

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

Pre - RT

the *CRAWLIN' KINGSNAKE*

MAY 2011

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 12 MAY 2011 N 30° 10.890 // W 085° 40.010

>Note Above Updated Coordinates<

“MECHANICS”

Opening: Troop 321

Brandon Jacola, DE Densacola Bay on June Cub Resident Camp

Billy Egan, GCC Field Director on Journey to Excellence

Program Feature: T.82 BOBBY PRIETO

Big George's **Medical Moment!**

Sing A Simple Song! by T.303

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED to THEME of the MONTH:

BOY'S LIFE WORKSHOP: Maintain Your Motor

<http://boyslife.org/hobbies-projects/projects/2085/maintain-your-motor/>

and How to Maintain Your Bike

<http://boyslife.org/outdoors/outdoorarticles/4176/how-to-maintain-your-bike-2/>

KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:

So Many Plants, So Little Time: WITCH HAZEL, *Hamamelis virginiana*

http://www.floridata.com/ref/h/hama_vir.cfm

Bugga da Month: HACKBERRY EMPEROR, *Asterocampa celtis*

<http://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/species/Asterocampa-celtis>



WITCH HAZEL



Hackberry Emperor (underside)



Hackberry Emperor (above view)

Critter of the Month: FL Panther Frequently Asked Questions

http://www.fws.gov/floridapanther/panther_faq.html

Are Florida Panthers Black? It is a common misconception that Florida panthers are black. They are actually tawny and brown with cream or white colored undersides. Small amounts of black coloring can be found around the face, paws, legs, and tip of tail. Baby panthers are born with black spots that last approximately two months after birth. This is so that their mother can camouflage them better from potential predators. **If Florida Panthers aren't Black, then what is a Black Panther?** There is **NO** species of "black panther." The large black cats seen in zoos or used by media outlets are usually either the black (or melanistic) phase of jaguars or leopards. Some species of wild felines, especially those that are spotted as adults (including bobcats) have melanistic or black color phases. This color phase is unusual. However, there has **NEVER** been a black or melanistic panther, cougar, or mountain lion documented in the wild or in captivity.



FLORIDA PANTHER with CUB

Everybody's Heard About the Bird: DOWNY vs. HAIRY WOODPECKER

Downy Woodpecker, *Picoides pubescens*

http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/downy_woodpecker/id

Hairy Woodpecker, *Picoides villosus*

http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Hairy_Woodpecker/id



DOWNY WOODPECKER



HAIRY WOODPECKER

The Sky Tells a Story: Four naked eye planets all lie just west of the Sun in the dawn sky. Several nice groupings of these wanderers occur in May.

(see: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/42805442/ns/technology_and_space/)

Orion is still visible, and dominating the SW is the Dog Star, Sirius, brightest star of the night sky in the constellation Canus major. When Sirius vanishes into the Sun's glare in 2 months, we will be in the "Dog Days".

The brightest star in the NW is Capella, distinctively yellow in color in Auriga. It is a giant star, almost exactly the same temperature as our Sun, but about 100x more luminous. Just south of it are the stellar twins, the Gemini, with Castor closer to Capella, and Pollux closer to the Little Dog Star, Procyon.

Overhead, the Big Dipper rides high. If you drop south from the bowl of the Big Dipper, Leo the Lion rides high. Note the Egyptian Sphinx is based on the shape of this Lion in the sky. Saturn lies just SE of the triangle of stars that mark Leo's tail this year.

Taking the arc in the Dipper's handle, we "arc" it to Arcturus, the brightest star of spring in the constellation Bootes. Just east of Arcturus is Corona Borealis, the "northern crown". Spike south to Spica, the hot blue star in Virgo, then curve to Corvus the Crow, a four sided grouping.

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

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

- 1) BS New Leader Essentials, Sat 21 May, 8AM-4PM, at FUMC.
- 2) College of Commissioner Science, Sat 27 Aug at Deane Bozeman School
- 3) LSD Fall Camporee, 11-13 Nov (Theme & Location TBD)

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.

9 Jun = **Shooting Sports** (T.317 Jeff Neitzke)

11 Aug = **Hiking**

8 Sept = **Engineering** (Carl Bennett & Doug Merkle)

13 Oct = **High Adventure**

10 Nov = **Tracking**

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

12 Jan 2012 = **Public Service**

8 Feb = **Cultural Diversity**

8 Mar = **Wildlife Mgmt**

12 Apr = **Camping**

10 May = **Emerg Drep**

14 Jun = **Health Care**

See ya **Thursday Night 12 MAY !!!!** YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC RT #68

Roundtable Suggestion / Ideas

Date: _____

Name: _____

Troop: _____

Position: _____

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Suggestion / Idea:

