

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/samuelson/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