

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

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the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE

December 2015

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 10 Dec. 2015 3140 State Ave PC, LDS Church

“ARCHERY”



Opening: LSD BS RTC Kerry led the Opening Flag Ceremony and Pledge.

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. CORS and SMs to soon get letter regarding District Committee nominations. Doug will send out descriptions of all positions, and please call Doug if you have any questions. Unit Recharterers are due (remember to also print out packet and sign, and include any new applications); Popcorn money is also due; and CampCards will be \$10 (includes a coupon booklet from National) and will be available in February.

Tom Reynolds, District Commissioner: Tom can be reached at tom3bsa@knology.net; cell: 774-8335. Tom gave a last call for District Award of Merit Nominations.

Georgia Gunn, LSD RT Staffer: Georgia can be reached at 381-6667 or lv2drv18@yahoo.com. Georgia updated the crowd on our recent service day at the Bay County Humane Society, informed the crowd that if camping at Dead Lakes Recreational Area (address: Hwy 71, Wewahitchka, FL 32465, Phone: (850) 227-8693) troops can get a discount if they complete a service project, and she brought in several lost and found items from the last camporee.

Jeff Neitzke, Appalachee OA Awareness: Jeff can be reached at 381-1077 or email: wavecrusher8@knology.net. 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**. Jeff also updated the crowd on OA events, their new chapter meeting dates (3rd Sunday of the month from 2-4PM), and **YNAW 5-7 Feb** at STSR (your troop can camp out and also be on staff). Jeff is striving to maximize participation by turning the OA meetings into “events” and it has been successful. Jeff also updated the crowd on the **LSD BS Spring Camporee**,

now 20-22 May at Frank Brown Park with a theme of “MAY DAY” – events are being planned, and helicopters, fire and sheriff’s dept will be on site.

Kerry Gunn, LSD RTC: KG presented the following 5 Troops with *Perfect Attendance Certificates* for attending all 10 of the 2015 LSD BS Roundtables: **T.300, T.310, T.317, T.345, and T.706**. KG also presented certificates to his *RT Staffers*: **George Goehring, Georgia Gunn, and Bill Pouncy**; as well as to **T.300 Jim and Cindy Wolf of Wild Birds Unlimited** for their continued support of RT with monthly give-aways and annual Bird Calendars. And, 2016 WBU Bird Calendars were given out to all Dec RT attendees.

*** FEATURE PRESENTATION ***

Thanks to **T.347 Bill Van Der Tulip** for leading the theme of “**Archery**”. Bill told us about the new equipment (bows & targets) at STSR – Genesis bows (mini, mid-level and pro). These bows should not be adjusted by Scouts, and should not be thrown on the ground. The bows need to be checked by a qualified person with a scale for correct poundage. Bill is working on a new setup for the Archery range at STSR: a walking course for all ranges required by Archery MB, an Olympic size range also in the middle of the area, and Scouts may also be able to acquire/earn Hunter’s Safety Course cards.

Big George’s Monthly Moment: George hyped safety when participating in Archery. If you find an arrow on the ground or are looking for one on the ground watch out for the point/arrowhead as it could be covered by leaves or other ground debris. If someone gets hit with an arrow, do not remove as point or shaft may break off or if it hit a vital organ if you pull it out it may leave an open hole – best to stabilize with a sweatshirt and get to a doctor ASAP. And, use fingertip guards to protect your fingers when shooting.

LSD Traveling Spirit Sticks: The **Tall Twisty Stick** was returned by **T.347** with a FOUNDER and Troop 347 Patch attached. And, the **Snake Stick** was MIA by **T.300**.

KG's Handouts Gone Wild:

- Brochure: Capture Florida – Wildlife & Bird Watching
- Archery MB Requirements
- Fire Safety MB info (from Boy’s Life Magazine August 2015)
- Threatened & Endangered Species of South Florida’s National Parks
- Why do Bobcats have Tufts on their Ears?
- Quiz - Eggs
- Surgeon’s Knot (from BSA Deck of Knots)
- Neckerchief Slide: Busy Beaver (from Whittlin’ Jim)

AND, “Wild Bird Unlimited 2016 Calendars” for all (**thanks to Jim & Cindy Wolf of WBU**)

Ticket Drawing Giveaways & Winners:

Hummer Feeder: T.317 Scout Jake Neitzke

ASPCA 2016 Calendar w/FL Butterflies & Wildflowers Brochure: T.345 Bill Pouncy

Invasive Weeds of N. Am. Field Guide: T.706 Robert Sapp

Nature Conservancy 2016 Calendar w/FL Butterflies & Wildflowers Brochure: T.388 David Debord

Big Bend Service Byway Booklet w/FL Butterflies & Wildflowers Brochure (2):

T.300 Rob Adams, and T. Bryan Whitfield

“Slideology” Book/Guide w/FL Butterflies & Wildflowers Brochure: Tom Reynolds
Audubon FI Naturalist & USFW Refuge Update w/FL Butterflies & Wildflowers Brochure:
T. 310 Roger Shields
Lab Notebook w/FL Butterflies & Wildflowers Brochure: T. 323 Doreen Norbut

Upcoming Boy Scout Items of Interest:

- 1) **GCC Banquet**, **Sat 30 Jan 5:30PM** at First Baptist Church of Pensacola.
- 2) **YNAW at STSR**, **5-7 Feb.**
- 3) **LSD Spring “MAY DAY” Camporee**, **20-22 May 2016** at Frank Brown Park.

CLOSING by KG: **ADVICE from a Deer: Look both ways before you cross the road. Be a good listener. Know when to lay low. Tread lightly on the earth. Take time to browse. Leap over obstacles. Don't pass the buck!**

ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE !!!
THANKS to the following 10 Units represented at Dec RT:
300, 303, 310, 317, 323, 345, 347, 366, 388, 706
TOTAL December BS RT ATTENDANCE = 23

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.

14 Jan 2016 – led/hosted by George Delfrey, ECC Commissioner
11 Feb – led/hosted by George Delfrey, ECC Commissioner
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

