

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

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July 2015

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

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

“*Birding / Bird Study*”



Opening: Thanks to T.310 Dale Cronwell for leading the Opening Pledge to the Flag. T.317 has been assigned the 13 Aug 2015 RT Opening.

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

Doug Frender (LSD DE): Doug can be reached at doug.frender@scouting.org, and (850) 784-1886. Doug hyped the CampMaster Popcorn sales, training, and provided a flyer. And he also reminded us of the Thurs 23 July LSD “Leaders Picnic” at the Jenks Ave Church of Christ starting at 6PM. All LSD Leaders are invited. There will also be a membership kickoff meeting here at the RT church on 4 Aug to be lead by Tom Reynolds (cell: 774-8335; hm: 769-7519) and of course all Scout Leaders are invited.

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: Bags will be given out at the Dec RT; bag drop off is Sat. 23 Jan and bag pickup is the following Sat. 30 Jan. And don’t forget about the Jan LSD Scouter Banquets on Sat 9 Jan! Also, T.300 has been in the news recently for their flag retirement ceremonies (on Ch 7 and 13 news, and in the News Herald).

Bill Pouncy, LSD RT Staffer: Bill discussed the LSD Fall Camporee and told us it was our “olympics” and the theme is “**SCOUTING WITH A TWIST**” to be held **23-25 Oct at Sim’s Farm**. The fee is \$10. Bill has been meeting with his committee several times already and said “We all have to pull together to make this a Success.” Bill can be reached at mrbillpouncy@yahoo.com and 785-0442. George Goehring, Doreen Norbut, and Georgia Gunn have been helping Bill plan and organize the camporee. Georgia can be reached at 381-6667 or lv2drv18@yahoo.com.

Tim Mabijs, T.345 Announcement: **Medal of Merit for Lifesaving** to be awarded to a young T.345 Tenderfoot Scout on Sat 25 July at Parker Baptist Church from 2-4 PM. Everyone is invited to attend. Tim can be reached at tmabijsfamily@yahoo.com and 624-7164.

*** FEATURE PRESENTATION ***

BIG Thanks to **T.300 Jim Wolf** for leading the theme of “**Birding / Bird Study**”. Jim’s brief was attached in the post-RT email. He discussed the use of binoculars and what the measurements meant (magnification x size of objective lens in mm) – try to get binos with approximately five times the first number as in 8x42), and you want a magnification of at least 7 but not more than 10; the larger the objective lens, the more light. Field guides were discussed as where to go birding locally, the top 20 birds in the SE (and he provided audible bird calls along with each species). And he said not to buy bird seed with milo or wheat as that’s just a filler and birds don’t really eat it.

LSD Traveling Spirit Sticks: The **Snake Stick** was returned by **T.706** with a small fishing kit attached. This stick was awarded to **T.310** for an august return. And, the **Tall Twisty Stick** was returned by **T.323** with a piece of rubber tire with “**T.323 Always on the Move**”. This stick was awarded to **T.303** for an August RT return.

KG's Handouts Gone Wild:

- Brochures (2): Birding in Florida’s State Forests; Florida Burrowing Owls
- Booklet: Checklist of Florida Birds.
- Bird Study MB Requirements
- “Bird Study” (from Boy’s Life July 2015)
- Where did the phrase “Thin as a Rail” come from?
- Bay County Backyard Bird Count Checklist
- 10 Suggestions for Successful Nature Walks
- 5 Tips for Nesting Box Success
- Binoculars for Birding
- Quiz – Meet Mother Nature’s Mothers
- Picadillo (recipe from BSA Deck of Cooking)
- Neckerchief Slide: **Gooneybird** (from Boy’s Life Slide of the Month by Whittlin’ Jim)

Ticket Drawing Giveaways & Winners:

“Birding Basics” Booklet (**thanks to Jim & Cindy Wolf of WBU**): T.310 Roger Shields
Wild Bird Seed (2) (**thanks to Jim & Cindy Wolf of WBU**): T.345 Bill Pouncy, and T.706 Robert Sapp.
Collectable Scout Patches (6) (**thanks to Bill Pouncy**): T.300 Jim Wolf, T.323 Doreen Norbut, T.300 Rob Adams, T.300 Kevin Hall, T. 345 Tim Mabiuis, and Sherry Goldman.

Upcoming Boy Scout Items of Interest:

- 1) **LSD Leader’s Picnic, Thurs 23 July**, Jenks Ave Church of Christ.
- 2) **Medal of Merit for Lifesaving, 2-4PM Sat 25 July** at Parker Baptist Church.
- 3) **Membership Meeting Tues 4 Aug** at RT meeting Church.
- 4) **LSD BS Fall “Scouting with a Twist” Camporee 23-25 Oct.**
- 5) **LSD Annual Scouter Banquet, Sat 9 Jan.**
- 6) **LSD Spring Camporee, 22-24 April 2015.**

CLOSING by KG: **ADVICE from a Goldfinch:** Rise with the Sun. Brighten someone's day. Treasure each golden moment. Be distinctive. Go out on a limb. Travel light.

ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE !!!
THANKS to the following 8 Units represented at July RT:

300, 303, 310, 317, 323, 345, 356, 706

TOTAL JULY BS RT ATTENDANCE = 16

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 .

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

10 Sept – Exploring (T.82 Sharon Caldwell)

8 Oct – Special Needs Awareness (T.317 Marsh Weber)

12 Nov –

10 Dec -

14 Jan 2016 – Sales Refresher

11 Feb –

10 Mar –

14 April –

12 May –

No RT in June

OTHER RT THEMES – Please Take Your Pick!! Geocaching, Fitness & Nutrition, Sustainability, Nature & Environment, Cooking, Caving, Archery, Games, Science, Wilderness Survival, Technology, Project Planning, Paddle Sports, Outdoor Ethics, and Mentoring, etc.

YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC

