

Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

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

MAY 2010

- 1 District Conservation Project
- 6 District Comm. Meeting 6:15 UMC
- 6 Roundtable 7:30-9:00 UMC
- 14 District Dinner
- 20 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 28-30 Ancient Mariner's Regatta
- 29 Veteran's Flags/Memorial Day

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. Cub Scouts love to show off. This month they'll have their moment "In the Spotlight" – the theme for April. Have a Pack variety show with skits, songs, puppet shows, and magic tricks. The boys can take turns to shine in the spotlight. We will sing some songs, play games, do activities. We'll discuss how to make use of your Den Chiefs. Let's help each other, new and experienced, with program ideas and support to improve our Packs and Dens. Questions? Contact Jeremy Lowe for

information at 707-554-9542 or pack118@gmail.com. **Boy Scouts:** Stay tuned at Roundtable for details about the split for April.

TRAINING

On 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 maretin@sbcglobal.net.

MERIT BADGE SHINDIG

The Merit Badge Shindig was a great success. I want to thank all of the merit badge counselors for their time and for helping make the shindig the success that it was and for giving their time to help the boys in our district. Thank you to all the troop leaders for their support in encouraging their boys to attend the Shindig. Diane Freeman

RACE DAY

Modern day NASCAR racing takes place on multi-million pound facilities, using highly sophisticated machines, piloted by super-rich drivers. The Silver Gate 500 on the other hand is a more modest affair yet the passion of the racers, the sound of screaming racing machines and the smell of burning rubber is all there. Cub Scouts from all over the Silver Gate District put the sander to the wood, so they could get the pedal to the metal. Cars of all designs were prepared for Pack and District races – tuned and polished to perfection. All the racers were winners but there do have to be champions and for 2010 they were Aiden Dinneen for the Tigers, Austin Barlow for the Cub Scouts, and Kenneth Metcalf for the Webelos. Congratulations to them and thanks to all those Boy Scouts, Venture Scouts and Scouters who

helped put on another successful year of Silver Gate Pinewood Derby racing.

DISTRICT

CONSERVATION DAY

Watch for a Doubleknot announcement about the details for this year's District Conservation project which will be on May 1 in American Canyon.

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 by the April Roundtable.

DAY CAMP

The blueprints are ready, and the permits are in place, it's almost time to start our latest **CUBSTRUCTION** project Cub Scout Day Camp. To complete the project on time we must start exactly 8:00 a.m. August 2 - 6. Cubs will participate in swimming, archery and loads of other Cub Scout fun. To keep the project on budget, the cost is only \$100 for 5 days spent Cubstructing a well built Cub Scout. But there's more - if your Cub Scout has an adult partner willing to slap on their tool belt and volunteer the 5 days of camp you will get \$75 back. In addition to Cub Scouts we need adult volunteers and Boy Scouts and Venture Scouts willing to be Den Chiefs. Every

Cub Scout will want to attend so register now at <http://www.bsa-mdsc.org/silvergate/daycamp.php> Day Camp will be followed by the Webelos Overnighter on Aug 6-7th.