

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

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April 2014

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 10 Apr. 2014 3140 State Ave PC, LDS Church

“ORIENT TOWARDS NATURE”

Opening: Thanks to **T.321** for leading the Opening Flag Ceremony and Pledge. **T.324** has been assigned the May RT Opening.

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

Dan Tucker and Gloria Turner, Friends of Camp Helen State Park: Dan and Gloria told the crowd about the new Americana Concerts and movie nights at the park. They are looking for volunteers (Boy Scouts) to help build fire rings and make other improvements to the park – possible Eagle projects (Chris Moore will investigate more on these potential projects). Gloria can be reached at (850) 588-8426; the park ranger is Sasha Craft (850) 233-5059, CampHelenFriends@gmail.com. Flyer coming out soon and will be distributed to all.

Jim Boksa, GCC Program Director: Jim can be reached at office: (850) 476-6336 or cell: (850) 266-3911 or email: jboksa@bsamail.org. Jim again hyped 2015 Woodbadge: 17-19 Jan & 14-16 Feb 2015), and Aviation MB to be held in Ft. Walton Beach on Sat 31 May, cost \$10, flyer coming out this week.

Kevin Hall: Kevin can be reached at dismus60@aol.com or cell: 914-0334 and Hm: 625-1357. Kevin reminded us all of the Wounded Warrior event happening on 24 April, should pass Harrison Ave around 5 PM and end up at First Baptist Church at 5:45 PM. He was also curious if the RT crowd would rather have the LSD annual banquet on the Dec Thurs RT night or a Sat night in early Jan.

Chris Moore, LSD Committee Chairman: Chris can be reached at gogators22@yahoo.com and by cell: (770) 940-1116. Chris informed us that the 2015 Spring Camporee would get planned early and will be discussed at a group session during the Oct GCC Fall Encampment at STSR.

Tracey Hennage, LSD Advancement Chair: Tracy can be reached at moto249@gmail.com or (210) 557-3434. Tracey announced that she is striving to organize the district MB Counselor list, and that all applications for MB Counselors should be turned into her first (not council) then she will review and provide to Council Office. New applications and renewal will probably start next month. Here is the new MBC process for LSD:

1. If you are a current MBC please go to council site and check current list for your name and MB's. If you wish to continue with these badges send me an email. You will not need to fill out a new application if you are on the current list, unless you want to sign up for more MB's not on the list.

2. If you are not on the list you need to fill out a new application and turn in to me for approval. I will take all application, including NRA and aquatics. Please fill out separate application forms for NRA and aquatics badges, they will be sent out for approval. Make sure to hand in all necessary forms with application.

3. We will start the new application process in May/June.

4. All application will go to me for approval, and then they will be sent to council to be uploaded on to master list. I will keep a copy of all application for the district. The council list will not be updated monthly, however, our district list will be current.

5. Please pass on this information to troops and MBC in your troop.

Michael Cole, Appalachee Awareness: Michael can be reached at 303-3613 and mcole@knology.net. Mike informed us that the chapter is participating in this weekend's Conclave, that they will hold a Chapter Lock-In Fri-Sat 18-19 April at Christ Our Savior Presbyterian Church on Clara Ave in PC Beach, and that T.366 Scout Bradley Payne is leading his big Eagle Project at Pine Log State Forest building benches and a flag pole on Sat 19 April.

T.323 Alex Tucker, Red Cross CITIZEN CPR Classes: Alex can be reached at atuck1224@yahoo.com and 867-3683. This is Hands-Only CPR, the classes are free and last about 30 minutes, and the Red Cross will visit your troop if requested.

Also, **T.321 Chris Oswald** 276-3369 has 2 openings available for their **Philmont Trek**. And, **T.303 Dave Hodges** cell: 625-1478 or wk: 230-3126 is **camping at Pine Log** weekend of 25 April if anyone interested in joining in.

*** FEATURE PRESENTATION ***

Thanks to **T.82 Tim Stuhr** for planning the **GPS Easter Egg Hunt!!**

Tim brought 3 GPS (Garmin Etrex 20) units and broke the crowd into 3 groups to have a GPS Easter Egg Hunt outside. Each group was assigned a waypoint (already loaded into the GPS) to navigate to and find an Easter Egg, then open the Easter Egg and read the directions, and then enter the GPS coordinates into the GPS, and finally follow it to the final Easter Egg and open it for their prizes. It was a great exercise to participate in. Thank You TIM!

Thanks to **Big George** for his **Monthly Moment**: George talked about pacing and demonstrated how to use **Pacing Beads** when measuring distances with his 20-mile bead set. He also talked about contour lines and map scales. Thank You George!

LSD Traveling Spirit Sticks: The **Thick Twisty Stick** was MIA by Scouter **Bill Vander Tulip**. And, the **Thin Twisty Stick** was MIA by **T.82**.

KG's Handouts Gone Wild: 1 brochure ("Adopt-A-Bird" from Audubon of FL Center for Birds of Prey); 1 Free Ticket to Passion Play at Marina Civic Center 17-19 April; and, 9 paper handouts:

- Orienteering MB Requirements
- Geocaching MB Requirements
- The Florida Softshell: A Unique Florida Turtle
- Snake Facts – True or False?
- Quiz: COMPASS
- Why Do Golden Eagles Have "Fingers" on the Ends of Their Wings?
- Weather Terms Word Search Worksheet #1 from <http://studentpuzzles.com/Science.html>
- Kalamata Roast (recipe from BSA Deck of Cooking)
- Compass Neckerchief Slide http://www.makingfriends.com/compass_slide_or_swap.htm

Ticket Drawing Giveaways & Winners:

“Eagle Optics” Cap (thanks to Jim & Cindy Wolf of WBU): T.323 Alex Tucker.

Chattahoochee Watershed Poster: T.345 Tim Mabiuis.

Old Scout/MB Books (5): T.324 Brian Baxley, T.300 Michael Cole, T.324 Jeff Lance, T.388 Joann Burgess, and T. 321 SPL Harrison Sharp.

Personal Pedometers (2): T.300 Kevin Hall, and T.321 Mike Sharp.

Upcoming Boy Scout Items of Interest:

- 1) **STSR Summer Camp 3 weeks offered:** 16-21 June, 22-28 June, 29 June -5 July.
- 2) **Econfina Creek Trash Bash** service project gone wild - TBD September
- 3) **Council-wide Fall Encampment, 24-26 Oct.**

CLOSING by KG: **ADVICE from a HONEY BEE:** Create a buzz | Sip life's sweet moments | Mind your own beeswax | Work together | Always find your way home | Stick close to your honey | Bee yourself! And, Bee Prepared!!

ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE !!!

THANKS to the following 13 Units represented at April RT:

82, 300, 303, 310, 311, 317, 321, 323, 324, 345, 366, 388, 706

TOTAL April BS RT ATTENDANCE = 33

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 .

8 May – Mechanics (T.317 Jeff Neltzke)

10 July- Hiking

14 Aug – Shooting/Sports

11 Sept – Engineering (T.310 Dale Cronwell)

9 Oct – High Adventure

13 Nov - Tracking

11 Dec '14 – LSD Scouter Banquet !!

YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC

