

Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

JANUARY 2010

- 7 District Comm. Meeting 6:15 UMC
- 7 Roundtable 7:30-9:00 UMC
- 9 Race Day Clinic Elks Lodge 2-4pm
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- 21 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 23 LEAD See Training Page
- 30 MDSC Anniversary Gala

FEBRUARY 2010

- 4 District Comm. Meeting 6:15 UMC
- 4 Roundtable 7:30-9:00 UMC
- 6 Race Day VFW Hall Benicia
- 13 District Merit Badge Shindig
- 14 Scout Sunday
- 18 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

CUB SCOUTS: Cub Scout Roundtable is a great place to meet and network with fellow Scouters, hear the latest information about District events, and continue Leader training. At the January Roundtable we'll be talking birthdays...to be specific the 100th Birthday of Scouting and what we can do to celebrate. We'll be sharing ideas for February Pack and Den meetings, Blue and Gold festivities, and trying out crafts and games. We'll talk about how to preserve memories and showcase the Cub Scouts with Den scrapbooks and Pack histories. Let's help each other, new and experienced, with program ideas and support to improve our

Packs and Dens. Questions? Call or email Jeremy Lowe for Cub Scout Roundtable information at 707-554-9542 or pack118@gmail.com. **Boy Scouts:** Stay tuned at Roundtable for details about the split for January.

EAGLE SCOUT

RECOGNITION DINNER

Many thanks go to the Elks Lodge for once again hosting the Eagle Scout/Gold Award dinner. The Eagle Class of 2009 will be listed in the February issue.



Scouting For Food

Thank you to all who participated in this very worthy cause. Sadly, the amount collected was down 48% from last year. Benicia had 2726 lbs., and Vallejo collected. 2564 Lbs. American Canyon had not reported at press time. The Solano County total was 13299 Lbs.

TRAINING

Happy New Year from the training staff for the Silver Gate District Distinct! In 2010, we will be pushing towards 100% trained. We have plenty of training opportunities in the upcoming months. Please let me know if there is any training needs I can help with. Mike Rettinhouse at (707) 479-6430, marettin@sbcglobal.net.

RACE DAY



It's not too soon to start prepping and revving up your cars for the Silver Gate 500 – the District Pinewood Derby.

It will be held from 12pm to 4pm on

Saturday February 6th at the VFW Hall, 1150 1st St, Benicia, with clinics being held in January at the Elks Lodge in Vallejo. Questions? Call or email Jeremy Lowe at 707-554-9542 or pack118@gmail.com.

SCOUT SUNDAY



Another upcoming event is Scout Sunday and brunch.

This annual event will be on February 14 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

It is time again for our annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) fundraising drive for the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council. In February and March we want every parent to hear the FOS presentation. This is usually done either at a Blue or Gold, Court of Honor or parents meeting. I need every unit to contact me with the details of when I may speak to your unit at silvergate_popcorn@yahoo.com. Stay tuned for a date in January to pass out the cards to each unit for FOS. Eric Freeman Finance Chairman, Silver Gate District

UPCOMING EVENT

Silver Gate District is planning an entry in the Vallejo 4th of July parade to celebrate the 100th year of Scouting. With 100+ Scouts and Scouters marching in the parade, we can send a powerful statement. What we need besides participants is for each unit to bring their unit flag. A flyer will be developed and handed out along the route to re-introduce

us to Vallejo. For questions:
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