

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

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the *CRAWLIN' KINGSNAKE*

AUGUST 2011

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 11 AUG 2011 N 30° 10.890 // W 085° 40.010

Opening: Troop 345

Challenger Learning Center to discuss MBs / Programs for Scouts

<http://www.challengertlh.com/>

ALSO: Troop Problem Solving Discussion/Audience Participation

- 1) How to involve the Scouts in Unit Growth?
- 2) What kind of exercises during weekly Scout meetings have you found to be fun and effective in reinforcing Scout skills?
- 3) How do you get a new Troop up and running quickly when you have new, inexperienced leaders?
- 4) How do you get Scouts to wear the Scout uniform and appreciate it (and do it willingly)?
- 5) How can you be successful with a really small Troop?

Big George's Medical Moment !

Sing A Simple Song ! by T.321

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED to THEME of the MONTH:

Ask Andy is a frequently published advice column with answers to questions asked by Scouters.

<http://netcommish.com/askandy.asp>

NEW!! Chess Merit Badge is not scheduled to arrive in Scout stores until August 5, 2011. The main launch event for Chess Merit Badge will be in St. Louis, MO at the opening of the new Chess Hall of Fame on September 8-10, 2011.

Tallahassee Astronomical Society <http://www.stargazers.org/>

KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:

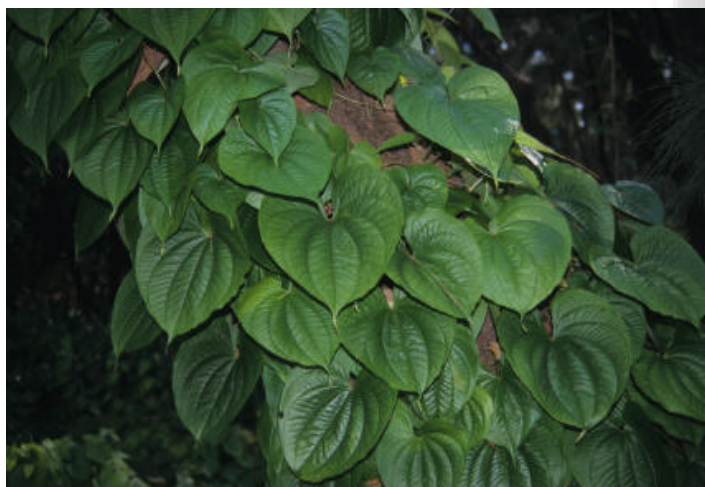
So Many Plants, So Little Time: Air Potato Vine, *Dioscorea bulbifera*,

<http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/node/133>

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ag112>

Everybody's Heard About the Bird: Whimbrel, *Numenius phaeopus*

<http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Whimbrel/id>



Air Potato Vine



Whimbrel

Bugga da Month: **Brazilian Skipper (large canna leaf roller)**, *Calpodus ethlius*,
http://entnemdept.ifas.ufl.edu/creatures/orn/brazilian_skipper.htm



Brazilian Skipper



damage caused by canna leaf roller

Critter of the Month: **Yellow-bellied Slider**, *Trachemys scripta scripta*
<http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/guide/turtles.html>



Yellow-bellied Slider

The Sky Tells a Story: There is a full moon on August 13th, which also means that it will wash out most of the famed Perseid meteors. The morning of August 12th is the peak for the Perseid Meteor Shower, our best annual celestial fireworks show. If you have a dark sky site, you will see about a bright meteor every 5-10 minutes from midnight until dawn, despite the moonlight. They will seem to come out of the constellation Perseus, rising in the NE just before midnight.

Mercury will be visible in the evening sky in early August, just to the right of the crescent moon on August 1st. But it soon gets lost in the sun's glare, where Venus also now lies. Mars is in the morning sky in Taurus, rising about 4 AM. Jupiter rises in Aries about 2 AM at the start of August, and about midnight by month's end. It is at opposition on October 29st, rising in the east at sunset and up all night. Those who are used to seeing Jupiter will be glad to know its prominent south equatorial belt, which vanished last year, is apparently growing back to give the giant planet its two racing stripes again. And of course, the four Galilean moons are fun to watch with any backyard telescope. But the best telescopic treat is still Saturn, now moving eastward away from gamma Virginis in the southwestern sky. Enjoy the rings, now open about 8 degrees, for by the end of September it will be lost in the sun's glare in the west.

The Big Dipper rides high in the NW at sunset, but falls lower each evening. Good Scouts know to take its leading pointers north to Polaris, the famed Pole Star.

Taking the arc in the Dipper's handle, we "arc" SE to bright orange Arcturus, the brightest star of Spring. Spike south to Spica, the hot blue star in Virgo. Look for Saturn to the upper right of Spica, and drawing closer to it night by night as Saturn revolves around the sun in its slow 30 year orbit. From Spica curve to Corvus the Crow, a four sided grouping.

Hercules is overhead. The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega, dominates the NE sky. Below Vega are the two bright stars of the Summer Triangle; Deneb is at the top of the Northern Cross, known as Cygnus the Swan to the Romans. To the south is Altair, the brightest star of Aquila the Eagle.

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

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

- 1) College of Commissioner Science, Sat 27 Aug at Deane Bozeman School
- 2) OA Fall Pow Wow at STSR - 16-18 Sept.
- 3) JOTA - Sat 15 Oct.
- 4) LSD Fall Camporee, 11-13 Nov (Theme & Location TBD)
- 5) GCC Winter Camp, 27-30 Dec.
- 6) LSD 2012 Spring Camporee, 20-22 Apr 2012.

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.

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

13 Oct = **High Adventure** (Tom Reynolds)

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**

14 Jun = **Health Care**

See ya **Thursday Night 11 Aug !!!!** YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC RT #70

Roundtable Suggestion / Ideas

Date: _____

Name: _____

Troop: _____

Position: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Suggestion / Idea: _____

