

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT
the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE
BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

Pre - RT

August 2009

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 13 Aug 2009 N 30°09.345' // W 085°38.795'

LSD BS RT: Often Imitated, Never Repeated !!

“SAFETY”

Opening: Troop 82

* Program Feature By Your LSD Boy Scout RT STAFF !!!

* Big George's Medical Moment and * Jim Wolf's Knot of the Month !!

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED TO THEME OF THE MONTH:

Scouting Safely <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety.aspx>
Guide to Safe Scouting <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GSS.aspx>
Health & Safety Alerts <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/Alerts.aspx>
Fireman's Chit <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/content/award/award-539.asp>
Trek Safely Training Outline <http://www.danbeard.org/ContentTrekSafely.aspx>
Scouting Magazine archives search on Safety <http://www.scoutingmagazine.org/search.html>
Internet Scout Patch <http://www.usscouts.org/tradingpost/internet Scout patch.asp>
Effective August 1, 2009, the National Office will no longer accept Eagle applications prior to the 2009 printing. The new Eagle Scout application (512-728) can be found on [scouting.org. http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_web.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-728_web.pdf).
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KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:

So Many Plants, So Little Time: Dotted Horsemint, *Monarda punctata*
http://www.floridata.com/ref/M/mona_pun.cfm

Critter of the Month: Barking Tree Frog, *Hyla gratiosa* (can be found at STSR)
http://www.bio.davidson.edu/projects/herpcons/herps_of_nc/anurans/hylgra/hyl_gra.html

Bugga da Month: Red-spotted Purple, *Limenitis arthemis astyanax* (Fabricius)
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/IN814>, and
http://www.floridata.com/tracks/butterfly/red_spot.cfm

Everybody's Heard about the Bird: Black Skimmer, *Rynchops niger*, note of 7/13 per Audubon's Lisa Keppner: "Many of us have seen the Black Skimmers in the vicinity of the Sears roof where they nest every year. While getting my tires rotated at Sears Automotive, I saw two fledglings hanging out with a parent in the middle of the parking lot in the puddle formed around a drain. Kind of sad in a way (they should be on a beach!!) but I was really happy to see that at least 2 young skimmers successfully hatched this year." http://www.audubon.org/bird/BoA/F42_Gla.html
<http://www.mbr-pwrc.usgs.gov/id/framlst/i0800id.html>



Dotted Horsemint



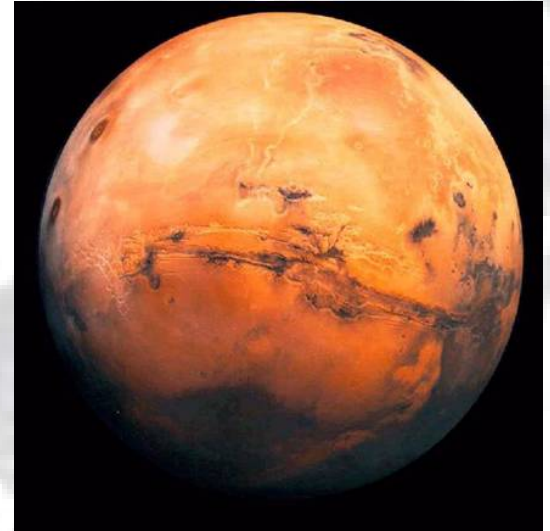
Barking Tree Frog



Red-spotted Purple



Black Skimmer



Mars

The Sky Tells a Story: Closest approach between Earth and Mars in recorded history will occur 27 August. The next time Mars may come this close is in 2287. Due to the way Jupiter's gravity tugs on Mars and perturbs its orbit, astronomers can only be certain that Mars has not come this close to Earth in the Last 5,000 years, but it may be as long as 60,000 years before it happens again. The encounter will culminate on August 27th when Mars comes to within 34,649,589 miles of Earth and will be (next to the moon) the brightest object in the night sky. It will attain a magnitude of -2.9. Mars will look as large as the full moon to the naked eye. Mars will be easy to spot. At the beginning of August it will rise in the east at 10p.m. and reach its azimuth at about 3 a.m. By the end of August when the two planets are closest, Mars will rise at nightfall and reach its highest point in the sky at 12:30a.m.

Full Moon 6 Aug, in American Indian lore, this is the Green Corn Moon. The Perseid Meteor Shower peaks 12 Aug. The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega in Lyra dominates the NE sky. Below Vega are the other two bright stars of the Summer Triangle; Deneb of Cygnus the Swan; and, to the south is Altair, the brightest of Aquila the Eagle.

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

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

- 1) Tri-Council Commissioner College: Sat 29 Aug at Deane Bozeman HS
- 2) LSD Merit Badge University: Sat 26 Sept
- 3) Fall District Camporee: 13-15 Nov
- 4) Council Centennial Spring Encampment: 9-11 April 2010

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

- 10 Sept = Nature
- 8 Oct = Business (T.321 M. Madewell)
- 12 Nov = First Aid
- 10 Dec = Winter Camping

2010

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

see ya **Thurs 13 August !!!!!**

YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC



Black Skimmers at PC Mall