

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT
the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE

September 2009

Pre - RT

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 10 Sept 2009 N 30°09.345' // W 085°38.795'

Nature MB has not been required for Eagle Rank since 1972 !!

“NATURE”

“Man is defined by how much he has distanced himself from Nature.”

Opening: Troop 300

Updates on 2010 Jamboree, Wood Badge, and Encampment

*** Program Feature by Your LSD RTC along with plant and animal gurus Ed & Lisa Keppner !!**

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

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED TO THEME OF THE MONTH:

Boy Scout Rank Nature Related Requirements: **TF Requirement #11:** Identify local poisonous plants. **2nd Class Requirement #5:** Identify or show evidence of at least 10 kinds of wild animals (birds, mammals, reptiles, fish, mollusks) found in your community. **1st Class Requirement #6:** Identify or show evidence of at least 10 kinds of native plants found in your community.

Dragonflies & Damselflies <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/IN632>

USFW Endangered Species Bulletins <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/bulletin.html>

Sea Turtles found in FL http://research.myfwc.com/features/view_article.asp?id=5182

FL Non-Native Species http://myfwc.com/WILDLIFEHABITATS/Nonnative_index.htm

New FL Rules on Freshwater Turtles as of June 2009

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

How to Build a Treefrog House <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/UW308>

Snakes and Frogs ID <http://www.snakesandfrogs.com/scra/species.htm>

Frogs & Toads of FL http://www.wec.ufl.edu/extension/wildlife_info/frogstoads/

Auburn R&A Guide

http://www.auburn.edu/cosam/collections/reptiles_amphibians/backyard/index.htm

History of Eagle Required MBs <http://www.usscouts.org/eagle/EagleHistory.asp>

KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:

So Many Plants, So Little Time: **Southern Dewberry, *Rubus trivialis*,** Dewberry plants have a low, vine-like growth form, with red stems and slender thorns. Blackberries grow more upright, have coarser thorns and green or brown stems. The seeds of dewberry fruit are larger and tougher than those of blackberries.

http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=RUTR&photoID=rutr_003_avp.tif

Critter of the Month: **Rainbow Scarab Beetle, *Phanaeus vindex***

http://www.masternaturalist.ifas.ufl.edu/speciesarchive/rainbow_scarab.htm

Bugga da Month: **Dainty Sulfur, *Nathalis iole*** http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nathalis_iole

Everybody's Heard about the Bird: **Brown-Headed Nuthatch, *Sitta pusilla***

<http://audubon2.org/watchlist/viewSpecies.jsp?id=41>

The Sky Tells a Story: The **Big Dipper** rides high in the NW at sunset, but falls lower each evening. Good Scouts know to take its leading pointers north to Polaris, the famed

Pole or North Star. It is this time of year at an **American Indian Legend** tells of the Bear and 3 hunters. The bowl is the bear, the 3 handle stars of the dipper the hunters. The 1st carries a bow, and has shot the bear in its flanks. The 2nd optimistically carries a bowl on his shoulder for bear stew; look closely, and you can see the pot (Mizar. horse in Arabic, and Alcor its rider more traditionally). The last hunter carries firewood for the feast. The wound is minor, and the bear has not lost a step, but in the fall, as the bear goes into hiding along the NW horizon, the wound opens slightly, and blood oozes out to fall on tree leaves and paint them red this time of year.



Southern Dewberry



Brown-Headed Nuthatch



Rainbow Scarab Beetle



Dainty Sulfur Butterfly

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

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

- 1) OA Fall Pow Wow: STSR 18-20 September.
- 2) District Fall Camporee: 13-15 Nov.
- 3) STSR Winter Camp: 27-30 Dec 2009.
- 4) Wood Badge for the 21st Century: at STSR weekends of 26 Feb and 26 Mar 2010.
- 5) Council Spring Centennial Encampment: 9-11 April, Ft. Walton Fairgrounds.

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.

8 Oct 2009= Business (T.321 M.Madewell)

12 Nov = First Aid (T.317 G.Goehring)

10 Dec = Winter Camping

14 Jan 2010 = Citizenship (T.369 J.Pippin)

11 Feb = Physical Fitness

11 Mar = Forestry

8 April = Leadership

13 May = Special Cooking (T.366 J.Collingsworth)

"There are two ways of spreading Light: To be the candle or the mirror that reflects it."
Edith Wharton

see ya **Thursday Night 10 September !!!!**

YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC

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