

# LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

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the *CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE*

Oct **2014**

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

**LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 9 OCT 2014 3140 State Ave PC, LDS Church**

## **“ENVIROTHON” & Humane Society of Bay Co.**



**Opening: Troop 347**

**Program Feature: Human Society of Bay County and  
“Envirothon” by T.310 Dale Cronwell**

**Chapter OA Reps will discuss Upcoming OA Elections and Dates  
Big George’s “Monthly Moment”!**

**Traveling Spirit Sticks – to be returned by Troops 311, 317, and 324.**

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

**Humane Society of Bay County** <http://www.adoptme.org/>

**Dog Care MB Reqmt #8:** “Visit a veterinary hospital or an **animal shelter** and give a report about your visit to your counselor.”

**Dog Breed Selector Quiz** <http://www.selectsmart.com/DOG/>

**Dog Quiz** <http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/dog-quiz/>

**Cat Quiz** <http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/cat-quiz/>

**High Adventure at SWAMP BASE** <http://www.bsaswampbase.org/>

Dare to be challenged like never before. Dare to go beyond your perceived limits. Dare to find a new respect for yourself, your environment, and your life.

Swamp Base is the premiere Boy Scouts of America high adventure kayak program located in South

Louisiana. Scouts participate in 6 day/6 night/60-mile treks through one of the country's most intimidating wildernesses, but Swamp Base is far more than just a paddle trip through the Atchafalaya Swamp....

At the end of the trek, when the your paddle is raised in triumph, you'll have been exposed to one of the most unique environments and cultures in America. Scouts will leave the Atchafalaya with a greater understanding and appreciation for wetlands and waterways, the swamp and creatures that call it home, Louisiana's people, and the delicate ecosystems of the area.

Registration for **2016** treks will open on **OCTOBER 15, 2014** at 9:00 am CDT. Two treks are available daily from June 6 - July 5, 2016. Each trek consists of 8 to 11 people, and a \$500 non-refundable deposit is due to reserve your start date. Please call 337-235-8551 to make a reservation.

Join the adventure in 2016 and conquer the swamp!

Yours in High Adventure, Ben Pierce, Swamp Base Director.

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



**Wild Bird Unlimited Shop**, <http://panamacity.wbu.com/> Located at 2455 MLK Blvd, PC FL

**Question:** Where do animals go when their tails fall off?

**Answer:** To the re-tail store!

**Five Helpful Tips - all the Neighborhood Birds will be "Tweeting" about your Yard this Season:**

- 1) **Provide running water.** Birds require water year-round. The sound of running water in a birdbath or pond will be heard by birds from some distance, draw them in for a drink, and possibly a quick dip as well.
- 2) **Clean out birdhouses.** Make necessary repairs to birdhouses in preparation for species that roost during fall and winter. In many areas, bluebirds, chickadees, nuthatches and winter wrens may take up nightly residence in birdhouses to keep warm and safe.
- 3) **Create brush piles.** Save your fall clippings of branches and twigs. Then, pile them in a corner of the yard to create cover for birds that prefer habitat on the ground—such as dark-eyed juncos, tree sparrows and white-throated sparrows.
- 4) **Increase the number of feeders.** In the cooler days of fall, birds increase their food consumption and will continue to do so as the temperature drops.
- 5) **Plant evergreens.** Planted near feeders and birdbaths, evergreens are perfect for providing cover for birds after deciduous trees lose their leaves.

**So Many Plants, So Little Time:** **Purple Nut Sedge**, *Cyprus rotundus*

[http://courses.missouristate.edu/pbtrewatha/purple\\_nutsedge.htm](http://courses.missouristate.edu/pbtrewatha/purple_nutsedge.htm)

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fw015>

<http://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu/giam/problems/weeds/nutsedge.html>



Purple Nut Sedge

**Bug da Month:** Carpenter Bee, *Xylocopa virginica*

<http://wakulla.ifas.ufl.edu/environment/2014/04/28/carpenter-bees-nest-by-boring-tunnels-into-wood/>

<http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/depts/ent/notes/Urban/carpenterbees.htm>

<http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/misc/bees/xylocopa.htm>



Carpenter Bee

**Critter of the Month:** Green Sea Turtle, *Chelonia mydas*

<http://myfwc.com/research/wildlife/sea-turtles/fl-sea-turtles/species/>

<http://worldwildlife.org/species/green-turtle>

<http://www.fws.gov/northflorida/seaturtles/turtle%20factsheets/green-sea-turtle.htm>

<http://www.seaturtles911.org/turtle/green.htm>



Green Sea Turtle

**Everybody's Heard About the Bird:** **Least Tern**, *Sternula antillarum*

<http://birds.audubon.org/species/leater>

[http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/least\\_tern/id](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/least_tern/id)

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/animals/7094.html>



Least Tern

**The Sky Tells a Story:** For October 2014, the southeastern US will witness at least part of both a lunar and solar eclipse. **The Hunter's Full Moon** happens **on October 8**, 2014, and gives us a nice total lunar eclipse, if you are willing to set your alarm clock! The moon begins moving into our darker umbral shadow at 4:20 AM on Wednesday morning, and is completely inside our shadow and blood red by 5:30 AM. Greatest coverage is a 5:55 AM, and the moon begins leaving our shadow at 6:22 AM. The Moon sets at 6:53, still about half covered by our shadow.

Just two weeks later, the next new moon will yield a partial solar eclipse on Thursday, October 23rd. We only get about a third of the sun covered at maximum eclipse at 6:01 PM, and the sun will appear much the same when it sets only eight minutes later. Still, the setting sun with the moon taking out a bite of a third of the disk will be a great photo op, especially if there are a lot of sunspots on the disk at the same time. Observing the sun without a safety filter, whether with naked eyes, binocs, or any scope, is dangerous!

**Oct 8 - Full Hunter's Moon**, total lunar eclipse from 5:30-6:22 AM.

**Oct 21 - Orionid Meteor Shower** peaks in the dawn sky, no moon to interfere.

**Oct 23 - New Moon, Partial Solar Eclipse** from 5:07 – 6:09 PM Sunset with 30% coverage.

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

### **Upcoming Events:**

- 1) **Council-wide Fall Encampment, 24-26 Oct.** at STSR.
- 2) **Cub Ranger Day, Sat 8 Nov.** at Gulf Beach Baptist Church.
- 3) **Veteran's Day Parade, Tuesday 11 Nov.**
- 4) **LSD Merit Badge University, Sat. 6 Dec.**
- 5) **LSD Annual Scouter Banquet, Sat. 10 Jan.**
- 6) **Scouting for Food, 24-31 Jan.**

**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) .

**13 Nov - Tracking (T.310 Roger Shields)**

**11 Dec '14 - Model Railroadng (T.317 Jeff & Jake Neltzke)**

**Jan 2015 - NO Roundtable - LSD Banquet Sat 10 Jan !!**

**12 Feb - Cultural Diversity**

**12 Mar - WL Management**

**9 Apr - Camping**

**14 May - Emergency Prep (T.311 Sherry Goldman)**

**See ya Thursday Night 9 Oct !!!! YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC RT #104**

### **Roundtable Suggestion / Ideas**

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