

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

After - RT

the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE

Feb 2015

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

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

“CULTURAL DIVERSITY”



Opening: Thanks to the Scouts of T.706 for leading the Opening Flag Ceremony and Pledge. T.82 has been assigned the March 2015 RT Opening.

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

Tim Mixdorf, LSD Eagle Board Chairman: Tim can be reached at (850) 522-3945 or tim.mixdorf@camcast.net. Tim announced that 2 Scouts earned the rank of Eagle (L. McDaniels of T.39 & Andrew Wiggins of T.317). Tim is also seeking help with Eagle Board and Project approvals.

Spencer Page, Gulf Coast Council Executive: Spencer announced that Sharon Caldwell had stepped down as LSD DE but assured the crowd that council was seeking a replacement in the very near future. Billy Egan will be the LSD point of contact until a new DE is hired.

Sharon Caldwell: Sharon also informed the crowd of the stepping down as LSD DE but insured us all that she would continue to a volunteer and would help out as much as possible. Sharon can be reached at secaldwell71@gmail.com, and 615-477-8192. Sharon also mentioned potential new Explorer Posts with themes of “Theatre” and “Arts”.

Tom Reynolds, District Commissioner & FOS: Tom informed us of FOS and would like to make a 10 minute presentation at your next Troop Court of Honor in Feb or Mar. Tom is also seeking additional folks to volunteer as Unit Commissioners. Tom can be reached at tom3bsa@knology.net; cell: 774-8335.

Georgia Gunn, LSD RT Staffer: Georgia can be reached at 381-6667 or lv2drv18@yahoo.com. Georgia reminded us all about the 24-26 April LSD BS Spring Camporee (but no Scouts showed up for the pre-RT camporee planning meeting!!!). She also introduced new RT attendees T.388 David Debord, T.356 Katrina Hagler, T.350 Michael Mecham, and T.317 Joseph Holoubek

Michael Cole, Appalachian Awareness: Michael can be reached at 303-3613. Mike updated us on near term OA events. He also said that he is now the Associate Lodge Advisor, that Jeff Neitze is the Associate Lodge Logistics person, and that Bill Van Der Tulip is the new Appalachian Chapter Advisor. OA Conclave is 10-12 April at STSR and there will be a work day at STSR on 28 March. OA Ordeal is 13-15 March also. Find out more at: <http://www.yustaga385.com/>

!! SCOUT SHOP to VISIT LSD RT in March !! If you have an item you'd like for them to bring for you to purchase contact April Way at the Scout Shop (850) 473-9945 or april.way@scouting.org.

***** FEATURE PRESENTATION *****

Thanks to Native American **Todd Talbot on Native American Influence!!** Take-aways include local tribes such as Muscogee Creek Indians, local mounds; how Thanksgiving started; Native Americans accepted runaway slaves and they helped Europeans learn about native flora and fauna and how to prepare it to eat; there are 547 federally recognized tribes in the US/Canada; those that were called "Two Spirits" could help both men and women with ailments; and several works not to say. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muscogee_\(Creek\)_Nation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Muscogee_(Creek)_Nation)

And, **thanks to Michael Cole** for arranging this visit by Todd.

Your LSD BS RTC KG: Kerry told 10 Native American Legends of the Sky and Stars. Several links on this info were previously provided in the pre-Feb RT newsletter.

Big George's Monthly Moment: George discussed the story of ISHI the last "wild" Native American Indian. Info can be found at these links:

<http://history.library.ucsf.edu/ishi.html>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ishi>

LSD Traveling Spirit Sticks: The New Snake Stick was MIA by **T.82**. The New Tall Twisty Spirit Stick was returned by **T.317** with a YNAW (Native American Weekend) Patch and some Feb. Mardis Gras bling. This stick was awarded to T.388 for a March RT return.

KG's Handouts Gone Wild:

- Brochure: ALAQUA Animal Refuge
- American Cultures MB Requirements
- Genealogy MB Requirements
- Cooking MB Requirements
- Atchafalaya SWAMP BASE Louisiana (info on 2016 High Adventure Treks)
- Fun Facts about Bees
- Quiz: Honey Bee Crossword
- Quiz: Meet & Eat - The 3 Sisters (Corn/Maize / Pole Beans / Squash)
- 7 Steps to Collecting and Sowing Wildflower Seed (from FL Wildflower Foundation)
- Grilled Sweet Potato Salad (recipe from BSA Deck of Cooking)
- Neckerchief Slide: Branch Cross Section (<http://www.e-scoutcraft.com/sotm/sotm.html>)

Ticket Drawing Giveaways & Winners:

OWLS Pocket Guide (thanks to Jim & Cindy Wolf of WBU): T.345 Bill Pouncy.

BIRDS Pocket Guide (thanks to Jim & Cindy Wolf of WBU): T.310 Dale Cronwell.

Collectable Scout Patches (thanks to Bill Pouncy) (7): T.345 Tim Mabijs, T.300 Jim Wolf, T.317 Jeff Neitzke, Winnie Reynolds, T.706 Chris Poppell, T.356 Katrina Hagler, and T.321 Patrick Hair.

Upcoming Boy Scout Items of Interest:

- 1) Bicycle Rodeo in Port St. Joe, Sat. 21 March.
- 2) LSD Spring Camporee, 24-26 April.
- 3) Humane Society Service Day, date TBD.
- 4) Merit Badge Univ. at the EOC, Sat 16 May. (Emergency Prep related MBs)
- 5) LSD CS Day Camp at Fairgrounds, 15-19 June.
- 6) Leader Specifics Training, 26 Sept at FSU PC.
- 7) LSD BS Fall Camporee, 2-4 Oct.
- 8) Trainer's Edge, Sat 17 Oct.

CLOSING by KG: **ADVICE from a Polar Bear:** Live large. Sniff out opportunities. Learn some good icebreakers. Be thick-skinned. Be fearless. Appreciate long winter nights. Keep it cool!

ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE !!!

THANKS to the following 13 Units represented at Feb RT:

82, 300, 302, 303, 310, 311, 317, 321, 345, 350, 356, 388, 706

TOTAL FEBRUARY BS RT ATTENDANCE = 32

REMINDER: For 2015, if your Troop attends/participates in 8 of 10 RTs for the year, your Troop will be awarded \$50 credit at the GCC Scout Shop!!

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 Mar – WL Management (T.310 Roger Shields)

9 Apr – Boy Scout Training Overview (Brian Davidson)

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

No RT in June !!

8 July – Bird Study (T.300 Jim Wolf)

13 Aug – COPE (T.706 Chris Doppell)

YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC

