



November always seems like a short and busy month, and this will be no exception. We have decided to have, as always, no meeting the week of Thanksgiving. We have already had our day of service at the Post dinner (another good turnout), a sleepover at the Post, and the Scouting for Food collection (thank you, Mrs. Yaghoubi).

We also need to accomplish the selection of a new JLC (Junior Leader Council) before we break for Thanksgiving. Elections will be on the 12th, and appointments will be announced on the 19th.

We will also be planning a winter snow camp, which should be great fun.

As it turns out, next month will be a short month also, because Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve fall on Tuesdays, so there will be no meetings then.

And we will be having our winter Court of Honor on December 17.

With two short months -- there will be only 3 regular troop meetings between them -- we will have to be especially organized to accomplish our goals: Having a "changing of the guard", a Court of Honor, and planning a snow camp. And, throughout it all, enjoy the holidays!

I call on everyone -- the youth as well as the adults -- to do whatever they can to help this be a success.

Thank you, and I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Yours in Scouting,

Richard Marubayashi, Scoutmaster, Troop 314





1st Nov- First Friday Dinner at Post

555 We did a good job from dishwashing, table bussing - to final clean up and breakdown. Thanks Scouts!



12th Saturday. Eagle Project Brandon H.

Brandon H. built a lockable skate board rack for his Eagle Project to be installed at Marie L. Hare School.



Mr. Wantz, is on the job.





Brandon demonstrates how to do it.



Gabe gives it a go.





Getting closer with Mr. M.s help.



Scouts grab some lunch.





Almost ready to hang up skateboards!



13th Sunday - TROOP SERVICE PROJECT Cleaning and Painting Tables on the Post 555 Patio.

On Sunday, October 13, ten scouts and seven adults from Troop 314 put in four hours of labor at the Post, repainting the picnic tables on the patio.

We scraped, brushed, sanded, and painted all seven tables. The Post provided the paint, but I admit that some of it went home with the scouts -- on their clothes! Hope they don't charge us! Mr. Pearson also put in some serious labor scraping the gum off the patio, and did a great job of it.

It's always great to get a chance to give back to the organization that gives so much support to us. Thank you to all the Scouts and Scouters who chipped in.



Sean puts his back into it, removing tacks from the underside of a table.



Ever heard of flipping houses? Here, Eli, Martin, Mr. Tran, and Long prepare to flip a table.



Owen rolls the paint on the bottom of a bench.



Martin, Viet, and Long demonstrate teamwork.



18th 19th and 20th of October Webelos Woods at Irvine Lake

This year's Webelos Woods was a bit unusual -the Orange Frontier District joined forces with the
Canyons District. They had already arranged to
hold the event at Irvine Lake, so that's where it
was held, and it was a great place! We had a
great view of the lake, and the site itself had a
great, hilly terrain, with lots of grass and trees.
The eating area, with picnic tables, was flat and
shaded. We had a great view of lake and a full
Moon Saturday added to the ambiance.

Troop 314's contingent was actually one of only two troops from the Orange Frontier District to participate, and the Canyons district was happy to have us, with our tower. The other troop was 440, who provided

food service for the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts from our district. Our scouts also supported them by putting in service cooking and serving at mealtime.

Mr. M. and Mr. P. arrived early on Friday to get started building the tower, and had it mostly built by the time the scouts started arriving. With the boys help, we were able to complete it, and set it upright on Saturday morning. With the finishing touches -- the ladder, the banner, the flags, and an umbrella on top, we were ready for business. The Cub Scouts were not able to begin climbing

the tower until the afternoon, but when they came, they came in droves. Our tower crew was kept very busy belaying the Cubs up the tower, and keeping them safe while they got a taste of Boy Scouting.

The only misfortune we had was on Sunday morning, when Mr. Pearson's truck refused to start. We tried many things, including pushing it, but in the end he had to call for a tow from the auto club. Once the tow

truck arrived, everyone was able to leave. Mr. Pearson's truck was towed safely to his house and was back in service (with new starter) two days later.

I'd like to thank all the boys who helped, both with the tower, and with the food service. It was a fun and successful event!

SM - Mr. Marubayashi

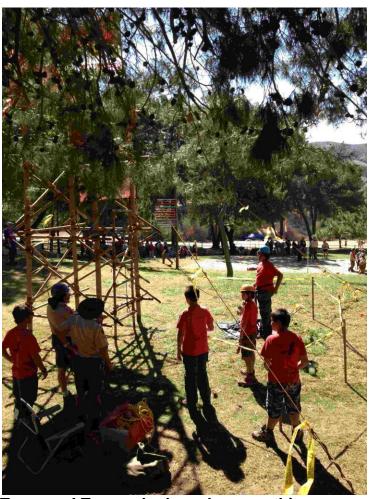


Mr. M. - First to arrive, last to leave.





Scouts building a ladder for the tower. Our Customers are Webelos – so the point here is fun - not a scary climb – we want to see them again!



Tower up! Trees, shade and grass - this was easy duty!



Getting ready for business.



Tower is ready for business.



Now waiting for the Webelos Scouts to show up. Nice shade here, though.





Mr. Bess and Mr. Tran in good spirits.



Getting ropes straightened out.



Eli enjoys the view.

Belay On! Not the easy job.



A lot going on at the top. Flags, Troop 314 banner and an umbrella!



Going home the hard way.

Oct 26th Eagle Project - Justin Z.

Here are some pictures from my Eagle Project – Installing sprinkler system at the Shipley Nature Center on October 26th.





Steven Y. works on some plumbing.



Mapping out where the plumbing will run.





Finishing up the Job.

A big thank you to the Scouts and Scouters from Troop 314 who came out to help. They really helped make my Eagle Project a success: Mrs. Bailey, Mr. Hallman, Austin H., Steven Y. and Eden Bailey

Thank You, Justin Z.



29th Troop Halloween Party

We invited the Troop 314 Cub Scout Pack in and had a full house – it was quite a party!



Great costumes – Digital Man.



Bull Shark Patrol runs their "Zombie Toss".



Moms have a go too.



A lot going on here.



Mrs. Dantas and Vick run the bowling game.



Mrs. Hight talks to a pirate ghoul.







Rob and Alex break for a snack



Getting ready for some Mummy races.





Mr. M and Mr. Fieffer man Ghoul basketball



Yikes!



Mr. Bess looking good.



Yikes again!

Wiatava Lodge (#39) Santee Chapter News Announcement To Wiatava Brothers

November 21st – Chapter Banquet Santee Brothers, Family and Friends:

You are invited to Santee Chapter Dinner. Thursday, November 21st 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Holy Cross Lutheran Church 4321 Cerritos Avenue | Cypress, CA

Dinner is \$5.00 per person – Max of \$20.00 for a family.



nelsavery@yahoo.com

January 4th - Lodge Banquet





First Dues Payment of

\$65 is requested now from our Treasurer. This can come from Scout account.







Please collect your food and make donations to the Second Harvest Food bank. Let Lena Yaghoubi know your Scout participated.

Troop Program Features

Troop 314 is using the "Troop Program Features" resource to help us plan meetings around a theme that is aligned with skills, values and outdoor adventures that are expected from Scouting.

Each program feature includes meeting plans and an outing plan. Because each theme is so packed with suggestions, we may carry a theme through two months of meetings.

The complete set of three volumes is available from the BSA Website, "Scouting.org" - the link is provided below.

http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/Resources/TroopProgramFeaturesVol_I_III.aspx

This resource is just a guideline, we do not have to do all the suggested activities.... we can pick the ones that interest us and expand on them - only limited by our energy and creativity...





Help Wanted - The District is looking for Merit Badge Counselors for the following badges that do not have counselors: Archaeology, Kayaking, Rowing, Whitewater, Insect Study, Nuclear Science, and Sustainability*. (Sustainability is a new Eagle required option instead of Environmental Science.) If you would like to be a Merit Badge Counselor for these or any other merit badges, please see the Advancement Chair for forms.

Help Wanted – PALA Chair Person.



Job description: Hand out and collect PALA forms for 2014 Journey to Excellence. Keep track of who has and has not returned the forms. Remind those who have not turned in forms to turn them in. Print names on PALA certificates for Court of Honor. Report to Advancement Chair.

Diane Dantas. Committee Advancement Chair





Journey to Excellence

Thanks to Mrs. Dantas for all her good work. We are on track to earn Gold Unit Award this year!



(Next Year we will again have to do PALA and Scout physical fitness to achieve this goal)

Troop 314 Scribe -

Junior Leadership Committee (JLC) Minutes for October First 2013 AD.



Troop 314 Scribe - Junior Leadership Committee (JLC) Minutes for November 5th, 2013

Leaders in attendance:

Brandon Hight, Steven M., Andrew M., Ian M., Owen M., Michael M., Long T., Mrs. Hight, Mrs. Lee, , Mr. Martel, Mr. Marubayashi, , and Mr. Tran.

Events:

The theme of the month of November has been changed. We will no longer pursue building carts, as was not much interest in actually building them. The plan now is to prepare and plan for a snow camp in Jan or February of 2014.

November 9th- Last day to turn food for Scouting for Food – can still do this on your own though by dropping to Second Harvest Food Bank collection sites and letting Mrs. Yaghoubi know.

November 12th- Troop elections for SPL, and Patrol Leaders

> Opening/set up- Scorpions Skill- Bull Sharks Game- Poltergeist/Phoenix

November 17th - Road to First Class meeting at Eldorado Park at 1:30 P.M.

November 19th- Rest of the positions filled in Troop Leadership

> Opening/set up- Poltergeist/Phoenix Skill-Scorpions Game- Bull Sharks Mrs. Lee delivers rest of popcorn

November 26th - No Meeting - Happy Thanksgiving!

December 10th- Last day of SMC or Board of Review – last one before the December COH.

December 17th- Court of Honor - Gift Exchange

Christmas Caroling (Tentative)

December 24th - No Meeting - Happy Holidays!

December 31st - No Meeting - Happy New Years

Road to Excellence- after 2014, doing sit ups

LONG T., Troop Scribe





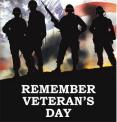


Veteran's Day 2013



In the USA, Veterans Day annually falls on November 11th. This day is the anniversary of the signing of the armistice, which ended the World War I hostilities between the Allied nations and Germany in 1918. This brutal war was called the "war to end all wars".

Veterans Day is a time to honor and thank all military personnel who served the United States in all wars, particularly living veterans. It is marked by parades and church services and in many places the American flag is hung at half mast. A period of silence lasting



two minutes may be held at 11am.

So honor this day and the men and women who were willing to stand in the breach and protect America and what she stands for. Thank a Vet for your freedom!

Troop 314 Leadership

Senior Patrol Leader: Steven M.

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Alex B.

• Blue Phoenix (RTFC) Patrol Leader: Austin H.

Scorpion (Mid-Young)Patrol Leader: Michael M.

Bull Sharks (Mid-Old) Patrol Leader: Andrew M.

Poltergiest (Venturer) Patrol Leader: Ian M.

Scribe: Long T.

Quartermaster: Owen M.

• Troop Guide: **OPEN**

Chaplain's Aide: Erick Vick

Historian: *OPEN*Den Chief: *OPEN*

Scouts - We need a Webelos Den Chief to attend Pack 314 meetings See Mr. M.

Librarian: Jon F.

OA Representative: Long T.

Troop Bugler: Andrew M.

honor). It's the patrol leader's responsibility to make sure they do. *This means picking up the phone to confirm*.

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.

Camping Green

Mess kits are used on 99.889 % of Troop campouts – If in doubt, bring yours!







Never esteem anything as of advantage to you that will make you break your word or lose your self-respect. - Marcus Aurelius



Mark Your

Calendars! TROOP EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

2013 AD:

1st First Friday Dinner at Post 555 (Good work Scouts!)

4th Executive Council Meeting @Cypress Public Library 7 PM

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.

Road To First Class (RTFC)
Blue Phoenix Patrol – Mrs. Hight

Scorpions - Don Hallman

Bull Sharks - Mr. Feiffer

Poltergeist - Open

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

5th Junior Leadership Council Meeting 6:30 PM @ American Legion Post 555.

11th is Veterans Day.

12th Troop 314 Meeting at American Legion Post 555 starting at 19:00

Troop Elections! SPL and Patrol Leaders

Troop Program Feature Snow Camp

- Flag & Setup Scorpions
- Skill Bull Sharks
- Game Poltergeist and Blue Phoenix

14th BSA Orange Frontier District Roundtable at: LDS Church 4000 Orange Ave., Anaheim (2nd Thursday of each month)



17th Road To First Class

Mrs. Hight intends to have Scouts do their orienteering course at either El Dorado Park.

19th Troop 314 Meeting

American Legion Post 555 starts at 19:00 Board of Reviews

Popcorn order delivered.

Troop Program Feature Snow Camp

- Flag & Setup Poltergeist and Blue Phoenix
- Skills Scorpion Patrol
- Game Bull Sharks

26th No Troop Meeting



28th Happy Thanksgiving



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.

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.

In **June** and **December**, our COH do not have candles and rank advancement pins, but we add a potluck dinner in June – (Optional in Dec).





UPCOMING EVENTS!

Court of Honor on 17-December

No Meetings 24th Dec. and 31st Dec. (Christmas Eve and New Years Eve!)

January 2014 Electronic Game Night Camp at Eldorado Park

January 6th Exec Council Meeting

Snow camp in January or February, and the planning is to start this month of November.

Camporee 2014 (may be at Irvine Lake) April 25th, 26th and 27th



BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES For November 2013:

Long T. 13 Years Old 17-Nov

Brandon H. 18 Years Old 25-Nov

Happy Birthday, Scouts!



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 remember to turn in your attendance sheet to me (Mrs. Dantas) 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 me.

Thank you, Mrs. Dantas



The Buddy System

The buddy system is an important part of Scouting that 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 LEADER REQUIREMENTS:

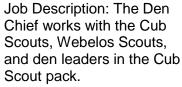
"Keeping you informed"

Keeping You Informed

Again this month we are highlighting one Scout Troop Leadership position in "What Does A _____ Do?" series, so that we can all be aware what is expected of scout in leadership, and help them to succeed by assisting and encouraging.

Den Chief

(Optional, but important Troop position!)





Reports to: The Den Leader in the pack and the Assistant Scoutmaster for the New Scout Patrol in the troop.

Rank: 1st Class

Den Chief Duties:

- Serve as the activities assistant at den meetings.
- Meet regularly with the Den Leader to review the den and pack meeting plans.
- If serving as a Webelos Den Chief, prepare boys to join Boy Scouting.
- Project a positive image of Boy Scouting.
- Know the purposes of Cub Scouting.
- Encourage Cub Scouts to join a Boy Scout troop upon graduation.
- Help out at weekly den meetings and monthly pack meetings.
- Attends at least 2/3 of the den meetings/events during his service period.
- Be a friend to the boys in the den.
- Set a good example.
- Wear the Scout uniform correctly.
- Live by Scout Oath and Law.
- Show scout Spirit.

Chaplain's Aide's Inspiration of the month:

Dear Lord; we beg but one boon more: Peace in the hearts of all men living, peace in the whole world this Thanksgiving. -Joseph Auslander



Scout Trail Cooking: Mary Ruth's Honeymoon Chili Recipe

Ingredients:

1 to 1¼ pounds lean ground beef or turkey ½ cup bread crumbs, finely ground

1 large onion

1 – 2 cloves garlic

3 Tbsp Chili Powder

1 15 oz. can kidney or red beans, drained

1 10 oz. can tomato puree

1 14 oz. can diced tomatoes

In the kitchen:

Work bread crumbs into ground meat with your fingers and set aside for a moment. I add bread crumbs because dehydrated meat infused with bread crumbs rehydrates better on the trail. Also, the bread crumbs absorb and lock in more of the chili flavor. If you are not planning on dehydrating this chili recipe for backpacking, there is no need to add bread crumbs to the meat. You can make your own bread crumbs by dehydrating bread and crushing with the smooth edge of a meat tenderizing mallet.

Sautee onions and garlic in a little olive oil using just enough to coat the pan. It really helps to use a non-stick pan. Add ground meat and cook for about ten minutes until browned, stirring continuously. Add chili powder and cook for one more minute. Add tomato puree, diced tomatoes, and drained beans. Cook until

bubbling and then reduce heat to a simmer for one hour.



Dehydrate:

Have a taste and put the rest in the refrigerator overnight. The extra time enhances the flavor. Hitting the trail in the morning? Start dehydrating immediately.

Spread chili out on dehydrator trays covered with nonstick Paraflexx® Sheets or parchment paper. Dehydrate at 125° for 8 – 10 hours. This recipe took up three 15 x 15 Excalibur Dehydrator trays. After about four hours in the dehydrator, break up any meat and beans that might be stuck together with a spoon or your fingers to expose pieces to more air circulation.

Once dry, divide dehydrated chili into one cup or larger servings and pack in plastic zip-lock bags. Yield: Five cups weighing about 12 ounces dry.

On the Trail:

Combine one cup chili with one cup water and let sit for about five minutes. If you are cooking a larger serving, just add an equal part of water to your dried chili. Light stove, bring to a boil and continue cooking for one minute. Remove from stove and place pot inside insulating pot cozy for ten minutes. Stir and enjoy. Garnish with crackers or dried pita bread chips.

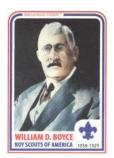


Courtesy of backpackingchef.com

In the Beginning

The Boy Scouts of America is an organization founded on the principles of service to others. The story of how it was actually founded is a heartwarming story.

One day in 1909 in London, England, an American



visitor, Chicago newspaper publisher William D. Boyce, lost his way in a dense fog. He stopped under a street lamp and tried to figure out where he was. A boy approached and asked if he could be of help.

"You certainly can," said Boyce. He told the boy that he wanted to find a certain business office in the

center of the city.

"I'll take you there," said the boy.

When they got to the destination, Mr. Boyce reached into his pocket for a tip. But the boy stopped him.

"No thank you, sir. I am a Scout. I won't take anything for helping."

"A Scout? And what might that be?" asked Boyce. The boy told the American about himself and his brother Scouts. Boyce became very interested. After finishing his errand, he had the boy take him to the British Scouting office.

At the office Boyce met Lord Baden-Powell, the famous British general who had founded the Scouting movement in Great Britain. Boyce was so impressed with what he learned that he decided to bring Scouting home with him.

On February 8, 1910, Boyce, with the help of Edgar M. Robinson (YMCA) and Ernest Thompson Seton



(Woodcraft Indians) founded the Boy Scouts of America. Robinson and the YMCA ran summer camps with outdoor activities. Seton had a fascination with the wilderness that led him to become a naturalist, an artist and an author. His many volumes of Scoutcraft became an integral part of Scouting and made nature study an important part of the Scouting program. He was the first Chief Scout of the BSA in 1910.

Daniel Carter Beard (Sons of Daniel Boone) soon became a founder when he merged his own boy's organization with the BSA. As the first Scout Commissioner, Beard helped to design the original Scout uniform and introduced the elements of the First Class Badge.





Tour and Activity Plans – Online Only!

The time has come to move forward with online Tour and Activity Plans. We will no longer accept emailed, faxed or walked in Tour and Activity Plans.

Many of you have already been using the online 100% and we Thank you. For those who have not, now it your time to do it. Effective date - After November 15, 2013 the council will only accept/process ONLINE Tour and Activity Plans.

Online Tour and Activity Plan is the only way. It is simply the tool to help leaders be prepared for a safe and fun adventure. It helps you ensure trained leadership is in place as it verifies training of adults going.

Use the online version ONLY. It is a unit-level tool when you sign into MyScouting.org.

Please review all of the information on the page and the hyperlinks. A video showing you how to submit a tour and activity plan is on the FAQ page and <u>here</u>.

When using the online version, you no longer have to collect signatures or council review. 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.

Thank you for assistance, Melinda Day Volunteer Service Representative.





BSA Climbing Resources

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





Every year since 1961, the Wall Street Journal has posted the same editorial at Thanksgiving, a uniquely American cultural tradition:

This is indeed a big country, a rich country, in a way no array of figures can measure and so in a way past belief of those who have not seen it. Even those who journey through its Northeastern complex, into the Southern lands, across the central plains and to its Western slopes can only glimpse a measure of the bounty of America.

His countrymen cannot forget the savage face of war. Too often they have been asked to fight in strange and distant places, for no clear purpose they could see and for no accomplishment they can measure. Their spirits are not quieted by the thought that the good and pleasant bounty that surrounds them can be destroyed in an instant by a single bomb. Yet they find no escape, for their survival and comfort now depend on unpredictable strangers in far-off corners of the globe.

.....But we can all remind ourselves that the richness of this country was not born in the resources of the earth, though they be plentiful, but in the men that took its measure. For that reminder is everywhere--in the cities, towns, farms, roads, factories, homes, hospitals, schools that spread everywhere over that wilderness.

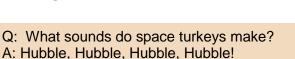
We can remind ourselves that for all our social discord we yet remain the longest enduring society of free men governing themselves without benefit of kings or dictators. Being so, we are the marvel and the mystery of the world, for that enduring liberty is no less a blessing than the abundance of the earth.



Happy Thanksgiving!



JOKES, JOKES, JOKES Have you heard these?



Q: What's the friendliest vegetable on earth?
A: A sweet potato.

Q: What happened when the turkey got into a fight?

A: He got the stuffing knocked out of him.

Q: How did the soup look like gold?
A: It was made out of 24 carrots!



Jokes Supplied by Robert P.

"Punography":

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognized me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I can't put it down.

After the class trip to the Coca-Cola factory, I hope there's no pop quiz.

Energizer bunny arrested. Charged with battery.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Did you hear about the cross eyed teacher who was fired because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

What does a clock do when it's hungry? It goes back four seconds.

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

Broken pencils are pointless.

- No one claims responsibility for these!





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

Robert Baden-Powell

TROOP 314 - TOWER ABOVE THE REST!



