

# LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

*After - RT*

*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:** Thanks to the T.317 Scouters George, Steve, and Jeff for the Opening Pledge. The opening key was passed to **T.321** for the October RT Opening.

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

**Georgia Gunn, LSD Activities Chair:** Georgia hyped all upcoming LSD events for the Fall. She reminded us all of the 12 Nov Veteran's Day Parade, requesting that all Troops participate, flyer handed out. 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](mailto:mikirkla@basmail.org). Michael again talked about upcoming **School Nights** and requested Troops support their associated Packs. He reminded us all of continuing to sell sell sell **Popcorn**. He mentioned that **BS Specific Training** will be held during the Fall Camporee and encouraged all leaders who have not yet taken this to enroll – this training session will be given by T.321 Mike Madewell. And, don't forget about the **RECRUIT A FRIEND CAMPAIGN** as Scouts who recruit new members will have a chance to win a new bike. Also, Scouting for Food, upcoming on 10 & 17 Nov, areas will be parceled out to Troops thanks to Sheri Roberts, 571-5224, who is leading this event, and she is also looking for Cubs and Boy Scouts to be in an upcoming ad to be aired locally.

**Rob Adams, LSD Fall “Be Prepared to Lead” Camporee 12-14 Oct:** Camporee Chairman Rob gave us an update: registration due 28 Sept, to be held near Wausau, need volunteers (leaders or older Scouts) from each troop to assist, events will stress team building and leadership. Handout provided.

**Rick Gutknecht, JOTA = Jamboree on the Air:** Rick is with T.310 and also with the PC Amateur Radio Club which is hosting JOTA on Sat 20 Oct 9AM till noon. Flyer handed out. Patch available at \$4. Please call or email Rick at 524-7083 or [rick.gutknecht@gmail.com](mailto:rick.gutknecht@gmail.com) with your Troop #, number of boys attending, and the time you expect to show up at the PC Amateur Radio Club, 130 N. Church Ave, PC FL on Saturday 20 Oct. There will also be hands-on antenna raising and more; and JOTA is applicable to Electronics, Electricity, and Radio Merit Badges. Thank You, Rick!

**Michael Cole, Appalachian Awareness:** Mike updated the crowd on upcoming OA events and a flyer will be coming out soon on the next YNAW event to be held the weekend of 8-10 Feb. Our Chapter has been ranked nationally at NOAC and other regional events and competitions. And the Chapter is planning to start a dance team soon.

**Big George's “Monthly Moment”:** George addressed insect and spiders: bites, trauma, avoiding, how to remove, what to apply, insecticides. A reference he used is from Chapter 19 of “Basic Illustrated Wilderness First Aid” where the first two sentences of the chapter are: “Insects are capable of providing us with our most memorable outdoor moments. In fact they are capable of taking the “great” out of the great outdoors.”

**Recommended by KG**, two books by author Robert Louv:

“**Last Child in the Woods, Saving our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder**”

“**The Nature Principle**”

Available from <http://www.scoutstuff.org/catalogsearch/result/?q=Robert+louv>

And you can order them from Linda Roark at the GCC Scout Shop. And don't forget to order your free Poisonous Plant brochures and posters from Iowa Scouter Dan Boelman at [www.zanfel.com](http://www.zanfel.com).

**\*\*\* FEATURE PRESENTATION \*\*\***

**BIG Thanks to T.300 SM Jim Wolf for his presentation on NATURE!**

Take-aways include: quotes of “Leave No Child Inside” and “Keep the Outing in Scouting”, nature related MBs, nature related job postings ([www.ecojobs.com](http://www.ecojobs.com)), local parks and nature areas (several are right in town!), the new PC Beach Conservation Park (brochure provided) has 2900 acres with bio-caching in the park, several walking trails and most are just slightly elevated (keeping you dry), the park resource officer Dale Colby (233-5045) is looking for Scouts to do various projects. There is also a bio-caching trail at Aaron Bessant Park, and check out this news article <http://www.newsherald.com/articles/city-98380-official-panama.html>

**LSD Traveling Spirit Sticks:** The **Twisty Snake Stick** was returned by T.321 with an E. Diamond Rattlesnake skin wrapped around the stick. This stick was awarded to T.356 for an October return.

The newer **Oak Snake Stick** was returned by T. 47 with a decorated Dove Decoy. This stick was awarded to T.706 for an October return.

**SING A SIMPLE SONG:** T.700 Tom Reynolds MIA, so they will be on the spot for next month.

**KG's Handouts Gone Wild:** 3 Brochures: Bay Co Audubon Society 2012-2013 Program (thanks to Lisa Keppner), PC Beach Conservation Park, Shenandoah National Park VA . And, these 10 paper handouts:

- Nature MB Requirements
- Binocular Basics
- Alternatives to Invasive Plants
- Scouts vs. Invasives, article from USFW
- From BL Mag 2012 “MB Moment” on Environmental Science & Forestry
- Raptors: Diurnal and Nocturnal Birds of Prey
- Building for the Birds – Basic Bluebird Box
- Why Do Bobwhite Quail Form Coveys?
- Quiz: Save this Puzzle for a Rainy Day!
- Slide of the Month: Giant Titanus Beetle (BL Reprint)

**Ticket Drawing Giveaways & Winners:**

**WBU INCREDIBLE Feeder Stand** (thanks to WBU owners Jim & Cindy Wolf): T.82 Tracey Holliday.

**Insect Nets and Critter Booklets (8):** T.302 Rusty Lord, T.706 Chris Poppell, T.303 Dave Hodges, T356 Jordan Myers, T.302 Scout Lord, T.366 Jonathon Coleman, T345 Bill Pouncy, and T310 Rick Gutknecht.

**Upcoming Boy Scout Items of Interest:**

- 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) Veteran's Day Parade, Mon 12 Nov.
- 5) Pop Corn Pick-up at Buffalo Rock, Thurs 23 Nov.
- 6) STSR Winter Camp, 27-30 Dec.
- 7) LSD Annual Scouter Banquet, Sat 12 Jan.
- 8) Suwannee River Council Univ. of Scouting, Sat 26 Jan.
- 9) Gulf Coast Council Banquet, Sat 2 Feb.

**CLOSING by KG: Advice from a Possum:** Ignore your brothers and sisters until you secure your place in the pouch. Then grow up quickly. Once you step out on your own, devour everything in your path, from acorns to carrion. Revel in delicacies to be discovered in garbage cans. Sleep all day. Develop the wiry muscles in your pink, prehensile tail: seeing the world upside down is sometimes inspiring. Scavenge country roads, but beware of white lights cascading across the blacktop. If they approach, bare all fifty of your teeth. If that fails to stop them, perform an Elvis: bask in the glow as you bloat and stiffen, secrete a horrible smell, hold perfectly still, and dream of swallowing the moon.

**ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE !!!**

**THANKS to the following 13 Units represented at September RT:**

39, 47, 82, 300, 302, 303, 310, 317, 321, 345, 356, 366, 706

**TOTAL September BS RT ATTENDANCE = 28**

**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](mailto: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](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 in 2013: Aug = Fishing/Aquatics, Sept = Athletics, Oct = Science, and Nov = Cooking**

**YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC**

