

# LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

*After - 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:** Thanks to **T.347 SM Bill Van Der Tulip** for leading the Opening Pledge to the Flag. **T.350** has been assigned the December RT Opening.

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

**Tim Mixdorf, LSD Eagle Board Chairman:** Tim can be reached at (850) 819-6464 or [tim.mixdorf@camcast.net](mailto:tim.mixdorf@camcast.net). There was 1 Eagle Board approved for a T.366 Scout and 1 Eagle Project approved for a T.82 Scout over the past month. Reminder that the SM needs to get a hold of Tim by the last day of the month prior to month of board or project approval for a Scout. If you like to help Tim with approvals let him know as he is always looking for help.

**Sharon Caldwell (OUR NEW LSD DE):** Sharon can be reached at (850) 784-1886 or [sharon.caldwell@scouting.org](mailto:sharon.caldwell@scouting.org). Sharon provided a flyer on the 6 Dec LSD MBU at FSU PC Campus. And, on that same day is the CS Belt Loop Fair and she is looking for leaders to help. Also, same day and location is Leader Specific Training, so please let her know if you know of any folks from your Troop that needs this training.

She also thanked Georgia for her assistance with the CS Ranger Day where 144 attended.

Also, she awarded huge trophies to T.310 for winning the GCC Oct Encampment events of First Place in Fire Building, Duck Calls, and Archery! And, she presented a plaque to KG (your RTC) for winning the Beard Growing Contest.

Sharon also hyped the 10 Jan Banquet: to be held at Forest Park United Methodist Church; there will be online registration and payment; and, child care to be provided.

She also mentioned that LSD has sold tons of Popcorn and thanked everyone for the fine effort.

**Bill Pouncy:** Bill had sample of 100 year old walnut wood with him and informed the crowd if interested to check it out after RT.

**Laurie and Dover Bell, Council Woodbadge Training:** Laurie is the GCC Woodbadge Course Director. Flyers were provided – training takes on 2 separate holiday weekends Sat/Sun/Mon 17-19 Jan at the Laguna Beach Christian Resort and at STSR Sat/Sun/Mon 14-16 Feb. Info is

provided on the GCC website. Laurie can be reached at (850) 217-5826 or [dlbell1@cox.net](mailto:dlbell1@cox.net). So far 27 of the 48 available slots have been taken.

**Kevin Hall, Scouting for Food (24 -31 Jan):** Kevin can be reached at [dismus60@aol.com](mailto:dismus60@aol.com) or cell: 914-0334 and Hm: 625-1357. Kevin updated the crowd on Scouting for Food: Bags will be distributed to Troops at the Dec RT. Troops are to drop off bags & flyers Sat 24 Jan; pickup bags Sat. 31 Jan and deliver to Rt. 77 Wal-Mart parking lot that day between 9AM-3PM (where our OA Chapter is helping). Kevin also reminded us of the 10 Jan Annual LSD Scouter Banquet.

**Georgia Gunn, LSD RT Staffer:** Georgia can be reached at 381-6667 or [lv2drv18@yahoo.com](mailto:lv2drv18@yahoo.com). Georgia hyped the LSD Spring Camporee 24-26 April and is planning an SPL/JASM PLC meeting prior to the Dec RT where each Troop is to send an SPL or youth rep and provide list of 3 possible events or activities that their Troop could host or lead at the camporee. This meeting is planned for 6:30 – 7:00 PM prior to the 11 Dec RT. It's very important that we start getting this camporee planned ASAP so please have your Troop support. Thanks ahead of time!

### \*\*\* FEATURE PRESENTATION \*\*\*

Thanks to **T.310/FWC Roger Shields** & **FWC Ryan Pawlikowski** for leading the theme of **TRACKING**. Roger and Ryan presented ppt briefs. Roger's discussion included: tracking morphology, number of toes front & rear, shape, size, proportion, symmetry (bobcat paw print not symmetric), length, width, trails (stride, trail width), other signs such as scat, secretions, feeding and chewing marks, sheds, digging, rooting, probing, scratchings, wings draps, feathers, and rubs. All info used in Wildlife Management for estimating total numbers and distribution, tracking surveys: number of tracks per mile, scent stations, density of road crossings.

Ryan, a biologist for FWC, specializes in track surveys of the Beach Mouse. He is currently tracking 4 species due to them being listed as either endangered or threatened; he tags them, takes genetic samples, and showed us the PVC pipes he used to attract them and get their tracks.

**Big George's Monthly Moment:** OOPS! George not in attendance as he was on a road trip TN.

**LSD Traveling Spirit Sticks:** The **Thick Twisty Stick** was returned by **T.706** with **"706" leather patch and a piece of deer skin** attached. This stick was awarded to **T.310** for a December RT return. And, the **Thin Twisty Stick** was returned by **T.300** with a **Compass** attached. This stick was awarded to **T.345** for a December RT return. The **New Tall Twisty Stick** was MIA by **T.317**. Also a double twisty stick was presented to the contingent of visitors from **Menawa District** of Ala-Flo Council.

### **KG's Handouts Gone Wild:**

- 2 Brochures: Phinzy Swamp Nature Park (Augusta GA); Georgia's Woodpecker Trail.
- Animal Tracks Pocket Card
- Hints of the Wild (Identifying Wildlife Tracks at Lake County's Parks & Preserves)
- How Can Alligators Eat So Much at One Time?
- Compact Garden (Boy's Life Workshop from Oct '14 issue)
- How to Make a Plaster Animal Cast
- Quiz: Animal Tracks and Scat
- Quiz: Animal Tracks Matching Quiz
- Lemon-Lime Soda Apple Dumplings (recipe from BSA Deck of Cooking)
- Neckerchief Slide: Compass (Whittlin' Jim Boy's Life Reprints)

## **Ticket Drawing Giveaways & Winners:**

**Scouting Heritage MB Info Disk (5 - thanks to Carl Bennett):** Menawa District Jennifer Jones & Armond. Franco, T.345 Tim Mabiuss, T.300 Rob Adams, and T.706 Robert Sapp.

**Notebook & Pad with Smokey the Bear ruler:** Menawa District Tiffany Woodham.

**Bag of Plaster of Paris (2 - for making tracks):** Menawa District Dimitry Patton & Trisha Quinn.

## **Upcoming Boy Scout Items of Interest:**

- 1) **LSD Merit Badge University, Sat. 6 Dec.** at FSU PC.
- 2) **NYLT 27 Dec - 1 Jan** at STSR.
- 3) **LSD Annual Scouter Banquet, Sat. 10 Jan.** at Forest Park United Methodist Ch.
- 4) **Scouting for Food, 24-31 Jan.**
- 5) **OA Call Out Ceremony, Sat 31 Jan** at St. Andrew's State Park.
- 6) **LSD Spring Camporee, 24-26 April.**

**CLOSING by KG:** **ADVICE from a GORILLA:** Be at home in nature. Stay well groomed. Be a prime mate. Show 'em who's boss. Avoid hairy situations. Get a grip! Evolve!

**ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE !!!**  
**THANKS to the following 9 Units represented at Nov RT:**

300, 302, 310, 311, 317, 345, 347, 350, 706

And 7 Scouters from Menawa District of Alabama-Florida Council

**TOTAL NOVEMBER BS RT ATTENDANCE = 30**

**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](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).

**11 Dec '14 – Hobbies including Model Railroadng (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)**

**YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC**

