

Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

MARCH 2007

- 1 District Committee 6-7:15, UMC
- 1 Roundtable 7:30-9:30, UMC
- 3 BALOO 8:30-5:00, Valero
- 10 University of Scouting
- 15 Commissioners Meeting UMC

APRIL 2007

- 5 District Committee 6-7:15, UMC
- 5 Roundtable 7:30-9:30, UMC
- 11 Fire Up for Scouting - Tigers
- 19 District Dinner, 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: Join us at *Chez Roundtable* for the April theme of “**Cub Café**”! Welcome all leaders, committee and Cubmasters, and interested adults. At our March meeting we will have lots of ideas for your den and pack meetings for April. We’ll cover everything from “running” a café, to planning a budget and menu, food selection and preparation, to eating and enjoying. Learn about table etiquette for both the “waiters and consumers”. Den leaders, want some outings ideas? Share your ideas! Cubmaster, make your pack meeting a Food Fair where each den runs its own Cub Café and everyone enjoys a taste along with games and skits.

Boy Scouts: Let’s get cooking! Learn about camp stoves, foil dinners, box ovens, and Dutch ovens. What do you carry on a backpacking trip? What is the Cooking Merit Badge? What are the requirements for rank advancement and

cooking? All these questions and others will be discussed at our March roundtable for Boy Scouts, Venture, Varsity, and Sea Scouts. Share your ideas, recipes, tips for success and equipment.

Cub Scout BALOO Training: Basic Adult Leader Outdoor Orientation is a day of fun and learning to prepare pack leaders to plan and carry out Cub Scout campouts and outings. We will cover many aspects of an outdoor experience from planning, tents, cooking, safety, and program. Why take BALOO? To have fun, of course but also to ensure that your Pack has at least one or MORE BALOO trained adults on your outings. BALOO training is now required on Tour Permits. **Date:** March 3, 2007. **Cost:** \$20.00 **Location:** Valero Meeting Facility, 610 Industrial Way, Benicia (off Hwy. 680 or off E.2nd St.). **Time:** 8:30am to 5:00pm. **Contact:** Debbie Maffei at 707-642-8312 or Michelle Speir at 707-645-0231 for information and registration

Scout Sunday



Thanks also go to the United Methodist Church – not only for the Scout Sunday activities, but for all the support they give BSA. One of the things they do to support BSA is opening their church for countless Scout meetings.

Camporee

May 18-20 are the dates to set aside for Wild, Wild, Wild West – Camporee 06. Held at Camp Tamarancho in Marin County, it promises to be great fun. Mark your calendars and start talking it up to your units. Webelos and all Boy Scouts are invited.

FOS

March means Friends of Scouting season is in the works! All parents and Scouters should plan to attend the FOS presentation at their home unit. This may be the Blue & Gold Banquet for your Pack, a Court of Honor for your Troop or a Crew meeting with adults invited. Don’t forget to bring your checkbook! Units - if you have not already done so we need a unit FOS coordinator to contact Eric Freeman at silvergate_popcorn@yahoo.com to set up a time for your presentation.

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. The April RT is the last chance to submit awards.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

For the first time in over 10 years Silver Gate District has qualified for the Quality District Award. In order to qualify for this we had to have more membership in all areas as well as have at least one new unit. Our overall membership was up by 6%, which is great progress from a previous decline. Thanks to everyone who made such a great push this year.

Race Day



Many thanks go to Mark Nichols who organized the recent Race Day. Much fun was had by all.