

Arrowhead District Boy Scout Roundtable Newsletter

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February 2009 Theme:

Camping: Presented by Mark Sheavly (note: there will be a presentation about the Lost Pines Outpost at Broad Creek Memorial Scout Reservation)

March 2009 Theme:

Wildlife Management: Presenter Needed

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



These are some directly and indirectly related merit badges that could be combined on a camping trip.

Bird of the Month: (hopefully a harbinger of spring)

American Robin

http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide/American_Robin.html

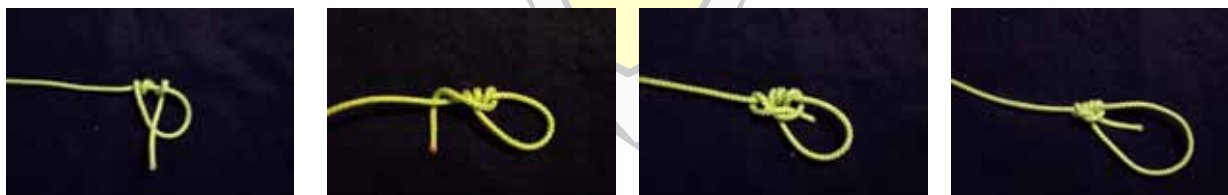


Scoutmaster Minute Possibilities

- Any ass can camp in fine weather. The rain reveals the true Scout.
- Camping is the joyous part of a Scout's life
- When you leave camp leave nothing but your thanks and a good name.
- Until Troops and Patrols are accustomed to camping, they have not begun to be Scouts.
- In camp life we learn to do without so many things which, when we are in houses, we think are necessary, and find that we can do for ourselves many things where we used to think ourselves helpless.

(All attributed to Baden Powell in Footsteps of the Founder)

Knot of the Month: Tarbuck Knot



The Tarbuck knot is very similar to a taut line hitch. The difference is that when tying the tarbuck knot you take three turns instead of just two. The finish starts similar to the end of a clove hitch or taut line hitch but instead of going under itself on the outside of the loop the working end goes over itself outside the loop and then underneath itself inside the loop. This makes the dog leg bend in the standing part longer than in the taut line hitch.

Constellation of the Month

Aries. The Egyptians and Babylonians, as well as the Greeks, knew this constellation as the Ram and associated it with the arrival of spring. Until about the year 420, the Sun rose in the sky in the region of Aries on the vernal equinox. Earth's precession has changed that and it will take until about the year 24,100 until the Sun will rise in Aries again. To find Aries trace a line from Polaris up and to the left to Triangulum and then to Aries.

Information about the constellation from Constellations Knowledge Cards © Dona Budd

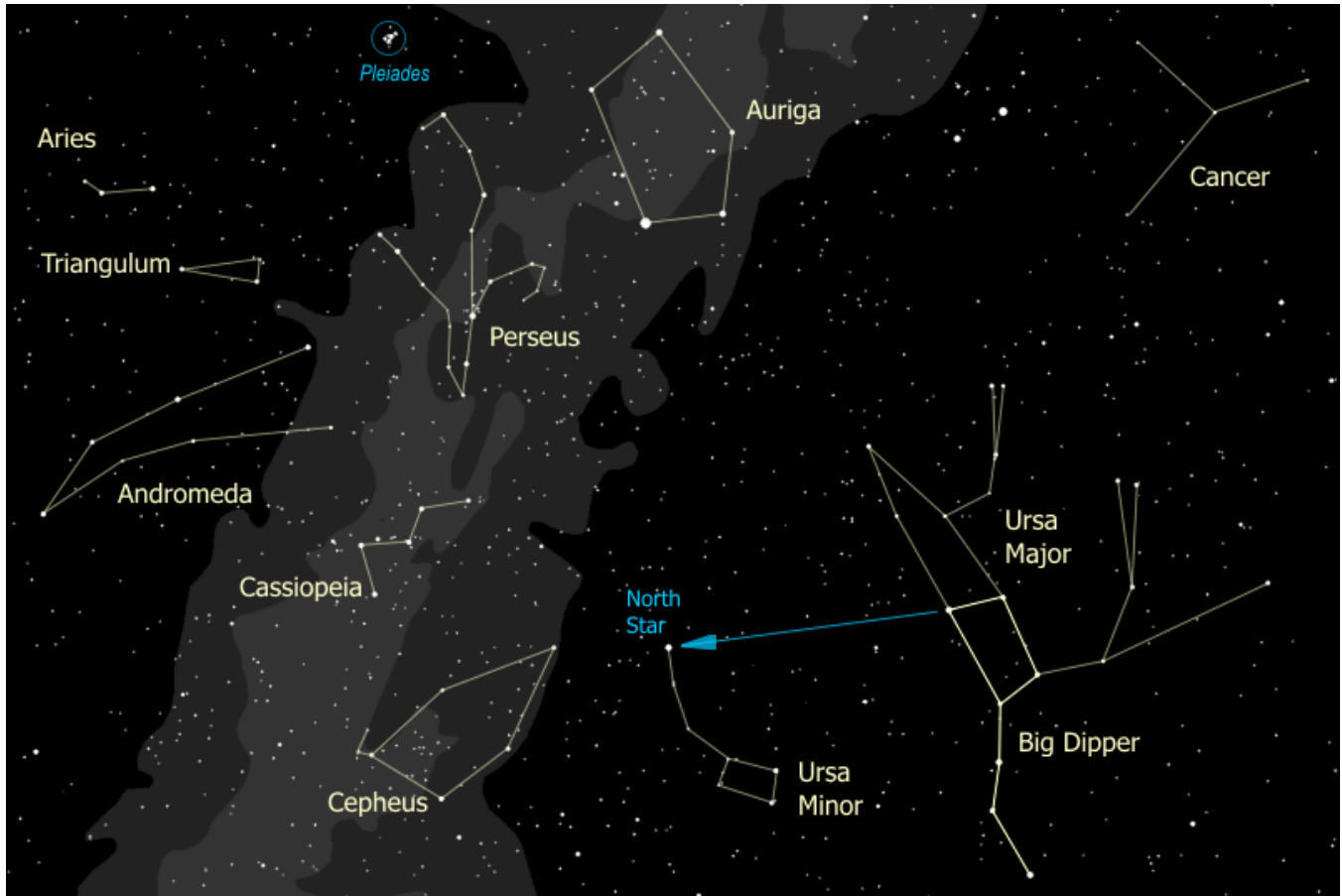


Image from the following web site
<http://www.smokymtnastro.org/Seasons/Winter/Winter%20Sky%20Tour.htm>

Upcoming monthly themes:

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.**

