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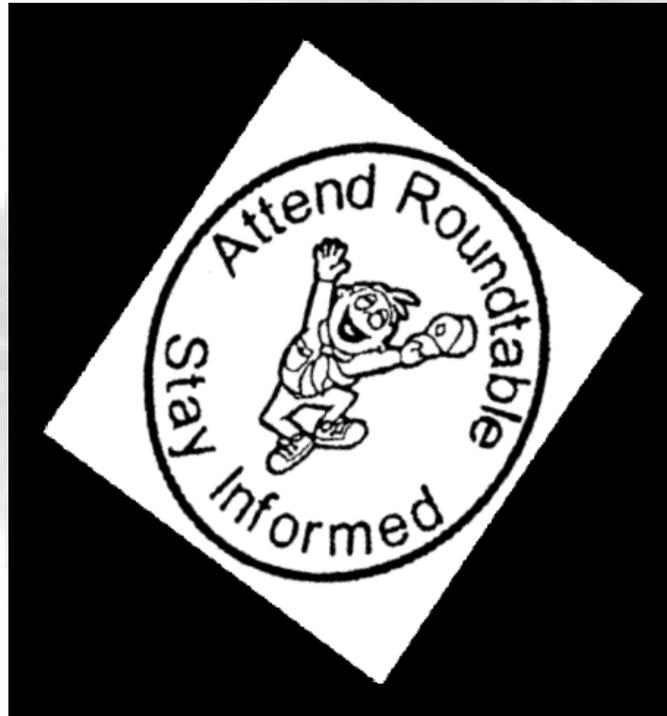
the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE
BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

FEB 2015

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

“CULTURAL DIVERSITY”

(Native American Related)



Opening: Troop 706

Program Feature: Our OA Chapter on Native American Indians
Big George's "Monthly Moment" !

Traveling Spirit Sticks – to be returned by T. 82 & T.317

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED to THEME of the MONTH:

Native American Legends: The Sun, Moon, and Stars

<http://www.firstpeople.us/FP-HTML-Legends/TheSunMoonandStars-Navajo.html>

Native American Legends, Myths, and Lore

<http://www.angelfire.com/ca/Indian/stories.html>

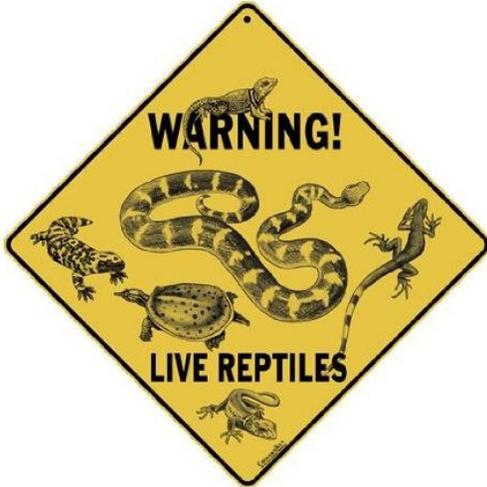
Native American Lore Index Page

<http://www.ilhawaii.net/~stony/loreindx.html>

Native American Studies

<http://www.sd84.k12.id.us/farmstid/Native%20American%20Web/myths.htm>

KE's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:



Wild Bird Unlimited Shop, <http://panamacity.wbu.com/> Located at 2455 MLK Blvd, PC FL

Question: What's a Porcupine's favorite dance?

Answer: The Hokey-Pokey!

7 Steps to Collecting and Sewing Wildflower Seeds

<http://www.flawildflowers.org/resources/pdfs/2014/7StepsToGrowFromSeed.pdf>

So Many Plants, So Little Time: **Beach Vitex**, *Vitex rotundifolia*

<http://www.invasivespeciesinfo.gov/plants/beachvitex.shtml>

<http://escambia.ifas.ufl.edu/marine/2013/07/08/beach-vitex-is-it-a-growing-problem/>

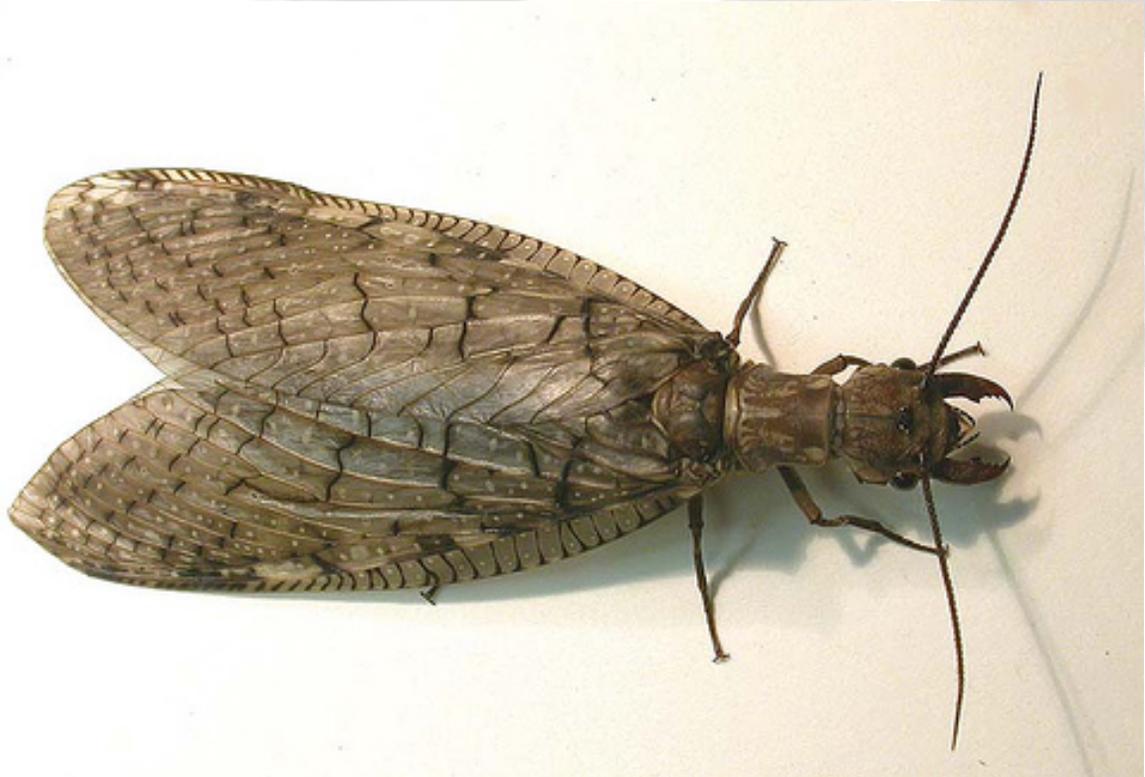
<http://www.clemson.edu/extension/hgic/pests/weeds/hgic2315.html>



Beach Vitex (invasive)

Bugga da Month: **Eastern Dobsonfly**, *Corydalus cornutus*

http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/misc/eastern_dobsonfly.htm



Eastern Dobsonfly

Critter of the Month: Black Swamp Snake, *Seminatrix pygaea*

<http://srelherp.uga.edu/snakes/sempyg.htm>

<http://ufwildlife.ifas.ufl.edu/snakes/blackswampsnake.shtml>



Black Swamp Snake

Everybody's Heard About the Bird: Downy Woodpecker, *Picoides pubescens*

http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Downy_Woodpecker/id/

<http://birds.audubon.org/birds/downy-woodpecker>



Downy Woodpecker

The Sky Tells a Story: Native American Constellations (supporting the Cultural Diversity theme): The Seminoles called Orion “Long Sash” and called Gemini (the Twins) “the Seminole Brothers”.

For February 2015, the Moon will be full moon on February 3rd. This is the “Hunger” moon in Native American tradition, when most of the food stored up for winter was almost gone.

Mercury is low in the morning sky by month’s end, reaching greatest western elongation on February 25th. Venus dominates the SW evening sky for the next several months, and is rapidly overtaking much fainter red Mars, passing just a moon’s diameter south of him on February 22nd, with the crescent moon closest to the pair on the previous evening. Jupiter dominates the eastern evening sky, coming to opposition on the border of Cancer and Leo on February 6th. Saturn is now in the claws of Scorpius, and rising about midnight by month’s end.

The constellation Cassiopeia makes a striking W in the NW. Her daughter, Andromeda, starts with the NE corner star of Pegasus’ Square, and goes NE with two more bright stars in a row.

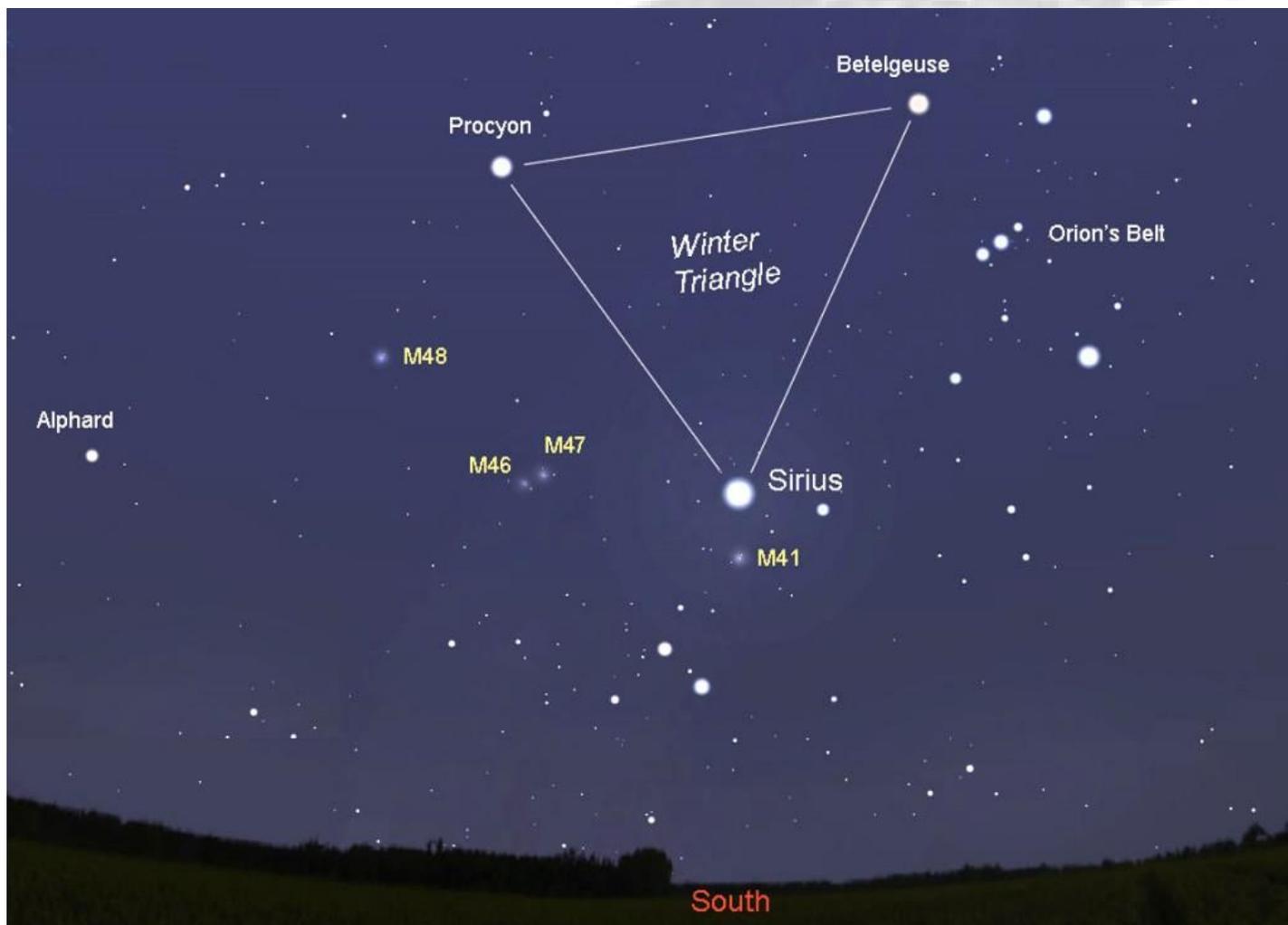
At Perseus’ feet is the famed Pleiades cluster and east of the “seven sisters” is the V of stars marking the face of Taurus the Bull, with bright orange Aldebaran as his eye. The V of stars is the Hyades cluster, older than the blue Pleiades, but about half their distance.

Yellow Capella, a giant star the same temperature and color as our much smaller Sun, dominates the overhead sky. It is part of the pentagon on stars making up Auriga, the Charioteer (think Ben Hur). Several nice binocular Messier open clusters are found in the winter milky way here. East of Auriga, the twins, Castor and Pollux highlight the Gemini.

South of Gemini, Orion is the most familiar winter constellation, dominating the eastern sky at dusk. The reddish supergiant Betelgeuse marks his eastern shoulder, while blue-white supergiant Rigel stands opposite on his west knee. Just south of the belt, hanging like a sword downward, is M-42, the Great Nebula of Orion. The bright diamond of four stars that light it up are the trapezium cluster, one of the finest sights in a telescope.

In the east rise the hunter's two faithful companions, Canis major and minor. Procyon is the bright star in the little dog, and rises minutes before Sirius, the brightest star in the sky. Sirius dominates the SE sky by 7 PM, and as it rises, the turbulent winter air causes it to sparkle with shafts of spectral fire. At 8 light years distance, Sirius is the closest star we can easily see with the naked eye from West Florida.

To the northeast, a reminder that spring is coming; look for the bowl of the Big Dipper to rise, with the top two stars, the pointers, giving you a line to find Polaris, the Pole Star. But if you take the pointers south, you are guided instead to the head of Leo the Lion rising in the east, looking much like the profile of the famed Sphinx. The bright star at the Lion's heart is Regulus, the "regal star". Fitting for our cosmic king of beasts, rising at the end of this month means March indeed will be coming in "like a lion". Note that Jupiter now sits just west of the head of Leo, and will be moving from Cancer into Leo by mid-year.



Winter Triangle: Procyon in Canis minor, Sirius in Canis major, & Betelgeuse in Orion

Plus the Usual: Handouts Gone Wild!! / RT Spirit Stick / Ticket Drawing / Closing

Upcoming Events

- 1) Bicycle Rodeo in Port St. Joe, Sat. 21 March.
- 2) LSD Spring Camporee, 24-26 April.
- 3) LSD MBU at GCSC EOC Facility, Sat. 16 May (Emergency Prep related MBs)
- 4) Humane Society Service Day, date TBD.

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. 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 Mar – WL Management (T.310 Roger Shields)

9 Apr – Boy Scout Training Overview (Brian Davidson)

14 May – Emergency Prep (T.311 Sherry Goldman)

See ya Thursday Night 12 Feb !!!! YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC RT #107

Roundtable Suggestion / Ideas

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