

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

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the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE

Mar 2015

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

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

“WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT”



Opening: Thanks to **T.82 Tim Stuhr** for leading the Opening Pledge to the Flag. T.300 has been given the “opening key” for the April 2015 RT Opening.

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

Kristi Basinger, Educational Homestay Programs: Kristi can be reached at itsirkdrop@gmail.com and Hm: (850) 773-1626 or Cell: (850) 849-7667. Kristi told the crowd about her program “**Host an exchange student from Spain or France for 2.5 weeks this summer!**” and the benefits earned. Kristi is seeking host families. Your own son or daughter will receive 45 community service hours. There is no cost other than providing food and fun. And this event applies to one of the requirements for Citizenship in the World MB! Prior to arrival there will be a host family orientation. Students are 14-17 years of age. Arrival date is 23 July. Please let Kristi know if you are interested.

Tom Reynolds, District Commissioner & FOS: Tom updated us of FOS and would like to make a 10 minute presentation at your next Troop Court of Honor. Tom also awarded 2014 JTE ribbons to Troops (Silver Ribbons to T.300 and T.356; Gold Ribbons to T.317, T.323, T.347, and T.366. Tom is also seeking additional folks to volunteer as Unit Commissioners. Tom can be reached at tom3bsa@knology.net; cell: 774-8335.

Brian Davidson, LSD Training Chairman: Brian is hosting BALOO at Camp St. Helen on 18 April. Reminder that all Training this year is free thanks to Brian. If you are interested in being part of his training team please contact him at 890-4296 or bdavidson@perry-young.com.

Kevin Hall, Scouting for Food Update: Kevin can be reached at dismus60@aol.com or cell: 914-0334 and Hm: 625-1357. Kevin updated the crowd on Scouting for Food results and read a THANK YOU note he received from Catholic Charities thanking all Scouts and Scouters who participated in Scouting for Food.

Tracey Hennage, LSD Training Chairperson: Tracey is seeking 2-4 more MB Counselors for half day MBs at the upcoming LSD MB University to be held 2 May at the Emergency Mgmt Center located at 700 Hwy 2300 in Southport. Tracey can be reached at (210) 557-3434 or moto249@gmail.com.

Rob Adams and Georgia Gunn, LSD BS Spring Camporee: Rob and Georgia reminded us of the 24-26 April Spring Camporee to be held at Sim's Farm on Rt77. Thanks to Rob for the Camporee Packet which was provided as a handout. To assist with Camporee activities each Troop is asked to provide two adult volunteers or SPL/ASPL. The registration fee is \$10 for each person attending the Camporee. Please list the Scouts by patrol. Checks should be made out to BSA. Forms and fees should be mailed to: LSD Spring Camporee C/O Rob Adams 5701 Bayou George Rd, Panama City FL 32404. Deadline for registration is April 9th, 2015. For more info or questions Georgia can be reached at 381-6667 or lv2drv18@yahoo.com. And, Rob can be reached at radmas2@comcast.net or 896-3280. **If you register early your Scouts might be able to sleep/camp in a tree house!**

Big Thanks to Tom and Winnie Reynolds, and Georgia Gunn for providing snacks, treats, and punch in celebration of KG's 10 years as LSD BS RTC. Tom as well as Big George each also provided a "rap" or two honoring KG.

KG, your RTC: KG reminder the crowd that we have a **Scout Service Day at the Bay County Human Society on Sat 18 April from 9AM to Noon.** Everyone is invited. Bring gloves, rakes, wear a hat, bug spray – we are going to be mostly cleaning up the outside areas around the Human Society buildings – a more exact list of things to do will be forwarded shortly when I get a list back from the manager. KG also told the story about southern locals calling Gopher Tortoises "gophers" and Pocket Gophers "salamanders" (transformed from the words "sandy mounds"). **Dale Cronwell** added that they also were calling salamanders "spring lizards". So, a reptile was being called a mammal, a mammal was being called a salamander, and a salamander was being called a reptile!

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

Thanks to **T.310 Roger Shields** for leading the theme of **WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**. Roger provided a ppt brief on Threatened and Endangered Species. I hope to forward this brief in the near future. Take-aways include: life requirements, demographics, habitat, quality of life, diseases, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, what make species threatened, the increased risks of extinction as species decline in numbers. Roger also provided an exercise where the crowd divided up into 4 groups to complete an exercise in "Estimating Population Size" related to statistics, means, and confidence levels. Thanks Again Roger!!

Big George's Monthly Moment: George sang a **RAP** song honoring KG's 10 years as LSD BS RTC! Thank You Big George!

Where is the Best Roundtable in the Land? Why right here in the district we call Lake Sands.
Traveling Snake Sticks and Opening Key - Roundtable is the Place you'll want to be!
KG is the man with a plan who gives us Scouting information we can understand!
108 Roundtables so the story goes, that is more than half of your fingers and toes!
Guest speakers on every topic there is, Roundtable is the place for Scouting Biz!
The man with a beard white as snow, at the judging contest he stole the show!
Talks about everything from stars to fish, he is what we call the Roundtable Commish!

Handouts he has galore, lots of free stuff and even more.

Click on the website with the Crawling Kingsnake, find out what is going on for heaven's sake!
So don't be late every second Thursday night, come and see the man with a beard of white!
Roundtable is a spectacle so grand; please join me in giving him a great big hand!

More WL links from KG:

Native Landscaping for Birds, Bees, Butterflies, and other Wildlife

<http://ohioline.osu.edu/w-fact/0013.html>

Create a Certified Wildlife Habitat (in your own yard!)

<http://www.nwf.org/How-to-Help/Garden-for-Wildlife/Create-a-Habitat.aspx>

Panhandle Wildflower Trips <http://flawildflowertrips.org/>

World Wildlife Fund <http://www.worldwildlife.org/>

National Wildlife Federation <http://www.nwf.org/>

LSD Traveling Spirit Sticks: The **Tall Twisty Stick** was returned by **T.388** with silver beads. This stick was awarded to **T.303** for an April RT return. And, the **Snake Stick** was MIA by **T.82**.

KG's Handouts Gone Wild:

- Brochure: Mosquito Prevention & Protection (thanks to Cindy Mulla of Beach Mosquito Control Dist)
- FL 2015 Freshwater, Saltwater, & Hunting Regulations (3 items thanks to Tom Reynolds)
- Wildlife Spotlight: ALLIGATORS
- Mammal Study MB Requirements
- Scouting Crossword (Myles Mellor's Geography crossword from Boy's Life Jan-Feb 2015)
- Why Do Armadillos Always Have Four Babies?
- Imperiled Species: Definitions of Threatened, Protected, & Endangered
- Quiz: Three Sisters (Corn/Maize, Pole Beans, Squash)
- Dutch Oven Apple Dumplings (recipe from BSA Deck of Cooking)
- Neckerchief Slide: Paddle Boat

Ticket Drawing Giveaways & Winners:

Collectable Scout Patches (thanks to Bill Pouncy) (7): T.706 Robert Sapp, T.311 Sherry Goldman, T.317 Marsh Weber, T.310 Roger Shields, Tom Reynolds, T.388 Dale Cronwell, and T.388 Tyber Watson.

Fishing Gear & Lures (thanks to Tom Reynolds) (3): T.388 David Debord, T.356 Katrina Hagler, and T.345 Tim Mabus.

Upcoming Boy Scout Items of Interest:

- 1) **Bicycle Rodeo in Port St. Joe, Sat. 21 March;** \$10 & register online.
- 2) **Pinewood Derby Sat 4 April** at Fairgrounds.
- 3) **"Wounded Warrior" Support, Thurs 16 April** for 1 Hr at Hathaway Bridge
- 4) **LSD Spring Camporee, 24-26 April.**
- 5) **Humane Society Service Day, Sat 18 April 9AM to Noon.**
- 6) **Merit Badge University at the EOC, Sat 2 May** at Emergency Mgmt Center, 700 Hwy 2300, Southport. (Weather, Emergency Prep related MBs)
- 7) **LSD CS Day Camp at Fairgrounds, 15-19 June.**

CLOSING by KG: ADVICE from a Squirrel: Look both ways when you cross the road. Plan ahead. Stay active. Eat plenty of fiber. Spend time in the woods. Go out on a limb. It's OK to be a little nuts!

ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE !!!

THANKS to the following 13 Units represented at Mar RT:

82, 300, 303, 310, 311, 317, 321, 323, 345, 350, 356, 388, 706

TOTAL MARCH BS RT ATTENDANCE = 32

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 .**

9 Apr – Scouter Training Overview (Brian Davidson)

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

No BS RT in June

9 July – Bird Study (T.300 Jim Wolf)

13 Aug – Project CODE (T.706 Chris Poppell)

10 Sept –

8 Oct –

12 Nov –

10 Dec –

OTHER RT THEMES – Please Take Your Pick!! Geocaching, Fitness, Nutrition, Sustainability, Nature, Environment, Cooking, Caving, Special Needs Awareness, Games, and Mentoring.

YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC

