

# Silver Gate Newsletter



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## CALENDAR

### JANUARY 2008

- 3 District Comm. Meeting UMC 6:00
- 3 Roundtable 7:30-9:00, UMC
- 4 Eagle Recognition Dinner
- 12 Race Day Clinic 1-4 Elks Lodge
- 17 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 19 PowWow
- 20 Race Day Clinic 1-4, Elks Lodge
- 24 FOS Coordinators Orientation

### FEBRUARY 2008

- 2 Race Day 12-4 VFW Hall Benicia
- 3 Scout Sunday
- 7 District Comm. Meeting UMC 6:00
- 7 Roundtable 7:30-9:00, UMC
- 9 Merit Badge Workshop

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

### ROUNDTABLE NEWS

**Cub Scout Leaders:** We are changing things around this month and covering the current month's theme. Join us in the theme for January "**Cub Scout Car Show**". Come get ideas for your January Den and Pack meetings. We will sing songs, play games, do a few activities, and discuss where to go on field trips. Have you held a Pinewood Derby in your unit? Let's discuss some ideas to make it a success. Explore ways to teach your scouts fair play and respect for others in victory and defeat. Help them gain confidence by building their own pinewood derby cars. We will discuss what is involved in a successful Blue and Gold Banquet for **Cub Scout Leaders**.

**Webelos Leaders** will cover the Arrow of Light Award as well as the Fitness and Scientist Activity Badges. **Cubmasters and Committee people** we will discuss planning for Pack Derbies as well as Pack Communication. **Boy Scout Leaders:** Join us in a discussion of Webelos to Scout Transition. What is needed to make this a successful transition? How do you prepare for new scouts coming into your unit? What contributes to a higher retention rate of new scouts in a troop? All these question and others will be asked and discussed at our monthly meeting of Boy Scout, Venturer, Sea Scout, and Varsity Scout Leaders.

### POWOW

"**Cubs in Storybook Land**" is the theme for POW WOW 2008. What is Pow Wow? It is the annual Cub Scout Leader Training Event of the year! Pow Wow is a great opportunity to meet other Scouters, share ideas and have Cub Scout FUN! There will be classes in Crafts, Cooking, Games, Cub Scout Programs and much more. It is open to leaders, parents, or any other involved adult. It will be a full day of fun, inspiration, and ideas that will enhance your Pack or Den programs. **Date:** January 19, 2008. **Time:** 8am to 4pm. **Location:** St. Patrick/St. Vincent High School, 1500 Benicia Rd. Vallejo. Register online at [www.mdsc-bsa.org/powwow.html](http://www.mdsc-bsa.org/powwow.html)

**Attention all Unit Leaders:** Den Chief Training will be held at POW WOW. Send your Boy Scouts to this great training that will help them to fulfill troop leadership requirements, earn the Den Chief Award, and most importantly to help them to work effectively with their selected Cub Scout Den Leader. Pre-registration is recommended as this

course fills up quickly. Register same as above.

### RACE DAY

Silver Gate 500 – the District Pinewood Derby. will be held in the VFW Hall in Benicia on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Since everyone had such a great time last year, we are again inviting youth and their families from our local communities of American Canyon, Vallejo and Benicia to participate as well as all Scouts from Tigers through Venturers. For questions, times and costs, please contact Mark Nichols, 415-613-0727 or Claude Smith, 707-552-1196.

### EAGLE RECOGNITION DINNER

The annual Gold Scout/Eagle Scout recognition dinner will be held on January 4, 2008. All are encouraged to come to this dinner that honors all Boy Scouts who earned their Eagle Rank and all Girl Scouts who earned their Gold Award during 2007. Call the Elks Lodge to see if there is still space available.

### FOS

It's that time of the year again! The 2008 Friends of Scouting (FOS) Campaign will be kicking off in February. We would like to attend the Blue & Gold, Court of Honor, parents meeting, or any such event in Feb. where everyone in your unit is in attendance with their parents to give a short presentation for the FOS campaign. The Council gives us many tools to help Unit leaders provide a quality program for our scouts, and this is our opportunity to give them some assistance in return. Please let Eric Freeman know ASAP the date/time and location of your event to [silvergate\\_popcorn@yahoo.com](mailto:silvergate_popcorn@yahoo.com).

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 30 minutes.

## CAMPOREE

Planning has started for the 2008 Camporee whose theme is World Jamboree. If you are interested in being on staff, contact Claude Smith at [cubmaster\\_pack12@sbcglobal.net](mailto:cubmaster_pack12@sbcglobal.net) or 552-1196, or come to the planning meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the UMC.

## DAY CAMP

We welcome Margaret Bartholomew who has stepped forward to be our new Day Camp Director!

## CONSERVATION DAY

We are in need of someone to step forward to be in charge of District Conservation Day, scheduled for May 3. If you are interested in this role, please contact our District Chair, Paul Roberts at 557-2215

