

# Silver Gate Newsletter



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## CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER 2007

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

### DECEMBER 2007

- 6 District Comm. Meeting UMC 6:00
- 6 Winter Holiday Party
- 13 Commissioners Meeting UMC

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 December! We always introduce our leaders to the next month's theme so come get ideas for your December Den and Pack meetings. We will sing, play 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 and 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. I know it's early but it is time to start planning out your Blue and Golds!

**Boy Scouts: KNOTS, KNOTS, KNOTS, AND MORE KNOTS!** Join us in a session on the ins and outs of ropes, knots, lashings, and more. Challenge the others on special knots! Bring your favorite ropes, knot examples, tips and resources to share with our group of Boy Scout, Venture, Sea Scout, and Varsity Scout leaders, adults, and parents.

### TRAINING

Youth Protection Training is highly recommended for all leaders and adults in direct contact with youth. It is a comprehensive training course on the do's and don'ts of working with youth. At all times, the youths' safety is the number one priority. As a leader, you also need to know the rules for keeping yourself safe too! This training is available online at [www.bsa-mdsc.org](http://www.bsa-mdsc.org) and takes about 30 minutes. In the Silver Gate District we are offering it on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:30pm at the United Methodist Church. We also would like to welcome our new training chair, Dave Eubanks.

### Scout-O-Rama

Many thanks to all the units who participated in the recent Scout-O-Rama in American Canyon. James Murphy did a great job of organizing it. Thank you!

### CAMPOREE

The 2008 Camporee is already being planned. The theme is World Jamboree. If you are interested in being on staff,

contact Claude Smith at cubmaster\_pack12@sbcglobal.net, 552-1196, or come to the planning meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at the UMC.

### SCOUTING FOR FOOD

Nov 10 and 17<sup>th</sup> will be this year Scouting for Food Dates. Instead of plastic bags, we will be putting out door hangers asking for food donations for the local food bank. Let's see if we can collect more food than last year. Fliers will be handed out at the November Roundtable so be sure to come. Dave may be contacted at (707) 494-8687 BEFORE 9 p.m.



### VETERAN'S DAY FLAGS

Silver Gate Scouters – Join us once again in assisting the local VFW Post 1123 in

remembering our Veterans, this Veterans Day, by helping to place American flags on their graves at Sunrise Cemetery. We will be doing this annual service project on Saturday, November 10th. Please meet at 8:15am at Sunrise (Valle Vista Ave. and Sacramento St.) in Class A Uniforms and bring a large screwdriver. All Scouts are welcome! With all your help we should be done within two hours. (This also counts towards service hours.) Any questions-contact Chuck Speir at 645-0231.

### RACE DAY

It's not too soon to start planning your car for the Silver Gate 500 – the District Pinewood Derby. It will be held in the

VFW Hall in Benicia on February 2<sup>nd</sup>  
with clinics being held in Jan.