

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

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the CRAWLIN' KINGSNAKE

SEPT 2010

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

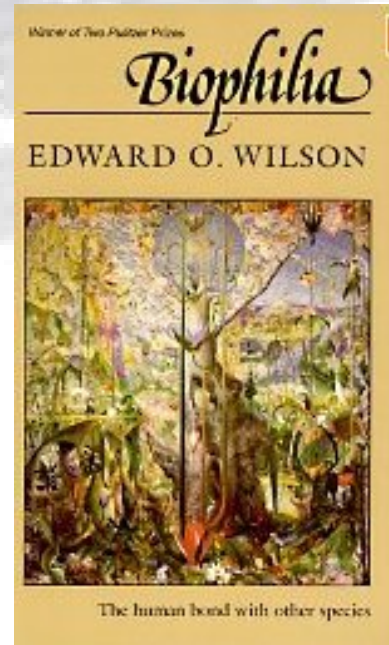
LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 9 SEPT 2010 N 30°09.345' // W 085°38.795'

“**BIOPHILIA & SCOUTING**”

THE HUMAN BOND WITH OTHER SPECIES



T.751 SM Laura Sell



Wilson's Book

Opening: Troop 706

Personal Visit by Council Executive Spencer Page !

Program Feature: Laura Sell of the E.O.Wilson Biophilia Center

E.O.Wilson Biophilia Center <http://www.eowilsoncenter.org/welcome.html>

Laura is also SM of T.751 and a NATURE MB Counselor

BIOPHILIA is defined as the connections that human beings subconsciously seek with the rest of life.

Along with * Big George's Medical Moment !

Jim Wolf's Knot of the Month !

Tom Reynolds' Sing A Simple Song !

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED TO THEME OF THE MONTH:

RELATED MERIT BADGES: <http://www.ussscouts.org/mb/mbindex.asp>

Nature, Reptile & Amphibian Study, Insect Study, Mammal Study, Bird Study, Environmental Science, Animal Science, Pets

KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:

Everybody's Heard About the Bird: **White-throated Sparrow**, *Zonotrichia albicollis*,
http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/White-throated_Sparrow/id

So Many Plants, So Little Time: **Fire Bush**, *Hamelia patens*,
http://www.floridata.com/ref/h/hame_pat.cfm



White-throated Sparrow



Zebra Longwing on Fire Bush

Critter of the Month: **Mole Skink**, *Eumeces egregius*,
<http://www.uga.edu/srelherp/lizards/eumegr.htm>

Bugga da Month: **Giant Swallowtail**, *Papilio cresphontes*,
<http://www.butterfliesandmoths.org/species?l=1366> 2 "Orange Dog" Caterpillars were found on Satsuma Orange by Jake Jacob; I in turn gave them to Lisa Keppner who cared for them. Lisa took these 2 photos just after one of them crawled out (see below).



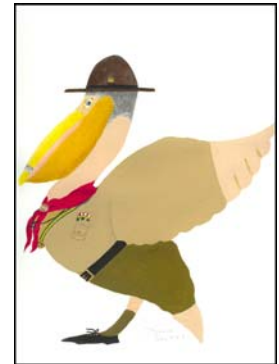
Mole Skink (note red tail)
(Photo by Lisa Keppner)



Orange Dog Caterpillar of Giant Swallowtail



GIANT SWALLOWTAIL (photos by Lisa Keppner)



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The Sky Tells a Story: To the west, we are losing Saturn into the sun's glare, and Mars is also distant and fading fast. But Venus will be dominating in its greatest brilliance for the next two months. Jupiter dominates the eastern evening skies for September 2010.

The Big Dipper rides high in the NW at sunset, but falls lower each evening. Good scouts know to take its leading pointers north to Polaris, the North Star. It is this time of year that an American Indian legend tells of the Bear and three hunters: The bowl is the bear, the three handle stars of the handle the hunters. The first carries a bow, and has shot the bear in its flanks. The second optimistically carries a bowl on his shoulder for bear stew; look closely, and you can see the pot (Mizar, horse in Arabic, and Alcor its rider more traditionally). The last hunter carries firewood for the feast. The wound is minor, and the bear has not lost a step, but in the fall, as the bear goes into hiding along the NW horizon, the wound opens slightly, and blood oozes out to fall on the tree leaves and paint them red this time of year.

From the Dipper's handle, we "arc" SE to bright orange Arcturus in Bootes, the brightest star of Spring. Spike south to Spica, the hot blue star in Virgo. Note that Spica is now low in the SW, and by September's end, will be lost in the Sun's glare.

The brightest star of the northern hemisphere, Vega dominates the NE sky. To the northeast of Vega is Deneb, the brightest star of Cygnus the Swan. To the south is Altair, the brightest star of Aquila the Eagle, the third member of the three bright stars that make the Summer Triangle so obvious in the NE these clear September evenings.

Plus the Usual:

Handouts Gone Wild!! / RT Spirit Sticks / Ticket Drawing / Closing

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

- 1) E.O.Wilson Biophilia Center, SCOUTS INVITED, OPEN HOUSE, Sat 11 Sept
- 2) OA Fall Pow Wow, 17-19 Sept at STSR
- 3) Lake Sands District Fall Camporee, 1-3 Oct, location TBD
- 4) Univ. of Scouting, Central Florida Council, Sat 16 Oct
- 5) Webelos-ree, 29-30 Oct, location TBD
- 6) BS Leader Specific Training, Sat 13 Nov at FUMC Trinity Center
- 7) IOLS (Intro to Outdoor Leadership Skills): 7-9 Jan at LHUMC

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.

14 Oct = Science (T.300 John Duval)

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

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

13 Jan 2011 = Communications

10 Feb = Pioneering

10 Mar = Environment

14 Apr = Orienteering

12 May = Mechanics

9 Jun = Hiking

See ya **Thursday Night 9 SEPTEMBER!!!!** **YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC** RT #60

Roundtable Suggestion / Ideas

Date: _____

Name: _____ Troop: _____

Position: _____ Phone: _____

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Suggestion / Idea:
