

LAKE SANDS DISTRICT

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the *CRAWLIN' KINGSNAKE*

JAN 2011

BOY SCOUT ROUNDTABLE NEWSLETTER

LSD BS RT 7 P.M. 13 JAN 2011 N 30°09.345' // W 085°38.795'

“COMMUNICATIONS”

(Quit Mumbling! Speak English!)

Opening: Troop 302

Program Feature: T.356 Deb and Ed Duffy

Big George's Medical Moment!

Tom Reynolds' Sing A Simple Song!

SITES 'N STUFF RELATED to THEME of the MONTH:

USE THE EDGE MODEL: Explain, Demonstrate, Guide, and Enable

How Good Are Your Communication Skills (an online Quiz)

http://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/newCS_99.htm

Scouting Magazine Jan-Feb 2008 "Communications" Family Fun Page

<http://www.scoutingmagazine.org/issues/0801/d-ffun.html>

Communication Breakdown Results in Boy Scout Cabin Teardown (2 page PDF)

<http://www.standard.net/topics/boy-scouts/2010/08/04/communication-breakdown-results-historical-boy-scout-cabin-teardown#>

Communicating with Scouts: E-mails and Text Messaging Guidelines for Leaders

www.doubleknot.com/openrosters/DocDownload.aspx?id=81226

KG's NATURE BITES of the MONTH:

"It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent that survives. It is the one that is the most adaptable to change."

Charles Darwin

Bugga da Month: European Earwig, *Forficula auricularia*

<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/in875>

Everybody's Heard About the Bird: Pine Siskin, *Spinus pinus*

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

These birds are here for the winter, I've seen them in my yard.



European Earwig



Pine Siskin

So Many Plants, So Little Time: Florida Betony (Rattlesnake Weed), *Stachys floridana* http://www.ppws.vt.edu/scott/weed_id/stafl.htm

The tuberous roots look like rattlesnake rattles, are edible and sometimes boiled like peanuts; use as a food is well noted among southeast U.S. Indian tribes and settlers of Florida's early history. HOWEVER, this is a very invasive yard and garden weed!



Florida Betony (plant and tuber)

The Sky Tells a Story: NEW Emerald Coast Astronomy: <http://gaskin-astro.org/blog/>.

Also, check out Planet Viewing in 2011 <http://stardate.org/nightsky/planets> .

Venus dominates the dawn sky in January, rising about two hours before the sun. Jupiter is still well placed in the SW sky through February. Saturn rises about midnight and is in the morning sky in Virgo near Spica now, but comes to opposition and moves into evening sky by late March.

The Great Square of Pegasus dominates the western sky. The constellation Cassiopeia makes a striking W in the NW. Her daughter, Andromeda, starts with the NE corner star of Pegasus' Square, and goes NE with two more bright stars in a row. Overhead, Andromeda's hero, Perseus, rises. Perseus contains the famed eclipsing binary star Algol, where the Arabs imagined the eye of the gorgon Medusa would lie.

Look at Perseus' feet for the famed Pleiades cluster, the Seven Sisters. East of the them is the V of stars marking the face of Taurus the Bull, with bright orange Aldebaran as his eye.

Yellow Capella, a giant star the same temperature and color as our much smaller Sun, dominates the overhead sky. It is part of the pentagon on stars making up Auriga, the Charioteer. East of Auriga, the twins, Castor and Pollux highlight Gemini. South of Gemini, Orion the hunter is the most familiar winter constellation, dominating the eastern sky at dusk. The reddish supergiant Betelgeuse marks his eastern shoulder, while blue-white supergiant Rigel stands opposite on his west knee. Just south of the belt, hanging like a sword downward, is M-42, the Great Nebula of Orion, an outstanding binocular and telescopic stellar nursery.

Last but certainly not least, in the east rises 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. Sirius dominates the SE sky by 7 PM, and as it rises, the turbulent winter air causes it to sparkle with shafts of spectral fire. Beautiful as the twinkling appears to the naked eye, for astronomers this means the image is blurry; only in space can we truly see "clearly now".

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

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

- 1) LSD Annual Scouter Awards Banquet: Sat 15 Jan, First Baptist Church, PC.
- 2) Green Bar Weekend: 28-30 Jan at STSR, Leadership Classes & MBs offered.
- 3) Gulf Coast Council Banquet: Sat 12 Feb.
- 4) YNAW: New Event! 25-27 Feb at STSR. Yustaga Native American Weekend, hosted by OA, open to all Troops in the council.
- 5) LSD MB University, Sat 26 Mar, Deane Bozeman School.
- 6) Trainer's Edge, Sat 2 Apr, 8AM-5PM, Deane Bozeman School.
- 7) LSD Spring Camporee, 15-17 Apr, theme & location TBD.
- 8) BS New Leader Essentials, Sat 21 May, 8AM-4PM, at FUMC.

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.

10 Feb = Pioneering

10 Mar = Environment

14 Apr = Orienteering (T.366 Mark Gilland)

12 May = Mechanics (T.82 Bobby Prieto)

9 Jun = Hiking

11 Aug = Shooting and/or Sports

8 Sept = Engineering

13 Oct = High Adventure

10 Nov = Tracking

8 Dec = Hobbies

See ya Thursday Night 13 January !!!! YIS, KG, your LSD BS RTC RT #64