

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

After - RT

the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE AUGUST 2013

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 8 AUGUST 2013 N 30° 10.890 // W 085° 40.010

“AQUATICS”

Opening: Thanks to T.47 Ken Watson for leading the Opening Pledge. The opening key was passed to T.82 for the September Opening.

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

Jim Wolf, SM T.300: Jim encouraged Troops to consider becoming part of the Adopt-A-Highway program. Flyer provided. Involves 4 clean-ups per year to 12 feet off the road, and the state provides reflective vests and trash bags, and picks up the bags when finished. You can also obtain the flyer from this link <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/statemaintenanceoffice/AAHBrochure%2002-10-09.pdf>
Thanks Jim!

Michael Kirkland, LSD DE: Michael can be reached at (850) 784-1886 and via email at mikirkla@basmail.org. Per Michael: 1) School Nights taking place the last 2 weeks of Aug through Sept. Troops encouraged to contact their affiliated Pack prior to the event. 2) Fall Camporee 18-20 Oct – events to include “Fire Away”, “Water Rockets”, and an “Egg Toss”, along with Jamboree on the Air by the PC Amateur Radio Club. 3) Popcorn pickup scheduled for Tues 19 Nov from noon to 6PM at Buffalo Rock. 4) A flyer was provided on upcoming NRA Certified Firearms Instructor courses. 5) GCC Corporate Dodge Ball to be Sat 12 Oct. 6) MK also handed out this year’s Mini-Boy’s Life magazine.

Lt. Ryan Lally, Fund Raiser: Ryan, an Eagle Scout, now working at the Navy Base, is sponsoring a Fund Raising Walk/Run event entitled the 911 Heroes Run supporting the Travis Manion Foundation on Saturday 28 Sept. Flyer provided. Ryan can be reached at 443-822-6838 and rmlally@gmail.com. And you can also find more info at <http://www.travismanion.org/911-heroes-run/> and <http://911heroesrunwatercolor.eventbrite.com/>

Jonathan Coleman, LSD Training Chairman: JC reminded us that **IOLS** training will be held during the Fall Camporee (\$10 cost). Also, new “**Fundamentals of Training**” to be held Sat 5 Oct. If you are interested in being on the training team, please contact JC at eagleasm@yahoo.com or cell: 527-5223.

KG, your LSD BS RTC: KG brought in a 16” **Two-Toed Amphiuma** for show’n’tell.

Amphiuma means, <http://people.wcsu.edu/pinout/herpetology/ameans/>
<http://www.caudata.org/cc/species/Amphiuma/Amphiuma.shtml>

Also, here’s a reminder that the **Perseid Meteor Shower** takes place this weekend; best time to observe is early AM 11-13 Aug. <http://stardate.org/nightsky/meteors>
<http://www.space.com/22245-perseid-meteor-shower-fireball-champion.html>

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

BIG Thanks the T.317 George Goering for leading the presentation on Aquatics featuring SCUBA DIVING. George provided a very good PPT presentation and brought in lots of scuba equipment for show'n'tell. His presentation will be sent out separately. Take-aways include:

- SCUBA = Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus.
- Never exceed your certification level.
- Maintain your equipment and know how to use it correctly.
- Plan Your Dive, and Dive Your Plan.
- Training and physical fitness are essential.
- BSA does not certify divers; this is done by outside organizations.
- Instructor levels: Classroom, Pool, Open-Water.
- Safe Swim Defense applies to Scuba Diving.
- Become familiar with water critters and the aquatic ecosystem.
- Become familiar with underwater communication by using hand signals.
- Wakulla Springs has 7 miles of charted underwater caves.

LSD Traveling Spirit Sticks: The new **thick Twisty Stick** was returned by T.345 with a very cool **“red-wood snake”** carved into the staff! This stick was awarded to T.317 for a September RT return. The new **thin Twisty Stick** was MIA from T.302.

KG's Handouts Gone Wild: 5 Rafting Brochures (from Carolinas, GA, KY, & TN), and “2013 Florida Saltwater Fishing Regulations”; and these 10 paper handouts:

- Safety Afloat
- Quiz: BSA Safety Afloat
- Native American Sky for August 2013
- Tom's Top 5 (from Boy's life April 2013)
- Froggin' By Ear
- Song: “Coming of the Frogs”
- A Few Hints to keep Squirrels at Bay!
- Quiz: Lined Seahorse
- Russian Cherry Delight (recipe from BSA Deck of Cooking)
- Neckerchief Slide: Surfboard (BL reprint ala Whittlin; Jim)

Ticket Drawing Giveaways & Winners:

Bird of Prey T-Shirt (thanks to Jim & Cindy Wolf of WBU): T.366 Bill Payne

Hot Pepper No Melt Dough Feed (from WBU): T. 388 Paul Burgess

Wire Feeder & Feed (from WBU): T.388 JoAnne Burgess

ZANFEL (poisonous plant info) Product Pkg: T.366 John Coleman

Cicada Wooden Bug Puzzle: T.39 Mr. Ted Sr.

Insect Net (3): T.317 Jeff Neitzke, T.300 Jim Wolf, and Ryan Lally

Poster (N. Am. Bobcat): T.300 Rob Adams

Upcoming Boy Scout Items of Interest:

- 1) **College of Commissioner Science 24 Aug.** at Troy Univ. Dothan Campus
- 2) **Travis Manion Foundation 911 Heroes Run, Sat 28 Sept.**
- 3) **New “Fundamentals of Training”, Sat 5 Oct.**
- 4) **GCC Corporate Dodge Ball, Sat. 12 Oct.**

- 5) **LSD Fall Camporee 18-20 Oct.** Deep Springs Park, Fountain (w/JOTA & IOLS training).
- 6) **LSD Merit Badge University Sat 16 Nov** at Northside Baptist Church.
- 7) **Popcorn Pickup noon to 6PM at Buffalo Rock, Tues 19 Nov.**
- 8) **LSD Annual Scouter Banquet Thurs 12 Dec.**
- 9) **Scouting for Food 25 Jan - 1 Feb 2014**
- 10) **LSD Spring Camporee, 25-27 April 2014.**

CLOSING by KG: ADVICE from a Great Blue Heron: Wade into life. Keep a keen lookout. Don't be afraid to get your feet wet. Be patient. Look below the surface. Enjoy a good reed. Go fish!

ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE !!!
THANKS to the following 11 Units represented at August RT:
 39, 47, 82, 300, 303, 310, 317, 323, 345, 366, 388
TOTAL August BS RT ATTENDANCE = 25

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 Sept – Athletics (T.47 Ken Watson)**
- 10 Oct – Science (T.311 Sherry Goldman)**
- 14 Nov – Wilderness Survival**
- 12 Dec – LSD Annual Scouter Banquet**
- 9 Jan 2014 - Communications**
- 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**

YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC

