

Pre-RT

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE

May 2008

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT

8 MAY 2008

"MECHANICS"

District Philosophy 101:
LNT = Leave a Small Footprint.
LSD = Leave a LARGE FOOTPRINT !!
(we're letting everybody know where we've been)

WHAT'S UP THIS MONTH?

* Opening: Troop 302

*** Program Feature by T.303 ASM JOEY COLLINGSWORTH on MECHANICS
BE PREPARED !! IT'S GUARANTEED TO BE A HANDS-ON FUN SESSION**

*** Medical Moment - Big George**

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED TO THEME OF THE MONTH:

Cycling MB "mechanics" - Reqmt #2: Clean and adjust a bicycle. Prepare it for inspection using a bicycle safety checklist. Be sure the bicycle meets local laws.
Reqmt #3: Show your bicycle to your counselor for inspection. Point out the adjustments or repairs you have made. Do the following: Show all points that need oiling regularly. Show points that should be checked regularly to make sure the bicycle is safe to ride. Show how to adjust brakes, seat level and height, and steering tube.

Merit Badges with references to mechanics (Auto Mechanics, Cycling, Farm Mechanics, Home Repairs, Truck Transportation, Railroadings)

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

Catapults & Trebuchets: <http://www.howtobuildcatapults.com/>

<http://www.stormthecastle.com/trebuchet/how-to-build-a-trebuchet.htm>

http://www.ehow.com/how_2031781_build-trebuchet.html

How to Maintain Axes & Chainsaws <http://www.motherearthnews.com/Do-It-Yourself/2007-11-01/How-to-Maintain-Axes-and-Chain-Saws.aspx>

Resources for Commissioners <http://www.scouting.org/Commissioners.aspx>

KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:

680 Tree & 514 Shrub Fact Sheets !! <http://hort.ifas.ufl.edu/trees/index.html>

Plant of the Month: Wild Florida Azalea (Pinxter Bloom), *Rhododendron canescens*, http://www.lakesandsdistrict.org/Boy_Scouts.htm, scroll down to Plant Related section.

Critter of the Month: Southeastern Pocket Gophers, *Geomys pinetis*, <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/UW081>; in the southeastern US, pocket gophers are called

"salamanders," derived from the term sandy mounder, while the term gopher refers to a tortoise. http://www.extension.org/pages/Pocket_Gopher_Damage_Assessment

Bird Bite: *American Coot, Fulica Americana*,
http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide/American_Coot_dtl.html



Wild FL Azalea



American Coot

AS SEEN AT LSD SPING CAMPOREE CANOE EVENT on BEAR CREEK

The Sky Tells a Story: [How to Find Hercules](#): Hercules lies in front of the head of Draco the Dragon; Draco's tail lies between the Big and Little Dippers with the head of Draco beneath the Little Dipper. 20 May Full "Planting or Milk" Moon.

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

Upcoming Events:

17 May 7-9PM COR Training at Forest Park United Methodist Church

31 May Sat, New Essentials & BS Leader Specific 8:30 - 12:30 at Forest Park United Methodist Church.

9-13 June: Cub Day Camp "Where the Wild Things Are" 9-13 June at Lynn Haven Sports Complex

31 Oct - 2 Nov: Fall Council-Wide Camporee at STSR

Future Monthly RT Feature Themes:

June - No RT (Attend Summer Camp !!)

10 July = Hiking (Gene Parsons)

14 August = Sports / Shooting

11 September = Engineering

9 October = High Adventure

13 November = Tracking



see ya NEXT Thurs 8 May !!!!

YiS, KG, your LSD BS RTC