

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

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the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE

November 2013

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 14 NOV 2013 N 30° 10.890 // W 085° 40.010

“ WILDERNESS SURVIVAL ”

Opening: Thanks to T.303 for leading the Opening Pledge. The opening key was passed to T.310 for the January 2014 RT Opening.

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

Spencer Page, GCC Scout Exec: Spencer handed out WM Gift Cards for those Scouts who sold the necessary amount of Popcorn to earn them.

Georgia Gunn, LSD RT Staffer: Georgia handed her homemade holiday cards for all to fill out to support the Holiday Mail for Heroes program. She also hopes to hold Den Chief Training in Feb., and she requested everyone consider being chairperson for upcoming Scouting for Food as well as being part of the Lake Sands District Committee.

Kevin Hall, Lake Sands District Annual Scout Banquet: Kevin hyped the 12 Dec Banquet to be held at Northside Baptist Church, cost \$5 each PLUS a side dish (or \$10 for immediate family with side dish) – deadline to register is 5 Dec. – Michael Cole will be presenting a slide show so please send your Scouting pics for 2013 to him at mcole@knology.net – this year's new Eagle Scouts get to attend free of charge. For more info Kevin can be reached at cell: 914-0334 or hm: 625-1357 and email: dismus60@aol.com.

Michael Cole, Appalachee Awareness: Michael reminded us of the annual OA Unit Elections to be completed by 15 Jan. Get in touch with Michael 303-3613 to arrange for OA members to visit your Troop to help with the election.

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

BIG Thanks to T.317 George Goehring for leading the presentation on WILDERNESS SURVIVAL. He brought in a bag full of items and devised an inter-active challenge about picking the right items if you're caught in a wilderness survival situation. Take-aways include:

- 1) Basic survival means knowing how to stay alive until the emergency passes.
- 2) Work with rather than against Nature!
- 3) A positive mental attitude builds confidence.
- 4) Learn the right things to do at the right time, and then practice these activities until you know them by heart.
- 5) Priorities: positive mental attitude; lightweight pocket first aid kit; shelter (instant from 50 gal. plastic trash bag); fire: matches, lighter, steel wool; signaling: whistle, flare, mirror, flashlight; water; food: don't eat if you don't have water (greater energy expended).
- 6) Anything you buy for emergency purposes should be tried first = learn how to use it.

And remember **STOP = Sit – Think – Observe – Plan.**

Also, the **10 “C’s” of Survival** are:

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| 1) Cutting Utensil | 6) Communication |
| 2) Cover | 7) Compass |
| 3) Container (metal is better than plastic) | 8) Calories |
| 4) Combustion | 9) Courage |
| 5) Cordage | 10) Commitment |

LSD Traveling Spirit Sticks: The **Thick Twisty Stick** was returned by **T.39** with “**39**” patch carved into the handle. This stick was awarded to **T.303** for a January RT return.

The **Thin Twisty Stick** was returned by **T.323** with a **survival kit** stashed in the top of the handle. This stick was awarded to **T.356** for a January return.

KG's Handouts Gone Wild:

HOLIDAY TREAT to All from KG & GEORGIA: 2014 WBU CALENDAR !!!

3 brochures (Parents’ Guide to Gun Safety, Everglades Trail, and Appalachian Trail); and **8** paper handouts:

- Wilderness Survival MB Requirements
- Wilderness Survival MB Minute (from BL Magazine Sept 2013)
- Florida’s Wild Edibles (by Hernando Chapter of Florida Native Plant Society, April ’99)
- Quiz: All the Right Signals (from Scouting Magazine Nov/Dec 2013)
- Quiz: Osprey Lore
- Word Search: Animals (Worksheet 1) from STEM Student Word Puzzles
<http://studentpuzzles.com/Science.html>
- Potatoes Walz (recipe from BSA Deck of Cooking)
- Neckerchief Slide: Little Skunk (BL reprint ala Whittlin’ Jim)

Ticket Drawing Giveaways & Winners:

“Clinger Only” Bird Feeder & Feed (thanks to Jim & Cindy Wolf of WBU): T.47 Ken Watson.

Wilderness Survival Items (5) (thanks to Randy Segler and Bill Payne): T.300 Michael Cole and Rob Adams, T.317 George Goehring, Carl Bennett, and T.39 David Bradford.

Leather Notebook/Folders (4): T.366 Bill Payne, T.388 JoAnn Burgess, T.317 Scout Jake Neitzke, and Tom Reynolds.

Upcoming Boy Scout Items of Interest :

- 1) **Popcorn Pickup noon to 6PM at Buffalo Rock, Tues 19 Nov.**
- 2) **LSD Annual Scouter Banquet Thurs 12 Dec.**
- 3) **Scouting for Food 25 Jan – 1 Feb 2014.**
- 4) **P.321 Hosting Webelos X-Over 6:30 PM 18 Tues 18 Feb, Sharon Sheffield Park**
- 5) **LSD Spring Camporee, 25-27 April 2014.**

CLOSING by KG: ADVICE from a Lizard: Soak up some sun. Snap up opportunities. Be a colorful character. Appreciate stillness. Keep a low profile. Shed your old ways. Be dashing!

ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE !!!

THANKS to the following 15 Units represented at November RT:

39, 47, 82, 300, 302, 303, 310, 311, 317, 323, 345, 356, 366, 388, 706

TOTAL November BS RT ATTENDANCE = 39

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 .

12 Dec – LSD Annual Scouter Banquet

9 Jan 2014 – Communication

13 Feb – Pioneering

13 Mar – Environment

10 April – Orienteering

8 May – Mechanics

10 July – Hiking

14 Aug – Shooting/Sports

11 Sept – Engineering

9 Oct – High Adventure

13 Nov – Tracking

11 Dec '14 – Banquet

YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC

