

Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2005

- 6 District Committee 6-7:15, UMC
- 6 Roundtable 7:30-9:30, UMC
- 11 Eagle Seminar, UMC, 554-0359
- 15 NLE (TBA)
- 20 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 21-22 Scoutmaster Outdoor Skills

NOVEMBER 2005

- 3 District Committee 6-7:15, UMC
- 3 Roundtable 7:30-9:30, UMC
- 12 Scouting for Food Bag Distribution
- 17 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 19 Scouting for Food – Pick up

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

Roundtable News

Join us for the latest monthly news and updates on the upcoming events for our district. We will then hold a joint session with everyone on safety in scouting. How well prepared are your leaders, adults, and scouts for an emergency? Topics we hope to cover include health and safety issues of all kinds, tour permits, insurance, Guide to Safe Scouting, emergency preparedness on outings, at camp, on a hike at a meeting etc... What kinds of activities are the scouts allowed to participate in? Do you know? Come join us in this very important roundtable meeting. After our general discussion we will go into the Cub and Boy Scout splits. On the **Boy Scout** side you will continue the discussion of safety. There are many

areas of safety to consider when going on an outing with your scouts. Are you involved in Venturing or Sea Scouts? There are additional health and safety issues in these units. What about high adventure outings, hikes, cold weather, etc... Is your troop well prepared to handle any emergency that may occur? Join us with your questions and suggestions. On the **Cub Scout** side we will go into den and pack meeting safety, as well as safety issues to keep in mind on a hike, an outing to a pool, riding bikes, using tools, a field trip of any kind, etc...! Do your cub scouts have their own water bottles? Do you have a unit or den first aid kit? Are your medical forms and records up to date in your unit? All these and many other questions will be discussed at this very important meeting. Maybe a song or two and a game to go with the theme to finish up the evening!!!

POPCORN!!!!

Yes, popcorn time is approaching once again. For every unit that had a great year in Scouting here is your chance to help repeat it next year with a successful Popcorn selling season. Going to Philmont next year? Wolfboro? Cherry Valley? Then be sure to help yourself achieve your goals of financing your camp with this fundraiser. Cub Scouts can get into the spirit as well and show the Boy Scouts they can out sell them. We need a Popcorn Chair for each unit this year to track the sales of scouts in their units and enter them into the Trails-End web site at the end of the sale. Internet access is required so please decide this year's chairperson and have them e-mail Eric Freeman, Silver Gate District Finance Chairman in Popcorn sales at

silvergate_popcorn@yahoo.com

Invisible Volunteer

This month's "Invisible Volunteer" recognition goes to Merrell Beckham who comes early to unlock the church for our many events and stays till everyone leaves to lock up.

EAGLE SEMINAR

This seminar on October 11th is to assist Scouts and their parents in knowing what is required to attain Eagle Rank. Contact Merrell Beckham, District Advancement Chair, 554-0359 for questions.

COASTAL CLEAN-UP

Thank you to all who participated in the annual Coastal Clean-up. This is not only a worth while event, but also lets the community see Scouts helping make their community a better place.

FIRE UP FOR SCOUTING

Once again thanks go to all who participated in this fall's Fire Up for Scouting. Our fall recruitment drive is an important part of the recruitment process and we couldn't do it without all the volunteers who manned the information areas at the Fire Stations.

LEADER TRAINING

It's not too late to sign up for New Leaders Essentials and Scoutmaster Outdoor Skills which will be held on Oct 15, 21 & 22. Contact Rose Tishler (Tishler@sbcglobal.net) for registration information.