

# Silver Gate Newsletter



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## CALENDAR

### APRIL

- 2-3 Pre-Camporee Campout 552-1196
- 7 District Committee 6-7:15 UMC
- 7 Roundtable 7:30-9:00 UMC
- 13 Fire Up – Tigers
- 21 Commissioners Meeting UMC

### MAY 2005

- 5 District Committee 6-7:15 UMC
- 5 Roundtable 7:30-9:00 UMC
- 7 NLE 552-1247
- 12 District Dinner UMC
- 13-15 Camporee
- 19 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 21 District Conservation Project

**UMC is the First United Methodist Church and is located at the corner of Sonoma Blvd. and Virginia St. in Vallejo.**

## ROUNDTABLE NEWS



**Cub Scouts:** Let's explore the world of pets with the theme for May **"PET PALS"**. This month the boys will be learning about

pets and how to care for them. Join us in some **FUN** with ideas for activities, skits, songs, and ceremony for your den and pack meetings. Bring a picture of your pet for our "Virtual Pet Show". Join us in the training sessions for **Cub Scout Leaders** – Learn about the National Den Award as well as some hands on activities.

**Cubmasters and Committee members** – Get ready to earn the National Summertime Pack Award! Do you have your activities planned for the summer? Also kids love to play games – do you have a game box for your pack meetings? **Webelos Leaders** – Review the

requirements for the National Den Award. Explore ideas for the Outdoorsman and Handyman Activity Badges. Maybe a hammering contest?



**Boy Scouts:** Is everyone ready for summer camp? What kind of basic equipment should every Scout have? How do you obtain it? What are some **FUN**

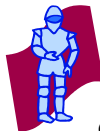
**NEW** items to add to the boys gear or to the adult leaders pack?!! Share your ideas and gadgets, bring resources and ask our guest speaker about what's new.

## SILVER BEAVER

Congratulations to our very own Karen Coleman and Ken Lambert, recent recipients of the Silver Beaver Award! It is the highest honor a council can bestow on an adult leader and is well-deserved recognition for two who have given so much to Scouting!

## Camporee 2005

Hear yea, hear yea, by Royal Command of HRH King Claude I and Queen Diane, scouts are invited to attend **"The Scouts of the Roundtable"**



**Camporee 2005** at Camp Tamarancho. Celebrate the days when kings and queens ruled their kingdoms and knights were fighting for their kingdom's honor. Compete with other Scouts in battles of mental and physical strength as well as show your skill on the archery range for the honor of becoming a knight as well as having lots of fun. Camporee is Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at Camp Tamarancho in Marin County. Registration will be between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm on Friday, May 13, 2005. The cost will be \$20.00 if paid by May 5th and \$25.00 after that date.

Patrol books with all the information you will need will be available at the April Roundtable on April 7. If you have any questions, please contact Claude Smith, Camporee Chairman or Diane Freeman Camporee Administrator for more information.



## EARTH DAY JAMBOREE

Come celebrate Earth Day and help with recruitment on Sat. April

23. Activities will be held adjacent to the Vallejo Farmer's Market off of Georgia Street from 9AM – 1 PM. Paul needs staff for 6 activity centers, plus a recruiting table. He also needs help to develop the activities that will be going on. This is a combination recruitment/Earth Day event so activities will be geared toward those themes. If Units have exhibits of past activities that they could bring, contact Paul. Setup will start at 7AM. If you can help for all or part of the day, please contact Paul Roberts at 557-2215.

## Wild Cub Safari Day Camp 2005



Why not start out summer by joining us for a Wild Cub Safari through the jungles of Vallejo on Monday, June 27 – Friday, July 1, 2005 at Hanns

Park? It's a day camp filled with many fun and exciting things that include crafts, woodworking, Scout skills, games, archery, science and nature. Information packets will be available at April's Roundtable. Payment for the week if paid before April's Roundtable on April 7,

2005 will be \$85.00 and the T-shirt will be free. The price will increase after this date. A list of those prices and deadlines will be included in the information packet. We can always use volunteers, both adults and teens  $\geq 14$ , to help us for the week. Your son will go to camp free if you volunteer, plus you will have lots of fun. There will be a tot lot available for the children of volunteers. The cost, if paid before April's Roundtable, is \$10.00 and the T-shirt is free. Children must be at least 3 and potty trained. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Freeman, Day Camp Director at 707-557-2076 or email: [zjmom68@yahoo.com](mailto:zjmom68@yahoo.com).

### Recruitment/Membership

The District is looking to start up one to two new Cub Scout Packs in Vallejo. We have interested chartering organizations, but need 2-3 experienced Scouters who have 2-4 hours a week to help get the Pack's new leaders up and running. We need help for a 6-month start-up period. If you know someone whose sons have grown up, but still wants to be involved with Scouting, now is the time to help! Our spring recruitment drive is just around the corner. If you have some specific recruitment needs for your unit that you would like to tackle in the next three months, please contact Paul Roberts, District Membership Chair at 707-557-2215 or email at [paul\\_roberts@prparch.com](mailto:paul_roberts@prparch.com).



Our mission is to plant seeds and grow scouts and scout leaders all over the District and we need your help!

### Friends of Scouting

On Behalf of the Mt Diablo Silverado Council I wanted to thank everyone for a successful Friends of Scouting Campaign for 2005. By now most units have had their presentations and I appreciated the hospitality extended to me by the units of the District. Eric Freeman, FOS Chair

### DISTRICT DINNER

May 12 is our annual district dinner at the First United Methodist Church. Come join us for great food and fellowship and honor the recipients of the units' Scouters of the Year, and the District Award of Merit. Nominations for these awards are due by the May Roundtable.



### Merit Badge Counselors

Hot off the press! Dena Johnson, Merit Badge Dean, reports that you only need to sign up once as a merit badge counselor. Although you will need to review and update your information yearly, you won't have to fill out new applications each year.

### STAFF CHANGE

Al Olson has moved to another position, so we welcome to James Rhodes-Dreyer. He will be working with Jason Lewis. He may be reached at 925-674-6151.

### TRAINING



May 7 is the date for our New Leader Essentials (NLE) and Position Specific Training. (Outdoor

Leadership Skills will be scheduled for a later date.) NLE is an introduction and overview of the entire BSA program for all new adult leaders. Position Specific Training follows NLE and covers the basics of your specific Scouting leadership position. Registration starts at 7:30. NLE is from 8:15-9:45 AM. Position Specific Training starts at 10AM. If you have taken NLE before, it doesn't need to be repeated.

Held at Napa Valley College, the \$15 fee will include lunch, course materials and a snack.. Contact Rose Tishler at (707) 552-1247, [Tishler@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Tishler@sbcglobal.net) for more information or see the training page in this issue of the Smoke Signals.