

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

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the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE

July 2009

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

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

“BOATING / CANOEING”



Opening: Thanks to T.39 for the Opening Pledge. The Opening Key passed to T.82 for July.

Thanks to the following Folks for their Participation, Information, & Enthusiasm:

LSD Chairman Jeff Gibbs - Jeff read Steve Shuga's letter announcing Steve's decision to step back from Scouting and resign as District Commissioner to take on a new American Legion position. *Sorry, Steve, but you are not getting off that easy. I am still requiring you to attend RT !! KG*

Barbara "KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE KIDS!" Gudgel - provided several handouts on boating and swim safety, and gave an excellent overview of 2 programs she enthusiastically supports: "Safe Kids" and "Every Child a Swimmer". Kiwanis to host free swim lessons next May. Statistic of note: if a child does not learn to swim by 4th grade, then most likely they will never learn. Thanks Barbara!!

LSD Advancement Chair Margaret Watts - explained the new council policy on applying for MB Counselor position: to be done mid-year and approved by a council board. Also, a reminder that Eagle applicants must use the most current Eagle application form (2008 is the latest) and also available online is the Eagle Scout Leadership Project Workbook. Both can be found at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/forms.aspx>. The forms are fill-able online and can be printed out with or without being filled in.

Critters On Display by KG: FL Banded Water Snake, Florida Cooter.

***** FEATURE PRESENTATION - BOATING / CANOEING *****

SPECIAL Thanks to RON WHITE for his review of BSA related awards, rules, DFDs, and Safety Afloat. Ron is also certified to teach Safety Afloat and can be contacted at Scoutmaster377@aol.com.

And thanks to **Jim Wolf** for his Knot of the Month & Handout on the **Ferrimond Friction Hitch** and the **Barrel Hitch**.

And thanks to **Big George** for his **Medical Moment on blisters and proper use of moleskin**; and, his most shocking statement of the year "Scout socks were designed especially for feet!" (Hmmm!!)

LSD Traveling Spirit Stick: The barkless spirit stick was returned by T.377 and annotated with their Troop Numerals; this stick awarded to T.302 for the excellent article in the News Herald on hosting Minnesota Troop 29 - the link to the article is <http://www.newsherald.com/articles/twist-75519-florida-scouts.html> . The newer twisty stick MIA from T.366.

KG's Handouts Gone Wild: 3 *Brochures* (thanks to **Cindy Mulla**) on Mosquito Borne Disease and Control. 2 *Brochures*: Florida Paddling Trails, The FL Circumnavigational Saltwater Paddling Trail; as well as these *12 Paper Handouts*:

- Canuyak (**Boy's Life Reprint**)
- Rules of the Road (**Boy's Life Reprint**)
- Canoe Safety Tips
- Canoe Anatomy
- Life Jackets and Personal Flotation Devices
- BSA Safety Afloat
- Boating/Canoeing from Scouting Mag Tips
- Water Turtles Care Sheet
- Quiz - Phenomenal Fish Eaters
- Constellation Libra, the Scales or Balance
- Constellation in a Film Canister
- Slide of the Month: Plaque Slide (**Boy's Life Reprint**)

Ticket Drawing Giveaways: Fishing Pliers - T.317 George Goehring
Wood Critter Puzzle and Sun Screen - T.39 Mr. Ted, T.82 Steve Akin
Wood Critter Puzzle and Bug Repellant - T.82 Tim Stuhr, T.300 Doug Edwards
Wood Critter Puzzle and Clothesline - T.706 Robert Sapp
Wood Critter Puzzle and Floating Key Chain - T.82 Larry Dawson, T.303 Dave Hodges

CLOSING by KG: "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." Quote by Henry Ford

Additional Items of Interest: REMEMBER to visit the District Calendar on LSD Website at <http://www.lakesandsdistrict.org>

- 1) Tri-Council Commissioner College: Sat 29 Aug at Deane Bozeman HS
- 2) "NEW" District Merit Badge University: TBD Sat 26 Sept
- 3) District Fall Camporee: 13-15 Nov
- 4) Council Spring Centennial Encampment: 9-11 April, Ft. Walton Campgrounds

ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE

THANKS to the following 11 Troops represented at July RT:

39, 82, 300, 302, 303, 317, 323, 345, 377, 388, 706

TOTAL JULY BS RT ATTENDANCE = 38 !! (counting drifters, presenters, and announcers)

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

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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.Dippin)**
11 Feb = **Physical Fitness**
11 Mar = **Forestry**
8 April = **Leadership**
13 May = **Special Cooking**

YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC