

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

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the *CRAWLIN' KINGSNAKE*

APRIL 2012

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT

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“CAMPING”

Opening: Troop 300

Discovery Dive World – Scuba Diving Program at STSR Summer Camp

Program Feature: by LSD Camping Chairman, **Joey Collingsworth** w/OA supporting.

Big George's “Medical Moment” and/or “Knot of the Month”!

Sing A Simple Song! by T.706

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED to THEME of the MONTH:

Camp/Pioneering Projects

<http://www.pioneeringprojects.org/projects/camp.htm>

Camp Gadgets - Provides a variety of plans for camp tables and patrol boxes

http://www.troop655.org/cd/camp_gadgets.htm

Backpacking Tent Buying Guide (BL Mag June 2005)

<http://boyslife.org/outdoors/guygear/3393/backpacking-tent-buying-guide/>

Backpacking: Smart-Fun-Light can be downloaded at

<http://www.scouter.com/forums/viewThread.asp?threadID=337103>

KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:

Wild Bird Unlimited Shop, <http://panamacity.wbu.com/>

Responsible Pet Ownership Guidelines

http://www.avma.org/issues/policy/ownership_guidelines.asp

So Many Plants, So Little Time: Trout Lily, *Erythronium americanum*,

<http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=ERAM5>

Everybody's Heard About the Bird: Eastern Towhee, *Pipilo erythrophthalmus*

http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/eastern_towhee/id/ac

and the **FL Birding Trail** <http://floridabirdingtrail.com/index.php> from this site you can download a “Checklist of FL Birds” and “Bird Watching Basics”.

Bugga da Month: Florida Wax Scale, *Ceroplastes floridensis*

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/in913>

Critter of the Month: Two-toed Amphiuma, *Amphiuma means*,

<http://people.wcsu.edu/pinout/herpetology/ameans/index.html>



TROUT LILY



EASTERN TOWHEE



FLORIDA WAX SCALE (adult)



TWO-TOED AMPHIUMA

The Sky Tells a Story: To the northeast, look for the Big Dipper rising, with the top two stars of the bowl, the pointers, giving you a line to find Polaris, the North Star. Look for Mizar-Alcor, a nice naked eye double star, in the bend of the big dipper's handle. Take the pointers at the front of the dipper's bowl south instead to the head of Leo, looking much like the profile of the famed Sphinx, Leo. The bright star at the Lion's heart is Regulus, the "regal star", but brighter still is Saturn, just east of Regulus. Mars gets almost back to Regulus by midmonth, but halts its retrograde motion on April 15th, just a little east of Leo's brightest star, and starts heading rapidly eastward by month's end, and will head into Virgo in May.

Now take the curved handle of the Big Dipper, and follow the arc SE to bright orange Arcturus, the brightest star of the spring sky. Recent studies of its motion link it to the Sagittarius Dwarf Galaxy, a companion of our Milky Way being tidally disrupted and spilling its stars above and below the plane of the Milky Way, much like dust falling away from a decomposing comet nucleus. So this brightest star of Bootes the Bear Driver is apparently a refugee from another galaxy!

Now spike south to Spica, the blue-white gem in Virgo rising in the SE. To the southwest of Spica is the four sided Crow, Corvus. To the ancient Greeks, Spica was associated with Persephone, daughter of Ceres, goddess of the harvest. She was abducted by her suitor Pluto, carried down to Hades (going to Hell for a honeymoon!) and when Jupiter worked out a compromise between the newlyweds and the angry mother-in-law, the agreement dictated Persephone come back to the earth's surface for six months of the year, and Mama Ceres was again placated, and the crops could grow again. As you see Spica rising in the SE, it is time to "plant your peas", and six months from now, when Spica again disappears in

the sun's glare in the SW, you need to "get your corn in the crib"...so was set our calendar of planting and harvesting in antiquity. And of course Saturn lies just to the northeast of Spica now.

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

Upcoming Events:

- 1) OA Section Conclave, 13-15 Apr at Camp Pinetree, Mobile Area Council.
- 2) LSD 2012 Spring Camporee, 20-22 Apr 2012 at Deep Springs Park, Fountain. Plus BS IOLS training.
- 3) LSD Webelos Wilderness Weekend, 4-5 May, at Paul Sim's Farm on Rt.77. Also OWL and BALOO training.
- 4) LSD BS Shooting Sports Day, Sat 12 May at Sheriff's Camp.
- 5) LSD Cub Scout Day Camp, 18-22 June at the Fairgrounds.
- 6) STSR Summer Camp: 17-23 & 24-30 June, & 1-7 July.
- 7) Commissioner College, Sat 25 Aug.
- 8) LSD Fall Camporee, 19-21 Oct.
- 9) LSD Boy Scout Shooting Sports Day, Sat 3 Nov.

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. 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 May – Emergency Prep (T.317)
- 14 Jun – Health Care (??) OR Boating/Canoing (??)
- 9 Aug – Safety
- 13 Sept – Nature
- 11 Oct – Business
- 8 Nov – First Aid
- 13 Dec – Winter Camping (??)

See ya **Thursday Night 12 April !!!!** YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC RT #78

Roundtable Suggestion / Ideas

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Name: _____ Troop: _____

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Suggestion / Idea: _____

