

Feature Presentation:

A Big Thanks to T.700 ASM [Judy Young](#) for her passionate brief on Safety in Scouting !!

And, thanks to Steve Shuga for the following Safety Blurb.

Stand Down for Safety - GSS IX Sports and Activities - Age Appropriate Guidelines

Scouting programs can include a large number of activities for the pleasure and learning experience of all participants. However, the Guide to Safe Scouting is very specific as to what activities are for scouts and how the programs are to be run. Chapter IX Sports and Activities is very specific on the processes and limitations on key activities: Unauthorized and Restricted Activities section below. Age and Program appropriate guidelines for many activities are found at <<http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/18-260/chart.html>> .

Aquatic activities are defined in Chapter II <<http://www.scouting.org/pubs/gss/gss02.html>> and Camping activities in Chapter III <<http://www.scouting.org/pubs/gss/gss03.html>> of the Guide to Safe Scouting (links are provided below). All activities are to be conducted in full compliance with the Guide to Safe Scouting. A complete and up-to-date Guide to Safe Scouting is available on the web at <<http://www.scouting.org/pubs/gss/toc.html>> . In all cases remember that Qualified Supervision and Discipline are key to Scouting Safety (The Sandwich Principle).

Useful links and forms related to scouting activities are:

- Age Appropriate guidelines - <<http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/resources/18-260/>>
- Health and Safety Guide BSA # 34415
- Passport to High Adventure BSA #C4310
- Tours and Expedition BSA # 33737
- Trek Safely BSA #20-125

Remember: Health and Safety are fundamental to scouting and all of our programs. Never trade-off health and safety for any other aspect of scouting!

Eagle Projects Approved August: none announced since no reviews until 2nd Mon which is after RT this month
New Eagles Approved at August Boards: same as above

KG's Handouts Gone Wild: 3 Brochures - FL St Forests/America's Waterway Watch/FL Seagrass Meadows

- National Honor Patrol Award Requirements
- Safety MB/Fire Safety MB/Traffic Safety MB
- Age Appropriate Guidelines for Scouting Activities (x2)
- BSA Ready and Prepared Award and Application
- Safety is Every Shooter's First Responsibility
- Pokeweed Ethnobotany (from 1998 David Moerman's "Native American Ethnobotany")
- Poke Salad Annie lyrics to 1969 Tony Joe White hit song
- Muskrat Miscellanea Quiz
- WHOOO Doesn't Love Owls (fact sheet)
- The Story of Kudzu
- Constellation Coma Berenice (but who cares? You do because its on the official BSA Constellation bandana)
- What's Cookin' (Boy's Life Reprint from the 60's)
- Slide of the Month: Pretzel (Boy's Life Reprint from the 60's)

Venturing Awards - Congrats to the following awardees:

[Ashton Xydias](#) - Bronze Award (Youth Ministry, Outdoors); Bronze Medal

[Geoffrey Helms](#) - Bronze Award (Youth Ministry, Outdoors); Bronze Medal; Ranger Award/Medal

[Michael Kirkland](#) - Bronze Award (Outdoors, Sports); Bronze Medal; Ranger Award/Medal

American Scouting Digest: Tom Reynolds hyped this mag which I had no idea even existed; as low as \$10/yr for a 3 yr subscription; here is the link

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

RT Spirit Stick: Returned from T.377 (but missing an addition - looks like Ron will be forced to be an RT staffer in the near future - haha !1

This month the Spirit Stick was awarded to T. 47 SM Ben Welch.

Raffle Ticket Drawing: Lots of winners!!

Future Monthly Themes:

September = Nature (Rob Watson, proprietor of BIRD WORLD to be onsite !!); October = Business; November = First Aid; December = Winter Camping

(If you'd like to step up to the RT podium to support a future theme, please let me know, you are more than welcome - you know the "P" word, PARTICIPATE !!!)

Closing: Why Am I Going to Philmont ('cause I want LSD RT to be Tops !!).

MISC Other Info:

- Popcorn Kickoff per Kernel Charlotte Ford - Kickoff to be Tues 5 Sept. at Martin Theatre (tentative). Charlotte can be reached at 625-0122 & via email: fesitylady@comcast.net

program to feature Blitz Days (Cub and BS high sellers)

Sportsman Day 9 Dec at STSR (must sell \geq \$600)

Filler-up Program (5 Weekly Drawings)

Scouting Collector's Tin

Prize/Order Turn in by 6 Nov

Pickup at Pepsi Plant Thurs 16 Dec

- Margaret Watts now heading up District Advancement Committee

- Steve Shuga

- potential awards/certificates available for 2006 Eagle Scouts, get you list of this years Eagles to Steve (Steve is AM Legion Dept of FL Boy Scout Chairman)

- also available apps for Univ of Scouting in Orlando Sat 21 Oct

- FYI: there are now 29 chartering organizations for LS District

- New Leader Essentials Training: 26 Aug at LHUMChurch Annex (turn south on Willow Drive off of 390, Steve Shuga is POC/District Training Chairman)

- OA Fall Pow Wow 15-17 Sept, also "make-up" Ordeal

- LSD BS Display at Central Panhandle Fair - Tom Reynolds is POC; first week Oct; looking for folks interested in participating

- New Asst District Commissioners & associated programs:

Tom Gust - Exploring/LFL

Dave Kirkland - Boy Scouts

Winnie Reynolds - Venturing

Steve Swain - Cub Scouts