

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

After - RT

the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE

October **2015**

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 8 Oct. 2015 3140 State Ave DC, LDS Church

“Special Needs Awareness”



Opening: Thanks to T.317 for leading the Opening Flag Ceremony and Pledge. T.350 has again been assigned the 12 Nov 2015 RT Opening.

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

Doug Frender (LSD DE): Doug can be reached at doug.frender@scouting.org, and (850) 784-1886. Doug informed us the membership is up for the first time in 9 years; that he is looking into setting up a Special Needs Awareness unit in Lake Sands District and has supporters available; and, that a re-charter class/session will be held prior to the next RT starting at 5:30PM on 12 Nov for those units who need assistance.

Bill Pouncy, LSD RT Staffer: Bill discussed the LSD Fall Camporee and the theme is “SCOUTING WITH A TWIST” to be held 23-25 Oct at Sims Quail Run off Porter Pond Road. The “Oscar” Award is back for the best patrol skit at the camporee. Per the property owner: please do not cut down any trees; pick up all trash and take back with you; stay away from house/porch, horse barn, and equipment shed. Scouts to bring packs loaded with items (plus whatever else they want to bring as in “Be Prepared”) mentioned in camporee packet. Bill can be reached at 785-0442 or mrbillpouncy@yahoo.com. Also, Georgia Gunn, who is assisting Bill with all the camporee planning and preparation, can be reached at 381-6667 or lv2drv18@yahoo.com.

Curtis Williams, LSD Committee Finance Chairman: Curtis, who works for United Way, can be reached at (850) 381-1846. Curtis informed the crowd that he can help your unit establish a bank account; and that United Way presents “Live United Live” on Sat. 17 Oct from noon to 9PM and that a district Scout booth can be set up and he can cover the setup fee is needed. Also, Friday Fest from 5-10 PM on 6 Nov is another opportunity to set up a Scout Booth for recruiting and maybe popcorn sales. Please contact Doug if you have questions or are interested.

Tom Reynolds, District Commissioner: Tom hyped the annual submittal of the District Award of Merit nominations which are due NLT 15 Dec. and can easily be turned in at the next 2 RTs.

Please fill the application out in writing and remember to sign it. Tom can be reached at tom3bsa@knology.net; cell: 774-8335. Nomination form provided separately in an email to all in LSD.

Jake & Jeff Neitzke, Appalachian OA Awareness: Scout Jake Neitzke can be reached at (850) 866-9865 and by email at xboxgamer@knology.net. Please contact Jake to arrange for your **Troop OA Elections** which must be completed NLT 5 January 2016. Chapter Elections will be held 18 Oct. OA Campout weekend to be 29-31 Jan at St. Andrew's State Park. Our OA chapter will also take responsibility for the LSD Fall Camporee Sat evening campfire build. And don't forget about the Yustaga Lodge annual banquet. You can also visit the Yustaga Lodge website at http://www.gulfcoastcouncil.org/openrosters/view_homepage.aspx?orgkey=2733.

*** FEATURE PRESENTATION ***

Thanks to **T.317 Marsh Weber** for leading the theme of "**Special Needs Awareness**". And big thanks for the CDs full of special needs awareness guides that he presented to each unit. Take-aways include: the definition of special needs; ~18.5% have children have special needs; includes autism, attention deficit syndrome, Down's Syndrome, blindness, loss of a limb, loss of hearing, being wheel chair bound, and much more. Why Should We Care & How to Help Them – use/read the Guide to Safe Scouting, follow the aims and objectives of Scouting, mainstreaming, Patrol participation, leadership development, adult association, social communication, Youth Protection, help to prepare them for adulthood and be self-sufficient, Scouting provides the opportunity to participate with other youth (camping, hiking, patrol activities); every Scout and Leader should have BSA Medical Form part A&B filed with the unit. And remember, those with special needs want to participate just like every other youth!

LSD Traveling Spirit Sticks: The **Tall Twisty Stick** was MIA by **T.347**. And, the **Snake Stick** was MIA by **T.302**.

KG's Handouts Gone Wild:

- Brochures: St. Augustine Alligator Farm - Zoological Park & Crocodile Crossing
- Pocket Card Protectors (**thanks to Tom Reynolds**)
- Disabilities Awareness MB Requirements
- 8 Important Tips for Working with a Special Needs Child
- Types of Childhood Disabilities and Other Special Needs
- Quiz – Disability Awareness
<http://www.proprofs.com/quiz-school/story.php?title=disability-awareness-quiz-1>
- Quiz – Daddy Dearest
- Brownie Pudding (recipe from BSA Deck of Cooking)
- Neckerchief Slide: Clip Board

Ticket Drawing Giveaways & Winners:

BSA Collectable Patches (thanks to T.345 Bill Pouncy) (2): T.356 Katrina Hagler & T.345 B. Pouncy.
Pedometer, and Swamp Base Brochure (2): Sherry Goldman & T.317 Jake Neitzke.
Beach Mosquito Control Cup, Stress Ball, & Magnetic Clip: LSD Committee Member Tom Reynolds.

Notebook & Audubon Florida Naturalist magazine: T.317 Marsh Weber.
Pocket Guide to Trees: LSD Committee Member Curtis Williams.
Florida Forest Trees Pocket Guide: T.300 Mike Cole.

Upcoming Boy Scout Items of Interest:

- 1) **LSD BS Fall “Scouting with a Twist” Camporee, 23-25 Oct**, Sims “Quail Run” 5245 Porter Pond Rd, Chipley (same location as LSD 2015 Spring Camporee).
- 2) **Veteran’s Day Parade, Wed. 11 Nov.**
- 3) **LSD MBU, TBD Jan/Feb.**
- 4) **Humane Society Service Day, Sat 5 Dec, 9AM – Noon.**
- 5) **LSD Annual Scouter Banquet, Sat 9 Jan.**
- 6) **Scouting for Food Bag Drop-off Sat 23 Jan & Food Bag Pickup Sat 30 Jan.**
- 7) **LSD Spring “UNPLUGGED” Camporee, 22-24 April 2016.**

CLOSING by KG: **ADVICE from a Trout:** Show your true colors | Be a good catch | Don't be lured by shiny objects | Scale back | Cherish clean water | Know when to keep your mouth shut | Don't give up without a fight!

ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE !!!
THANKS to the following 8 Units represented at Oct RT:
300, 303, 310, 317, 323, 345, 356, 706
TOTAL October BS RT ATTENDANCE = 17

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 Nov – Archery (T.347 Bill Van Der Tulip)
10 Dec –
14 Jan 2016 – Sales Refresher
11 Feb –
10 Mar –
14 April –
12 May –
No RT in June

OTHER RT THEMES – Please Take Your Pick!! Geocaching, Fitness & Nutrition, Sustainability, Nature & Environment, Cooking, Caving, Games, Science, Wilderness Survival, Technology, Project Planning, Paddle Sports, Outdoor Ethics, and Mentoring, etc.

YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC

