

Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2008

- 2 Race Day 12-4 VFW Hall Benicia
- 3 Scout Sunday UMC
- 7 District Comm. Meeting UMC 6:00
- 7 Roundtable 7:30-9:30 UMC
- 9 Merit Badge Workshop
- 21 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 23 Nor Cal Commissioner's Conference

MARCH 2008

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- 6 District Comm. Meeting UMC 6:00
- 6 Roundtable 7:30-9:00, UMC
- 20 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: "Litter to Glitter" 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. Bring some recyclables down and we will have fun with Scrap Crafts! Go on a tour of VALCORE Recycling to learn how much of our litter is recyclable. Take a litter-picking hike at a local park. Don't forget to be safe!

Boy Scouts: "Scout to First Class in a Year" Join us in a discussion of what it

takes to advance your new scouts. Learn how to plan your program to include outings, activities, advancement camps, summer camp, and merit badge sessions to help your scouts' progress in rank. Have some suggestions to share? Bring them down and join the discussion at our monthly gathering of Boy Scout, Venture, Sea Scout, and Varsity Scout leaders and parents.

EAGLE CLASS of 2007



The annual Gold Scout/Eagle Scout recognition dinner was held in January.

We thank the Vallejo Elks Lodge and the chef, Pete McMullen, for again providing the dinner in recognition of these young men. The Eagle Class of 2007 includes the following scouts:

- Patrick Johannessen, Troop 64
- Joshua Wilkinson, Troop 77
- Neil Chaney, Troop 77
- Richard Judd, Troop 495
- Jason Coleman, Troop 7
- Terry Thompson, Troop 8
- Jake Loughridge, Troop 77
- Benjamin Diehl, Troop 64
- Matthew Speir Troop, 77
- Cody Hilton, Troop 77
- Troy Patton, Troop 77
- David Faucher, Troop 8
- Andrew Bloomdal, Team 71
- Stephen Montez, Troop 77
- Robert McKinley, Troop 8

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 Scoutmaster_Troop77@yahoo.com.

SILVER GATE 500



Silver Gate 500, the District Race Day, will be held in the VFW Hall

(1150 1st St.) in Benicia on February 2nd. 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. Entry fee is \$7.00 with a car; \$2 if no car. Weigh in starts at noon with the races starting at 1:00.

SCOUT SUNDAY



Scout Sunday is February 3rd, 2008. Service begins at 9:15. After a short service the Scouts serve a pancake brunch to the church members. All Scouts and their families are encouraged to come show support for the UMC who gives us so

much support over the year. Class A uniforms are appropriate for this event. A special offering is always taken during the service to buy blankets for the Church World Service Tools of Hope and Blankets Program.

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 or 552-1196, or come to the planning meetings on the 3rd 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 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.

POWWOW

Many thanks to all who assisted at the last PowWow held in January. Next year this annual Cub Scout leader training is being combined with the University of Scouting.