

Arrowhead District Boy Scout Roundtable Newsletter

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December 2008 Theme:

Hobbies: Presented by Wayne Grube

January 2009 Theme:

Public Service: Presenter Needed

BSA Merit Badges: <http://usscouts.org/usscouts/meritbadges.asp>



These are just a few of the merit badges that Boy Scouts offers that could lead a Scout into a lifelong journey or even a profession.

Bird of the Month:

Northern Harrier

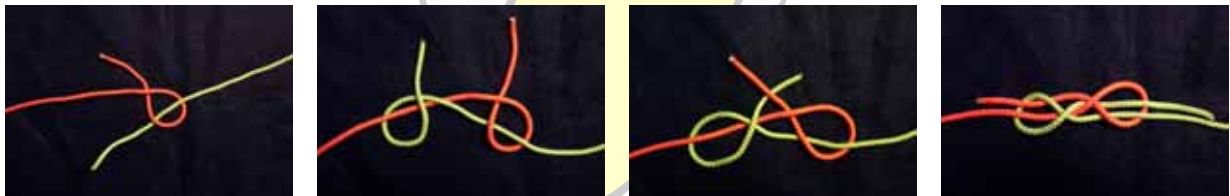
http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide/Northern_Harrier.html#map



Scoutmaster Minute Possibilities

- Why not make the best of things? Any fool can make the worst of them. Charles L. Bromley Cleric
- If you can find a path with no obstacles, it probably doesn't lead anywhere. Frank A. Clark Writer
- There's no ceiling on effort. Harvey C. Fruehauf Business executive

Knot of the Month: Vice Versa (from The Complete Book of Knots, G. Budworth)



Vice versa is used to join two ropes together. Start with an underhand loop in the left hand rope. Put the other rope down through the underhand loop. With the second rope form an overhand loop around the first loop. Cross the working end of the first rope over the working end of the second rope. Then pass both working ends up through the loop formed by the other rope.



Front View



Back View

Constellation of the Month

Cancer the Crab. To find Cancer sight along the line from the North star and the head star of Ursa major. There are no really bright stars in this constellation but it has many double stars, a triple star and a star cluster of about 200 stars. Mythology has the goddess Hera sending the crab to prevent Heracles from killing the Hydra. Heracles crushed the crab and Hera placed the crab in the heavens as a reward for its bravery. The Egyptians see this constellation as Scarabaeus, the sacred beetle. *Information about the constellation from Constellations Knowledge Cards © Dona Budd*

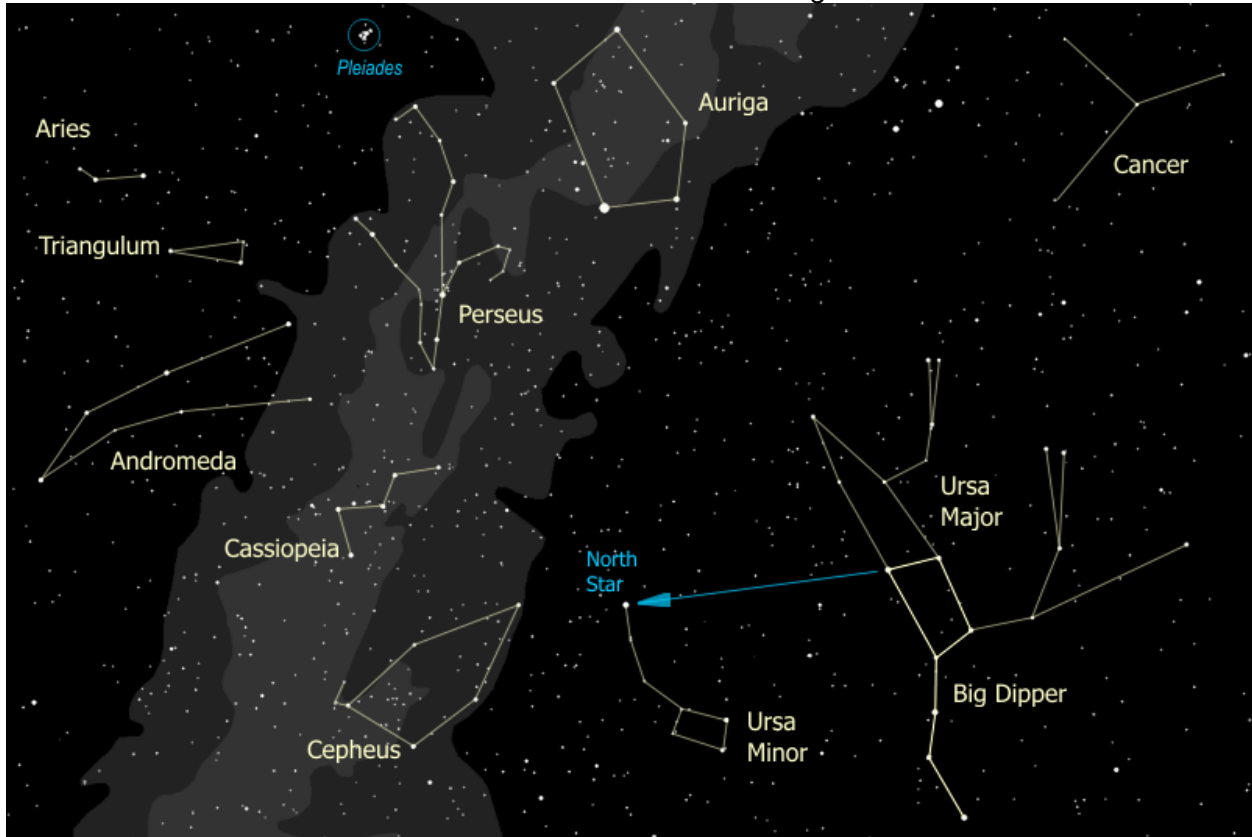


Image from the following web site

<http://www.smokymtnastro.org/Seasons/Winter/Winter%20Sky%20Tour.htm>

Upcoming monthly themes:

January 09	– Public Service	Presenter needed
February 09	– Camping	Mark Sheavely
March 09	– Wildlife Management	Presenter needed
April 09	– Cultural Diversity	Mel Schitman
May 09	– Emergency Preparedness	Presenter needed
June 09	– Health Care	Presenter needed

**Are you trained for your position? Is your training current?
Every Scout deserves a Trained Leader.**

