

Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2007

- 1 District Committee 6-7:15, UMC
- 1 Roundtable 7:30-9:30, UMC
- 3 Race Day
- 10 Merit Badge Shindig (See article)
- 11 Scout Sunday
- 15 Commissioners Meeting UMC
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UMC is the First United Methodist Church and is located at the corner of Sonoma Blvd. and Virginia St. in Vallejo.

Roundtable News

Cub Scout Leaders: Join us in the upcoming theme for March **"Baloo Skies"**. Find out about how weather affects our lives. We will have some great ideas for your pack and den meetings. Build a kite with us! Sing a song, learn an opening ceremony "Signs of the Weather", make a weather vane or rain stick, play the Puddle Hop game, and learn weather safety. We will discuss what is involved in ceremonies and recognition in den and pack meetings for **Cub Leaders**. **Webelos Leaders** we will cover youth leadership as well as the Athlete and Engineer Activity Badges. **Cubmasters and Committee people** we will touch on Summer Camping Opportunities for dens, packs, and families.

Boy Scout Leaders: Join us in a discussion of **Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Reviews** in Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, Venturing, and Varsity. Are those Eagle candidates ready for their final Eagle Scout Board of Review? Do you know who sits in on these Boards of Reviews? How do you prepare the scout for their reviews? How often do you hold them in your unit – once a month, anytime, once a week, etc...? These and other questions will be discussed and hopefully answered at this monthly meeting of interested adults, parents, and scout leaders.



New Eagles

Congratulations to the following Scouts who earned their Eagle Rank during 2006.

- Burke Rosen - Troop 8
- Justin Stein - Troop 8
- William Kane - Troop 8
- Sean West - Troop 8
- Christopher Lambert - Troop 64
- Bryan Gilley - Troop 7
- Victor Griffin III - Troop 7
- David Materi - Troop 8
- Kyle Bauder - Troop 64
- Brice Sweet - Troop 64
- Robert Thomas Schoenstein - Troop 77
- Michael Swinton - Troop 8

Many thanks to the Vallejo Elks Lodge for providing the dinner in recognition of these young men.

Pow Wow

Hats off to Yvonne Awai and her helpers for another great Pow Wow. A lot was learned while having a great time

Race Day



Mark Nichols has stepped forward to organize the District Race Day. Held at Building 46 on Mare Island, cost will be \$5. Weigh in starts at noon. Contact Mark at (415) 613-0727 or puretxn@comcast.net for more details.

Merit Badge Shindig

On Saturday, Feb 10, Troop 77 is hosting a Merit Badge workshop for Silver Gate District members at the Community Presbyterian Church in Vallejo. \$5 covers registration and lunch. Sign-ups begin at 8:00 A.M. Contact Claude Smith at 552-1196 for questions.

Scout Sunday



Feb. 11 is Scout Sunday at the United Methodist Church. Singing will start at 9:15 with the service starting at 9:30. Brunch will follow at 10:15. Scouts are encouraged to come in uniform to attend the service and help serve brunch. Call 554-0359 for questions.



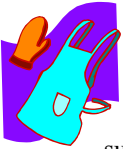
Give me an F...Give me an O... Give me an S
What's that spell???
Fun On a Stick!!! Or Friends of Scouting...

Yes it is time again for the Annual FOS fundraiser to help the Council provide the vast array of services for our units. It is estimated that it costs \$150 more than the registration fee to support a scout for a

year. Recruitment materials, subsidizing camp fees, supplemental medical insurance, liability insurance, the Scout Store and the services of our professional Scouter James Rhodes-Dryer are among the places the money goes. For more information contact Eric Freeman @ silvergate_popcorn@yahoo.com.

Eric will be making the rounds to all the units in either February or March for their FOS presentation. Please give him information about your unit's Court of Honor, Blue and Gold or other event in this time frame time. Please also give him a contact person per unit to work with. This could be a great job for a new parent who wants to get involved.

District Dinner



It's not too early to start thinking about the District Dinner, which will be held in April. Units will be asked to submit nominations for the District Award of Merit as well as the names of individuals their unit wish to recognize with the Unit Scouter Award.

Date Changes

Due to logistical issues, the date for Camporee 2007 has been changed to May 18-20. District Conservation Day will now be on May 5th.

Leave No Trace



As you start the new year, units are encouraged to practice "leave no trace" on a local level. Suggestions include bringing your own dishes to a potluck, using biodegradable dishes and cutlery and then composting them, and avoiding Styrofoam products. Try to use gently used items for craft projects rather than buying new ones. Check out www.recycle-guide.com for suggestions on recycling many kinds of items.

District Calendar



Check out the new District Calendar at www.bsa-mdsc.org and click on the Calendar link on the left. By then clicking on any of the events listed in the calendar, you can get contact information, details, and can even register on line. The calendar goes

months in advance and is a great new feature.

Scouting For Food

Please return any unused Scouting for Food bags to Dave Sweet at Round Table. He also is looking for feedback to be more efficient next year. Did you have the right number of bags? Are there areas you would recommend not putting bags out in next year?



New Scouts

Please remember that applications and money for new Scouts needs to be sent into the Council right away. There is no insurance coverage for the new scouts until this is done.