

Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 1 District Committee 6-7:15, UMC
- 1 Winter Holiday Party 7:30-9:30, UMC
- 15 Commissioners Meeting UMC

JANUARY 2006

- 5 Roundtable, 7:30-9:30, UMC
- 6 Eagle Recognition Dinner & 14 Race Day Clinic
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- 18 Fire Up for Scouting
- 19 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 21 Pow Wow
- 25 FOS Presenters Orientation 7 p.m.

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

Holiday Roundtable

Come join us for fun, food, and fellowship. We will be having our annual **1, 2, 3 Under the Tree Holiday Roundtable Party!!!** See what "wonderful" gift you can go home with. It may be the gift everyone wanted or nobody wanted. Lots of fun and laughter to be had at this special roundtable. If you would like to share a special snack or dessert that would be great! The festivities begin at 7:30pm! Thank you all for your support throughout the year! We appreciate all of you. Enjoy the holidays. Best Wishes from the Silvergate District Roundtable Staff.



Eagle Dinner

The Elks Eagle Scout Recognition Dinner will be held Friday, January 6, 2006.



Gather at 6 p.m., with dinner at 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$10 each if reservations made by Friday, December 30, 2005. After that, tickets will be \$15 each based on food being available. Reservations should be made to the Elks Lodge at 642-1620.

Salesmanship Merit Badge

Eric Freeman graciously added to his popcorn responsibilities and incorporated selling popcorn with the Salesmanship Merit Badge. This gave older Boy Scouts a chance to practice their sales skills so they will be able to earn their own share of summer camp and other big trips as well as looking at a career in sales.

District Calendar

Check out the new District Calendar at www.bsa-mdsc.org and click on the Calendar link on the left. By then clicking on any of the events listed in the calendar, you can get contact information, details, and can even register on line. The calendar goes months in advance and is a great new feature.



Community Service

The hard work of the 30+ Scouts and Scouters who served dinner to returning Service Men and Women at the Elks Lodge in October is greatly appreciated. As a plus to Scouting, our Scouts were seen on 3 local TV stations hard at work for their community. Other service opportunities recently were helping the Mare Island Museum clean up its grounds, picking grapes to raise money for Hurricane Katrina victims, and the annual Scouting for Food drive. Hats off to all Scouts who give to their community!



Veteran's Day Flags



Thanks very much to all the Scouts and their families, who placed flags at the gravesites of Veterans from the Spanish-American War to the present day conflicts. We assisted VFW Post 1123 in this semi-annual service project. They are very appreciative of the help our Silvergate Scouts do to honor the Veterans interred at Sunrise Cemetery.

Training Update



In October, the Napa and Silvergate Training Staff joined in putting on another successful NLE, and Position Specific training session. For Outdoor Leader Skills we combined with the Chief Solano District for the first time. These sessions were held over two weekends with over 25 participants. WELL DONE! A **BIG** thank you to all those who assisted in many ways to make this a success!!! We also held a Youth Protection Training in November. Let us know if this something you would like to see again in the future. Look for Baloo Training for Cub Scout Leaders in the spring as well as our next Leader training in the late spring.

Pow Wow

Mark your calendars for Jan 21 for the upcoming PowWow "On the Beach".



This is an excellent resource for our Cub Scout Leaders. Look elsewhere in this issue for details. You may register or get more

information by using the links on the calendar on the District Website at www.bsa-mdsc.org



It is that time of the year again. We need a FOS chair from each unit to assist with the yearly Friends of Scouting (FOS) fundraiser. This is a great opportunity to get a parent to help with the unit who cannot be a full time volunteer but who still wants to help. The duties are very simple and are as follows...

- 1: Attend the FOS Chair kick off meeting on January 25th at the United Methodist Church on Virginia St in Vallejo (same place as Roundtable) from 7 to 8 pm.
- 2: Receive and read your FOS unit packet and sort the pledge cards contained within. This will be done at the kick off meeting.
- 3: Assist the presenter (played this year by our talented and entertaining District Finance Chairman, Eric Freeman) during the FOS presentation by making sure everyone gets their pledge card. Also get the word out to your unit when the presentation will be done so everyone knows to come prepared to be amazed and prepared to donate.
- 4: Have fun while supporting a great cause.

Please send names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of each unit's FOS Chair to Eric Freeman at silvergate_popcorn@yahoo.com by December 15th so everyone knows to be at the kick off meeting and be sure they will be there.

Wood Badge



Congratulations to Silver Gate members for going to the recent Wood Badge training and helping staff it

Position Available



Many thanks to Dena Johnson who has recently resigned as our Merit Badge Dean. If this is a job that calls to you, please contact Ken Lambert at 552-3485.