

# Silver Gate Newsletter



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## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

- 12 Scouting for Food Bag Distribution
- 17 Commissioners Meeting, UMC
- 19 Scouting for Food – pick-up

### 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
- 7 & 14 Race Day Clinic
- 18 Fire Up for Scouting
- 19 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 21 Pow Wow
- 25 FOS Presenters Orientation

**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: “Faith, Hope, and Charity”** is the theme for December. Join us in getting ideas for celebrating and sharing family traditions and faiths, hopes for the future, and charity to all. Share ideas for holiday service projects! Then let’s get those scouts outdoors for some winter activities such as stargazing or a moonlight walk. For Cub and Webelos leaders we will go into “Scouts with Special Needs”. In addition Webelos leaders will get ideas on the Craftsman and Scientist Activity Badges. Cubmasters and Committee people will brainstorm Pack service projects for the

year. All this and games, crafts, and projects for the holidays and songs, too! Please welcome a new member to the Silvergate Roundtable Staff. Mr. Dave Eubanks has joined us on the Cub side and will be available for all those Administrative and Cubmaster questions! We would like to thank Jan and Eric Jacobsen for all their inspiration and enthusiasm in bringing the scouting spirit to our roundtable and Pow Wow. **Boy Scouts: “The Unknown Roundtable”!** Come join us in a surprise discussion of the many aspects of Boy Scouts. Come with any and all questions! We will have a guest leader for the Boy Scout split for a couple of months while Chuck Speir is off to Oklahoma for some Air Force training.

### 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.

### Wood Badge

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

### Scouting for Food

Dave Sweet has stepped up to the plate and taken on the role of coordinating the Silver Gate District’s Scouting for Food drive. If you haven’t received your bags or have questions, please contact him at (707) 494-8687 BEFORE 9 p.m.

### Popcorn

It’s not too late to sell some more popcorn! All units must have their orders in with the online order system by Monday, Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>. Also, the competition and prizes for the best seller in the District still rages on. The best Boy Scout

and Cub Scout seller in the District will be receiving a separate prize as District Sales Champion. Winners will be announced at the December Roundtable. For questions, e-mail Eric Freeman, Silver Gate District Popcorn Chair, at silvergate\_popcorn@yahoo.com

### Training

Thanks to Rose Tishler and her crew for another successful NLE and Outdoor Skills session. A good time was had by all.

### 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](http://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 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 and picking grapes to raise money for Hurricane

Katrina victims. Hats off to all Scouts who give to their community!

### **Camping**

Pack 12 once again had a banner year for some amazing camping trips. April saw us on an overnight trip to Brannan Island State Park in the Delta, and June saw the Pack returning to the Malakoff Diggins for the Humbug Festival. If you or your Pack are interested in doing more camping, we heartily recommend it.

There's nothing like toasting marshmallows over a campfire in a beautiful place while hearing some of our Scouts tell fanciful tales of mystery and mayhem as well as some truly original jokes.

If you would like to know more about just how easy it is to pull off a great camping trip your boys and adults will remember for the rest of their lives, just see Paul Roberts, Diane Freeman, Eric Freeman or Claude Smith at Roundtable, or call Paul Roberts at (707) 557-2215.