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LAKE SANDS DISTRICT the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE

December 2008

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT 11 December 2008 "HOBBIES"

>>>> What's My Hobby? That's right, it's Roundtable! <<<<<

Way Back In the My Early Beginnings, Way Back in 1949
Mankind Didn't Have a Clue about the Likes of Me or Mine,
I Didn't Even Know Myself that my HOBBIES would be Canoeing, Hiking, Reptiles, and Plants
or When I First Heard Music that I'd immediately wanna Get Up and Dance.
But On that Cold Ohio November Morn, As I Popped Out, I Took My First Breath and Said,
"I Wanna Be A Boy Scout, and I Just Can't Get it Outta My Head!!!"

Opening: Troop 344

* Program Feature "HOBBIES" by District Commissioner Tom Reynolds

* Medical Moment - *Ela Cecue*

* Knot of the Month - *Jim Wolf*

(And friendly reminder to bring your rope back to RT if you pick one up at last RT)
Just in case you missed it, November's Knot was - Alpine Loop (or Alpine Butterfly)
<http://www.animatedknots.com/alpinebutterfly/index.php?LogoImage=LogoGrog.jpg&Website=www.animatedknots.com>

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED TO THEME OF THE MONTH:

One of the Goals of the Merit Badge program is to stimulate a Scout's interest in a future vocation or a life-long avocation (HOBBY). BSA MERIT BADGES - take a look at the list, at least 1/3 could become a lifelong HOBBY.

<http://www.uscouts.org/mb/mbindex.asp>

Hobby Definition: a pursuit outside one's regular occupation engaged in especially for relaxation. Hobby Synonyms: diversion, leisure activity or pursuit, favorite pastime, relaxation, sideline. Hobby Antonyms: profession, occupation, work.

KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:

So Many Plants, So Little Time: Powderpuff Mimosa, *Mimosa strigillosa*

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/EP343>

Critter of the Month: FL Pine Snake, *Pituophis melanoleucus mugitus*

<http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/herpetology/fl-guide/Pituophismmugitus.htm>



Powderpuff Mimosa



FL Pine Snake

Everybody's Heard about the Bird: **Sandhill Crane**, *Grus canadensis*

http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide/Sandhill_Crane_dtl.html

Rusty Blackbird, *Euphagus carolinus*

http://nationalzoo.si.edu/ConservationAndScience/MigratoryBirds/Research/Rusty_Blackbird/

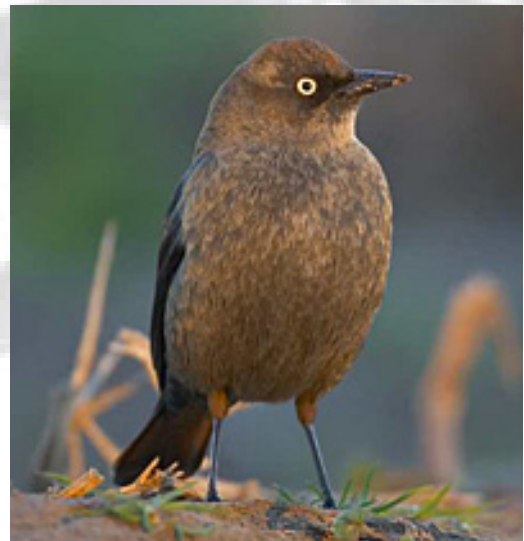
http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide/Rusty_Blackbird_dtl.html

The Sky Tells a Story: VENUS is Up and Beaming!! 12 Dec = Full "Before Yule" Moon.
13 Dec = Geminid Meteor Shower Peaks. 21 Dec = Winter Solstice.



Sandhill Crane

(Taken 10/08 Orlando Univ of Scouting parking lot)



Rusty Blackbird

Plus the Usual: Handouts Gone Wild!! / RT Spirit Stick / Ticket Drawing / Closing

Upcoming Events: visit <http://www.lakesandsdistrict.org/index.html>

OA Lodge Banquet: Sat 6 Dec

Lake Sands District Annual Scouter Awards Banquet: Sat 10 Jan Holiday Inn Select PC.

Gulf Coast Council Banquet: Sat 14 Feb

District Spring Camporee: 27-29 Mar

Norman Rockwell / Joseph Csatari Scouting Art Tour: 27-29 Apr at The Crown Plaza Hotel, Pensacola.

Future Monthly RT Feature Themes:

8 Jan 09 = Public Service (TBD)

12 Feb = Cult. Diversity/Disability Awareness (Mark Gilland)

12 March = Wildlife Mgmt (John Moyers)

9 April = Camping (Janet Herrick/LNT)

14 May = Emergency Prep (TBD)

see ya **Thurs 11 DEC** !!!!

YiS, KG, your LSD BS RTC

***** JUST A FEW OF THE MERIT BADGES THAT CAN BECOME LIFELONG HOBBIES *****



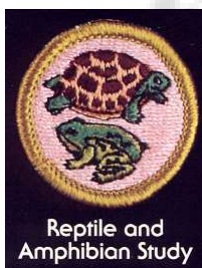
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Amphibian Study



Coin Collecting



Gardening



Pets