

Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2007

- 4 District Comm. Meeting UMC 6:00
- 4 Roundtable 7:30-9:00, UMC
- 6 Scout-O-Rama
- 13 NLE / Position Specific Training
- 19 Scoutmaster Outdoor Skills TBA
- 18 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 20 Outdoor Leader Training (See article)

NOVEMBER 2007

- 1 District Comm. Meeting UMC 6:00
- 1 Roundtable/Rechartering Workshop 7:30-9:00, UMC
- 10 Scouting for Food bag distribution
- 15 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 15 Youth Protection Training (Live)
- 17 Scouting for Food bag collection
- 17 Veteran's Day Flags

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: "Celebrations Around the World" is the theme for November! *We always introduce our leaders to the next month's theme. So come get ideas for your November Den and Pack meetings. We will sing some songs, play some games, do a few activities, and discuss where to go on field trips. Take your scouts on a trip around the world! Show them maps and globes. Display symbols of holidays from around the world. Take them to a museum, invite a speaker to talk about their culture, and listen to other cultures' music and learn about their instruments. Do you know how to earn the Heritage Belt Loop? **Cub Leaders-we**

will discuss Den Ceremonies; **Webelos Leaders**-take a look at the Craftsman and Scientist Badges plus joint troop activities; and **Cubmasters and Committee people**-let's cover advancement ceremonies. Also I know it's early but it is time to start planning out your Blue and Golds!

Boy Scouts: This month we are going to discuss the "Nuts and Bolts" of choosing your scouts Eagle Project – choosing, planning, carrying it out and writing it up. We welcome all scout leaders and parents in Boy Scouts, Venturing, Sea Scouts, and Varsity to sit in on this discussion. Bring your ideas and resources to share. We would also like to invite any scouts who approaching Eagle to come sit in on this session.

Training

We will have Position Specific Training Sessions for Cub Scouts, Webelos, and Boy Scouts on October 13th. TBA is an NLE Session for this same day. We may hold it prior to this on a weeknight. Outdoor Leader Training will be held on October 20th at Camp Coombs in Napa. More info to follow with fliers and Silver Gate e-mail. For more information contact Michelle Speir – 645-0231 or appletreedesigns@juno.com PS-I need trainers especially in the Boy Scout sessions. Please contact me if you are interested in joining the training team. We hold trainings only twice a year so your commitment would be limited.

Changes, Changes

Paul Roberts has graciously stepped forward to try to fill Dave Thackrey's shoes as District Committee Chair. This leaves us looking for someone to fill

Paul's shoes as Membership Chair. Diane Freeman is moving on after 3 stints as Day Camp Director. Many thanks to both of them for all their hard work. We are looking for someone to replace Diane, also.



Coastal Cleanup

Hahn's Park and Blue Rock Springs

Park in Vallejo are much cleaner these days courtesy of all the Scouts & Scouters who turned out to help pick up trash. They joined many others in the area who turned out to clean our waterways.

Membership

The District held a very successful membership drive in Sept. We are looking to register at least 105 new cub scouts with the District this fall and hope to start 1-2 more packs. Recently two new units have been formed – Crew 7012 and Troop 12.

Scout-O-Rama

Mark your calendars for October 6th for Scout-O-Rama located at the new community Park by the new Wal-Mart in American Canyon. The event will run from 10am to 2pm and will be a great opportunity to Cubs, Boys, Venturing, and Sea Scouts to show off fun and exciting activities in order to recruit new members. For questions or to sign up your unit to help please contact James Murphy at (707) 556-3450 or JamesMurphy@Chevron.com.