

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

(not your usual walk in the park)

Pre - RT

the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE

April **2015**

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 9 April 2015 3140 State Ave DC, LDS Church

“Scouter Training Overview”



Opening: Troop 300

Program Feature: T.82/LSD Training Chair Brian Davidson

Big George's "Monthly Moment"!

Traveling Spirit Sticks – to be returned by T. 82 & T.303

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED to THEME of the MONTH:

BSA ADULT LEADER TRAINING <http://www.scouting.org/Training/adult.aspx>

GULF COAST COUNCIL TRAINING OVERVIEW
<http://www.gulfcoastcouncil.org/leaders-parents/training/training-overview/49974>

Lake Sands District Trained Leaders List <http://www.gulfcoastcouncil.org/2728>

PHILMONT TRAINING CENTER <http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC.aspx>

PHILMONT CONFERENCES 2015 <http://www.philmontscoutranch.org/PTC/ConferencesO.aspx>

SCOUT LEADER TRAINING from Boy Scout Trail site
<http://www.boy scout trail.com/adulttraining.asp>

Volunteer Training Fact Sheets <http://www.scouting.org/About/FactSheets/VolunteerTraining.aspx>

Sign-in Link to My Scouting
<https://myscouting.scouting.org/layouts/MyScouting/login.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2f%2flayouts%2fAuthenticate.aspx%3fSource%3d%252f&Source=%2f>

SCOUTER'S TRAINING AWARD

http://www.scouting.org/Home/Awards_Central/ScoutersTraining.aspx

SCOUTER AWARDS

http://www.meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Scouter_Awards

SCOUTER Awards, Recognition, Knots

<http://usscouts.org/awards/knots1.asp>

National Training Updates Fall2014/Winter 2015

<http://www.scouting.org/Training/TrainingUpdates.aspx>

KE's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:



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

Question: What is a Weed?

Answer: "A plant whose virtues have never been discovered." (by Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Question: What happens to a Frog's car when it breaks down?

Answer: It gets Toad away!!

So Many Plants, So Little Time: **Peppervine**, *Ampelopsis arborea*

<http://plants.usda.gov/core/profile?symbol=amar5>

<http://plants.ifas.ufl.edu/node/36>

<http://aggie-horticulture.tamu.edu/newsletters/hortupdate/2008/jan08/Peppervine.html>



Peppervine

Bug da Month: Bagrada Bug, Painted Bug, *Bagrada hilaris*

The bagrada bug is a pest of concern to Florida agriculture, and there are several similar species with which it may be confused. Bagrada bugs have been detected on plant material in trucks traveling across state borders. Twelve interceptions have been made from 2011-2013 at the FDACS agricultural inspection stations along the interstate at the Florida border. Due to the number of recent interceptions, and the ability of this pest to feed on many plants, the bagrada bug has potential to establish in Florida. Therefore, monitoring, surveillance, and educational efforts have begun in Florida to facilitate early detection and rapid response as the spread of the bagrada bug continues to other areas.

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/in1041>



Bagrada Bug

Critter of the Month: Hawksbill Sea Turtle, *Eretmochelys imbricata*

<http://www.fws.gov/northflorida/seaturtles/turtle%20factsheets/hawksbill-sea-turtle.htm>

<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/turtles/hawksbill.htm>



Hawksbill Sea Turtle

Everybody's Heard About the Bird: **Brown Pelican**, *Pelecanus occidentalis*

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

<http://birds.audubon.org/birds/brown-pelican>



Brown Pelican

The Sky Tells a Story: For April 2015, the Moon will be full on April 4th; this is the Paschal Moon, or Passover Moon, right after the Vernal Equinox, and sets next Sunday as Easter. This year it also is a total lunar eclipse, of which we locally will only see the beginning at moonset.

Venus dominates the southwestern twilight sky. Mars is behind the sun now, but Jupiter is high overhead in the evening as April begins. It now sits just west of the Sickle of Leo. Saturn rises in the SE about 10 PM as April begins, and reaching opposition on May 23rd. The ringed wonder is at its best in the east in the claws of Scorpius. This is the best time to observe the most beautiful object in the sky.

Yellow Capella, a giant star the same temperature and color as our much smaller Sun, dominates the northwestern 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 southern 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, an outstanding binocular and telescopic stellar nursery. 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 are 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.

To the northeast, look for the Big Dipper rising, with the top two stars of the bowl, the pointers, giving you a line to find Polaris, the Pole Star. Look for Mizar-Alcor, a nice naked eye double star, in the bend of the big dipper's handle. Take the pointers at the front of the dipper's bowl south instead to the head of Leo,

looking much like the profile of the famed Sphinx. The bright star at the Lion's heart is Regulus, the "regal star". Now take the curved handle of the Big Dipper, and follow the arc SE to bright orange Arcturus, the brightest star of the spring sky in Bootes, the Herdsman. Now spike south to Spica, the blue-white gem in Virgo rising in the SE. Mars lies a little to the west of Spica in April, and is much brighter than anything else in the SE evening sky at opposition this month. Virgo is home to many galaxies, as we look away from the obscuring gas and dust in the plane of the Milky Way into deep space. To the southwest of Spica is the four sided Crow, Corvus. As you see Spica rising in the SE, it is time to "plant your peas", and six months from now, when Spica again disappears in the sun's glare in the SW, you need to "get your corn in the crib"....so was set our calendar of planting and harvesting in antiquity. In the arms of Virgo is a rich harvest of galaxies for modern astronomers.

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

Upcoming Events:

- 1) **Humane Society Service Day, Sat 18 April 9AM-Noon.**
- 2) **LSD Spring Camporee, 24-26 April.**
- 3) **Merit Badge Univ. at the EOC, Sat 2 May,** at Emergency Mgmt Center, 700 Hwy 2300, Southport. (Weather, Emergency Prep related MBs)
- 4) **LSD CS Day Camp at Fairgrounds, 15-19 June.**
- 5) **LSD BS Fall Camporee, 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 .

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

No BS RT in June

9 July – Birding / Bird Study (T.300 Jim Wolf)

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

10 Sept – Explorers / Exploring (T.82 Sharon Caldwell)

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, Mentoring, and you name it!

See ya Thursday Night 9 April !!!! YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC RT #109

