



# Silver Gate Newsletter

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## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER 2004

- 4 District Committee: 6-7:15, UMC
- 4 Recharter Workshop/Roundtable: 7:30-9:00 UMC
- 11 Commissioner's Mtng: 7:30-8:30
- 13 Scouting for Food Bag Distribution
- 13 Blood Drive, Benicia
- 18 Youth Protection, 7-9 UMC
- 20 Scouting for Food Bag Pick-up

### DECEMBER 2004

- 2 District Comm. Meeting 6-7:15 UMC
- 2 Winter Holiday Party: 7:30-9:00
- 12 District Committee Training 1-6

### JANUARY

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

**Note: Dates in the calendar have changed since last month's issue. In addition, District Committee meetings will now be on the first Thursday of each month, just before Roundtable.**

### ROUNDTABLE NEWS

**CUB SCOUTS:** Join the Silvergate "Pack" meeting with the "HOLIDAY FOOD FARE" theme for your December Pack meeting! Do you have a great holiday tradition and custom of food? Share it at the "Pack"! We will celebrate this theme with ideas for gathering activities, ceremonies, den demonstrations, songs, games, and most importantly FOOD. Maybe your pack might want to hold a special event such as a Family Bake Cake contest, a food drive, or a craft night making decorations for a

retirement home holiday meal? **WEBELOS**, this is a wonderful time of year to plan a service project for your den. There are many opportunities for doing a Good Turn in the community. Share your den's activities and projects from the Craftsman and Scientist Activity Badges at the monthly Pack meeting!

**BOY SCOUTS:** Is your Troop ready for winter activities? What kind of training do your adult leaders need? Find the answers at this month RT meeting with information on the High Adventure Team training courses for 2005. The foundation for this training is the HAT Core course, a prerequisite for **all** the other courses! This course will be in January at Camp Herms, so sign up ASAP. In addition to this discussion, do you have winter equipment, clothing, and outing ideas for the group? Bring them with you.

### TRAINING

Youth Protection Training is highly recommended for all leaders and adults in direct contact with youth. It is a comprehensive training course on the do's and don'ts of working with youth. At all times, the youths' safety is the number one priority. As a leader, you also need to know the rules for keeping yourself safe too! This training is available online at [www.bsa-mdsc.org](http://www.bsa-mdsc.org) and takes about an hour. Silvergate District is offering it on November 18, 7-9 PM at the United Methodist Church.

### BLOOD DRIVE

Venture Crew 78 is holding a blood drive on Sat., Nov 13 from 8-12 A. M. at the Veteran's Memorial Hall, 1150 First St., Benicia. Minimum age to donate is 16 (with a parent). Call 745-1932 for more information.

### COASTAL CLEAN-UP

Scouts and adult leaders again provided the largest group of the folks turning out in the District for Coastal Clean-up. Across the District more than eight hundred people volunteered their time. In Vallejo alone the total clean-up included: 9490 lbs. of trash, 1400 lbs. of steel, 488 lbs. of recyclables, 4 Car Batteries, over 5 gallons of oil, 1 gallon of antifreeze, 2 gallons of paint, & 10 aerosol cans

### Fire-Up for Scouting-

The Silver Gate District had a terrific turnout on September 23<sup>rd</sup> for Fire-Up for Scouting. Over fifty new scouts registered across this District to and another ten who still have some paperwork to complete. Thanks again to everyone who helped significantly increase new scout turnout.

### WOOD BADGE

Congratulations to Eric & Diane Freeman and Mike Llewellyn for their recent attendance at Wood Badge Training. Silvergate Scouters involved in putting it on were Rose Tishler & Karen Coleman.

### DISTRICT CALENDAR

The full district calendar is now available on-line at [www.bsa-mdsc.org](http://www.bsa-mdsc.org) This will give you the opportunity to learn about training and other up coming events sooner.

### LOST AND FOUND

The lost and found pile is steadily growing and includes items from Conservation Day and Camporee. If you are missing something, contact Michelle Larson-Speir at [appletreedesigns@juno.com](mailto:appletreedesigns@juno.com)