

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

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the CRAWLIN' KINGSNAKE
BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2011

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 13 OCT 2011 N 30° 10.890 // W 085° 40.010

“HIGH ADVENTURE”

Opening: Troop 366

Brandon Knuth on GCC Winter Camp

Program Feature: by TOM REYNOLDS

Big George's Medical Moment !

Sing A Simple Song ! by T.345

JOTA INFO http://scout.org/en/information_events/events/jota/the_54th_jota_2011

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED to THEME of the MONTH:

BSA High Adventure <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HighAdventure.aspx>

and by Location

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Applications/highadventuresearch.aspx>

High Adventure Camps

http://www.scoutingthenet.com/Camping/High_Adventure_Camps/

BSA High Adventure Awards <http://www.bsahighadventure.org/awards/index.html>

High Adventure Triple Crown Award

http://www.boyscouttrail.com/content/award/high_adventure_triple_crown-1747.asp

Passport to High Adventure

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/PassporttoHighAdventure.aspx>

Council High Adventure—A high-adventure experience includes at least five nights and six days of trekking in wilderness and other rugged, remote locations. Trekking may include backpacking, canoeing, mountain biking, horse packing, mountain climbing, ski touring, rafting, kayaking, or a host of other outdoor adventures. Participants must be at least 13 years old by September 1 of the year of participation or a registered Venturer.

National High Adventure—The BSA operates unique and exciting national high-adventure bases and programs. With two locations in the Florida Keys, the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base offers a variety of aquatic and boating programs. The Northern Tier National High Adventure Program, based in northern Minnesota with two satellite bases in Canada, provides a variety of canoe treks and programs. Philmont Scout Ranch, located in the mountains of New Mexico, provides excellent backpacking treks. Age requirements for these programs vary, but most programs are rugged and designed for older Scouts.

Unit High Adventure—The highest level of challenge for a troop or team is to plan and carry out its own high adventure experience. These activities for more experienced Scouts are planned and implemented by youth members with coaching from their adult leaders.

KE's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:

Q: What do Frogs drink?

A: Croak-A-Cola!

Q: What species of Weasel goes to Scout Camp?

A: A Merit Badger!

Q: What is a Shark's favorite game?

A: Swallow the Leader!

Q: What do you call a Grizzly with no teeth?

A: A Gummy Bear!

Q: What do you call an aquatic mammal with a new hairdo?

A: A "Perm Whale"!

Wild Bird Unlimited Shop, then click on Nature Happenings of the Month
<http://panamacity.wbu.com/content/show/65838>

Diseases Transmitted with FL WL <http://247wildlife.com/wildlifediseases.htm>

So Many Plants, So Little Time: **Virginia Buttonweed**, *Diodia virginiana*
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep386>

http://www.ppws.vt.edu/scott/weed_id/diqvi.htm

Firespike, *Odontonema strictum*, http://www.floridata.com/ref/o/odon_str.cfm



Virginia Buttonweed



Firespike

Everybody's Heard About the Bird: **Golden-crowned Kinglet**, *Regulus satrapa*
http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Golden-crowned_Kinglet/lifehistory

Bugga da Month: **Milkweed Assassin Bug**, *Zelus longipes*
<http://bugguide.net/node/view/4832>

Critter of the Month: **Redbellied Snake**, *Storeria occipitomaculata*
<http://www.uga.edu/srelherp/snakes/stoocc.htm>



Golden-crowned Kinglet



Milkweed Assassin Bug



Red-bellied Snake

The Sky Tells a Story: The moon will be full on October 12th; this is the Hunter's Moon. Venus returns to the evening sky at the end of this month, having past behind the sun in the last few weeks. Venus will be pulling away from the Sun, appearing higher and brighter in the evening sky for the next six months. Jupiter dominates the eastern sky just below the triangle of Aries and south of Andromeda.

The Big Dipper falls lower each evening. By the end of October, only the three stars in the handle of Dipper will be visible in the northwestern twilight. By contrast, the Little Dipper, while much fainter, is always above our northern horizon here along the Gulf Coast.

The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega dominates the sky overhead. To the northeast of Vega is Deneb, the brightest star of Cygnus the Swan. To the south is Altair, the brightest star of Aquila the Eagle, the third member of the three bright stars that make the Summer Triangle.

To the east, the Great Square of Pegasus is a beacon of fall. South of it lies the only bright star of Fall, Fomalhaut. The constellation Cassiopeia makes a striking 'W', rising in the NE as the Big Dipper sets in the NW. Polaris lies about midway between them.

Winter will be coming soon, and in the NE we see yellow Capella rising. It is the brightest star of Auriga the Charioteer, and a giant star the same temperature as our sun, but at least 100X more luminous. A little farther south, below the Pleiades (the Seven Sisters), orange Aldeberan rises and is the eye of Taurus the Bull.

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

Upcoming Events:

- 1) JOTA - Sat 15 Oct, 12-5 PM, PC Amateur Radio Club, 130 N. Church Ave.
- 2) LSD Fall Camporee, 11-13 Nov at Sheriff's Camp, theme: Back to Basics; and also BS Leader Specific Training on Sat 12 Nov.
- 3) GCC Winter Camp at STSR, 27-30 Dec.
- 4) LS District Scouter Banquet, Sat 7 Jan.
- 5) CFL University of Scouting, Sat 28 Jan 2012 at Timber Creek HS
- 6) YNAW 24-26 Feb at STSR.
- 7) LSD Merit Badge University, Sat 31 March.
- 8) LSD 2012 Spring Camporee, 20-22 Apr 2012; plus BS IOLS training.

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 or email me at kerry.gunn@navy.mil.

- 10 Nov = Tracking (Jim Moyers, Wildlife Biologist)**
- 8 Dec = Hobbies (T.39 Mr. Ted)**
- 12 Jan 2012 = Public Service**
- 8 Feb = Cultural Diversity**
- 8 Mar = Wildlife Mgmt (Jim Moyers, Wildlife Biologist)**
- 12 Apr - Camping**
- 10 May - Emergency Prep (T.317)**
- 14 Jun - Health Care**

See ya Thursday Night 13 Oct !!!! YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC RT #72

Roundtable Suggestion / Ideas

Date: _____

Name: _____ Troop: _____

Position: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Suggestion / Idea: _____

