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LAKE SANDS DISTRICT
the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE

February 2011

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

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

“PIONEERING”

Opening: Thanks to the **T.303 SM Dave Hodges** for the Red Skelton interpretation of the Pledge of Allegiance and leading the Opening Pledge. The Opening Key was passed to **T.310** (John Hopkins) for next month's 10 March opening.

Thanks to the following Folks for their Participation, Information, & Enthusiasm:

Jon Coleman: handed out 2010 Training Certificates of Appreciation to T.300 Michael Cole and T.321 Mike Madewell. Jon also hyped upcoming training events: see LSD calendar for dates. **IOLS** will now be held during the **Spring Camporee, 15-17 April**; interested Leaders MUST still register online at the LSD website; the deadline to register is Thursday 7 April.

OA Dominic Ford: hyped the **25-27 Feb YNAW** event - the entire weekend will be related to Native American skills and traditions. The deadline to register is 10 PM 11 Feb; you can register on the lodge website at www.yustaga385.com.

DE Brandon: hyped the CampCard fundraiser and T.300 Scout "Rusty" gave us his own personal spiel on selling cards.

Jim Boksa, GCC Program Director: provided a handout on the new TOUR PLANNING guidelines to be effective 1 March. There is only 1 form now; there is no longer a local and national tour permit. Please email or fax your Tour Plans to Jim at least 2 weeks in advance of your activity, jboksa@basmail.org, or fax to (850)476-6337.

Billy Egan, GCC Field Director: encouraged all Troops to start using Internet Advancement. Two PPT presentations are now available on the GCC website - go to District, Lake Sands District, District RT Notes and Flyers. Please refer questions to Council Advancement Specialist Veronica at vfarkas@bsamail.org.

Brandon Knuth: hyped Fam Camp which is free to all Troops volunteering to help out (and food is provided!). The dates are 8-10 April, 6-8 May, & 20-22 May. Brandon can be reached at (850)380-1608 and stormknuth@gmail.com. Please provide number of adults & Scouts as well as rank and if they have Scout Lifeguard certification.

T.300 Rob Adams: provide handout on **LSD Spring "Disabilities Awareness" Camporee 15-17 April**. Please register by Patrols as all competition will be by Patrols. And, please register by 1 April!

Doug Merkle: recommended visiting the Insect Exhibit at the Jr. Museum of Bay Co.

***** FEATURE PRESENTATION *****

A HUGE THANKS to *Mike Madewell & T.321* for leading the **Pioneering theme.** Mike encouraged use of the Knot Master Program and brought in a huge display board of knots. He thought it might be a good idea to implement this district-wide as he found it very fun for his Scouts (and Leaders). Thanks to Mark Gilland, info on the Knot Masters Program, also being used by T.366, can be found at:

<http://www.lakesandsdistrict.org/docs/knots/Knot%20Masters%20Program.pdf> .

Mike also brought in several models, a tower and bridge, as these are required for Pioneering MB. He also took the RT crowd outside to show his lashed closet poles and demonstrated with his Scouts several fun and challenging pioneering games of Fishing (lashed poles, line, rat trap), Catapult, Crossing a River (3 Scouts using lashed poles and rope), and others. Mike also provided a huge 76-page handout on Pioneering Projects Big and Small. Thanks again to Mike and T.321 !!

I would also like to thank Carl Bennett for providing me with a PDF of the 1969 Boy's Life reprint BL-44 on Pioneering (sending separately from this newsletter).

And, BIG THANKS once again to **Big George** for his **Medical Moment on Strains, Sprains, & Dislocations.** Take-aways include: keep in your first aid kit a triangular bandage and ace wrap; apply ice for 48 hours; know where your pressure points are; for dislocations use a slow, steady pull with rotation.

Another BIG THANKS to **T.39** for their song "**This Little Scouting Light O 'Mine**". The new wooden **Musical 1/8th Note** (crafted by Bill Payne) was given to T.82 for the March **RT SONG OF THE MONTH!**

LSD Travelling Spirit Stick: The **Twisty Snake Stick** was MIA by **T.47**. The newer **Oak Snake Stick** was returned by **T.317** with large woggle and colored beads representing a coral snake; this stick was awarded to **T.321** for the great show and demo of Pioneering Games.

KE's Handouts Gone Wild:

- 5 pages from Pioneering Boy's Life Reprint (BL-44 from 1969)
- Whipping
- Japanese Square Lashing
- Pioneering MB Requirements
- Quiz - The Reptile Name Game Crossword Puzzle
- Slide of the Month: Old-Oil Lantern (Boy's Life Reprint)

Ticket Drawing Giveaways: And all winners received a Poster!

Ranger Rick stuffed toy (thanks to T.302 Bill Gillis): T.300 Sherri Roberts

Hoodwinked Toy Squirrel: T.388 Tim Bladow

Mugs and Dream Catcher Key Chain (4): T.300 Rob Adams, T.82 Larry Dawson, T.388 Angela Sparks, and Doug Merkle

Rave Beam: T.310 John Hopkins

Gardening Waist Belt: T.321 Jimmy Wiselogel

Upcoming Boy Scout Items of Interest: REMEMBER to visit the District Calendar on LSD Website at <http://www.lakesandsdistrict.org/index.php>

- 1) Gulf Coast Council Banquet: Sat 12 Feb.
- 2) YNAW: 25-27 Feb at STSR. Native American related, hosted by OA.
- 3) OA Ordeal 18 March.
- 4) LSD MB University, Sat 26 Mar, Deane Bozeman School.
- 5) Trainer's Edge, Sat 2 Apr, 8AM-5PM, Deane Bozeman School.
- 6) LSD Spring Camporee, 15-17 April "Disabilities Awareness" at Euchee.
- 7) COR Training, 21 April.
- 8) BS New Leader Essentials, Sat 21 May, 8AM-4PM, at FUMC.
- 9) Summer Camp at STSR - Celebrating 50 Years of STSR

CLOSING by KG: Advice from a Bat: Trust in your senses | Spend time just hanging around with friends | Don't be afraid of the dark | Get a grip | Enjoy the nightlife | Sometimes you've just gotta wing it | Guano happens!

(and from Mike Madewell: "The batty bat screamed out in fright - turn on the dark, I'm afraid of the light!")

ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE !!!

THANKS to the following 16 Units represented at February RT:

39, 82, 300, 302, 303, 310, 317, 321, 323, 345, 356, 366, 369, 388, 700, 706

TOTAL FEBRUARY BS RT ATTENDANCE = 50

(35 Leaders & 15 additional Drifters, Presenters, & Scouts)

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: 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 Sport (T.317 Jeff Neitzke)

8 Sept = Engineering (Carl Bennett & Doug Merkle)

13 Oct = High Adventure

10 Nov = Tracking

8 Dec = Hobbies (T.39 Mr. Ted)

YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC