



Silver Gate Newsletter

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CALENDAR


OCTOBER 2004

- 7 Commissioner's Meeting @UMC
- 7 Roundtable: 7:30-9:00 @UMC
- 12 Eagle Seminar, 7-8:30, UMC
- 14 District Comm Meeting: 7:30 UMC
- 16 New Leader Training
- 22-23 Scoutmaster Outdoor Skills
- 23 Sea Scouts Safety Day

NOVEMBER 2004

- 4 Commissioner's Meeting UMC
 - 4 Recharter Workshop/Roundtable: 7:30-9:00 UMC
 - 6 Scouting for Food bag distribution
 - 11 District Comm. Meeting: 7:30 UMC
 - 13 Scouting for Food bag pick-up
 - 18 Youth Protection Training 7-9, UMC
- UMC is the First United Methodist Church and is located at the corner of Sonoma Blvd. and Virginia St. in Vallejo.**

ROUNDTABLE NEWS


 Welcome to all of our involved leaders - new and old - cubmasters, scoutmasters, committee members, and parents. We will update you on recruiting, popcorn sales, training, and many other exciting things going on in your district and then break into groups. **CUB SCOUTS:** Join us for our Silvergate "Den Meeting". Get some great ideas for your November den meetings with the monthly theme "Cub Scout Collectors". Collecting offers each Cub Scout many opportunities to see and learn more about the world they live in. Share your ideas for advancement activities of den hikes, field trips, exploring and sharing! Have you made scrapbooks or collection boxes? Do your

Tigers have collector's buckets? Bring your own ideas for collecting to our den meeting. **WEBELOS:** Have your Webelos Scouts earned their Craftsman and Scientist Badges? Come get some ideas for hands-on activities for your den meetings as well as some fantastic outings for these two badges. **BOY SCOUTS:** We have a great year of roundtables planned out for all the leaders in Boy Scouts, Venturing, Varsity, and Sea Scouts! Our topic of discussion for this month will be **Courts of Honors**. Does your troop hold them – how often, where are they held, who plans them, and what purposes do they serve? Bring your ideas, opinions, resources, props, etc....to this group discussion.

ANNUAL DISTRICT BBQ

Thank you all for joining us at our yearly BBQ and cook-off. There were delicious potluck dishes and mouth-watering flank steaks barbecued by Pete McMullen and Dave Sweet. This year was our first annual AUCTION! There was a lot of fast and furious bidding for a wonderful selection of items. Much fun and laughter was had by all. We will do this again next year so if you have any special items to contribute, they would be very much appreciated.

Sea Scouts

 Scouters in uniform are invited to watch the Sea Scout Safety Day, October 23, at the Coast Guard facility on Yerba Buena Island. For more information contact Steve Johnson at smjmt@hotmail.com.

TRAINING

Put these dates on your calendar!!!
NLE/Position Specific training for Cub

and Boy Scouts – Saturday, October 16.
Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills
October 22-23. Location and times TBA.
Contact Michelle Larson-Speir at appletreedesigns@juno.com for more info.

POPCORN SALES

Wouldn't it be nice to fully fund your unit's Equipment, Uniforms, or Summer Camp? Popcorn sales are a great way to do this. The Lands-End Popcorn menu will continue to offer all your favorites including the 12oz Tins that all but sell themselves, and some new items including Kettle Corn.
Dates to remember:
Sept 24: Take order sales started.
November 1st Take Order sales and Prize Orders Due to Council.
November 12th Units pick up Take Order Popcorn and Prizes – Units must turn in a 12/17/04 Post-Dated check to collect Popcorn and Prizes. If your unit did not give Eric Freeman their Popcorn Chair's name, address, and e-mail, he needs them ASAP. Questions? Contact Eric at silvergate_popcorn@yahoo.com.

EAGLE SEMINAR

October 12th is the date to save if you have a scout ready to work on his Eagle Rank. This seminar is to assist Scouts in knowing what is required to attain their Eagle Rank.

RECRUITING

 Silver Gate District is poised for growth across all types of scouting units thanks to Paul Roberts, the new District Membership Chair. If you know of some place you could leave Scouting fliers or magazines, please contact Paul @ paul_roberts@prparch.com

