

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT
the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE **JULY 2008**
BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER
LSD BS RT **10 July 2008** **"HIKING"**

***** **BIG WELCOME TO NEW DE** *CHRIS SHEPERD* *****

Opening: Thanks to the Scouts from T.303 for hosting the Opening Pledge and Prayer. Opening Key turned over to T.310 for August.

Thanks to the following Folks for their Participation and Information:

FOS APPRECIATION PLAQUE: presented to Doug Merkle by Rick Chapman.

The Story Behind the Hiking Stick: as told by Big George Goehring.

Self-Introduction and Welcome: new LSD Exec Chris Sheperd.

FEATURE PRESENTATION: SPECIAL Thanks to T.321 GENE PARSONS (and son Graham) for the HIKING slide show presentation, leading the outdoor Trek to the Court House, and handouts including the **BSA Guide to Safe Trekking.**

Big George's Medical Moment on Blisters and Sprains.

Rick Chapman: info on Special Assistance Form and Council Calendar.

ALSO special thanks to the folks from Creek Dist AL-FL Council for visiting:

DC Andy Lewis and grandson, T.20 SM Charlie Dawkins, Peter Moore, and Alex Tyms

KG's Handouts Gone Wild: the new LSD BS RT Hiking Stick Medallion; 3 Brochures: Florida Trail; LNT for the Front Country; Poison Ivy, Oak, and Sumac; as well as these 11 Paper Handouts:

- Take A Hike (from Boys' Life Magazine)
- Hiking MB Requirements
- Make Your Own Compass
- Jackson Red Trail, Blackwater River State Forest
- LNT Word Game
- Song: Sack, Sack, Sack Your Trash
- LNT: The 5 C's of Back Country Destruction
- What's Cooking? You Tell Us (Scouting Magazine Cooking Contest for Leaders)
- Bald Cypress Quiz
- Slide of the Month: Carved Eagle (Boy's Life Reprint)
- Different Uses of a Hiking Stick

LSD Traveling Spirit Stick: "Older" Spirit Stick MIA by T.706; "Newer" Spirit Stick in from T.323 embellished with Scout Symbol, presented to T.310 for showing up with the most "new" RT attendees for the evening.

Thanks to Margaret Watts for the Scout Law Log Candle Holder provided to new T.366.

Ticket Drawing Giveaway Winners:

- * KG Original Snake Stick - T.310 ASM Randy Hewett
 - * Lanterns - T.321 George Smith and T.300 Michael Cole
- * Skit Book w/'98 STSR Patch - T.303 Mark Gilland and T.300 John Duval
 - * Scouting Digest Magazine - Creek District's Peter Moore
- * Ponchos: Adv Chr Margaret Watts and T.39 Ted the Great

***** **Thanks to Shandi Payne for the after-RT briefing on NYLT** *****

CLOSING: thanks to Georgia McFadden for Baden-Powell's Last Message, "I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness does not come from being rich, or merely being successful in your career, nor by self-indulgence. One step towards happiness is to make yourself healthy and strong while you are a boy, so that you can be useful and enjoy life when you are a man."

Additional Items of Interest: (remember to visit

School Night Training: at FUMC Thursday 31 July 7-9 PM

Trainer Development Conference: Sat 9 Aug 9 AM - 5 PM at STSR Dining Hall

District Popcorn Kick-Off: 6PM prior to 14 Aug RT

College of Commissioner Science: tentative Sat 4 Oct

"Recharter" Party: Monday 3 Nov at Bay HS

Fall Council-Wide Camporee: 7-9 Nov at STSR

Fall Camporee Patch Design Contest entries are due to Steven Henry (shenry385@gmail.com) prior to 1 Aug.

THANKS to the following 13 Troops represented at JULY RT:

39, 82, 300, 302, 303, 310, 317, 321, 323, 345, 356, 377, 388.

TOTAL RT ATTENDANCE = 54 !! (39 leaders, 5 visitors, 2 professionals, and 8 "drifters")

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Future Monthly RT Feature Themes: If you'd like to step up and become famous as a LSD RT Theme Presenter, your support would be much appreciated!! Call KG at 234-4077.

14 August = **Shooting** (Bill Payne)

11 December = **Hobbies**

11 September = **Engineering** (John Duval)

8 January 09 = **Public Service**

9 October = **High Adventure**

12 Feb = **Cult. Div/Disability Awareness**

13 November = **Tracking**

12 Mar = **Wildlife Mgmt** (J. Moyers)



Baby 2.5" Gopher Tortoise - Camp ALAFLO



YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC