

Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2009

- 1 District Comm. Meeting 6:15 UMC
- 1 Roundtable 7:30-9:00 UMC
- 10 Position Specific Training TBA
- 15 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 16-17 Scoutmaster Outdoor Skills TBA

NOVEMBER 2009

- 5 District Comm. Meeting 6:15 UMC
- 5 Roundtable 7:30-9:00 UMC
- 14 Scouting for Food Part 1
- 19 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 19 Youth Protection Training
- 21 Scouting for Food Part 2

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: “*Cub Scout Salute*” 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. Your Cub Scouts will be saluting the heroes who help keep them safe as well as developing good citizenship and friendly service with this theme. We will sing some songs, play some games, do a few activities, and discuss where to go on field trips! Do you know what the “Good Turn For America Project” is? Have your scouts earn the Citizenship belt loop and pin. Learn more at our October Roundtable!

Boy Scout Leaders: The program feature for October is **Nature** so we will be

discussing how to incorporate this topic into your meetings and your camping trips. Plans for your winter activities will be reviewed including snow camping. Please bring your ideas and questions that we can discuss as a group to our meeting so we will all gain new perspectives.

PERSONNEL CHANGES

After two years in the position **Paul Roberts** has stepped down as Silver Gate District Chairman. During this time Silver Gate achieved Quality District each year. The Council is delighted to announce Ms. Donna Livingston-Fitch has accepted the job as Silver Gate’s new District Chair. Donna has over 18 years of scouting experience in the Council and District. **Michelle Larson-Speir** is returning to Roundtable Staff after 9 years of being the Cub Scout Round Table Commissioner. During her time as Commissioner Michelle has brought many new and innovative ideas to the Cub Scout Leaders in the District. Jeremy Lowe of Pack 118 is succeeding her. Welcome to Donna and Jeremy in their new roles in Scouting. Paul and Michelle leave with our deepest appreciation and thanks for all they have done.

District Chair Notes

This is the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouting in America and this year promises many varied and exciting activities. I hope to see Silver Gate District leap forward into the future of Scouting as we celebrate our history. That leap is not going to be simple. In order to continue as a Quality District we have our work cut out for us. In order to see Boy Scouting itself continue as a vibrant, world changing organization we have to

reach deep into the communities where we live. As of September 1, 2009 there are only 192 registered Cub Scouts there the entire District. The only way to keep scouting alive is to bring the positive message of Scouting to the families in our community. Congratulations to all the units who have held successful recruitment nights. Still I ask each of you look around you and share the message and love of the Scouting program. Please, continue to bring in new or returning members and help keep Scouting alive and well in the Silver Gate District.

Training

On October 10th we will be holding position specific training. New Leader Essentials has been replaced by “This is Scouting” which is available on-line only. Oct. 16th and 17th is Outdoor Leadership training. Times and locations will be sent out via Doubleknot. Our goal is 100% trained leaders. Mike is also available for individual packs, troops and crew trainings (707 479-6430). Get your on line training done. It’s fast and easy.

Upcoming Events:

Veteran’s Day Flags: Mark your calendar for November 7 and 12 for this annual event where we place American flags on the Veterans’ graves at Sunrise Cemetery. We also need help to collect the flags on November 12.

Scouting for Food

It’s not too early to start planning for Scouting for Food that will be on November 14 & 21. Let Scouting for Food Chair, Dave Sweet know the area of the city you would like to work and how many door hangers you will need. He can be reached at desweet53@gmail.com.