

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

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the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE

December **2012**

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 13 DEC 2012 N 30° 10.890 // W 085° 40.010

“**WINTER CAMPING**”

Opening: Thanks to the **T.323 Doreen Norbut** for the Opening Pledge. The opening key was passed to **T.388** for the 10 January 2013 RT Opening.

WELCOME TO THESE 4 NEW ATTENDEES !!

T.310 Kevin Marrs, T. 311 David Swisher, T321 Patrick Hair & Ron Schreffler

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

Georgia Gunn, LSD Activities Chair: Georgia hyped the LSD Jan Annual Scouter Banquet and the Poster Contest. **Posters are due back at the 10 Jan RT** and they will be displayed at the 12 Jan Banquet and at several spots during Feb Scout Week to support recruitment. If you'd like to help plan activities and events, please contact Georgia at 381-6667.

Michael Kirkland, LSD DE: Michael can be reached at (850) 784-1886 and mikirkla@basmail.org. Michael hyped turning in your Troops JTE form, Campcard orders needed by 4 Jan and plans are to distribute them at Feb RT, and he would also like to be kept informed of all Troop Court of Honor dates and locations. Also, summer camp interviews are happening soon (at Winter Camp and YNAW weekend); Scouts must be at least 15 years old. New this summer at STSR will be ATV 4-Wheelers!

Bill Pouncy, LSD 2013 Spring Camporee 17-19 May “FUN IN THE SUN”: Camporee Co-Chairman Bill gave us an update and handed out a flyer. To be held at Costin Airport in Port St. Joe FL. The early registration fee is \$10, mail check with your troop roster to: Lake Sands District, P.O. Box 18485, Panama City Beach, FL 32408. Must be recvd by 3 May or the fee goes up to \$15 per.

Michael Cole & Bryce Segler, Appalachee Awareness: Michael again updated the crowd on Unit and Adult OA Elections. Deadline is 15 Jan. Adult Election forms were provided, and must be filled out and returned to Bill Payne (address on form). One adult can be elected for every 3 Scouts that are elected. To schedule help with elections call Bryce at 381-3059, email: bms4oa@hotmail.com and Michael can be reached at 303-3613.

Bill Van Der Tulp, T.47 Headed to Sea Base; trip approved, date TBD. Bill has several openings for this trip and if interested he can be contacted at 639-2050 or acozone@gtcom.net.

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

BIG Thanks to RT Staffer George Goehring for saving the day and filling in to support the theme of **WINTER CAMPING!** George discussed the COOLDER acronym, Hypothermia, Windchill, Frostbite, noted a NESAs magazine article entitled “The Big Chill”, and discussed much more with the RT audience.

LSD Traveling Spirit Sticks: The new **thick Twisty Stick** was MIA by **T.82**.

The new **thin Twisty Stick** was returned by **T. 47** beads, shells, and troop numerals. This stick was awarded to **T.706** for a January return.

KG's Handouts Gone Wild:

- Pedro Patrol Goes Winter Camping (from BL No. 26_058 of 1972)
- Outdoor Smarts: How to Keep Warm in Camping's 4th Season (from J/F 2002 Scouting Magazine)
- Avoiding Hypothermia
- Boy Scout Winter Camping Tips
- Compass Rose
- How to Build a Bird Feeder
- Flying in Lines (from Bird Watching Magazine ID Tips)
- Quiz: Winter Wildlife
- Answers to Winter Wildlife Quiz
- Slide of the Month: Little Eskimo (Boy's Life Reprint)
- Carpe Diem 365 2013 Calendar

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY HOLIDAYS as KG & Georgia provided Christmas Gifts of Wild Bird Unlimited Bird Feeders & Feed to all those in attendance for their dedicated and continuing support of RT!

Ticket Drawing Giveaways & Winners:

BP Poster & Soups and Breads Book (2): T.706 Robert Sapp & T.302 Randy Segler.

BP Poster & Cat Calendar (2): T.321 Ron Schreffler & T.302 Bryce Segler.

BP Poster/Bacon Candle/Garden Pack/ Holiday Dream Catcher: T.317 George Goehring.

BP Poster/Funnel Cake Candle/Holiday Teapot: T.369 Mrs. Pippin.

2013 Nature Calendar & Sweet Things Recipes Book (2): T.311 David Swisher & T.82 Tm Stuhr.

2013 Nature Calendar & Meals and More Book (2): T.388 Art Roy & T.321 Patrick Hair.

Upcoming Boy Scout Items of Interest :

- 1) **LSD "Why I Like Scouting" Poster Contest, due NLT RT 10 Jan.**
- 2) **Campcard Order Form Due to Michael Kirkland, 4 Jan.**
- 3) **LSD Annual Scouter Banquet, Sat 12 Jan.** at Northside Baptist Church.
- 4) **Deadline for Unit OA Elections, 15 Jan.**
- 5) **Suwannee River Council Univ. of Scouting, Sat 26 Jan.**
- 6) **Campcards to be handed out at 14 Feb RT.**
- 7) **Gulf Coast Council Banquet, Sat 9 Mar.** Niceville Community Center.
- 8) **LSD Spring Camporee "FUN IN THE SUN", 17-19 May, Costin Airport Port St.Joe.**

CLOSING by KG: What Can We Learn from theTURTLE: First we see his shell, his armor, and his means of defense. We are like the turtle in that we have many ways to protect ourselves – our instinct to draw away from danger, to shelter ourselves from it.

Secondly, we see the turtle's persistence. He's slow, he's plodding, but he always gets where he's going. His persistence is memorialized in the age-old story of the tortoise and the hare. The persistent tortoise outlasted the showy, flashy, and very fast hare. We can learn from the turtle that our greatest accomplishments do not come from skill alone, but require our persistence in striving for the goal, such as in a Scout's journey to the rank of Eagle.

Finally, we see that the turtle can go nowhere unless he first sticks out his neck. Again we are like the turtle in that we accomplish nothing until we dare to stick out our necks once in a while.

ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE !!!

THANKS to the following 16 Units represented at December RT:

39, 47, 82, 300, 302, 303, 310, 311, 317, 321, 323, 345, 366, 369, 388, 706

TOTAL December BS RT ATTENDANCE = 45

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 . And reminder that all past "Crawlin Kingsnake" RT newsletters and other useful links can be found at http://www.lakesandsdistrict.org/Boy_Scouts.php .

10 Jan 2013 - Citizenship

14 Feb - Physical Fitness

14 Mar - Forestry

11 Apr - Leadership (T.345 Bill Douncey)

9 May - Special Cooking (T.366 Joey Collingsworth)

13 June - Backpacking

8 Aug - Fishing/Aquatics

12 Sept - Athletics

10 Oct - Science

14 Nov - Cooking

12 Dec - Wilderness Survival

YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC

