

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT
the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE
BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

Pre - RT

July 2009

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 9 July 2009 N 30°09.345' // W 085°38.795'

“BOATING / CANOEING”

Opening: Troop 39

* Program Feature BY T.377 SM Don White

And Special Guest Barbara Gudgel “Every Child a Swimmer” and “Safe Kids”

* Big George's Medical Moment on water safety tips and first aid for drowning/ near drowning.
and * Jim Wolf's Knot of the Month !!

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED TO THEME OF THE MONTH:

Aquatics Safety from GSS <http://www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/GSS/gss02.aspx>

BSA Online Training in Safety Afloat <http://olc.scouting.org/info/saf.html>

Canoeing, Motorboating, Rowing, Small-Boat Sailing MBs, Kayaking BSA

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

<http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/advancementandawards/meritbadges/kayak.aspx>

Life Jacket and PFD Comparison Chart <http://www.defender.com/html/life-jacket.html>

Get Your FL Boating License Online <http://www.boaterexam.com/usa/florida/>

Getting Started Choosing a Kayak http://www.hudsonvalleypaddler.com/getting_started.html

Paddling & Boating Florida <http://www.ecofloridamag.com/florida-paddling-boating.htm>

Okefenokee Adventures <http://www.okefenokeeadventures.com/>

Canoe Safety Tips <http://troop194-mason.org/CampingResources/T194CanoeSafety.htm>

FL Designated Paddling Trails <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/gwt/guide/paddle.htm>

Sea Scouts <http://www.seascout.org/>

USFW Scouting (Eagle) Certificates <http://www.fws.gov/educators/educators.html>

Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) <http://www.arrl.org/scouts/jota/>

KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:

Kritter Inc. Wildlife Sanctuary <http://www.kritterinc.com/>

So Many Plants, So Little Time: Red Ring Milkweed, *Asclepias variegata*

<http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=ASVA>

Critter of the Month: Gopher Tortoise, *Gopherus polyphemus*

http://myfwc.com/WILDLIFEHABITATS/SpeciesInfo_GopherTortoise.htm

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/UW048>

Bugga da Month: Green Stink Bug, *Acrosternum hilera* <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/IN794>

Everybody's Heard about the Bird: Pine Warbler, *Dendroica pinus*

http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Pine_Warbler/lifehistory

The Sky Tells a Story: Constellation in a Film Canister!!

<http://space.about.com/od/backyardscience/ss/constellcannist.htm>

Libra, the Scales or Balance: The Romans invented Libra and gave it importance as a constellation of the Zodiac. Libra was "the Scales of Justice" held by Julius Caesar. Later the scales became associated with Virgo, the Goddess of Justice. The Romans choose a scale because when the zodiac was still in its infancy, some four thousand years ago, the sun passed through this constellation at the autumnal equinox (September 21). That is, day and night were of equal length, and the day would begin to lengthen from that day on. The ancient Greeks did not recognize Libra. Instead, they saw it as part of Scorpio. Libra simply made up the two claws of the scorpion, as the Romans had chopped off the claws of Scorpio to create this constellation.



Pine Warbler



Green Stink Bug



Red Ring Milkweed (Torreya St Pk)



Gopher Tortoise and Burrow (photo taken at Torreya State Park May 09)

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

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

- 1) Trainer's Edge: 11 July Training at Deane Bozeman HS
- 2) Tri-Council Commissioner College: Sat 29 Aug at Deane Bozeman HS
- 3) Merit Badge University: TBD Sat 26 September
- 4) Fall District Camporee: 13-15 Nov
- 5) Council Centennial Spring Encampment: 9-11 April 2010 at STSR

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.

2009

- 13 Aug = **Safety (Crew 3911)**
- 10 Sept = **Nature**
- 8 Oct = **Business (T.321 M. Madewell)**
- 12 Nov = **First Aid**
- 10 Dec = **Winter Camping**

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- 14 Jan = **Citizenship (T.369 J.Pippin)**
- 11 Feb = **Physical Fitness**
- 11 Mar = **Forestry**
- 8 April = **Leadership**
- 13 May = **Special Cooking**

see ya **Thurs 9 July** !!!!!

YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC