

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT  
the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE  
BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

February 2010

Pre - RT

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 11 FEB 2010 N 30°09.345' // W 085°38.795'

“PHYSICAL FITNESS”

Opening: Troop 323

Updates on SCOUT JAM 2010 in 9-11 April 2010

\* Program Feature by T.302 Mark Gutcher

And \* Big George's Medical Moment and \* Jim Wolf's Knot of the Month !!  
CAMPCARDS, and MORE !!

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED TO THEME OF THE MONTH:

BSA Physical Fitness Award Application

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Publications/PhysicalFitness/reqap.aspx>

Related MBs: Athletics, Cycling, Hiking, Personal Fitness, Sports, Swimming

NEW!! FISHING PATCHES for SCOUTS from Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation

<http://www.takemefishing.org/community/scouting/home>

More MB Counselor Guidance: MB Counselor Information Form (#34405) states: "As a merit badge counselor I agree to renew my registration annually if I plan to continue as a merit badge counselor." And per Asst Scout Executive Rick Chapman: the merit badge counselor fills out the adult application and the merit badge counselor information form for the first year and then every June afterward will only fill out the merit badge counselor form to continue.

KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:

Special Thanks to good friend Lisa Keppner for sharing this must see FL Bear Cub rehabilitation video featuring Betsy Knight of Big Bend Wildlife Sanctuary.

<http://www.forgottencoasttv.com/VideoPreviews/FCOD/FCOD25pt01stream.wmv>

Bugga da Month: Barklice, Archipsocus nomas, sometimes called Tree Cattle

<http://okeechobee.ifas.ufl.edu/News%20columns/Barklice.htm>

Everybody's Heard about the Bird: Rose-breasted Grosbeak, Pheucticus ludovicianus

[http://identify.whatbird.com/obj/205/\\_/Rose-breasted\\_Grosbeak.aspx](http://identify.whatbird.com/obj/205/_/Rose-breasted_Grosbeak.aspx)



Barklice



Rose-breasted Grosbeak

Great Backyard Bird Count 12-15 Feb

<http://www.audubon.org/gbbc/>

So Many Plants, So Little Time: Pignut Hickory vs. Mockernut Hickory

Pignut Hickory, *Carya glabra* <http://www.duke.edu/~cwcook/trees/cagl.html>

<http://www.cnr.vt.edu/DENDRO/dendrology/syllabus/factsheet.cfm?ID=19>

Mockernut Hickory, *Carya alba* <http://www.duke.edu/~cwcook/trees/caal.html>

<http://www.cnr.vt.edu/DENDRO/dendrology/syllabus/factsheet.cfm?ID=22>



Pignut Hickory



Mockernut Hickory

**The Sky Tells a Story:** Venus returns to the evening sky and passes less than a degree south of Jupiter low in the SW on February 17th; look about 20 minutes after sunset to spot the pair. Jupiter is vanishing behind the Sun, but Venus will climb higher in the evening sky for the next several months, to dominate the western evenings. While Jupiter disappears in the south west, opposite him in the NE evening sky is Mars, big and bright and orange red to catch the attention of any novice star gazer. Sirius, the "dog star" in the constellation Canis Major dominates the SE sky by 7 PM, and as it rises, the turbulent winter air causes it to sparkle with shafts of spectral fire. Beautiful as the twinkling appears to the naked eye, for astronomers this means the image is blurry; only in space can we truly see "clearly now". At 8 light years distance, Sirius is the closest star we can easily see with the naked eye from West Florida.

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

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

- 1) Gulf Coast Council Annual Banquet at FUMC, Sat 6 Feb at 5:30 PM
- 2) Webelos District Crossover; Sheffield Park, LH Monday 8 Feb 6-8 PM.
- 3) Wood Badge for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: at STSR weekends of 26 Feb and 26 Mar 2010.
- 4) Daylight Savings Time Begins 14 March.
- 5) Lake Sands District MB University: Sat 27 March at Deane Bozeman HS.
- 6) SCOUT JAM 2010: 9-11 April, Ft. Walton Fairgrounds.

**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.

**11 Mar = Forestry**

**8 April = Leadership (T.345 B. Pouncey)**

**13 May = Special Cooking (T.366 J.Collinsworth)**

**10 June = Backpacking / Aquatics**

**12 August = Fishing**

**8 September = Athletics**

**14 October = Science**

**11 November = Cooking / VETERAN'S DAY**

**9 December = Wilderness Survival**

see ya **Thursday Night 11 Feb !!!!**

**YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC**

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