

# LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

Pre - RT

the *CRAWLIN' KINGSNAKE*

FEB 2011

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 10 FEB 2011 N 30°09.345' // W 085°38.795'

## “PIONEERING”

**Opening: Troop 303**

**Brandon Knuth – Fam Camp Updates**

**Jim Boksa – New Changes In Tour Permits**

Tour Planning Worksheet: [www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-014\\_fillable.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/680-014_fillable.pdf)

**Shandi Payne – Updates on 26 March LSD MB University**

**Program Feature: Mike Madewell & T.321**

**Big George's Medical Moment!**

**Sing A Simple Song ! by T.39**

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

76 page PDF link to PIONEERING PROJECTS BIG & SMALL

<http://ajm.pioneeringprojects.org/pioneering/PioneeringProjects.pdf>

97 page PDF link to PIONEERING PROJECTS

<http://www.thedump.scoutscan.com/pionprojects.pdf>

The Scouting Page of Dan Kohn (all kinds of great info)

<http://dankohn.info/~scouts/>

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

**E. O. Wilson Biophilia Center has Open House 9 AM - 3 PM Saturday 9 April**

**Bugga da Month: Black and Yellow Lichen Moth, *Lycomorpha pholus***

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/in865>

**Everybody's Heard About the Bird: Cedar Waxwing, *Bombycilla cedrorum***

[http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Cedar\\_Waxwing/id](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Cedar_Waxwing/id)

**So Many Plants, So Little Time: Japanese VS. Old World Climbing Fern**

**Japanese Climbing Fern, *Lygodium japonicum***

<http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/node/639>

**Old World Climbing Fern, *Lygodium microphyllum***

<http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/node/255>



Black and Yellow Lichen Moth



Cedar Waxwing



Japanese Climbing Fern



Old World Climbing Fern

**The Sky Tells a Story:** The full moon is on February 18th and in folklore, is the Wolf or Hunger Moon.

Venus dominates the dawn sky. Mars is currently behind the Sun and lost in his glare, as is true of Mercury as well. Even Jupiter is soon disappearing in the south western sky by month's end. Saturn is now in Virgo near the bright star Spica.

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. The middle star is beta Andromeda. Andromeda's hero is Perseus, which contains the famed eclipsing binary star Algol, where the Arabs imagined the eye of the gorgon Medusa would lie. At Perseus' feet we find the famed Pleiades cluster, the 7 Sisters. East of the 7 Sisters is the V of stars marking the face of Taurus the Bull, with bright orange Aldebaran as his eye. 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 on 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.

In the east rises the hunter's two faithful companions, Canis Major and Canis 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. When Sirius is highest, along our southern horizon look for the second brightest star, Canopus, getting just above the horizon and sparkling like an exquisite diamond as the turbulent winter air twists and turns this shaft of starlight, after a trip of about 200 years!

To the northeast, a reminder of Spring coming; look for the bowl of the Big Dipper to rise, with the top two stars, the pointers, giving you a line to find Polaris, the Pole Star. But if you take the pointers south, you are guided instead to the head of Leo the Lion rising in the east, looking much like the profile of the famed Sphinx. The bright star at the Lion's heart is Regulus, the "regal star". Fitting for our cosmic king of beasts, whose rising at the end of this month means March indeed will be coming in like a Lion.

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

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

- 1) **Webelos X-Over:** Tues 8 Feb, 6PM, LH Sharon Sheffield Park, by P.321.
- 2) **Gulf Coast Council Banquet:** Sat 12 Feb Sacred Heart Cathedral, Pensacola
- 3) **YNAW:** 25-27 Feb at STSR. Native American Weekend, hosted by OA
- 4) **LSD MB University,** Sat 26 Mar, Deane Bozeman School.
- 5) **LSD Spring Camporee,** 15-17 April "Disabilities Awareness" at Euchee.

**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).**

- 10 Mar = Environment**
- 14 Apr = Orienteering (T.366 Mark Gilland)**
- 12 May = Mechanics (T.82 Bobby Prieto)**
- 9 Jun = Hiking**
- 11 Aug = Shooting and/or Sports**
- 8 Sept = Engineering**
- 13 Oct = High Adventure**
- 10 Nov = Tracking**
- 8 Dec = Hobbies**

**See ya Thursday Night 10 February !!!! YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC RT #65**

**Roundtable Suggestion / Ideas**

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Suggestion / Idea:

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