

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

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the *CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE*

March **2010**

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

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

“FORESTRY”

Opening: Troop 345

Updates on SCOUT JAM 2010 in 9-11 April 2010

*** Program Feature** by **KG** on **Medicinal Plants of NW FL** and more!

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

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED TO THEME OF THE MONTH:

International Paper Co. PDF Posters & Booklet on Life of the Forest - very cool

<http://www.internationalpaper.com/US/EN/Company/LearningCenter/index.html>

USDA Forest Service Nature Watch

<http://www.fs.fed.us/outdoors/naturewatch/resources.htm>

National Forests in FL <http://www.nationalforestsinfloida.com/>

Discover the Forest <http://www.discovertheforest.org/>

FL Forestry Assoc <http://www.floridaforest.org/>

FL Dept of Forestry <http://www.fl-dof.com/>

Forest Trees of FL <http://flame.fl-dof.com/apps/trees.php>

Florida Pines <http://hernando.fnpschapters.org/plants/pines.htm>

Common Oaks of Florida <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fr004>

Trees of AL and the SE (this site has several quizzes also)

<https://fp.auburn.edu/sfws/samuelsamuelson/dendrology/index.html>

Trees & Companion Forest Plants

http://www.sfrc.ufl.edu/4h/Trees_Plants/Plants/plants.html

KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:

Critter of the Month: *Barbour's Map Turtle, Graptemys barbouri*

http://www.empireoftheturtle.com/Florida/graptemys_barbouri.htm

Everybody's Heard about the Bird: *Wilson's Snipe, Gallinago delicata*

http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/wilsons_snipe/lifehistory



Wilson's Snipe



Barbour's Map Turtle

So Many Plants, So Little Time: Devil's Walking Stick, *Aralia spinosa*

<http://www.cnr.vt.edu/dendro/dendrology/syllabus/factsheet.cfm?ID=10>



Devil's Walking Stick, also referred to as Prickly Ash

The Sky Tells a Story: In the east are Orion the hunter's two faithful companions, Canis major and minor. Procyon is the bright star in the little dog, and rises minutes before Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, which lies in Canis major. Sirius dominates the SE sky as darkness falls. To the northeast, look for the bowl of the Big Dipper rising, with the top two stars, the pointers, giving you a line to find Polaris, the Pole Star.

March comes in like a Lion, as Leo rises. If you take the big dipper pointers south, you are guided instead to the head of Leo the Lion rising in the east, looking much like the profile of the famed Sphinx. The bright star at the Lion's heart is Regulus, the "regal star". If you follow the handle of the Big Dipper to the south, by 9 PM you will be able to "arc to Arcturus", the brightest star of Spring and distinctly orange in color. Compare it to Mars high overhead in brightness and color now. It is at the tail of kite-shaped Bootes, the bear driver chasing two bears from his flocks.

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

!! And NEW THIS MONTH by TOM REYNOLDS – SONG OF THE MONTH !!

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

- 1) Daylight Savings Time Begins 14 March.
- 2) Lake Sands District MB University: Sat 27 March at Deane Bozeman School.
- 3) 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.

8 April = Leadership (T.345 B. Douncey)

13 May = Special Cooking (T.366 J.Collingsworth)

10 June = Aquatics & Scuba

12 August = Fishing

8 September = Athletics

14 October = Science (T.300 John Duval)

11 November = Cooking / VETERAN'S DAY

9 December = Wilderness Survival (T.317 Big George)

see ya **Thursday Night 11 Mar !!!!**

YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC