

Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2006

- 2 District Committee 6-7:15, UMC
- 2 Roundtable 7:30-9:30, UMC
- 4 Race Day, 12-4
- 11 Merit Badge Workshop
- 12 Scout Sunday & Brunch
- 16 UMC Commissioners Meeting
- 25 Nor Cal Commissioners Conference

MARCH 2006

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- 16 UMC Commissioners Meeting
- 17-18 University of Scouting

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

Roundtable News

CUB SCOUT LEADERS Get ready to build things with the theme for March "CUBSTRUCTION". This month is time for tools! Have your Cub Scouts learn about tools and how to use them, then have fun building a project. Spend our February meeting sharing ideas for games, activities, field trips, and building things. Bring some fun stuff to our den meeting!!! **CUBMASTERS AND COMMITTEE PEOPLE** Join us in some creative fun! Do you have ideas for your pack meeting? Maybe a game of Cubstruction Bingo or a competition between the dens to build a shelter out of newspapers? This month would be good for a Pinewood Derby or to get ready for

it by building the cars. Are you ready for your Blue and Gold? Maybe we can help with some ideas! **WEBELOS LEADERS** Let's get moving with some exercises from the Athlete Activity Badge and let's build some bridges for the Engineer Activity Badge.

PS do you have ideas for ways to build and maintain den spirit? Bring them to share!

BOY SCOUT LEADERS: This is the last month without Chuck Speir as the Boy Scout Roundtable Commissioner. Look for his return at roundtable in March! We again will have a mystery guest and topic to lead everyone in an activity or discussion.



New Eagles

Congratulations to the following Scouts who earned their Eagle Rank during 2005.

- David Vandervoort – Crew 78
- Matthew Elias – Crew 78
- Brian Hoffman – Troop 64
- Travis Askham – Troop 8
- Kenneth Kwitek – Troop 64
- Evan Albertson – Troop 8

Many thanks to the Vallejo Elks Lodge for providing the dinner in recognition of these young men.

Get Ready, Get Set...Go!



The pit crews are all set and ready to go as they wait for the start of Race Day. Why not join them and show off your racing skills and your cool Derby cars and have

lots of fun? Race Day is Saturday, February 5 at Building #46 (Mare Island Naval Museum) on 8th St, Mare Island. Weigh-in is from 12:00-12:45. Races start at 1:15 P.M. Cost is \$5. For more information, contact Lori Edwards at 707-373-6164

FOS!!!



All are encouraged to give what they can during the annual FOS drive. It is estimated that it costs \$150 more than the registration fee to support a scout for a year. Recruitment materials, subsidizing camp fees, and supplemental medical insurance are among the places the money goes. For more information contact Eric Freeman @ silvergate_popcorn@yahoo.com.

Scout Sunday



Feb. 12, 9:30 am is Scout Sunday at the United Methodist Church. The service will start at 9:30 and the brunch at 10:00.

Scouts are encouraged to come in uniform to attend the service and help serve brunch. Call 554-0359 for questions.

Merit Badge Shindig

On Saturday, Feb 11 Troop 77 is hosting a Merit Badge workshop for Silver Gate District members at the Community Presbyterian Church in Vallejo. \$5 covers registration and lunch. Sign-ups begin at 8:00 A.M. Claude Smith at 552-1196 or Vic Chaney 557-1166 for questions.

Scouts of the Seven Seas Camporee 2006

Aye there matey. Looking for some excitement? In need of a great adventure? Is the pirate life for you?

Well, then why not join the crew of Camporee 2006 and sail with the "Scouts of the Seven Seas." We set sail at Camp Tamarancho on Friday, May 6th and arrive back to port on Sunday, May 8th. Cost is \$20.00 if paid by April 25th and \$25.00 after that day. If you have any questions, please contact Captain Claude Smith at ramjford@ix.netcom.com or his first mate, Diane Freeman at zjmom68@yahoo.com

Pow Wow



Hats off to Yvonne Awai and her helpers for a great Pow Wow. A lot was learned while having a great time

Operation: Spy Cub Day Camp 2006

Operation: Spy Cub wants you!!! Calling all wanna be spies. Do I have an offer for you!! For one week and one week only, you can spend the week training to be a spy plus make exciting crafts, try your hand at archery, play some exciting sports, learn some great scout skills and much more. Where can you find all this excitement? At Operation: Spy Cub Day Camp 2006 at Hanns Park in Vallejo, June 26th-June 30th. For cost information, you can check out the council website (www.bsa-mdsc.org) and look under council camps, day camps and then Silver Gate. To register, go to the calendar on the council website and follow the links.

Of course, we can't train spies if we don't have master spies to train them, so if you can volunteer to work at any part of day camp, please contact Special Agent Freeman or Special Agent Smith at zjmom68@yahoo.com ramjford@ixnetcom.com. We need den leaders, area directors and den chiefs. We hope to spy you there.

Trainers Needed



Trainers are needed to teach at District trainings. If anyone is interested in teaching others how the Boy

Scout system works as a part of our training team please contact Rose Tishler at tishler@sbcglobal.net or 707-552-1247. On April 29 there will be a Trainer Development Conference This training would benefit all Scout Leaders - Cub, Boy, & Venture, by showing them

different presentation methods that are geared to hold attention and make presentations exciting.

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.

Scouting For Food

Please return any unused Scouting for Food bags to Dave Sweet at Round Table. He also is looking for feedback to be more efficient next year. Did you have the right number of bags? Are there areas you would recommend not putting bags out in next year?

New Scouts

Please remember that applications and money for new Scouts needs to be sent into the Council right away. There is no insurance coverage for the new scouts until this is done.