

Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

JANUARY 2009

- 6 Eagle Recognition Dinner
- 8 District Comm. Meeting 6:15 UMC
- 8 Roundtable 7:30-9:00 UMC
- 10 Univ. of Scouting/PowWow (L.E.A.D.)
- 15 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 17 Race Day Clinic 1:00-3:00 Elks Lodge
- 22 FOS Coordinators Orientation
- 24 Race Day Clinic 1:00-3:00 Elks Lodge

FEBRUARY 2009

- 5 District Comm. Meeting 6:15 UMC
- 5 Roundtable 7:30-9:00 UMC
- 6 Council Recognition Dinner
- 7 Race Day TBA
- 8 Scout Sunday
- 14 District Merit Badge Workshop
- 19 Commissioners Meeting UMC

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: "American ABCs" is the theme for February! *We always introduce our leaders to the next month's theme. So come get ideas for your February Den and Pack meetings. We will sing some songs, play some games, do a few activities, and discuss where to go on field trips. Take your Cub Scouts on a trip through history and across the nation as they discover what America has to offer. They will learn to honor America as all scouts should. **Cub Leaders** will have fun with Rainy-Day Activities. **Webelos Leaders** discuss activity badges and using your resources. Check out ideas for Scientist, Scholar, and Engineer.

Cubmasters and Committee people let's check out ideas for uniforming your scouts and how to hold a pack uniform inspection. Are you planning any Scouting Anniversary activities for your unit? **PS** we will have some ideas for the January theme "**A-MAZE-ing**" Games". **Boy Scout Leaders:** We will be discussing **Hobbies** and how to incorporate that program feature into your troop meetings and January activities. There will be a **guest speaker** that you won't want to miss. It isn't too soon to plan for summer camp and how to prepare your Scouts, including your first year campers. Join us to share ideas on this and many other subjects!

RACE DAY

It's not too soon to start planning your car for the Silver Gate 500 – the District Pinewood Derby. It will be held on February 7th with clinics being held in Jan. Clinic locations are the Elks Lodge. For questions and fees call Mark Nichols at 415-613-0727.



SCOUT SUNDAY

Mark your calendars for the annual Scout service and brunch. This event will be on February 9 at the First United Methodist Church in Vallejo. Scouts & Scouters in uniform are encouraged to come to the service and help serve the brunch.



FOS

Friends of Scouting is coming. Eric Freeman, FOS chair, would like to be able to attend a meeting with all the units in the District in the Feb. or March where most parents come, so I can go over the

FOS details with everyone. For Cub Scout Packs their Blue and Gold is a great time; for Troops and Crews a committee meeting or Court of Honor works well. Please let me know via e-mail ASAP of the details of your event to silvergate_popcorn@yahoo.com Eric Freeman

DISTRICT DINNER

Join us for a trip back to 1909 aboard the Silver Gate train. Reserve the date, April 16, 2009, 6:30 PM. It will be an evening of food, fun and adult recognition. It's not too early to start thinking about whom you want to nominate for the District Award of Merit or your Unit Scouter.

DAY CAMP

Many of the Packs will be putting together their annual calendar. All the Cub Scientists need to mark the calendar for Cub Scout Day Camp. Silver Gate Science Busters will be in the lab at Hanns Park, Aug 3-7 2009. Be there and discover the fun of Silver Gate Cub Scout Day Camp.



POWWOW/UNIVERSITY OF SCOUTING/L.E.A.D.

This new, combined event, now being called L.E.A.D. (Leader Education and Discovery) will be Saturday, Jan. 10, 2009 at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill. In one place you can find, ceremonies, cooking, high adventure, meeting ideas, camping, derbies, advancement, backpacking, team sports, games, shooting sports, and more! Cost is \$35. Questions? - powwowuos@ymail.com

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add information: [http://www.bsa-
mdsc.org/training/uos.php](http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/training/uos.php)