

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

Pre - RT

the *CRAWLIN' KINGSNAKE*

MAY 2012

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT

7 P.M.

10 May 2012

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“EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS”

Opening: Troop 302

Program Feature: by Troop 317

Big George's "Monthly Moment"!

Sing A Simple Song! by T.706

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED to THEME of the MONTH:

Scouting.Org "Your Kit BSA":

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/media/publications/emergencypreparedness/kit.aspx>

BSA Emergency Preparedness Award:

<http://scoutleaderawards.com/advance/EmergPrep.asp>

Emergency Preparedness Quiz from the American Society of Safety Engineers

<http://www.asse.org/newsroom/safetytips/hurricane-safety-tips7.php>

KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:

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

So Many Plants, So Little Time: Spanish Daisy (Sneezeweed), *Helenium armarum* <http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=HEAM>

Everybody's Heard About the Bird: Northern Bob White Quail, *Colinus virginianus*

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

Bugga da Month: Mexican Fruit Fly, *Anastrepha ludens*

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/in358>

Critter of the Month: Rainbow Snake, *Farancia erytrogramma*

<http://www.dcnr.state.al.us/watchable-wildlife/what/Reptiles/Snakes/rs.cfm>



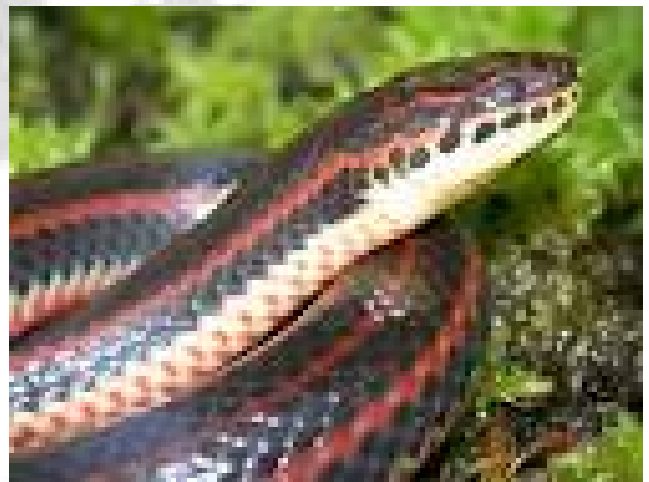
Sneezeweed



Bob White



Mexican Fruit Fly



Rainbow Snake

The Sky Tells a Story: On June 5th, starting about 5 PM CDT, we will witness a very rare transit of Venus, when it passes directly between us and the Sun. Just pray for clear skies!

Mars is being left behind and fading fast, but still obvious overhead near Regulus in Leo. Its reddish color makes it easy to spot. Jupiter is now lost in the sun's glare, not to return into the morning sky until late June. Saturn is the brightest object in the southeast as darkness falls; it lies just east of the bright star Spica in Virgo now.

The winter constellations will soon be swallowed up in the Sun's glare, but Orion is still visible. Dominating the southwest is the Dog Star, Sirius, brightest star of the night sky in the constellation Canis major. When Sirius vanishes into the Sun's glare in two months, this sets the period as "Dog Days".

The brightest star in the NW is Capella, distinctively yellow in color. 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 in Canis minor.

Overhead, the Big Dipper rides high. Good scouts know to take its leading pointers north to Polaris, the North Star. 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.

Taking the arc in the Dipper's handle, we "arc" SE to bright orange Arcturus, the brightest star of spring. Just east of Arcturus is Corona Borealis, the "northern crown", one of few constellations that look like their name. The bright star in the crown's center is Gemma, the Gem Star. Spike south to Spica, the hot blue star in Virgo, then curve to Corvus the Crow, a four sided grouping. As noted earlier, Saturn is the only planet now in the evening sky, and is located to east of Spica, and more yellow in color and slightly brighter than Spica as well.

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

Upcoming Events:

- 1) LSD Webelos Wilderness Weekend, 4-5 May, at Paul Sim's Farm on Rt.77.
- 2) LSD BS Shooting Sports Day, Sat 12 May at Sheriff's Wilderness Camp.
- 3) Pop Corn Show and Sell Training, Mon 21 May.
- 4) LSD Cub Scout Day Camp, 18-22 June at the Fairgrounds.
- 5) STSR Summer Camp: 17-23 & 24-30 June, & 1-7 July.
- 6) LSD Merit Badge University, Sat 11 Aug.
- 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 .

14 Jun – Canceled (T.300 Rob Adams)

9 Aug – Safety

13 Sept – Nature

11 Oct – Business

8 Nov – First Aid

13 Dec – Winter Camping (??)

See ya Thursday Night 10 May !!!! YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC RT #79

Roundtable Suggestion / Ideas

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