

# LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

(not your usual walk in the park)

*Pre - RT*

*the CRAWLIN' KING SNAKE*

November 2015

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 12 NOV. 2015 3140 State Ave DC, LDS Church

## “ARCHERY”



**Opening: Troop 350**

**Program Feature: T.347 Bill Van Der Tulip**

**Big George's "Monthly Moment"!**

**Traveling Spirit Sticks – to be returned by T. 347 & T.302**

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

**Archery Safety Tips and Rules**

<http://www.archery360.com/archery-for-beginners/archery-safety-tips-and-rules/>

**Archery Safety**

<http://www.cultureofsafety.com/safety-tips/archery/>

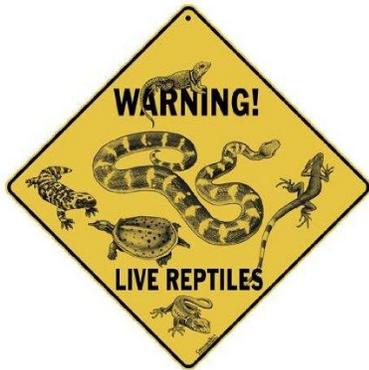
**Top 10 Archery Safety Rules**

<https://thenontypicalsportsman.wordpress.com/2011/09/19/top-ten-archery-safety-rules/>

**3 Safety Rules When on the Archery Shooting Line**

<http://healthyliving.azcentral.com/three-safety-rules-archery-shooting-line-6930.html>

**KE's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:**



**Question:** What is the difference between a cat and a comma?

**Answer:** One has claws at the end of its paws; the other is a pause at the end of a clause!

**Question:** Why do Seagulls fly over the sea?

**Answer:** If they flew over the bay they'd be Bagels!

**So Many Plants, So Little Time:** **Switch Cane (Giant Cane & River Cane),** *Arundinaria gigantea*

<http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/node/47>

<http://www.fs.fed.us/database/feis/plants/graminoid/arugig/all.html>

<http://www.bamboogarden.com/Arundinaria%20gigantea%20ssp.%20gigantea.htm>



Switch Cane

**Bugga da Month:** **Dusky Roadside-Skipper**, *Amblyscirtes alternata*

<http://www.jeffpippen.com/butterflies/duskyroadsideskipper.htm>

<http://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/species/Amblyscirtes-alternata>



Dusky Roadside-Skipper

**Critter of the Month:** **FL Black Bear**, *Ursus americanus floridanus*

<http://myfwc.com/Bear>

<http://myfwc.com/conservation/you- conserve/wildlife/black-bears/>

<http://www.defenders.org/black-bear/basic-facts>

<http://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/breaking-news/os-biggest-florida-bear-killed-20150121-story.html>

<http://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2014/04/140415-black-bear-florida-attack-habitat-wildlife-conservation/>



Black Bear and Cub

**Everybody's Heard About the Bird:** **Belted Kingfisher**, *Megasceryle alcyon*

[http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/belted\\_kingfisher/id](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/belted_kingfisher/id)

<http://www.audubon.org/field-guide/bird/belted-kingfisher>

[http://identify.whatbird.com/obj/61/overview/Belted\\_Kingfisher.aspx](http://identify.whatbird.com/obj/61/overview/Belted_Kingfisher.aspx)



**Belted Kingfisher**

**The Sky Tells a Story:** It is not a good month to spot the planets in the evening sky; catch Saturn right after sunset, low in the SW near the claws of Scorpius. It is lost in the sun's glare by midmonth. Mercury too is lost in the sun's glare all month. But in the dawn, Venus passes just south of Mars on November 3rd, and Jupiter is also well placed for observation, west of the pair. **The best meteor shower this month is the Leonids (appearing to come from the constellation Leo the Lion), which peak on the morning of November 18th.**

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. She contains many nice star clusters for binocular users in her outer arm of our Milky Way, extending to the NE now. Her daughter, Andromeda, starts with the NE corner star of Pegasus' Square, and goes NE with two more bright stars in a row. It is from the middle star, beta Andromeda, that we proceed about a quarter the way to the top star in the W of Cassiopeia, and look for a faint blur with the naked eye. M-31, the Andromeda Galaxy, is the most distant object visible with the naked eye, lying about 2.5 million light years distant.

To the northeast, Andromeda's hero, Perseus, rises. 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 Stick / Ticket Drawing / Closing

**Upcoming Events:**

- 1) Veteran's Day Parade, Wed. 11 Nov.
- 2) LSD MBU, TBD Jan/Feb.
- 3) Humane Society Service Day, Sat 5 Dec. 9AM - Noon.
- 4) LSD Annual Scouter Banquet, Sat 9 Jan.
- 5) Scouting for Food Bag Drop-off Sat 23 Jan & Food Bag Pickup Sat 30 Jan.
- 6) LSD Spring "UNPLUGGED" Camporee, 22-24 April 2016.

**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).

10 Dec -  
14 Jan 2016 – Sales Refresher (Bryant Perkins & Doug Frender)  
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.

See ya **Thursday Night 12 November !!!!** YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC RT #115

