

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

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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: Thanks to T.345 for the opening pledge. The Opening Key was passed to T.356 as a reminder for the April opening.

Thanks to the following Folks for their Participation, Information, & Enthusiasm:

DC Dave Kirkland: presented KG with the Distinguished Commissioner's Knot for completing 5 years as the Lake Sands District BS Roundtable Commissioner.

KG on FAM CAMP INFO per the request of Director Brandon Knuth: Need Troops to volunteer to help on staff. FREE Campout. There is no camping fee. We provide meals all day Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday. All we ask is the Leaders and the Scouts to help us on staff in different event areas. Any questions or to sign up please contact Brandon at stormknuth@gmail.com, and (850) 380-1608 Cell; (850) 983-1949 Work#1; (850) 393-4144 Work#2.

DE Brandon Goodwin: presented FOS ribbons to T.303, T.356, and T.388.

Advancement Chair Margaret Watts: encouraged leaders to drop in on the Eagle Project and Board of Review meetings. This committee meets at Snelling & Snelling on 390; the odd months on the 2nd Monday of the month, the even months on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Contact Margaret at 819-5359 or 785-8823 if interested.

Merit Badge University Georgia McFadden: The District MB University planned for Saturday 27 March is looking GREAT! There are 10 Troops signed up to participate and we have filled 2 Pathfinding and Tracking classes, working on a third. Remember to BE PREPARED. If your Scouts are prepared then they should be able to complete the Merit Badge. If not completed, then most of the councilors have agreed to be the point of contact to finish it up. Georgia can be reached at 890-2498 and lv2drv18@yahoo.com.

KG: Scout Jam 2010 9-11 April 2010: it's still not too late to sign up!

T.366 ASM Joey Collingworth: Joey is taking the lead for the May "Special Cooking" RT theme and is requesting AL Foil and Dutch Oven recipes be sent in now in order to gather a collection for the May RT. Please send them to KG at kerry.gunn@navy.mil.

***** FEATURE PRESENTATION *****

KG presented a slide show on Medicinal Plants of NW FL (more Truth and Knowledge about the Outdoors) and a short brief describing the NSA Shoreline Restoration Project. (The info on the shoreline project was sent out to all Scoutmasters again via a separate email.)

Of Interest, you can download this PDF: "50 Common Native Plants Important in Florida's Ethnobotanical History" <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/uw152>.

And here's another cool link: **Plants for a Future: Edible, Medicinal, and Useful Plants for a Healthier World** <http://www.pfaf.org/index.php> .

And thanks to Big George Goehring for his most appropriate for this month WEB of LIFE with audience participation.

And thanks to Jim Wolf for his Knot of the Month, the Tree Surgeon's Variation of the Magnus Hitch. Handout provided. Begin as you would a tautline hitch, and finish as you would a tautline hitch – except add an additional turn. (or try tying it the KG method: "over and under and under again, then back toward you and over and under and under again".)

LSD Traveling Spirit Stick: The **Twisty Spirit Stick** came back from T.310 with a metal Varsity Team 310 shield and a Philmont emblem as they have trips planned in the near future; this stick was awarded to T.345 for next month. A fresh **Twisty Snake Stick** was started and giving to the T.39's King of Woodcarving, Mr. Ted to embellish.

KG's Handouts Gone Wild: Each Troop in attendance received a set of 10 Forestry Posters compliments of International Paper Co. In addition - 2 Brochures: "Birding in Florida State Forests", and, "Birds of the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve (and adjacent areas)".

- Booklet: "Life of the Forest" by International Paper Co.
- Forestry MB Requirements
- Florida Pines
- Difference in Pines of FL Chart and ID Key
- Florida's Wild Edible Plants
- Wild Edible Plants in Florida
- Quiz: Forestry 50 Questions
- Slide of the Month: Sawed Sumac (Boy's Life Reprint)

Ticket Drawing Giveaways: Congrats to these lucky winners:

TENT BROOM & DUST PAN Sets: T.356 Kim Griffin, T.82 Ms. Holiday, T.39 Mr. Ted, and T.317 George Goehring

Camp Pack & Calendar: T.366 Alan Holt

Survival Bandana: T.356 Chuck Rexroad

Squirt Gun & Wildflower Seeds: T.356 Ed Duffy, T.345 Colby Martin

Drink Cup filled with Treats: T.300 Michael Cole

Multi-Tool & Knife: T.310 Shaun

And a BIG Thanks to Tom Reynolds for his Song of the Month: 2 handouts provided and a round of For He's A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW! (and Tom, Thanks for the framed gold record setting RT plaque, KG).

Upcoming Boy Scout Items of Interest: REMEMBER to visit the District Calendar on LSD Website at <http://www.lakesandsdistrict.org>

- 1) Lake Sands District MB University: Sat 27 Mar at Deane Bozeman HS
- 2) SCOUT JAM 2010: 9-11 April, Ft. Walton Fairgrounds.
- 3) Training: Trainer's EDGE, at Deane Bozeman School, Sat 5 June.

CLOSING by KG: Advice from a Hummingbird: Sip the sweet moments | Let your true colors glow | Don't get your feathers ruffled over little things | Just wing it | Take yourself lightly | Keep your visits short and sweet!

ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE

THANKS to the following 17 Troops represented at March RT:

39, 82, 300, 302, 303, 310, 311, 317, 321, 323, 345, 356, 366, 369, 388, 700, 706

TOTAL MARCH BS RT ATTENDANCE = 49!! (counting drifters, presenters, and announcers),

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 Bill Douncey) as well as Craig LeMere and his HAWK.

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

10 June = Aquatics & Scuba (local dive shop owner)

12 August = Fishing

8 September = Athletics

14 October = Science (T.300 John Duval)

11 Nov = Cooking (T.356 Bill St.Germain)

9 Dec = Wilderness Survival (T.317 George Goehring)

YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC

"What is a Weed? A plant whose virtues have not been discovered." Ralph Waldo Emerson

National Wildlife Week 15-21 March

<http://www.nwf.org/Get-Outside/Be-Out-There/Events/National-Wildlife-Week.aspx>



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