

# LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

*Pre - RT*

the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE

JANUARY 2013

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 10 JAN 2013 N 30° 10.890 // W 085° 40.010

## “CITIZENSHIP”

**Opening: Troop 388**

**Program Feature: LSD BS RT STAFF**

Big George's “Monthly Moment”!

**Traveling Spirit Sticks – to be returned by T.82 & T.706**

### **SITES 'N STUFF RELATED to THEME of the MONTH:**

**What Baden-Powell said about Citizenship & the Scoutmaster:** A very important step in this training in citizenship is, again, the example of the Scoutmaster himself. It is what the Scoutmaster does rather than what he merely says that influences the boy. In becoming a Scoutmaster you have started to show in actual practice the very secret of good citizenship, which is also the secret of success in any career: you have taken it up not for what you can get out of it, but for what you are going to put into it. (Headquarters Gazette Leaders' Magazine, c. 1914)

Connecting Cultures Through Scouting

<http://www.scoutingmagazine.org/issues/0609/a-conn.html>

To God and Country

<http://www.scoutingmagazine.org/issues/9910/a-goco.html>

Do The Right Thing

<http://www.scoutingmagazine.org/issues/0205/a-righ.html>

The First Scout Camp

<http://www.scoutingmagazine.org/issues/9909/d-wwas.html>

Woggle World, Home of the BS Neckerchief Slide

<http://cubclub.tripod.com/>

### **KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:**

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

Located at 2455 MLK Blvd, PC FL (next to Joann Fabrics)

**So Many Plants, So Little Time:** Cardinal's Guard or Firespike,

*Odontonema strictum*, [http://www.floridata.com/ref/o/odon\\_str.cfm](http://www.floridata.com/ref/o/odon_str.cfm)

**Bugga da Month:** European Pepper Moth, *Duponchelia fovealis*

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/in910>

**Everybody's Heard About the Bird:** Peregrine Falcon, *Falco peregrinus*

[http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Peregrine\\_Falcon/id](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Peregrine_Falcon/id)

**Critter of the Month: Pig Frog, *Rana grylio***  
<http://srelherp.uga.edu/anurans/rangry.htm>



Pig Frog



Firespike



European Pepper Moth



Peregrine Falcon



**The Sky Tells a Story:** Jupiter is still well placed in the southern sky through April, and its four moons and their transits across his face a fine telescopic treat for all observers and star gazes. It sits in the horns of Taurus the Bull for the next several months. Saturn rises about 2 AM as January begins, and will reach opposition on April 25th this year. It will be in the faint constellation Libra all year.

The square of Pegasus dominates the western sky. The constellation Cassiopeia makes a striking W in the NW. She contains many nice star clusters for binocular users in her outer arm of our Milky Way, extending to the NE now. Her daughter, Andromeda, starts with the NE corner star of Pegasus' Square, and goes NE with two more bright stars in a row. Overhead is Andromeda's hero, Perseus, rises. Between him and Cassiopeia is the fine Double Cluster, faintly visible with the naked eye and two fine binocular objects in the same field.

Look at Perseus' feet for the famed Pleiades cluster; they lie about 400 light years distant, and over 250 stars are members of this fine group. East of the seven sisters is the V of stars marking the face of Taurus the Bull, with bright orange Aldebaran as his eye. The V of stars is the Hyades cluster, older than the blue Pleiades, but about half their distance. Yellow Capella, a giant star the same temperature and color as our much smaller Sun, dominates the overhead sky. It is part of the pentagon on stars making up Auriga, the Charioteer (think Ben Hur). Several nice binocular Messier open clusters are found in the winter milky way here. East of Auriga, the twins, Castor and Pollux highlight the Gemini. UWF alumni can associate the pair with Jason and the Golden Fleece legend, for they were the first two Argonauts to sign up on his crew of adventurers.

South of Gemini, Orion is the most familiar winter constellation, dominating the eastern sky at dusk. The reddish supergiant Betelgeuse marks his eastern shoulder, while blue-white supergiant Rigel stands opposite on his west knee.



Last but certainly not least, in the east rise the hunter's two faithful companions, Canis major and minor. Procyon is the bright star in the little dog, and rises minutes before Sirius, the brightest star in the sky. Sirius dominates the SE sky by 7 PM, and as it rises, the turbulent winter air causes it to sparkle with shafts of spectral fire. Beautiful as the twinkling appears to the naked eye, for astronomers this means the image is blurry; only in space can we truly see "clearly now". At 8 light years distance, Sirius is the closest star we can easily see with the naked eye from West Florida.

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

**Upcoming Events:**

- 1) LSD "Why I Like Scouting" Poster Contest, due NLT RT 10 Jan.
- 2) Campcard Order Form Due to Michael Kirkland, 4 Jan.
- 3) LSD Annual Scouter Banquet, Sat 12 Jan. at Northside Baptist Church.
- 4) Deadline for Unit OA Elections, 15 Jan.
- 5) Suwannee River Council Univ. of Scouting, Sat 26 Jan.
- 6) Campcards to be handed out at 14 Feb RT.
- 7) Gulf Coast Council Banquet, Sat 9 Mar. Niceville Community Center.
- 8) LSD Spring Camporee "FUN IN THE SUN", 17-19 May, Costin Airport Port St.Joe.

**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](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) .

**14 Feb – Physical Fitness (T.310 Kevin Marrs)**

**14 Mar - Forestry**

**11 Apr – Leadership (T.345 Bill Duncy)**

**9 May – Special Cooking (T.366 Joey Collingsworth)**

**13 June – Backpacking (T.300 Rob Adams)**

**8 Aug - Fishing/Aquatics**

**12 Sept - Athletics**

**10 Oct - Science**

**14 Nov – Cooking**

**12 Dec – Wilderness Survival**

See ya **Thursday Night 10 JAN !!!!**

**YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC RT #86**

**Roundtable Suggestion / Ideas**

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