

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

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the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE

March 2013

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

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“FORESTRY”

“The clearest way through the Universe is through the Forest Wilderness.” John Muir

Opening: Thanks to T.366 for leading the Opening Pledge and Outdoor Code. The opening key was passed to T.388 for the March Opening.

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

Michael Kirkland, LSD DE: Michael can be reached at (850) 784-1886 and via email at mikirkla@basmail.org. Michael hyped: 1) logging into **BeAScout**: a ppt file was sent to all during this past week, this site now accepting youth BSA apps. 2) **CampCards**: please report back your weekly sales if possible. 3) **Summer Camp**: MB listing coming out 1 April, register early as some class sizes are limited. 4) **Re-Charterers**: if you have reviewed your re-charter pkg and find errors, please let Michael know so he can assist with corrections. 5) **Membership**: please fill out the National surveys when you get them and there is also a survey on the GCC home page. CORs are voting members of and invited to GCC Board Meetings where budget, membership, and program are discussed – please keep your COR informed. Check the GCC calendar for meeting dates.

Jonathan Coleman, LSD Training Chairman: JC reminded us that **BS ASM/SM Specific** training will be held during the Spring Camporee (no cost - eat with your troop or BYO lunch) and will be approximately a half day long; and **BS IOLS** to be held during Fall Camporee. Also, **OWL** training will be held on 10-11 May. If you are interested in being on the training team, please contact JC at eagleasm@yahoo.com or cell: 527-5223. John also indicated the **Commissioner Training** will be held the first 3 Mondays in April (1, 8, and 15th) from 6:30 – 8PM at St. Andrews Insurance Co.

Bill Pouncy, LSD Spring Camporee: Bill hyped the spring camporee “**FUN IN THE SUN**” and if you have questions he can be reached at 814-3928.

John Ford, Venture Crew: John and 4 of his crew members explained why they enjoyed Venturing. John has offered to help Troops with the basics of climbing. You are welcome to visit his crew meetings held Monday evenings starting at 7:15 at St. Johns Catholic Church and he can be reached at 625-0121. John reminded us that Boy Scouts can still finish/earn the Eagle Badge if they join a Venture Crew, and to be in a crew you must be 13 and have finished the 8th grade or be at least 14 years old.

Rob Adams: Rob had flyers on a cardboard boat race to be held 13 April. Cost \$25 to enter. If interested give Rob a call at 896-3280.

KG: **Big George** and **Bill Pouncy** were both honored for being part of the LSD BS RT Staff for 8 Years!!

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

BIG Thanks the T.82 Tim Stuhr for his presentation on FORESTRY.

Tim gave us a ppt presentation that discussed forestry management objectives as in Recreation, Wildlife Enhancement, Timber Production, and Soil Conservation. He also discussed forest mgmt tools which include surveys and prescribed burns, and, he gave each troop the instructions and presented an example of playing the game **400 Acres Wood**. This info also provided as attachments to the post-Mar LSD BS RT newsletter. **THANK YOU TIM!!** And he gave us each a wooden ruler.

And, BIG Thanks to George Goehring for his monthly moment on tying knots around tree trunks with big thick/long rope. Make a game out of it for your Scouts by having them tie knots – bowline, timber hitch, clove hitch, square knot – around the trunk of a huge tree with one Scout on each end of a very long thick rope. Could also time it to make it competitive or have one of the 2 Scouts be blindfolded.

LSD Traveling Spirit Sticks: The new **thick Twisty Stick** was returned by T.300 with a very nice **Scout Emblem** attached to the top. This stick was awarded to T.311 for an April return.

The new **thin Twisty Stick** was MIA from T.310.

KG's Handouts Gone Wild: "Forest Trees of Florida" Pocket ID Guide and 7 paper handouts:

- Forestry MB Requirements
- Invasive Exotic Plants of NW FL
- Illustrated Glossary of Leaf Shapes (IFAS Extension)
- Tree Growth Rings and Layers
- STSR's M.C. Leach Nature Trail
- Quiz: Salamanders
- Spinach with Rice Bake - Recipe (from BSA Deck of Cooking)
- Tree / Seed Neckerchief Slide

Ticket Drawing Giveaways & Winners:

"St. Patrick's Day" Door Mat (thanks to Jim & Cindy Wolf of WBU): T.366 Chris Moore.

Pocket Naturalist Guide to Reptiles & Amphibians: T.366 Ron Shover.

Pocket Knife & Multi-Tool (2): T.302 Randy Segler; T.47 young Cub Scout Van Der Tulip.

Calculators (2): T.300 Rob Adams, T.323 Doreen Norbut.

2-Pack Mini Flashlight: T.706 Robert Sapp.

Elvis Tote: T.47 young Scout Van Der Tulip.

Upcoming Boy Scout Items of Interest:

- 1) **Gulf Coast Council Banquet, Sat 9 Mar.** Niceville Community Center.
- 2) **Bay Co. Schools Spring Break Begins Mon 25 Mar.**
- 3) **Commissioner Training: 1,8,15 April** 6:30-8PM at St. Andrews Insurance.
- 4) **OWL Training 10-11 May**, and IOLS at LSD Fall Camporee in Oct.
- 5) **LSD Spring Camporee "FUN IN THE SUN", 17-19 May**, Costin Airport Port St.Joe.; also BS Leader Specific training offered (~ half day session).
- 6) **Summer Camp at STSR**
- 7) **LSD Fall Camporee 4-6 Oct.**
- 8) **LSD Merit Badge University Sat 16 Nov** at Northside Baptist Church

CLOSING by KG: ADVICE from a WETLAND: Make a Splash | Take time to Reflect | Listen to Nature | Reed more | Be Green | Don't get Bogged Down | What's the Rush?

ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE !!!

THANKS to the following 16 Units represented at March RT:

39, 47, 82, 300, 302, 303, 310, 311, 317, 321, 323, 345, 366, 369, 388, 706

TOTAL March BS RT ATTENDANCE = 34

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.

11 Apr – Leadership (T.345 Bill Pouncey)

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

YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC

