

Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

September 2008

- 4 District Comm. Meeting 6:15 UMC
- 4 Roundtable 7:30-9:00 UMC
- 18 Commissioners Meeting
- 18 Fire-up for Scouting
- 20 Coastal Cleanup

OCTOBER 2008

- 2 District Comm. Meeting 6:15 UMC
- 2 Roundtable 7:30-9:00 UMC
- 11 NLE/Position Specific Training
- 16 Commissioners Meeting
- 17-18 Scoutmaster Outdoor Skills
- 18 Council Den Chief Training (see training page)

UMC is the First United Methodist Church and is located at the corner of Sonoma Blvd. and Virginia St. in Vallejo.

ROUNDTABLE NEWS

Join us in September as we kick-off a new year of scouting! We will be having a BBQ and potluck. Please bring a dish to share if you like. Come on down and check out the upcoming events for the year. We will have our usual announcements then break into our splits for Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts. **NEW LEADERS** ~ we would love to meet you and introduce you to our monthly roundtable sessions! We would love to see our continuing leaders as well to help us start off the new year with a bang. *There might even be a few give-aways to bring the pizzazz into your programs!* **Cub Scout Leaders:** September's theme is "New Buddies" and October's theme is "Adventure in Books". *We always introduce our leaders to the next month's

theme. So come get inspiration for not only your October den and pack meetings but for the September theme as well. Wonderful opportunities await! A new year, new ideas, and new friends. Have your Cub Scouts bring a buddy to join the fun and adventure of Cub Scouting. The boys can share the lessons learned in scouting – respect, kindness, cooperation, and friendship through games, activities, songs, and skits. For another great adventure get your scouts involved in discovering books with the theme for October. Come on down explore the world of books with your Cub Scout Roundtable staff and get ideas for this very special monthly theme to take back to your unit. **Boy Scout Leaders:** We have a mystery theme for our first meeting of the year! Join us in a lively discussion of what it takes to be a successful leader in our local units. Have some experiences and suggestions to share? Bring them down to our monthly gathering of Boy Scout, Venture, Sea Scout, and Varsity Scout leaders and parents. Let us know what you want out of your Boy Scout Roundtable.

DAY CAMP/WEBELOS OVERNIGHTER

Many thanks go to Jan Jacobsen, Donna Livingston-Fitch, Mike Rettinhouse and their helpers for yet another successful day camp and Webelos overnighiter held in August.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

As we move into a new school year, there are some new faces in some positions and some familiar faces moving to different positions. Many, many thanks go to Ken Lambert for his 6 years of outstanding

service as our District Commissioner! He has accepted the position of VP of Membership and Relations for the Council. His position as District Commissioner has been filled with our own Chuck Speir. Donna Livingston-Fitch has accepted the reins for Membership Chair from Paul Roberts. We very much appreciate those who have stepped forward and those who are moving on!

POPCORN SALES

It's Popcorn time again here at Silvergate!!! Remember that a successful Popcorn selling season can allow your unit to be able to focus on the program, and allow you more FUN and less FUND raising. Now of course Popcorn does put the Fun into Fund raising. Dates to remember are: **August 22nd** Show and Sell Orders due into the Council and placed on-line, **September 5th** Show and Sell Orders delivered to the Council. **October 10** Show and Take orders and prize orders due into the Council and placed on-line **October 24th** Show and take orders delivered. Distribution will be at Hussey's Storage in Benicia once again. Also on Friday September 12th I will be bringing back the Salesmanship Merit Badge seminar where we focus on techniques and strategies for a wildly successful selling season and get a Merit Badge to boot. We need all units to send me an E-mail with the name of that unit's Popcorn Chair. Internet access will be required as the orders are entered on-line. Please send me ASAP the name and e-mail address to the email listed above. for access to the Popcorn system. Eric Freeman Silver Gate Popcorn "Kernel"