

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

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the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE

SEPTEMBER 2012

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

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

“NATURE”

Opening: Troop 317

Program Feature: T.300 SM Jim Wolf

JOTA Update – Richard Gutknecht of DC Amateur Radio Club

Big George's “Monthly Moment”!

LSD Fall Camporee Update – Rob Adams

Traveling Spirit Sticks – returned by T.47 and T.321

Sing a Simple Song – T.700

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED to THEME of the MONTH:

FL WILDLIFE MAGAZINE, now online and downloadable

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

Aug/Sept Issue

<http://www.floridawildlifemagazine.com/august-magazine.html>

TOXIC PLANTS OF FL <http://cflag.ifas.ufl.edu/documents/2010SRFP/Mudge.pdf>

VENOMOUS CRITTERS OF FL

<http://www.poisoncentertampa.org/venomous-critters.aspx>

FL BACKYARD SNAKES <http://floridabackyardsnakes.com/>

FL ONLINE GUIDE TO SNAKES

<http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/herpetology/fl-guide/onlineguide.htm>

MUSHROOM GUIDE <http://mdc4.mdc.mo.gov/tv/hints/mushrooms.pdf>

NATUREROCKS! <http://www.naturerocks.org/>

PCB CONSERVATION PARK <http://www.pcbgov.com/gallery.htm>

KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:

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

So Many Plants, So Little Time: Parrot Lily (New Zealand Christmas Bells),
Alstroemeria psittacina http://www.floridata.com/ref/a/alst_psi.cfm

Everybody's Heard About the Bird: **Purple Finch**, *Carpodacus purpureus*

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

http://identify.whatbird.com/obj/199/overview/Purple_Finch.aspx



Parrot Lily



Purple Finch (male)

Bugga da Month: **Bean Platasid (Kudzu Bug)**, *Megacopta cribraria*

http://entnemdept.ifas.ufl.edu/creatures/field/bugs/bean_plataspid.htm



Kudzu Bug



Critters of the Month: **River Frog**, *Rana heckscheri*

<http://srelherp.uga.edu/anurans/ranhec.htm>



River Frog (see white spots along lip)



River Frog Tadpole (can be up to 5")

The Sky Tells a Story: The Big Dipper rides high in the NW at sunset, but falls lower each evening. It is this time of year at an American Indian legend tells of the Bear and three hunters. The bowl is the bear, the three handle stars of the dipper the hunters. The first carries a bow, and has shot the bear in its flanks. The second optimistically carries a bowl on his shoulder for bear stew; look closely, and you can see the pot (Mizar, horse in Arabic, and Alcor, its rider more traditionally). The last hunter carries firewood for the feast. The wound is minor, and the bear has not lost a step, but in the fall, as the bear goes into hiding along the NW horizon, the wound opens slightly, and blood oozes out to fall on the tree leaves and paint them red this time of year.

From the Dipper's handle, we "arc" SE to bright orange Arcturus, the brightest star in Bootes. Spike south to Spica, the hot blue star in Virgo. Saturn is just NW of Spica, a little brighter and more yellow in color. To the Greeks, Spica and Virgo were associated with Persephone, the daughter of Ceres, goddess of the harvest.

To the south, Antares rises about the same time in Scorpius. It appears reddish (its Greek name means rival of Ares or Mars to the Latins) because it is half as hot as our yellow Sun; it is bright because it is a bloated red supergiant, big enough to swallow up our solar system all the way out to Saturn's orbit! Near the tail of the Scorpion are two fine open clusters, faintly visible to the naked eye, and spectacular in binoculars.

East of the Scorpion's tail is the teapot shape of Sagittarius, which marks the heart of our Milky Way galaxy.

The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega dominates the NE sky. To the northeast of Vega is Deneb, the brightest star of Cygnus the Swan. To the south is Altair, the brightest star of Aquila the Eagle, the third member of the three bright stars that make the Summer Triangle so obvious in the NE these clear September evenings.

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

Upcoming Events:

- 1) LSD Boy Scout Fall Camporee "Be Prepared to Lead", 12-14 Oct.
- 2) LSD Boy Scout Shooting Sports Day, Sat 3 Nov.
- 3) Scouting for Food, Sat 10 & 17 Nov.
- 4) Pop Corn Pick-up at Buffalo Rock, Thurs 23 Nov.
- 5) LSD Annual Scouter Banquet, Sat 12 Jan.
- 6) Suwannee River Council Univ. of Scouting, Sat 26 Jan.

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 .

11 Oct – Safety (Cindy Mulla, Beach Mosquito Control)

8 Nov – First Aid (T.82 SM Nate Weeks)

13 Dec – Winter Camping (??)

10 Jan 2013 - Citizenship

14 Feb – Physical Fitness

14 Mar - Forestry

11 Apr - Leadership

9 May – Special Cooking

13 June – Backpacking

Also for 2013, Aug = Fishing/Aquatics, Sept = Athletics, Oct =Science, and Nov = Cooking

See ya **Thursday Night 13 Sept !!!!** **YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC** RT #82

Roundtable Suggestion / Ideas

Date: _____

Name: _____

Troop: _____

Position: _____

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Suggestion / Idea: _____

