



Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

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

JUNE 2005

- 2 District Committee 6-7:15 UMC
- 2 Roundtable 7:30-9:00 UMC
- 16 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 18-19 Philmont Prep Hike 552-1196
- 27-July 1 Day Camp Hann's Park

JULY

July 1 Webelos' overnighter

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

Boy Scout Leaders: How does your troop keep records? Join your fellow Scout leaders in a discussion of record keeping including Eagle requirements, advancement records, merit badges, as well as troop and patrol attendance. We will also take a look at the advantages of using the Troopmaster software. What works and doesn't work for your unit?



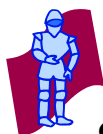
TRAINING

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 for more information or see the training page in this issue of the Smoke Signals.

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 and 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 13th-Sunday, May 15th 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. If you have any questions, please contact Claude Smith, or Diane Freeman for more information.

Earth Day Jamboree

Thanks to all who turned out to help with the Earth Day Jamboree/ Recruitment in April. Many people were exposed to Scouting on this day and a good time was had by all. Particular thanks go to Paul Roberts for organizing it while in the midst of a big project at work.



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. Volunteers are still needed. Your son will go to camp free if you volunteer for the week. There will be a tot lot available for the children of volunteers. Children must be at least 3 and potty trained. If you have any questions, please contact Diane Freeman,



Roundtable News

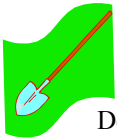
Cub Scout Leaders: Let's visit our local, state and national parks with the theme for June "Destination: Parks". Join us on an adventure in the "great outdoors" at our May Silver Gate "DEN" meeting. Share ideas for outings, activities such as compass and map reading, games, and crafts. **Cubmasters:** Have you planned an activity for your pack meeting such as a picnic in the park, a hike on a local trail, maybe even a pack campout? Come get some ideas on how to make it happen! **Webelos Leaders:** Work on your Artist Activity Badge outdoors in the park! Or plan a trip to a nearby State or National Park for the Traveler's Activity Badge.

District Dinner



May 12 is our annual district dinner at the First United Methodist Church. This is the night that many of our volunteers are honored for their work. All adults are encouraged to come. RSVP is due at the May Roundtable. Also due at Roundtable are the Unit Scouter of the Year forms and District Award of Merit nominations. Come join us for great food and fellowship. Cost will be \$10 per person.

Conservation Project



May 21 is the date for this year's conservation project.

Details will be available at the May Round Table, but be sure to put the date on your calendar.

BALOO



The recent BALOO training was excellent. Many thanks to Ken Lambert and the District training staff for their work!

FOS

Congratulations to all the families who participated in the recent "Friends of Scouting" drive. Our district may be small in numbers, but it is large in generosity. Last year's family contributions were \$4370 and so far this year they are \$6700! The following units were the top contributors. - Pack 128 \$1515; Troop 77; \$1380; Troop 64 \$1120; Pack 108 \$950; Pack 12 \$915; and Pack 118 \$880. Special thanks go to Meyer Corporation and Valero Energy Corporation for their contributions to the Patron Campaign.

DONATIONS REQUESTED

Patrick Rettinhouse, a nine year old Cub Scout from Vallejo's Pack 118, has embarked on a massive service project. While attending a scouting event at the local Army recruiter's office he determined that service men and women needed supplies not issued to them by the military.

Most of us would comment on the issue, but Patrick decided to fill a need. He researched web sites for organizations that collect and distribute goods to our troops overseas. He selected a unit with a local serviceman in it. He created a flyer to advertise those items, collected, inventoried, sorted and housed a great deal of items in preparation to ship.

On Friday, April 22, he shipped his first two boxes. Patrick does not plan on stopping here. He wants to create a web page so that other units can ask for help and so he can publish the wish list to a greater number of



people.

Patrick's actions exemplify the spirit of scouting. His unselfish dedication to another's needs is exactly what we as scout leaders hope to instill in our young men.

