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LAKE SANDS DISTRICT
the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE
BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

February 2008

LSD BS RT 14 February 2008 "Pioneering"

Being a Scouter you might not never get rich,
But let me tell ya, it's better than diggin' a ditch.
At RT there ain't no telling who you might see,
An Appalachian Pioneer or maybe an Indian Chief.

WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH:

* Opening: Troop 39

*WEBELOS to SCOUT Transition - Dave Kirkland
LSD Spring Camporee Update - Gene Parsons

* Program Feature by T.317 Big George Goerhing on "PIONEERING"

* Medical Moment - Ron White

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED TO THEME OF THE MONTH:

Eagle Scout Advancement Policy available on line as PDF, (click on Forms and then Eagle Scout Advancement Policy) <http://www.gulfcoastcouncil.org/>

The Premier Internet Resource for All Things Pioneering
<http://www.pioneeringprojects.org/resources/index.htm>

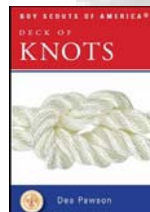
Scout Pioneering, Is It A Lost Art [Scout Pioneering, Is it a Lost Art](#)

Animated Knots for Scouts

<http://www.animatedknots.com/indexscouting.php?LogoImage=LogoGrog.jpg&Website=>

Why Knot <http://www.2020site.org/knots/>

And relatively new item from BSA - the BSA Deck of Knots: This deck of cards illustrates various kinds of knots that are used in Scouting as well as in other segments of life. These cards have clear instructions and annotated step-by-step photographs and are sized for storage in backpacks to use on the trail.
Cost = \$9.99



KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:

Plant of the Month: Common Beggar's-Tick (Spanish Needle) *Bidens alba*
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/FW005>

Bugga Da Month: Love Bug, *Plecia nearctica*
<http://creatures.ifas.ufl.edu/misc/lovebug.htm>

Bird Bite: Black Vulture, *Coragyps atratus*
http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide/Black_Vulture_dtl.html



Love Bug



Common Beggar's-tick



Photo by T.317 Jake Jacob

The Great Backyard Bird Count

Everyone can participate !! Go to <http://www.birdsource.org/gbbc> for easy-to-follow instructions and tips. The count runs from over President's Day Weekend Feb 15-18. If anyone has problems, questions or would like a better checklist than they offer online, please contact Lisa Kenppner at lkeppner@bellsouth.net. **Note:** Lisa will also be featured at RT in April. She is native plant and bird enthusiast, and a member of Bay Co Audubon as well as the Bay Co Chapter of the FL Native Plant Society.

The Sky Tells a Story: Total Eclipse of the Moon 21 Feb. The moon will appear red-orange in color during totality (the earth's shadow). **Saturn at Opposition 24 Feb.** (opposite the sun). Visible all night, is at its brightest and closest.

Reptile Update on Red-Eared Sliders: After July 1, 2008, no one in FL may have a red-eared slider as a pet that is less than 4 inches in size. Those owning the turtles legally may not allow them to reproduce, and all eggs must be destroyed. It is illegal to release any non-native species into the wild in Florida. As of this year, penalties for certain captive-wildlife-law violations have increased, and in some instances, people who repeatedly violate captive wildlife laws and rules can be charged with a felony.

Plus the Usual:

Handouts Gone Wild / RT Spirit Stick / Ticket Drawing Giveaways / Closing

CONGRATS to DISTRICT AWARD OF MERIT RECIPIENTS:

**** GEORGE GOEHRING ** ** BILL PAYNE ** ** SCOTT SLAUGHTER ****

REMINDER:

- 1) Council Banquet 5:30 9 Feb at UWF
- 2) Spring Camporee 28-30 Mar 08 - Gene Parsons chairing
- 3) Fall 2008 Council-wide Camporee 31 Oct - 2 Nov at STSR

Upcoming TRAINING:

- 7-8 Mar 08 (Fri/Sat): Outdoor WEBELOS Leader (OWL) Training / BS Intro to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS) at Bear Creek Assembly of God
- 12 Apr 08: LNT = Leave No Trace & FL Trail Brief 1-4 PM at Church of Jesus Christ - Latter Day Saints, 3140 State Ave



see ya NEXT Thurs 10 Jan !!!!

Yis, KG, your LSD BS RTC