

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

After - RT

the CRAWLIN' KINGSSNAKE

September **2010**

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

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

“BIOPHILIA & SCOUTING”



Opening: KG lead the opening Pledge to the Flag. The Opening Key was passed to T.39 for next month.

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

GCC Executive Spencer Page: Spencer thanked everyone for what they do in Scouting to support their Troops, the District, and the Council. GCC led the Southern Region in Scout Retention at 68%. Re-charter Packages will be available at the Oct RT for a Dec Re-charter. A list of those who have completed YPT that council “knows” about is on the council website. If your YPT is not current please retake it online. If you are current and you are not on the list on the website, please send your YPT completed certificate to council; you can forward them to 773registration@bsaemail.org. 2011 marks the 50th Anniversary for STSR >>> Please send your Troop to STSR Summer Camp in 2011 for this special year! Also, Spencer encouraged everyone to visit the GCC website at www.gulfcoastcouncil.org to join the Google Group and Facebook, and feel free to make suggestions.

Training Chair Jon Coleman: hyped near term Leader Specific & IOLS training.

Adv Chair Ruby Mixdorf: encouraged leaders to get involved in Eagle Review Board participation. If interested, please contact Ruby at ruby.mixdorf@comcast.net.

Program Chair Tim Mixdorf: discussed the upcoming LSD Fall Camporee to be held at Camp Jambo 1-3 Oct. Camporee handouts were provided to each Troop in attendance. The theme revolves around the four 2010 Historic MBs of Carpentry, Pathfinding, Tracking, and Signaling. Tim thanked Alan Holt who is willing to train (get up to speed) 2 adults interested in being counselors for Carpentry MB. If you are interested, Tim can be reached at tim.mixdorf@comcast.net.

*** FEATURE PRESENTATION ***

A HUGE THANKS to T.751 SM Laura Sell of the E.O.Wilson Biophilia Center for enlightening us about the center and the Open House on 11 Sept Sat from 9AM – 3PM where all Troops are invited. Laura, like myself, is one of those people dedicated to saving Scouts from NDS (Nature Deficit Syndrome). The center has 48,000 acres where Longleaf Pine restoration is planned. **At the center, if**

Scouts applied themselves, requirements for several Merit Badges could be addressed or completed including Nature, Insect Study, Plant Science, Forestry, Bird Study, Environmental Study, and Soil and Water Conservation. Her own Troop actually meets at the center! Thanks again, LAURA !!

KG thanked his trusty RT Staff members: George Goehring, Tom Reynolds, Georgia Gunn, Bill Pouncey, Jim Wolf, and Mark Gilland for their continued support and presented those in attendance with new 2010 RT Staff Patches.

And a Big Thanks to Big George Goehring for his Medical Moment on stings and bites, and use of Epi Pins and Benadryl.

And a BIG THANKS to all those who donated "Just a buck" for the Baden Powelican plaque to honor LSD Roundtables. We're just over half way there.

Another BIG THANKS to TOM REYNOLDS SONG OF THE MONTH: handouts provided on "Mother Nature's Son" and "Camp Granada". Audience participation as well as gettin' up in front of the crowd by Bill St.Germain and Josi Miller.

LSD Traveling Spirit Stick: The **Twisty Spirit Stick** came back from T.82 embellished with metal wire work, T.82, and "hiking booties" for the prongs of the snake stick end; and this stick "traveled" to many Scout events over the last month thanks to Tom Reynolds. This stick was awarded to T.317 (George Goehring) for an October return. The newer **Twisty Snake Stick** came in from T.300 with a carved "300" in the handle. This stick was awarded to T.345 (Jerry Bushee) for an October return.

KG's Handouts Gone Wild: 2 Brochures: Huntsville Botanical Garden, Cook's Natural Science Museum (Decatur AL); as well as these paper 10 handouts:

- Nature MB Requirement
- E. O. Wilson Biophilia Center Open House 11 September & Schedule of Events
- How are Longleaf Pines Adapted to Fire?
- A Laboratory of Learning: Fun and Fieldwork make Environmental Science meaningful
- Butterfly Gardening in NW FL
- Baden Powelican
- Quiz: Moon Match
- Quiz: Many Moons Ago, These were Months
- Slide of the Month: Milkweed Butterfly (Boy's Life Reprint ala Whittlin' Jim)

Ticket Drawing Giveaways:

Award Winners of LNT Scout Bags (8): T.366 Alan Holt, T.300 Scout John Roberts, T.317 George Goehring, T.82 Tom Reynolds, T.302 Bill Gillis, T.706 Robert Sapp, T.369 Eugene Teunzo, and T.388 Tim Bladow.

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

- 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, at Camp Jambo.
- 4) Univ. of Scouting, Central Florida Council, Sat 16 Oct.
- 5) Webelos-ree, 29-30 Oct, Deane Bozeman School.
- 6) BS Leader Specific Training, Sat 13 Nov at FUMC Trinity Center.
- 7) STSR Winter Camp: 27-30 Dec at STSR.
- 8) IOLS (Intro to Outdoor Leadership Skills): 7-9 Jan at LHUMC.

- 9) **LSD Annual Awards Banquet:** Sat 15 Jan.
- 10) **YNAW: a new event!** 25-27 Feb at STSR. Native American related, hosted by OA, open to all in council. **Put this on your Troop's Calendar!**
- 11) **LSD MB University,** Sat 26 Mar, Deane Bozeman School.

CLOSING by KG: Advice from a Garden: Cultivate lasting friendships | Sow seeds of Kindness | Listen to Sage advice | Don't let the little things Bug you | Be outstanding in your Field | Make Thyme for yourself!

ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE, ATTENDANCE !!!

THANKS to the following 14 Units represented at September RT:

39, 82, 300, 302, 303, 312, 317, 345, 356, 366, 369, 388, 700, 706

TOTAL September BS RT ATTENDANCE = 30

HEY, where was everybody, attendance hasn't been this low since Sept 2007!!

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: 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

YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC

P.S. Just for FUN, to go along with my Fantasy Scouting Awards of Weeding MB and Vacuuming BSA, I am now proposing Reptile Protection Training (RPT) as in "Don't be Abusing my Reptiles"!

