

Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2010

4 District Comm Meeting 6:00 UMC
 4 Roundtable 7:30 UMC
 6 Veteran's Flags
 6 Den Chief Training
 13 Scouting for Food Bag drop off
 20 Scouting for Food pick up
 18 Commissioners Meeting UMC

DECEMBER 2010

2 District Comm Meeting 6:00 UMC
 2 Winter Holiday Party
 16 Commissioners Meeting UMC
 28 Eagle Recognition Dinner

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

Roundtable News

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. **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. November's theme is "Blue & Gold". Find out about planning, ceremonies, invitations, decorations and program ideas. Let's help each other, new and experienced, with program ideas and support to improve our Packs and Dens. Questions? Call or email Jeremy Lowe for Cub Scout Roundtable information at 707-554-9542 or pack118@gmail.com. **Boy Scout Leaders:** At our November

Round Table Split, we will be discussing your Unit's involvement in Scouting for Food and how it is different than the Cub Scout's involvement. Also, how is your Unit doing on your Scouts' Advancement? Are there plans for them to complete badges and rank requirements that were started during Summer Camp? Please join us for this month's Split and bring someone new from your unit to this important meeting where we share information for Boy Scout, Venture and Crew leaders. See you there!

FAREWELL JAMES

All good things come to an end, and we are sorry to announce that our District Executive, James Rhodes-Dreyer, has moved on to a position in the Boy Scout Council in Tallahassee, Florida. There he will be working for his former boss from MDSC, Kevin Kilduff. He was also Summer Camp Director at Wolfboro (where he met his wife, Gabby) and maintained those responsibilities during his entire tenure as our DE. He outlasted 3 different District Chairs and 2 District Commissioners. He and his enthusiasm will be greatly missed. We wish him all the best in his new position!

Unit Activities

Crew 222 (8 youth and 4 adults) took the opportunity of participating in the weekend program offered at Camp Wolfboro in September. Arriving late Friday night was an experience in itself, since the camp sign on Highway 4 was nowhere to be found. After numerous trips up and down the road and several stops to explore on foot (in the dark), the crew finally found the right path down into camp. The assigned camp site was

secured, tents set up, and most everyone was asleep by midnight. Saturday was a full day of activities that included rock climbing and shooting. Hand guns were available to the Venturers which for many of them turned out to be their favorite activity. Sunday morning also offered opportunity to get in some hiking and more climbing and shooting, but there was also the need to pack everything up to be out of camp by 1pm. We were on the road for home by 1:30pm with everyone fairly well satisfied for a weekend well spent. You gotta love Scouting!

Coastal Cleanup

Coastal Cleanup 2010 was a great success with 34 Cub Scouts, siblings and parents from Pack 12 and Pack 118 helping pick up trash in Hanns Park. Hanns Park is the venue for our August Day Camp and so the boys have a strong association with the place and care for its upkeep. Much trash was picked up and no one was stung by Yellow Jackets (for the first time since 2005!!) At Blue Rock Springs, we had 17 Boy Scouts and Leaders, mostly from Troop 64. The weather was just perfect for this event. Thank you to all of the Scouts and Scouters that came out to support this wonderful annual statewide event. It is always nice to show the public that we do many different types of community and conservation projects throughout the year. It is also positive for the Scouts to see that they are not the only ones out there helping!

Veteran's Flags

Meet at 8:45 am Saturday, Nov. 6 at Sunrise Cemetery in Vallejo to put out flags on the Veteran's graves. Wear your uniforms and bring a large screwdriver to

help place the flags in the ground. The VFW Post 1123 also needs help retrieving the flags on Fri. Nov. 12 after 3:00 pm. For questions, contact Chuck Speir at 645-0231 or 319-4500