

Arrowhead District Boy Scout Roundtable Newsletter

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June Backpacking – Brian Maynard & Brian Macari

July No meeting

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



Related Web sites:

- Backpacker Magazine - <http://www.backpacker.com/>
- Light weight backpacking - <http://www.backpacking.net/>
- The Backpacker- <http://www.thebackpacker.com/>
- Light weight backpacking - <http://www.backpackinglight.com/cgi-bin/backpackinglight/index.html>
- Go Lite - <http://www.golite.com/main/home.aspx>
- REI – <http://rei.com>
- Campmor – <http://campmor.com>

Knot of the Month: Prusik

<http://www.animatedknots.com/prusikscouting/index.php?LogoImage=LogoGrog.jpg&Website=www.animatedknots.com>

Bird of the Month: Eastern Towhee

http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Eastern_Towhee/id



Scoutmaster Minute Possibilities:

- It is not the mere material qualities that life in the back bush makes a man a man, but rather in the spiritual development when he finds himself an atom communing daily, face to face and heart to heart with Nature. As one sits at night by a camp fire, far away, alone in the gloom of the forest, one can muse and deeply think. While the sweet wood smoke stings one's nostrils, the velvety purple heavens studded with their blazing brilliants serenely watch above one – and the deepest waiting silence rules around, only broken now and then by the sudden splash of a rising trout or by the weird calling of a loon; it is only here that the mind can open out and receive great thoughts and higher impulses.
– Baden-Powell, *Footsteps of the Founder*

Constellation of the Month: Ursa Major, the Great Bear. Most people can recognize the Big Dipper, but this is just part of the constellation. The big dipper is the upper back of the bear and the handle is the bear's tail. Ursa Major contains 53 visible stars. The two stars at the front of the dipper are Dubhe and Merak, the pointer stars to Polaris. Another interesting pair of stars in the constellation are Mizar and Alcor. They are located in the middle of the handle and are so close together in ancient times they were used as a military eye test. If you could see both then you had good vision and could be relied on during battle.

View to the South

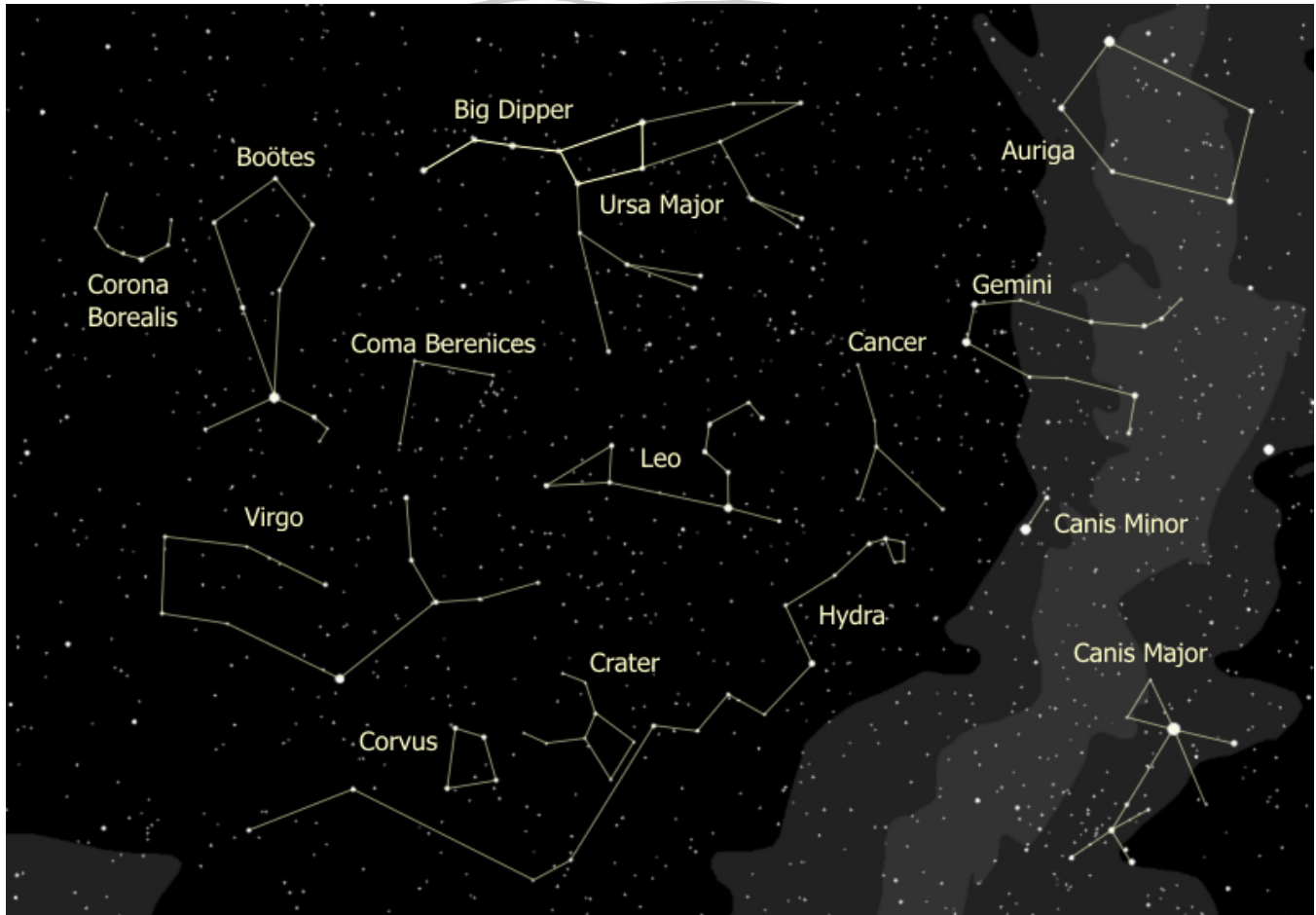


Image from: <http://www.smokymtnastro.org/Seasons/Spring/Spring%20Sky%20Tour.htm>

Upcoming monthly themes:

June	Backpacking	December	Wilderness Survival
July	Aquatics	January	Communications
August	Fishing	February	Pioneering
September	Athletics	March	Environment
October	Science	April	Orienteering
November	Cooking	May	Mechanics

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

