

# Silver Gate Newsletter



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## CALENDAR

### MARCH 2005

- 3 District Committee 6-7:15 UMC
- 3 Roundtable 7:30-9:00 UMC
- 5 BALOO (see article)
- 12 Philmont Prep Hike 552-1196
- 17 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 24 Fire Up (Details at Roundtable)

### 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

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:** Take a trip up river with the theme for April “Waterways of the U.S.A.”. Join us in our “Silvergate Pack” meeting in brainstorming ideas for conservation projects, raingutter regattas, field trips and ways to earn the World Conservation Award and the Conservation Good Turn Award. We will be exploring ideas for gathering activities, ceremonies, den demonstrations, songs, games, and skits. Den Leaders, Cubmasters, Committee people, and Webelos Leaders sail on down to Roundtable for some terrific ideas to make waves at your April Pack Meeting!

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**Boy Scouts:** What does your troop have planned for the spring? Need ideas for **hiking trails**? Do you have some favorites that you would like to share? Join us in a discussion of hiking, including trails, equipment, and safety. Bring in your ideas, tips, books, magazines, and equipment to share with the group.



a great time and learned a lot of new skills. Over 300 people attended. The hot popcorn and cotton candy were an especially big hit. Too many people to list made this day such a success, but Karen Coleman was the master of ceremonies who made it all happen.

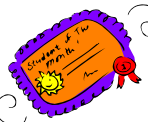
## RACE DAY



Diane Freeman and Claude Smith were instrumental in organizing a successful Race Day. Thanks go to them and their staff for all their work both the day of the race and for the pre-race clinic.

## 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!



## Scout Sunday

Many thanks to all the Scouters who came to the United Methodist Church on Scout Sunday. The church, which is very supportive of scouting, appreciated the Scouts coming to their morning service. A brunch afterwards was enjoyed by all.



## Camporee 2005 The Crusades



Hear yea, hear yea, by Royal Command all knights of Silvergate district are invited to attend **The Crusades, Camporee 2005.**

Celebrate the days when kings and queens ruled their kingdoms and Knights were fighting for their kingdom’s honor.

## BALOO

**Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation**  
Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>  
8:30 am - 5pm



BALOO training is a day of fun and learning which prepares pack leaders to plan and carry out "entry-level" outdoor experiences. The key point of BALOO training is "Keep It Simple. All arrangements -- sleeping, cooking, and program -- should be geared to Cub Scout- age boys. This will be held at the First United Methodist Church. Registration starts at 8:30. Cost is \$20 if registered before Feb. 26; \$25 after that date. Your registration includes refreshments and lunch. Registration is limited to the first 30 participants so don't wait until it is too late to sign up for this training. Bring paper and pencil. Not only is BALOO a lot of fun, it is now required to have someone with BALOO training on your tour permits. Questions? Contact Ken Lambert, 552-3485 or Claude Smith, 552-1196.



## POW WOW

Another successful POW WOW has come and gone. Everyone had

Compete with fellow knights in battles of mental and physical strength as well as show your skill on the archery range. Camporee is Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>-Sunday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at Camp Tamarancho in Marin County. Registration: 5:00 - 8:00 PM, Friday, May 13. For more details: contact Claude Smith, 551-1196 or Diane Freeman, 557-2076.

### Friends of Scouting

Give me an F...Give me an O... Give me an S

What's that spell???

Fun on a Stick or Friends of Scouting!!!

Yes it is time again for the Annual FOS fundraiser. It is estimated that it costs



\$150 above and beyond the registration fee to support a scout

for a year. The money is used by the Council to provide a vast array of services for our units including recruitment materials, the Scout Store, subsidizing camp fees, liability insurance and the services of our professional Scouters, Al Olson and Jason Lewis. FOS Chair, Eric Freeman will be making the rounds of the units in February and March for their FOS presentation.

### 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

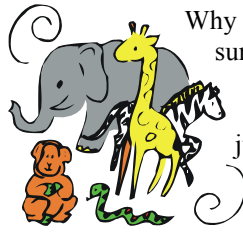
grown up, but still wants to be involved with Scouting, now is the time to help! Our spring recruitment drive is just around the corner. If you have some specific recruitment needs for your unit that you would like to tackle in the next three months, please contact Paul Roberts, District Membership Chair 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!

### 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 given out at February'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).

### TRAINING

Congratulations to the District Committee members who recently attended training specific to their roles on the District Committee. For some strange reasons, there was much Trail's End popcorn brought as snacks!

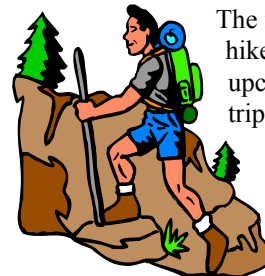
### Merit Badge Counselors

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 a new application each year.

### MERIT BADGE SHINDIG

The recent merit badge workshop sponsored by Troop 77 was a success. Special thanks go to Vic Chaney and all the counselors who took the time to come in and teach.

### Pinnacles



The first of the training hikes for the upcoming Philmont trip will be March 12<sup>th</sup>. Ray Bini and Claude Smith will be the leaders for this event. Claude can be

reached at 552-1196.

### Philmont Prep Hike