

Arrowhead District Boy Scout Roundtable Newsletter

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January 2009 Theme:

Public Service: Presenter Needed

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)

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



These are the merit badges that BSA groups under the heading of Public Service. The Boy Scout slogan is another example of Public Service.

Bird of the Month:

Purple Martin

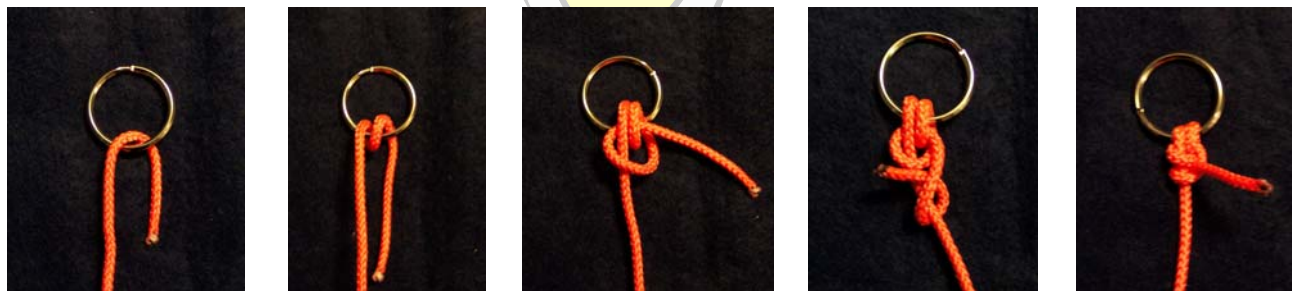
http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide/Purple_Martin.html



Scoutmaster Minute Possibilities

- Service is not for spare time only. Service should be an attitude of life which will find outlets for its practical expression at all times. (BP Foot steps of the Founder)
- We get no pay or reward for doing service, but that makes us free men in doing it. We are not working for an employer, but for God and our own conscience. (BP Foot steps of the Founder)
- The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try nothing and succeed. (God Little Instruction Book III)
- Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success. (God Little Instruction Book III)

Knot of the Month: Fisherman's Bend



The Fisherman's Bend is very similar to a round turn with two half hitches. The difference is that when tying the fisherman's bend the first part of the first half hitch goes through the loops formed by the round turn locking it in place. This knot is more secure than a round turn with two half hitches.

Constellation of the Month

Ursa Major. The big dipper is only a small part of the constellation Ursa Major. The Greeks legend is that Hera changed Callisto into a Bear after Zeus fell in love with her. Zeus then put her in the heavens to save her from the forest animals. Native Indians saw the Ursa Major as a bear chased by three hunters. The handle and the body of the big Dipper make up the tail and upper back of the great bear.

Information about the constellation from Constellations Knowledge Cards © Dona Budd

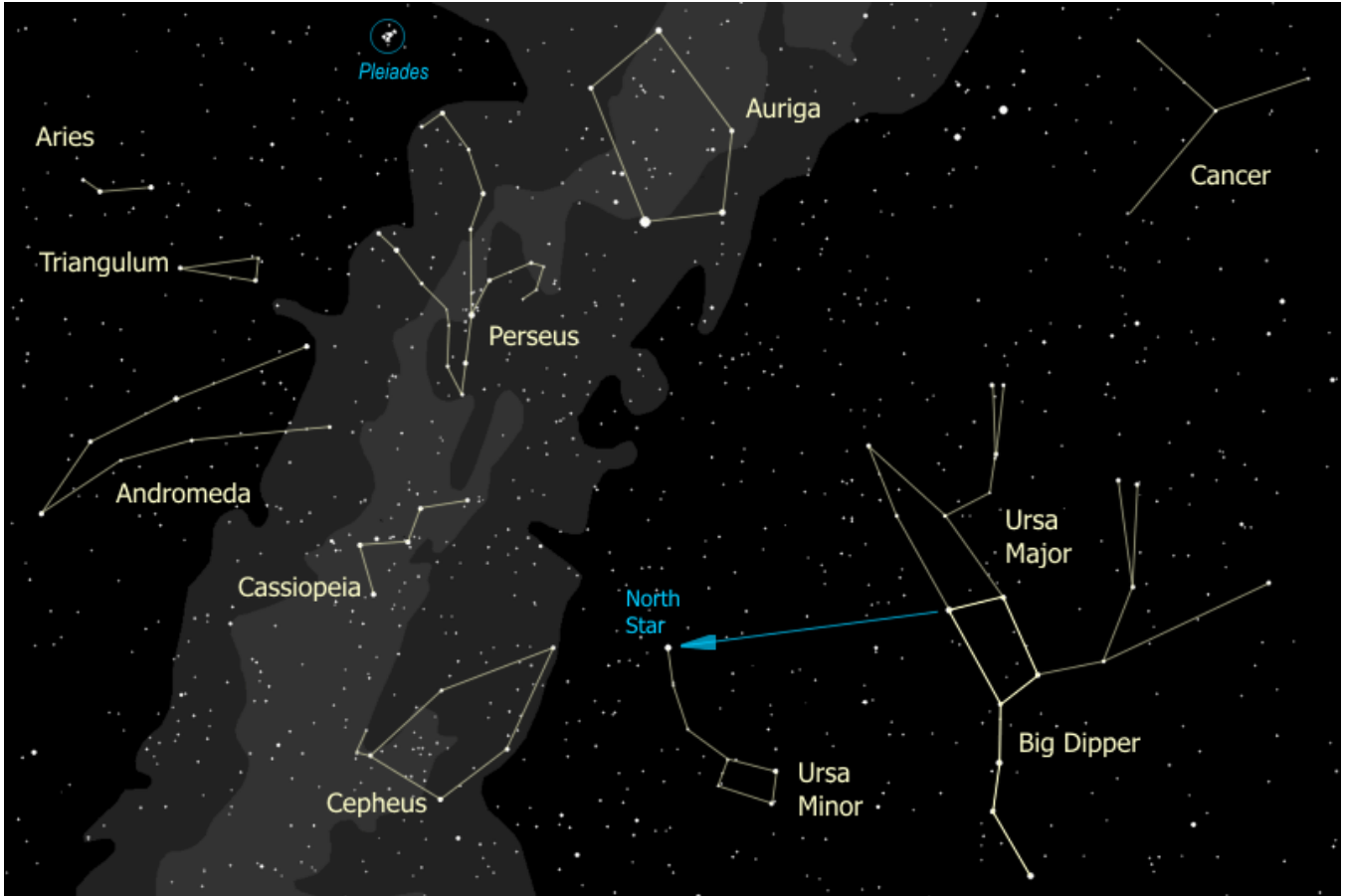


Image from the following web site
<http://www.smokymtnastro.org/Seasons/Winter/Winter%20Sky%20Tour.htm>

Upcoming monthly themes:

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.**

