

Arrowhead District Boy Scout Roundtable Newsletter

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November 2008 Theme:

Tracking: Presented by Kim Aspden

December 2008 Theme:

Hobbies: Presented by Wayne Grube

High Adventure related web sites: (thanks to KG aka Pup Daddy for all the sites)

The Tracking Stick: http://home1.gte.net/tracku2/the_tracking_stick.htm

Animal Tracks Den: tons of great info <http://www.bear-tracker.com/>

US Search & Rescue Task Force:-Animal Tracking http://www.ussartf.org/animal_tracking.htm

BSA Troop 542 Animal Tracks ID page: <http://www.bsatroop542.org/AnimalId.htm>

How to Use a Tracking Stick: <http://www.bear-tracker.com/trackingstick.htm>

Tracking Games from B-P Games Book: <http://home.scoutnet.de/hiesfeld/books/games/3.htm>

Stalking Games from B-P Games Book: <http://home.scoutnet.de/hiesfeld/books/games/2.htm>

Training in Tracking from the Insane Scouter:

<http://www.inquiry.net/OUTDOOR/skills/tracking/index.htm>

Tracking Wildlife: <http://www.geocities.com/~pack215/wildlife.html> a cyber guide for Scouts and Scouters !!

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

There is not a tracking merit badge but you could see a close correlation with Camping, Hiking, and Wilderness Survival for examples.

Bird of the Month:

Golden Crowned Kinglet

http://www.birds.cornell.edu/AllAboutBirds/BirdGuide/Golden-crowned_Kinglet.html

Upcoming monthly themes:

December 08 -	Hobbies	Wayne Grube
January 09 -	Public Service	Presenter needed
February 09 -	Cultural Diversity	Mel Schitman
March 09 -	Wildlife Management	Presenter needed
April 09 -	Camping	Presenter needed
May 09 -	Emergency Preparedness	Presenter needed
June 09 -	Health Care	Presenter needed



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Scoutmaster Minute Possibilities

- Stress is like a violin string. If there's no tension, there's no music. But if the string is too tight, it breaks. You want to find the right level of tension for you--the level that makes harmony in your life. Allen Elkin, Physician
- Getting an idea should be like sitting down on a pin; it should make you jump up and do something. E. L. Simpson
- You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream. C. S. Lewis (1898-1963), Writer

Constellation of the Month

Lyra: An ancient stringed instrument. The brightest star in Lyra is Vega, at the bottom. Vega is the fifth brightest star in the heavens. It was the first star to be photographed in 1850. It was once the north polestar, about 12,000 years ago, and in about 14,000 years it will again become the north polestar. *Information about the constellation from Constellations Knowledge Cards © Dona Budd*

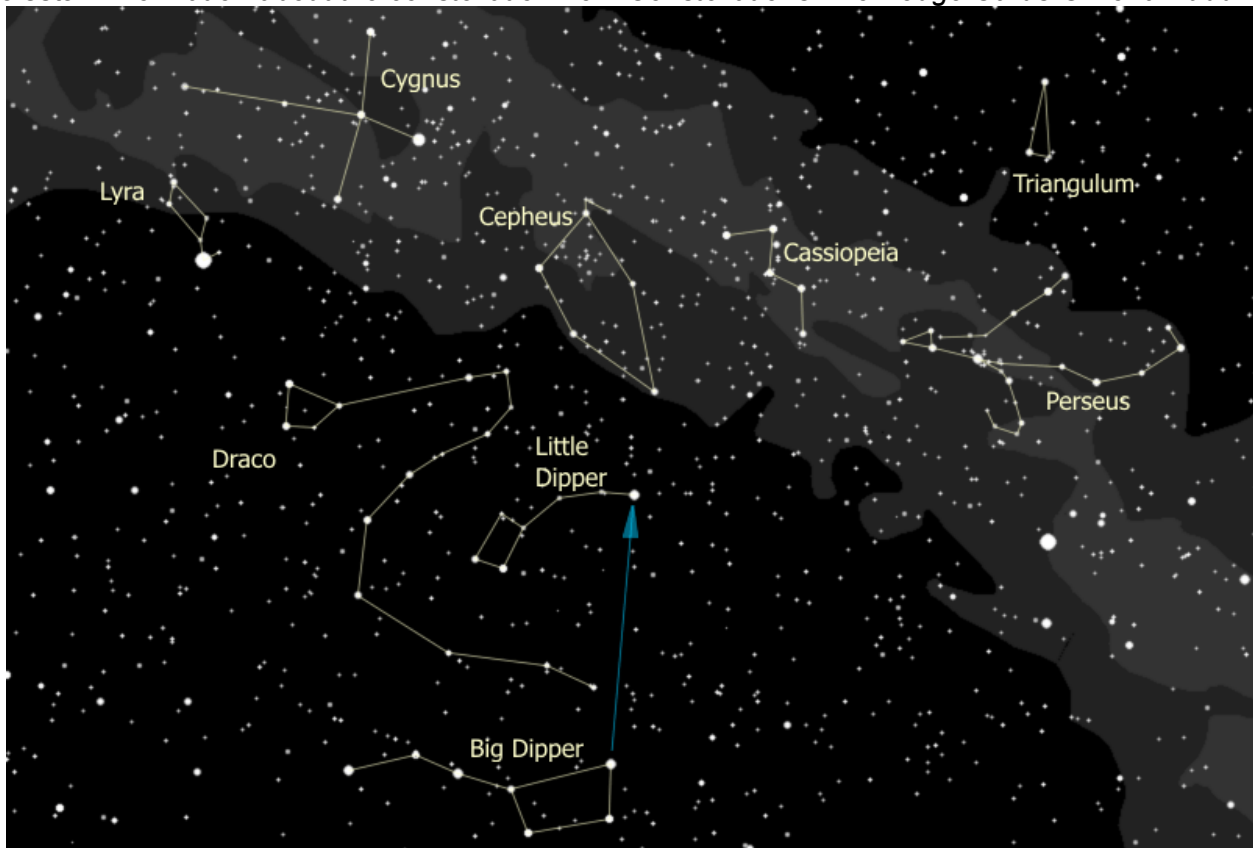


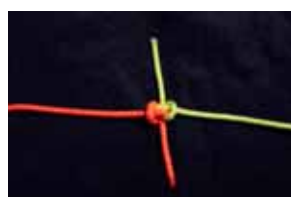
Image from the following web site

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

Knot of the Month: Hunters Bend



To tie the Hunters Bend, start with the two lines lying next to one another. Then make a loop in both lines at the same time. In the example pictured the green line is an overhand loop while the orange line is an underhand loop. Next, take the green line behind the loop and bring it up through the loop. Then take the orange line from the back to the front and put it down through the loop. Note the lines go through the loop in opposite directions. To finish the knot just tighten it up. When finished the working ends go off in opposite directions and they are perpendicular to the standing parts, forming a cross.



Front View



Back View