

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

(not your usual walk in the park)

Pre - RT

the *CRAWLIN' KING SNAKE*

May **2015**

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 14 May 2015 3140 State Ave DC, LDS Church

“Emergency Preparedness”



Opening: Troop 303

Program Feature: T.311 Sherry Goldman

Big George's "Monthly Moment"!

Traveling Spirit Sticks – to be returned by T. 345 & T.356

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED to THEME of the MONTH:

Create an Emergency Pack or Kit (from Boy's Life Magazine)

<http://boyslife.org/outdoors/outdoorarticles/16727/create-an-emergency-pack-or-kit/>

Disaster Preparedness Pet Plan

<http://www.floridadisaster.org/petplan.htm>

Humane Society Disaster Plan for Your Pets

http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/animal_rescue/tips/pets-disaster.html

ASPCA Disaster Preparedness

<http://www.aspcare.org/pet-care/disaster-preparedness>

CDC Gather Emergency Supplies

<http://emergency.cdc.gov/preparedness/kit/disasters/>

The 3 Steps to Emergency Preparedness

<http://www.quakekare.com/>

BSA Emergency Preparedness Award

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Publications/EmergencyPreparedness/award.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 did one upbeat Dog say to the other?

Answer: "Stay Pawsitive!"

Question: What do you call a reclusive Crustacean?

Answer: A Hermit Crab!

So Many Plants, So Little Time: **Wild (Sundial) Lupine**, *Lupinus perennis*

Seeds are poisonous. Native Americans drank a leaf tea made from Lupine for nausea and internal hemorrhage.

http://www.fs.fed.us/wildflowers/plant-of-the-week/lupinus_perennis.shtml

<http://plants.usda.gov/core/profile?symbol=lupe3>

http://www.abnativeplants.com/index.cfm/fuseaction/plants.plantdetail/plant_ID/142/index.htm



Wild Lupine

Bugga da Month: **Gulf Coast Tick**, *Amblyomma maculatum*

Gulf Coast ticks are found in grass prairies and coastal uplands throughout much of the western hemisphere. The ticks are ectoparasites that feed on a variety of birds and mammals, and will readily bite humans. Gulf Coast ticks are of increasing concern because of their ability to transmit several pathogens of veterinary and medical importance.

http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/URBAN/MEDICAL/Gulf_coast_tick.htm



Adult male (left) and female (right) Gulf Coast ticks

Critter of the Month: **Armadillo**, *Dasypus novemcinctus*

<http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/mammals/armadillo/>

<http://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/profiles/mammals/land/armadillo/>

<http://www.nwf.org/wildlife/wildlife-library/mammals/nine-banded-armadillo.aspx>



KG's Capture at STSR Summer Camp 2000



front (with V)



back

Armadillo

Everybody's Heard About the Bird: **Trumpeter Swan**, *Cygnus buccinators*
http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Trumpeter_Swan/id
<http://www.trumpeterswansociety.org/swan-identification.html>
<http://birds.audubon.org/birds/trumpeter-swan>



Trumpeter Swans

The Sky Tells a Story: For May 2015, the Full Moon, the **Rose or Strawberry Moon**, occurs on May 4th.

Mercury comes into the evening sky early in May, with its greatest eastern elongation on May 7th. Venus still dominates the evening sky, far brighter than any other planet. Mars is lost in the sun's glare for the next several weeks. Jupiter is still well placed of early evening sky in Cancer, just east of Regales in Leo. This is the month for Saturn, which comes to opposition on May 25th, rising in the east in the claws of Scorpius at sunset. This photo of the ringed wonder is by EAAA member Rick Johnston, and shows Saturn with its rings about as open as they now appear in the telescope. You can also spot four of its larger moons in his photo, taken with an 8" telescope.

The winter constellations will soon be swallowed up in the Sun's glare, but Orion is still visible, with its famed Orion Nebula, M-42, seen below the three stars marking his famed belt. Dominating the southwest is the Dog Star, Sirius, brightest star of the night sky. When Sirius vanishes into the Sun's glare in two months, this sets the period as "Dog Days".

The brightest star in the NW is Capella, distinctively yellow in color. It is a giant star, almost exactly the same temperature as our Sun, but about 100X more luminous. Just south of it are the stellar twins, the Gemini, with Castor closer to Capella, and Pollux closer to the Little Dog Star, Procyon.

Overhead, the Big Dipper rides high. Good Scouts know to take its leading pointers north to Polaris, the famed Pole Star. If you drop south from the bowl of the Big Dipper, Leo the Lion rides high. Note the Egyptian Sphinx is based on the shape of this Lion in the sky.

Taking the arc in the Dipper's handle, we "arc" SE to bright orange Arcturus, the brightest star of spring. Just east of Arcturus is Corona Borealis, the "northern crown", a shapely Coronet that Miss America would gladly don, and one of few constellations that look like their name. The bright star in the crown's center is Gemma, the Gem Star.

Spike south to Spica, the hot blue star in Virgo, then curve to Corvus the Crow, a four sided grouping.

To the northeast Hercules rises, with his body looking like a butterfly. It contains one of the sky's showpieces, M-13, the globular cluster faintly visible with the naked eye.

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

Upcoming Events:

- 1) **LSD CS Day Camp at Fairgrounds, 15-19 June.**
- 2) **LSD BS Fall Camporee, 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 .

No BS RT in June

9 July – Bird Study (T.300 Jim Wolf)

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

10 Sept – Exploring (T.82 Sharon Caldwell)

8 Oct –

12 Nov –

10 Dec –

Jan 2015 – No RT (see you at the LSD Scouter Banquet!!)

11 Feb –

10 Mar –

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

See ya **Thursday Night 14 May !!!!** YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC RT #110

Roundtable Suggestion / Ideas

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Name: _____

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