

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

Pre - RT

the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE

Nov 2014

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 13 NOV 2014 3140 State Ave DC, LDS Church

“TRACKING”



Opening: Troop 347

Program Feature: T.310 Roger Shields

Big George's "Monthly Moment"!

Traveling Spirit Sticks – to be returned by T. 300, T.317, & T.706

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED to THEME of the MONTH:

Tracks and Tracking Quiz <http://www.bear-tracker.com/testyourknowledge.html>

Learn to Detect Animal Signs <http://myfwc.com/viewing/how/learn-to-detect/>

Hints of the Wild

http://www.lakecountyfl.gov/pdfs/parks/field_guides/wildlife_tracks_field_guide.pdf

Animal Tracks, Photos, & Charts <http://www.shutterstock.com/s/%22animal+tracks%22/search.html>

Georgia Trackers Alliance <http://www.georgiatrackers.org/training/tracking-glossary/>

Tracking Stick <http://www.georgiatrackers.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/02/the-tracking-stick-pic.gif>

Tracking Stick Use <http://www.wildwoodtracking.com/measurements/jltrackingstick.html>

KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:



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

Question: What do you call a spider looking for a new home?

Answer: A web browser!

FL Black Bear Info <http://blackbearinfo.com/>

So Many Plants, So Little Time: **Black Medic**, *Medicago lupulina*

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/ep494>

http://www.turf.uiuc.edu/weed_web/descriptions/blackmedic.htm

Black Medic is a dark green annual with spreading, prostrate growth. Leaves are alternate with three leaflets on square stems. Leaflets are obovate to elliptic, toothed near the tip, and have a small spur on the tip. Bright yellow flowers are produced in tight, compressed clusters at leaf axils. Reproduction occurs via seed in tightly coiled black seed pods.



Black Medic

Bugga da Month: **Wheel Bug**, *Arilus cristatus*

http://entnemdept.ifas.ufl.edu/creatures/trees/wheel_bug.htm



Wheel Bug

Critter of the Month: **Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle**, *Lepidochelys kempii*

<http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/reptiles/kemps-ridley-sea-turtle/>

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

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



Kemp's Ridley Sea Turtle

Everybody's Heard About the Bird: **Laughing Gull**, *Leucophaeus atricilla*

http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/laughing_gull/id



Laughing Gull

The Sky Tells a Story: The moon is full - the Frosty Moon on November 6th.

It is not a good month to spot the planets. Mars is low in the SW just after sunset, moving eastward in Sagittarius and getting lost behind the Sun by December. Mercury, Venus, and Saturn are all too close to the Sun for good observing this month, but Jupiter is well placed in the morning sky in Cancer, rising about midnight.

Setting in the southwest is the teapot shape of Sagittarius, which marks the heart of our Milky Way Galaxy, but the best view of our Galaxy lies overhead now. The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega dominates the sky in the northwest. To the northeast of Vega is Deneb, the brightest star of Cygnus the Swan. To the south is Altair, the brightest star of Aquila the Eagle, the third member of the three bright stars that make the Summer Triangle so obvious in the NE these clear autumn evenings.

Overhead the square of Pegasus is a beacon of fall. South of it is the only bright star of Fall, Fomalhaut. If the southern skies of Fall look sparse, it is because we are looking away from our Galaxy into the depths of intergalactic space.

The constellation Cassiopeia makes a striking “W”, rising in the NE as the Big Dipper sets in the NW. Polaris lies about midway between them. Her daughter, Andromeda, starts with the NE corner star of Pegasus’ Square, and goes NE with two more bright stars in a row.

To the northeast, 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. Perseus contains the famed eclipsing binary star Algol, where the Arabs imagined the eye of the gorgon Medusa would lie. It fades to a third its normal brightness for six out of every 70 hours, as a larger but cooler orange giant covers about 80% of the smaller but hotter and thus brighter companion as seen from Earth. Check it out on a clear November evening, and see if the gorgon is winking at you. If so, then instead of being as bright as Polaris, Algol fades to be only as bright as kappa Persei, the star just to its south. Look at Perseus’ feet for the famed Pleiades cluster to rise, a sure sign of bright winter stars to come. In fact, yellow Capella, a giant star the same temperature and color as our much smaller Sun, rises at 7 PM as November begins along the northeastern horizon. It is the fifth brightest star in the sky, and a beacon of the colorful and bright winter stars to come.

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

Upcoming Events

- 1) **Cub Ranger Day, Sat 8 Nov.** 9AM-2PM at Gulf Beach Baptist Church, 10620 Hutchison Blvd, Panama City
- 2) **Veteran's Day Parade, Tues 11 Nov.**
- 3) **LSD Merit Badge University, Sat. 6 Dec.** at FSU PC.
- 4) **LSD Annual Scouter Banquet, Sat. 10 Jan.** at Forest Park United Methodist Ch.
- 5) **Scouting for Food, 24-31 Jan.**
- 6) **OA Call Out Ceremony, Sat 31 Jan** at St. Andrew's State Park.
- 7) **LSD Spring Camporee, 24-26 April.**

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. 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 Dec '14 – HOBBIES (including Model Railroading by T.317 Jeff & Jake Neitzke)**
- 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 13 Nov !!!! YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC RT #105

Roundtable Suggestion / Ideas

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Name: _____ Troop: _____

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