

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

Pre - RT

the *CRAWLIN' KINGSNAKE*
BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

DEC 2010

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 9 DEC 2010 N 30°09.345' // W 085°38.795'

“ WILDERNESS SURVIVAL ”

Opening: Troop 300

**Program Feature: T.300 Rob Adams & T.317 George Goehring
Tom Reynolds' Sing A Simple Song !**

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED to THEME of the MONTH:

SURVIVAL: A Simulation Game

<http://www.scoutingweb.com/scoutingweb/subpages/survivalgame.htm>

Collection of Wilderness Survival Quizzes

<http://www.wintercampers.com/the-lighter-side-of-winter-camping/a-collection-of-winter-and-wilderness-survival-quizzes/>

Boy Scout Wilderness Survival Kit

<http://www.boyscouttrail.com/boy-scouts/survivalkit.asp>

Wilderness Survival Kit Neckerchief Slide

http://www.e-scoutcraft.com/film_can/survival_kit.html

T.780 Dunn NC Wilderness Survival

<http://www.bsatroop780.org/skills/WildernessSurvival.html>

T.1 Acton Mass Wilderness Survival Kit

http://trooplacton.org/camping_info/Wilderness_Survival_Kit.shtml

Pocket Survival Kit

http://www.inquiry.net/outdoor/winter/gear/survival_kits/pocket_survival.htm

Altoids Tin Pocket Survival Kit

<http://www.fieldandstream.com/photos/gallery/survival/food/2006/08/make-survival-kit-out-altoids-tin-and-two-more-life-saving-diy->

Zombie Survival and Defense (kits)

<http://www.zombiesurvivalwiki.com/page/Pocket+Survival+Kit>

Ten Essentials of Survival

<http://www.adventurematters.com/survival.htm>

and <http://www.backpacking-tips.com/the-10-essentials.html>

KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:

"And the turtles of course...all the turtles are free.
As turtles and, maybe, all creatures should be." - Dr. Seuss

Bugga da Month: Pine Shoot Beetle, *Tomicus piniperda*, <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/in596>
http://entnemdept.ufl.edu/creatures/trees/beetles/pine_shoot_beetle.htm



Pine Shoot Beetle

Q. What is a bird's favorite story? A. The Finch Who Stole Christmas!

Everybody's Heard About the Bird: **House Finch**, *Carpodacus mexicanus*
http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/house_finch/id



House Finch, Male & Female

So Many Plants, So Little Time: **Narrowleaf Silkgrass**, *Pityopsis graminifolia*
(referred to by some as "gopher grass" as gopher tortoises love to eat it)
<http://www.cas.vanderbilt.edu/bioimages/species/pigr4.htm>
<http://www.plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=PIGR4>



Narrowleaf Silkgrass

The Sky Tells a Story: The **Geminid Meteor Shower** peaks on the morning of 14 Dec.

Mercury is visible in the first week of December low in the SW twilight, then passes between us and the Sun, and is visible in the morning sky during the last week of the month. **Venus** dominates the morning sky. **Jupiter** is the brightest object in the SW evening skies. **Saturn** rises in **Virgo** about midnight.

The great square of **Pegasus** dominates the western sky. **Cassiopeia** makes a striking W in the NW. You can use her to find the **North Star** as she is 180 degrees opposite of the **Big Dipper**. Her daughter, **Andromeda**, starts with the NE corner star of Pegasus' Square, and goes NE with two more bright stars in a row. To the NE, Andromeda's hero, **Perseus**, rises. Look at Perseus' feet for **Pleiades**, the 7 Sisters. East of Pleiades is the V of stars marking the face of **Taurus** the Bull, with bright orange **Aldebaran** as his eye.

Yellow **Capella**, a giant star the same temperature and color as our much smaller Sun, dominates the NE sky. It is part of the pentagon on stars making up **Auriga**, the Charioteer. East of Auriga, the twins, **Castor** and **Pollux** highlight **Gemini**.

South of Gemini, **Orion** is the most familiar winter constellation, dominating the eastern sky by 8 PM. The reddish supergiant **Betelgeuse** marks his eastern shoulder, while blue-white supergiant **Rigel** stands opposite on his west knee.

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

Upcoming Events: visit <http://www.lakesandsdistrict.org>

- 1) **STSR Winter Camp:** 27-30 Dec at STSR.
- 2) **IOLS (Intro to Outdoor Leadership Skills):** 7-9 Jan at LHUMC.
- 3) **LSD Annual Scouter Awards Banquet:** Sat 15 Jan, First Baptist Church, PC.
- 4) **Green Bar Weekend:** 28-30 Jan at STSR.
- 5) **YNAW: New Event!** 25-27 Feb at STSR. Yustaga Native American Weekend, hosted by OA, open to all Troops in the council.
- 6) **LSD MB University,** Sat 26 Mar, Deane Bozeman School.
- 7) **LSD Spring Camporee,** 15-17 April, theme & location 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.

13 Jan 2011 = Communications (T.356 Deb and Ed Duffy)

10 Feb = Pioneering

10 Mar = Environment

14 Apr = Orienteering (T.366 Mark Gilland)

12 May = Mechanics (T.82 bobby Prieto)

9 Jun = Hiking

See ya Thursday Night 9 December !!!! YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC RT #63

Roundtable Suggestion / Ideas

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