



# TROOP 314 NEWS

## August 2013 AD Edition ***SUMMER IS GOING FAST!!!***

BSA Troop 314 / Orange Frontier District  
Westminster California

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## Scoutmaster's Corner

The following message was not written by me. I don't know who did write it, but it speaks to me. And not just because I ride a bike. I hope it speaks to you, too!

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### A Bicycle

Have you ever thought about how a bicycle works?

Most of us just hop on and let it take us where we want to go without giving it a second thought. A closer look shows it takes a lot of different pieces doing their part and working together to make transportation happen.

When you push the pedal with your foot, a lot happens to make the wheels turn. The pedal turns a crank that turns a gear, which pulls a chain that turns another gear, which turns a hub, which pulls the spokes, which turns the wheel, which pulls the tire that pushes against the road to make the bike go.

When you want to stop, you pull a lever that pulls a cable against a housing, which causes another lever to move, which pushes a pad against the wheel. Changing gears involves levers, cables, housing, springs, and pulleys working together. If any one part fails to work when it is supposed to,



the whole system fails to work. When one system fails, the bike can still be ridden, but not in top form.

You are the parts, just like on the bicycle. Our patrols are like the pedaling, braking, and gear-changing systems. The senior patrol leader is like the rider.

He directs a pedal or a lever—your patrol leaders—to do their part and they in turn ask you to do yours. If you choose not to do your part, your patrol suffers and the troop doesn't work well.

The troop is our vehicle to adventure, fellowship, and good times. And each of you is a very important part.

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I couldn't say it any better, but please keep this in mind, and the troop will continue to function like a well-oiled... bicycle!

Keep on pedaling,  
Yours in Scouting, Richard Marubayashi  
Scoutmaster, Troop 314



## Whitsett Summer Camp Report: July 14<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>

Whitsett - another successful summer camp –

For the week of July 14-20, 11 scouts from Troop 314, plus one from Troop 4 (Josh W), and 4 adults went to Camp Whitsett, West Los Angeles County Council's resident camp in the southern Sierras north of Lake Isabella.

They brought home a large number of merit badges (some boys earned more than 6 MB's!), and a few partials. The scouts made significant rank advancement progress, and had a great time in the process!

Other activities that were completed by various members of our group:

A strenuous early morning hike to Sentinel Peak (1,400' feet above camp) before breakfast.

An exhausting bike ride and hike to a spectacular location outside of camp (Elephant Knob) to do some rappelling (Mr. M and Owen).

A night search for a mythical beast - the Wompus Cat (sp?).

A week-long COPE course, including a high ropes course and ZIP line (Mr. Tran and Mr. M).  
A night out in a survival shelter, for Wilderness Survival MB (Elijah and Josh).

Free-time shooting (Mr. M-shotgun, Jon/Mitchell/Martin/Viet-Archery).

Lots of free-time swimming and boating (canoes, kayaks, and rowboats).

And, of course, lots of card-playing in camp.

Several of the boys did the Pioneering Merit Badge together, and built a monkey bridge.

We did not see any bears or mountain lions, but we had frequent visits by deer. We also saw a fox, a bobcat, and at least one rattlesnake.

We also saw daily low passes by F/A-18 jets on training runs.

But from the point of view of the Scoutmaster, I thought that the most noteworthy aspect of this trip was the harmony displayed by the scouts.

Hard as it may be to believe, there were no altercations, no hurt feelings, and nobody got homesick (as near as I could tell). The boys (all of them!) got along great the whole time! I have been on 7 scout summer camps, and this is a first for me!

To the parents of the all the boys who went, please give your boys a pat on the back and a hearty "good job" from me!

This was a wonderful trip.

All of my photos are in  
<http://richmaru.smugmug.com/Kids/Scouting/Camp-Whitsett-2013>,

Mr. Tran's are in  
<http://richmaru.smugmug.com/Kids/Scouting/Whitsett-2013-Mr-Trans-photos>



**The group getting ready to depart the Post.  
Not shown: Mr. Hallman.**





**All ready for their swim test!**

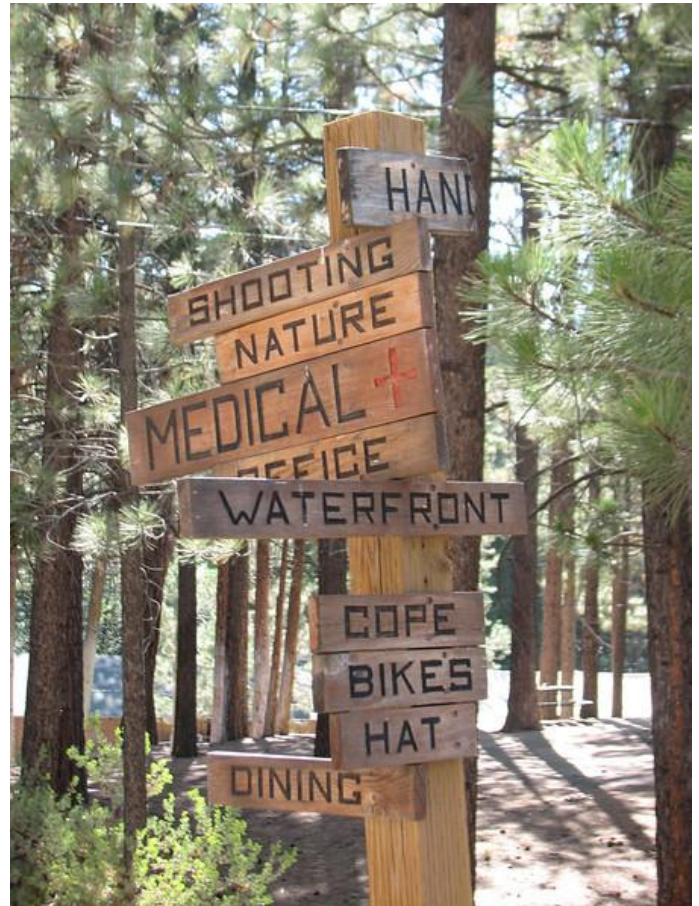


**Monday Lunch. The tall gentleman on the right is John Hallman, Eagle Scout, former member of Troop 314, and our troop guide for the week.**

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**Where do we go from here? So many choices!**



**4:40 AM on Tuesday, ready for the hike to Sentinel Peak. Apparently only one Scout here is not asleep!**





**zzzzzzz 5:38 AM as we approach Sentinel Peak.**



**Viet making progress on his round basket.**



**The group just at the top of the hike, just below the peak.**



**Jon watches while the archery instructor demonstrates making a bowstring.**



**The "Pioneering Boys" work on their knots.**



**The guys working on Basketry frequently gathered by the water spigot to work on their projects. It was our version of the "water cooler".**





**Owen tops out on Indian Rock. Piece of cake!**



**Austin and Michael heading for the finish in the kayak race at the Friday Aquacade.**



**Elijah, Long, Austin, and Viet enjoy swimming in Lake Ida.**



**Mr. M defies gravity while waiting to rappel on Elephant Knob.**



**Viet takes the plunge.**





**The Trans, ready to go, on the last day.**



**Michael M takes out a kayak**



**Mr. Tran and Mr. M after completing the high ropes course.**



**Mr. M helps the "Pioneering boys" with their rope splicing.**



**Martin and Viet taking a break from Archery.**







**Mr. Tran 640 feet off the ground, on the high ropes course. (OK maybe closer to 40 feet)**



**Mr. Hallman and son John, Troop 314 Eagle Scout and our "troop guide" for the week.**

compete with your best recipe in this chili cook-off. Also, they will have tasters choice.

Booths are \$25 or you can be a taster (judge) for only \$4. Come out for a great day of fun, fellowship, chili, and music!!!

For more information by email to [santeechilicookoff@yahoo.com](mailto:santeechilicookoff@yahoo.com) or call Cindy at 562-355-2188.



- Long T., OA Rep

## Troop 314 Scribe –

### Junior Leadership Committee (JLC) Minutes August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2013 AD.



Leaders in attendance:

Alex B., Martin L., Steven M., Ian M., Owen M., Robert P., Long T., Mr. Hilton, Mrs. Hight, Mr. Marubayashi, Mr. Pearson, and Mr. Tran.

Events:

The theme of the month of August and September is Hobbies. We plan to design and build pushcarts by patrol. We also need to finish up on the Cooking Merit Badge.

August 10<sup>th</sup> – Mr. M will hold a skill practice for the American Legion Camp-o-ree at Bolsa Chica Park from 9:00 a.m. to about noon. Patrol leaders will notify the scouts within their patrols for confirmation.

August 13th - Scorpions - Set up/opening  
Poltergeist - Skill  
Bull Sharks - Game  
Scoutmaster Conference  
PALA due

August 16<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup>- American Legion Camp-o-ree at Rancho Alegre, Santa Barbara

## ORDER OF ARROW NEWS

**(Wiatava Lodge (#39) – Santee Chapter News Announcement) To Wiatava Brothers, Friends, and Family:**

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Tim Killian Chili Cook-off is on Saturday, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It is located at Holy Cross Lutheran Church parking lot. The address is 4321 Cerritos Ave., Cypress, 90630.

They will have a Live Band, chili booth, trading post, and bake sale. It's not too late to sign up to

August 20<sup>th</sup> - Bull Sharks- Set up/opening - Skill and Game are gone – this Night for Cooking MB Board of Review

August 24<sup>th</sup> – Eden Bailey's Eagle COH at the Post 555 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

August 27<sup>th</sup> - Poltergeist - Set up  
Bull Sharks - Skill  
Scorpions - Game  
Parent Meeting

September 2<sup>nd</sup> - Executive Committee Meeting is cancelled.

September 3<sup>rd</sup>- JLC at 6:30 p.m. at the Post

September 6<sup>th</sup> - Volunteers needed for washing dishes and cleaning up at the Post. This will be a great way to earn service hours.

September 7<sup>th</sup>- Cooking day for Cooking MB from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Place will be determined.

September 10<sup>th</sup> - Scorpions - Set up/opening  
Poltergeist - Skill  
Bull Sharks - Game  
Scoutmaster Conference

September 14<sup>th</sup> – Movie Night at Featherly Park off of the 91 FWY. Have pool and Zipline.

September 17<sup>th</sup> - Bull Sharks- Set up/opening  
Scorpions - Skill  
Poltergeist – Game  
Board of Review

September 24<sup>th</sup> – Court of Honor at 6:30 p.m. at Post.  
Appetizers and desserts.  
Poltergeist - Set up/opening

September 27<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup>- Joshua tree climbing campout

October 29<sup>th</sup>- Halloween Recruitment

**LONG T.**, Troop Scribe



## The Historian's Report

### A record of BSA Troop 314 activities for the month of July in 2013:



1<sup>st</sup> – Executive council meeting  
2<sup>nd</sup> – JLC Meeting  
7<sup>th</sup> – Leadership Training  
9<sup>th</sup> – Troop 314 Meeting: Cooking Skills  
11<sup>th</sup> – Orange Frontier Roundtable  
13<sup>th</sup> – Gear Check for Whitsett  
14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> – Camp Whitsett  
16<sup>th</sup> - Troop 314 Meeting: Cooking Skills  
19<sup>th</sup> – American Legion Friday Dinner  
23<sup>rd</sup> - Troop 314 Meeting: Cooking Skills  
29<sup>th</sup>-Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cub Scout Day Camp  
30<sup>th</sup> – Shakey's Pizza Fundraiser

- Troop Historian, **DANNY S.**



- ***It is infinitely better to have a few good men than many indifferent ones.***

- *President George Washington in Letter to James McHenry (10 August 1798).*



## PALA - Get it Done!

Hello Troop! If you haven't turned in your PALA form yet, please turn it in at the Aug. 13th meeting.

I have e-mailed and called many of you with no response. If you will not have your form at the Aug. 13th meeting, please kindly call or e-mail me so I know when you will be turning it in. Thank you for supporting your troop!

Julie Shields  
Troop Secretary and PALA Chairperson



## Working on Getting the Cooking Merit Badge Done

At JLC, we decided that we were going to need a cooking day to complete this MB. We need to have 8 meals cooked and that would mean that we would have to cook at least 2 nights per month to be able to finish off the badge before December's court of honor - or even the year! That does not leave any room for the push cart build / derby. So we have set a day, September 7th, to cook a breakfast, lunch and dinner. Right now I am looking for a place that we could spend the day have some fun and will be able to cook at. If anyone has any suggestions, I would gladly hear them.

– Mrs. Hight, RTFC, Cooking MB Counselor



## Troop Responsibilities

It takes a lot to keep a troop running smoothly and we appreciate all of our volunteers and the many hours they contribute to keeping a quality scouting program.

We still have a few positions that need to be filled. These are short term commitments. Please sign up for one of these activities, especially if you don't have any troop responsibilities right now.

They are Popcorn Kernel, organizing the December and March Court of Honor (you can choose to do one or both), Scout-a-rama book sales, Scout-a-rama booth, and being in charge of summer camp 2014.

Let me know if you can do your part by helping the troop. Thank you!

Julie Shields, Troop Secretary



## Troop 314 Leadership 2013

- Senior Patrol Leader: Steven M.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader: Alex B.
- Blue Phoenix (RTFC) Patrol Leader Martin L.
- Scorpion (Mid-Young) Patrol Leader: Michael M.
- Bull Sharks (Mid-Old) Patrol Leader: Andrew M.
- Poltergeist (Venturer) Patrol Leader: Ian M.
- Scribe: Long T.
- Quartermaster: Owen M.
- Troop Guide: **OPEN**
- Chaplain's Aide: Erick Vick
- Historian: Danny S.
- Den Chief: **OPEN**
- Librarian: Jon F.
- OA Representative: Ian M.
- Troop Bugler: Andrew M.

### 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 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!



# **Mark Your Calendars!**

## **TROOP EVENTS PLANNED FOR AUGUST 2013 AD:**

### **Troop Program Feature Themes:**

- 1. “Cooking” - Finish up the Cooking Merit Badge. (20<sup>th</sup> of August Meeting and all day Sat. Sept 7<sup>th</sup>)**
- 2. “Hobbies” Likely to go through end of year – Building Pushcarts by patrol and racing them...**

**5<sup>th</sup> Monthly Executive Council Meeting At Cypress Public Library back room at 7:00 PM**

**6<sup>th</sup> Junior Leadership Council (JLC) meeting at Post 555, 6:30 PM**

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



**10<sup>th</sup> American Legion Camporee Skills training 9AM to Noon at Bolsa Chica Park.**

**13<sup>rd</sup> Troop 314 Meeting at American Legion Post 555 starting at 19:00**  
**Troop Program Feature is Cooking**

- Flag & Setup – Scorpions
- Skill “Push Cart Planning” - Poltergeist
- Game – Bull Sharks

**16th to 18th American Legion Camporee Rancho Alegre, Santa Barbara**

**20<sup>th</sup> Troop 314 Meeting at American Legion Post 555 starting at 19:00**

- Flag & Setup – Bull Sharks

**This Meeting is dedicated working on the Cooking Merit Badge – Patrol Leaders in Scorpions and Poltergeist - See Mrs. Hight to set an agenda and what to bring.**

**24<sup>th</sup> Eden Bailey Eagle Scout Court of Honor 2 to 4 PM At American Legion Post 555**





**24<sup>th</sup> Popcorn Kick Off**

**25<sup>th</sup> Troop Budget Meeting**

**27<sup>th</sup> Troop 314 Meeting at American Legion Post 555 starting at 19:00**

**Troop Program Feature is Cooking**

**27<sup>th</sup> Meeting continued -**

- Flag & Setup – Poltergeist
- Skills Cart Design / Building - Bull Sharks
- Game - Scorpions

**Troop 314 Meeting Notes:**

The Second Tuesday is Scoutmaster Conferences, the Third Tuesday meeting includes Board of reviews, Fourth Tuesday Meeting of Month is usually Parents Meeting and no meetings are usually held on 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday.

Court of Honors / Troop Socials are held every three months – usually the last Scout meeting of month (except December).

**Troop 314 Annual MOVIE NIGHT**

**September 14<sup>th</sup> – at Canyon RV (Formerly Featherly Park). They have a Pool and Zipline.**

**JOSHUA TREE TROOP 314**

**Rock Climbing Camp!**

**September 27, 28 and 29<sup>th</sup>.**



**Oct 11-13 REAL Rocket launch at Lucerne Dry Lake**

**Troop 1999 has asked if we would like to join them at “ROctober” at Lucerne Dry Lake**

<http://rocstock.org/roctober/>

**On top of nonstop rocketry, Their SM will be conducting a class on the Astronomy merit badge. The ROC group at Lucerne hosts Scouting troops and other youth organizations every month for REAL rocket launching. If you haven't gone to this event before they allow Boy Scouts to take and launch rockets with up to G-class motors (and those are pretty big). They do night launches with rockets that burn bright colors. Someone also launched an N-class rocket that was 20 foot long and six inches in diameter that had a rope of Christmas lights wound around it at night.**

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# UPCOMING FALL EVENTS!

**Note: Due to labor day holiday on 02-September we will not be having an Exec. Council meeting in September.**

**Saturday September 7<sup>th</sup>**

**Working on Cooking Merit Badge**

**breakfast, lunch and dinner!**

**8AM to 6:30 PM (Location to be announced).**

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## BIRTHDAY BEST WISHES For August 2013:

Michael M. 15 years on 06-August  
Gabe B. 11 years old on 12-August  
Elijah B. 13 years old on 14-August  
Alex B. 16 years old on 28-August  
Ian M. 16 years old on 30-August



**Happy Birthday, Scouts!**



## 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.

### Troop Quartermaster



#### Job Description:

The Troop Quartermaster keeps track of troop equipment and sees that it is in good working order.

Reports to: The Assistant Senior Patrol Leader  
Rank: 1<sup>st</sup> Class

#### Troop Quartermaster duties:

- **Show up to meeting 15 minutes before meeting starts**
- Keep records on patrol and troop equipment.
- Keep equipment in good repair.
- Issue equipment and see that it is returned in good order.
- Suggest new or replacement items.
- Work with the troop committee member responsible for equipment.
- Have good attendance at Troop meeting.
- 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.

### 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!

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

(In consideration that school starts too soon!)



Matthew 6:34

***So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.***

### Troop 314 Court of Honor – A Little History

Several years ago, there were two Court of Honors a year in March and September where Scouts were honored for their rank advancements with a candle lighting ceremony and their parents were given pins.

In June and December, we had a Troop Social that involved a potluck dinner of some kind and centered on an installation ceremony to install the new youth leaders for the next 6-month term.

Three years ago, BSA came up with Journey to Excellence, replacing the Quality Unit Program. One goal of J to E is to have four Court of Honors per year. So, to meet that goal, the Troop Socials with dinner were renamed Court of Honors, since we were already giving out awards and inviting families, and now we have four Court of Honors per year.

***Be courteous to all, but intimate with few, and let those few be well tried before you give them your confidence; true friendship is a plant of slow growth, and must undergo and withstand the shocks of adversity before it is entitled to the appellation.***

- **George Washington** (15 January 1783).

# Scout Trail Cooking Recipe of the Month:

## Shrimp and Grits Recipe

All you need to complete this shrimp and grits recipe are peppers and onions. I don't miss the pat of butter that I might have added at home.

Grits are thirsty, so use less grits and more water than you would if cooking rice. Stir your grits a little after they start bubbling and then place the pot inside an insulating cozy for ten minutes to complete the job.

I use *instant* grits instead of regular grits for backcountry cooking because regular grits take too long to cook- which sucks up fuel.



### Ingredients:

- ¼ Cup instant grits
- ¼ Cup dehydrated shrimp
- ¼ Cup dehydrated peppers and onions
- Pinch of garlic powder (optional)
- Salt & Pepper to taste

### Cheddar Cheese Option:

- 1 Tbsp + 1 tsp cheddar cheese powder
- 1 Tbsp powdered milk
- 1½ cups water

### At Home:

Learn about [dehydrating shrimp](#) or [dehydrating peppers and onions](#).

Pack cheddar cheese and milk powder in 2 X 3 plastic bag and enclose with other ingredients in a 4 x 6 plastic bag.

### On the Trail:

Combine all ingredients except the cheese and milk powder in pot with water and soak for five minutes

Light stove, bring to a boil, and continue cooking for one minute.

Remove pot from stove, stir in cheese and milk power, and place inside insulating cozy for ten minutes. Add a few spoonfuls of water if needed.

Try this meal with a side of broccoli as shown.

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[If you enjoy Shrimp and Grits, you may also like Green Grits & Ham or Pizza Grits Supreme.](#)

- Courtesy of [backpackingchef.com](http://backpackingchef.com)



**FAST “Tour And Activity” (TAP)  
PERMITS AVAILABLE ON LINE! Go to:**

<https://myscouting.scouting.org/>



*Happiness and moral duty are inseparably connected.*

- **Our First President,  
George Washington**



## BSA Climbing Resources

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



## Orange Frontier Senior District Executive:

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Amber Walker (714) 546-8558 Ext. 108



**JOKES, JOKES,  
JOKES**  
**Have you heard  
these?**



Q: How does Bob Marley like his donut?  
A: With jamin'

Q: Why did the kids all eat their homework?  
A: Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake!

Q: What kind of cheese isn't yours?  
A: Nacho Cheese

Q: Why do gorillas have big nostrils?  
A: Because they have big fingers!

A Girl Scout decides to give back to society. She finally decides to paint an old man's home for free. "So, what do I paint?" she asks the old man.

"Just the porch," and he laughs like there's an inside joke. "OK!" she says excitedly. The old man walks in his house and his wife looks upset at him.

"Did you tell her the porch goes all around the house?" she asks. The man shook his head.

"Hey!" the Girl Scout calls, in half hour, "I'm done, and I even had paint left over so I put a second coat." she explains.

The happy man waves as the Girl Scout leaves. "And by the way," she yells, "That's not a Porsche, that's a Ferrari."

### Bonus Joke:

Q: What do SMART Girl Scouts and UFOs have in common?

A: You always hear about them but never see them.

### Bonus, Bonus Jokes:

A picture is worth a thousand words. A Chuck Norris is worth 1 billion words.

A study showed the leading causes of death in the United States are: 1. Heart disease, 2. Chuck Norris, 3. Cancer

As President Roosevelt said: "We have nothing to fear but fear itself and Chuck Norris."

Chuck Norris believes it's not butter.

Chuck Norris always knows the EXACT location of Carmen SanDiego.

In honor of Chuck Norris, all McDonald's in Texas have an even larger size than the super-size. When ordering, just ask to be Chucksized. Remember The Ultimate Warrior? He quit wrestling because Chuck Norris wanted his nickname back.

Sticks and stones may break your bones, but a Chuck Norris glare will liquefy your kidneys.

The Great Wall of China was originally created to keep Chuck Norris out. It failed miserably.

What's known as the UFC, or Ultimate Fighting Championship, doesn't use its full name, which happens to be "Ultimate Fighting Championship, Non-Chuck-Norris-Division".

When Chuck Norris plays Monopoly, it affects the actual world economy.

You can lead a horse to water but cannot make him drink, unless you're Chuck Norris.

***“It’s the spirit within, not the veneer without, that makes a man.”***

- Robert Baden-Powell



## **TROOP 314 - TOWER ABOVE THE REST !**

