

Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

MARCH 2010

- 4 District Comm. Meeting 6:15 UMC
- 4 Roundtable 7:30-9:00 UMC
- 6 BALOO
- 13 District Service Project UMC
- 13 CPR training – Amer. Red Cross
- 18 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 27-28 Outdoor Leader Training

APRIL 2010

- 1 District Comm. Meeting 6:15 UMC
- 1 Roundtable 7:30-9:00 UMC
- 10 Den Chief Training
- 13 District Service Project UMC
- 15 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 16-18 N. CA Regional Jamboree

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. We'll be "Springing into Action" with the April theme and we'll be figuring out how to blow out the winter cob webs and go hiking. We will sing some songs, play some games, do a few activities, and discuss the Cub Scout Academics and Sports Program! Do you have a summertime program planned? If you don't – learn the benefits!! 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 April.

TRAINING

We will be conducting BALOO training on March 6th from 8:30 to 4:00 at the Vallejo Elks Lodge. On March 27th and 28th we will be conducting Outdoor Leadership Training (OLS) at the Vallejo Elks Lodge, from 8:00 am on Saturday until noon on Sunday. April 10th we will be holding our first ever district Den Chief training. This is an excellent introduction into leadership for your scouts. For more information contact Mike Rettinhouse at 479-6430 or marettin@sbcglobal.net.

NOTE FROM THE CHAIR

To all the Silver Gate Family - Happy 100th Birthday! Ralph Waldo Emerson said "Life is a succession of lessons, which must be lived to be understood." What better words can describe Scouting? In developing the youth of today, we build a world for tomorrow by learning as we go, living by specific rules and serving the Promise and Law.

100 YEARS OF HISTORY

Be sure to go to the Benicia Historical Museum's 100 years of scouting display. It runs until June 1 and the museum is open from Wed-Sun 1-4 pm. Articles on display include uniforms, badges, pins, handbooks. Boy's life covers, Pinewood Derby cars and much more. The museum is located at 2060 Camel Road, Benicia. Call 745-5435 for fees and more information.

BRIDGING CEREMONIES

Don't forget that the Order of the Arrow is available to help with bridging ceremonies. To schedule them, contact Chuck Skelton or Zachary Freeman at zjmom68@yahoo.com.

DISTRICT DINNER

Join us for the **Silver Gate Dinner** on May 14, 2010 at the Vallejo Elk's Lodge #559. Tickets will be \$20 each. For reservations: silvergatedinner@gmail.com or call 707-551-4696. Don't forget to submit your nominations for the District Award of Merit.

DISTRICT SERVICE PROJECT

March 13 is the day Silver Gate Scouts and Scouters will help the United Methodist Church with building maintenance projects. They never charge us for the many meetings we hold in their facility so we encourage all units to participate in helping them out. Details will be announced at the March Roundtable and via Doubleknot.

JULY 4TH PARADE

With the 100th anniversary of Scouting upon us I would like to give the people of Vallejo a show of just how strong a program we have by having a Silver Gate District entry in the Vallejo 4th of July parade. More details to come in future editions.

DAY CAMP

It's not too soon to be thinking about day camp which will be held at Hann's Park in Vallejo from Aug. 2-6th. This is a wonderful experience for cubs so start talking it up to your packs.