

# LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

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the *CRAWLIN' KINGSNAKE*

DECEMBER 2011

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT

7 P.M.

8 DEC 2011

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**You've may have heard this before, but I had to send it out again!**

**>>>> What's My Hobby? That's right, it's Roundtable! <<<<**

Way Back In the My Early Beginnings, Way Back in November 1949

Mankind Didn't Have a Clue about the Likes of Me or Mine,

I Didn't Even Know Myself that my HOBBIES would be **Canoeing**, **Reptiles**, and **Plants**  
or When I First Heard Music that I'd immediately wanna Get Up and Dance.

But On that Cold Ohio Morning, as I Popped Out, I Took My First Breath and Said,  
"Hey, I Wanna Be A Boy Scout, and I Just Can't Get it Outta My Head!!!"

## “HOBBIES”

**Opening: Troop 706**

**Program Feature:** by MR. TED SPANGENBERG

**Big George's “LOCOMOTIVE” Moment !**

**Sing A Simple Song ! by T.366**

**SITES 'N STUFF RELATED to THEME of the MONTH:**

**Hobbies Related MBs** <http://www.usscouts.org/usscouts/mb/mb128.asp>

Many MBs can become Life-Long Hobbies! For example: Archery, Art, Basketry, Bird Study, Canoeing, Chess, Coin Collecting, Collections, Fishing, Fly Fishing, Gardening, Genealogy, Golf, Graphic Arts, Horsemanship, Model Design and Building, Music, Painting, Pets, Photography, Plant Science, Pottery, Pulp and Paper, Radio, Railroading, Reading, Reptile and Amphibian Study, Scuba Diving, Sculpture, Stamp Collecting, Textile, Theater, Wood Carving, and Woodwork!

**KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:**

**Wild Bird Unlimited Shop,** <http://panamacity.wbu.com/>

**So Many Plants, So Little Time:** The Difference between Pond & Bald Cypress.

**Bald Cypress,** *Taxodium distichum* var. *distichum*

<http://www.sfrc.ufl.edu/4h/Baldcypress/baldcypr.htm>

**Pond Cypress,** *Taxodium ascendens*

<http://sfrc.ufl.edu/4h/pondcypress/pondcypress.htm>



Bald Cypress



Pond Cypress



Everybody's Heard About the Bird: **Painted Bunting**, *Passerina ciris*

[http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/painted\\_bunting/id](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/painted_bunting/id)

Bugga da Month: **Brown Marmorated Stink Bug**, *Halyomorpha halys*,

[http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/veg/bean/brown\\_marmorated\\_stink\\_bug.htm](http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/veg/bean/brown_marmorated_stink_bug.htm)

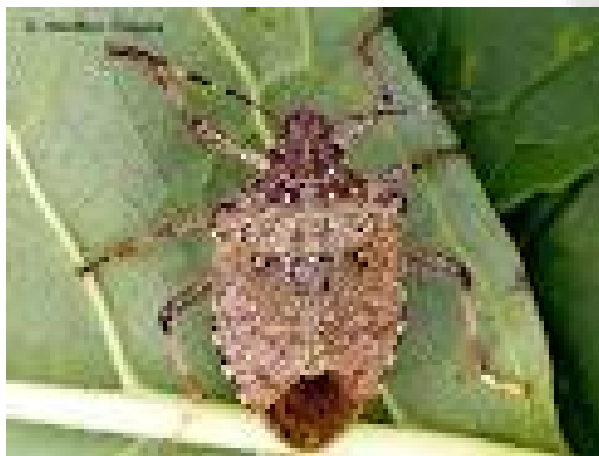
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Painted Bunting Male



Painted Bunting Female



Brown Marmorated Stink Bug and Egg Cluster

Critter of the Month: **Squirrel Tree Frog**, *Hyla squirella*,

<http://wwknapp.home.mindspring.com/docs/squirrel.tfrog.html>



Squirrel Tree Frog

**The Sky Tells a Story:** Venus dominates the evening sky for the next six months. Mars is rising in the NE in Leo about midnight. Jupiter is still well placed in the southern sky through March of 2012. Saturn rises about midnight near Spica in Virgo.

The great square of Pegasus dominates the western sky. The constellation Cassiopeia makes a striking "W" in the NW. Her daughter, Andromeda, starts with the NE corner star of Pegasus' Square, and goes NE with two more bright stars in a row. It is from the middle star, beta Andromeda, that we proceed about a quarter the way to the top star in the "W" of Cassiopeia, and look for a faint blur with the naked eye. M-31, the Andromeda Galaxy, is the most distant object visible with the naked eye, lying about 2.5 million light years distant. Overhead Andromeda's hero, Perseus, rises.

Look at Perseus' feet for the famed Pleiades cluster also known as the Seven Sisters. East of the Seven Sisters is the "V" of stars marking the face of Taurus the Bull, with bright orange Aldebaran as his eye. The "V" of stars is the Hyades cluster, older than the blue Pleiades, but about half their distance. Aldebaran is not a member, but about twice as close as the Hyades; distances in astronomy can be deceiving.

Yellow Capella, a giant star the same temperature and color as our much smaller Sun, dominates the overhead sky. It is part of the pentagon of stars making up Auriga, the Charioteer (think Ben Hur). East of Auriga, the twins, Castor and Pollux highlight Gemini.

South of Gemini, Orion is the most familiar winter constellation, dominating the eastern sky at dusk. The reddish supergiant Betelgeuse marks his eastern shoulder, while blue-white supergiant Rigel stands opposite on his west knee. Just south of the belt, hanging like a sword downward, is M-42, the Great Nebula of Orion.

In the east rise the hunter's two faithful companions, Canis major and minor. Procyon is the bright star in the little dog, and rises minutes before Sirius, the brightest star in the sky. Sirius dominates the SE sky by 7 PM, and as it rises, the turbulent winter air causes it to sparkle with shafts of spectral fire.

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

**Upcoming Events:**

- 1) LNT Trainer Course at STSR 2-4 Dec.
- 2) Re-Charter Pkgs due back at 8 Dec RT.
- 3) GCC Winter Camp at STSR, 27-30 Dec.
- 4) LSD Banquet, Sat 7 Jan at Northside Baptist Church.
- 5) Green Bar Weekend at STSR, 27-29 Jan.
- 6) GC Council Banquet, Sat 4 Feb.
- 7) YNAW 24-26 Feb at STSR.
- 8) LSD Merit Badge University, Sat 7 April.
- 9) LSD 2012 Spring Camporee at Redfish PT TABF, 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](mailto:kerry.gunn@navy.mil).**

- 12 Jan 2012= **Public Service (T.302 Randy Sealer)**
- 8 Feb = **Cultural Diversity (T.369 Joe Pippin)**
- 8 Mar = **Wildlife Mgmt (Jim Moyers, Wildlife Biologist)**
- 12 Apr – **Camping (???)**
- 10 May – **Emergency Prep (T.317)**
- 14 Jun – **Health Care**
- 9 Aug – **Safety**
- 13 Sept – **Nature**
- 11 Oct – **Business**
- 8 Nov – **First Aid**
- 13 Dec – **Winter Camping (?)**

**See ya Thursday Night 8 DEC !!!! YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC RT #74**

**Roundtable Suggestion / Ideas**

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