

# Silver Gate Newsletter



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## CALENDAR

### 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
- 21 Earth Day Jamboree/Recruiting

### May 2007

- 3 District Comm. Program Planning UMC 6-7:15
- 3 Roundtable 7:30-9:30, UMC
- 5 District Conservation Project
- 17 Commissioners Meeting
- 18-20 Camporee
- 26-28 Ancient Mariner's Regatta
- 26 Veteran's Flags

**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:** Welcome to the April Roundtable! On the Cub Scout side we will cover the theme for the upcoming month of May – "Cubs and Bugs Galore". At our monthly meeting we will be helping leaders, cubmasters, and committee people as well as parents with ideas for your den and pack meetings. Join us in exploring the theme with games, songs, activities, outings as well as ceremonies of all kinds. We will cover advancement for Tigers through Webelos related to this month's theme. Learn about some great ideas for fun and safe outdoor activities for all your scouts from spring hikes and walks to outdoor games as well as the Webelos Outdoorsman Activity badge. Cubmasters and committee people

get ready to build an outdoor program for your pack! Know all the right and wrong ways to bringing this important part of your pack's program to your unit.

**BOY SCOUTS:** Join us in a monthly discussion of all aspects of scouting from Boy Scouts, to Varsity, to Sea Scouts, and Venturing. We cover a variety of topics such as boy management, uniforms, outings, winter activities, summer camp, advancement, cooking, safety, den chiefs, etc. We are here to assist your leaders in building a strong and successful unit! We welcome all new and experienced parents, leaders, and scouters for this important monthly meeting. We look forward to having you join us with your questions, ideas, opinions, and suggestions for future topics.

**News Flash – TBA April's roundtable may be moved to a different location. This only for April due to a scheduling conflict.**

### Earth Day Jamboree



Come join the fun and help recruit more scouts at the Earth Day Jamboree on April 21. We will have a recruiting area with activities as part of the Vallejo Farmer's Market on Georgia St. More details will be available at Roundtable or call Paul Roberts at 557-2215.

### Camporee

May 18-20 are the dates to set-aside for Scouts of the Wild, Wild West – Camporee 06. Held at Camp Tamarancho in Fairfax, it promises to be great fun. Mark your calendars and start talking it

up to your units. Webelos and all Boy Scouts are invited. Registration will be from 5:30-8:30. Costumes are encouraged. Cost will be \$20/head. Information packets will be handed out at Roundtable. Read them carefully for the policies regarding vehicles, inspections, and other requirements, as the format is different this year.

### District Dinner

The April Roundtable is the last chance to turn in nominations for the District Award of Merit which will be given out at the District Dinner on April 19. It will be held at the United Methodist Church (UMC). Gathering will be at 6:00 with dinner at 6:30. The cost is \$10/head. Childcare with dinner will be available for \$3. Western garb is appropriate but not required. For questions, call Orrin Shackelford at (925) 825-4053



### Conservation Project



May 5<sup>th</sup> is the date for this year's conservation project. Details will be announced at Roundtable and in the May issue of the Smoke Signals. What a great opportunity for Scouts to show their commitment to the community!

### Smoke Signals



The "Smoke Signals" is posted online monthly at [www.bsa-mdsc.org](http://www.bsa-mdsc.org). Twice a year it is mailed to registered Scouters. The District website is a gold mine of information. Registration and details of

many of our events can be accessed through the Calendar on the District website.

one up. These donations help cover the many aspects of scouting not covered by your annual registration fee.

## Day Camp



Our swashbuckling mates invite ye to join our crew of the Silver Gate Cub Scouts for a week that ye will not soon forget.

(June 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>) As a Cub of the Caribbean, ye will live the untold adventures of arts and crafts, Scout skills, sports, games, and archery and so much more!

*Register as soon as possible to take advantage of the Discounted \$100.00 price for Cub Scouts! On June 7th, all Cubs of the Caribbean will be charged the full \$125 price, so register now!*

For those brave enough to come hither, ye will discover thy hidden treasures to be found. Don't ye be walking the plank by missing out on the Silver Gate Day Camp!

And remember, if ye be seeking the Outdoor Activity Patch, attending Day Camp is a requirement, so ye will be wanting to show yer face at the *Cubs of the Caribbean!*

Meet other Cubs, experience the fun of camp and earn patches all at the same time! Register online now!

## 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.



## FOS



Many thanks to all the units who have participated in the FOS presentation! If your unit hasn't had a visit from FOS chair Eric Freeman, please contact him at [silvergate\\_popcorn@yahoo.com](mailto:silvergate_popcorn@yahoo.com) to set

For more information, call Diane Freeman, Camp Director, at (707) 557-2076 or Claude Smith, Program Director, at (707) 552-1196. It's not too early to start thinking about Day Camp which will be held June 25-29<sup>th</sup> at Hann's Park in Vallejo. It will be followed by the Webelos Overnighter at the Vallejo Elks Lodge. As always, costs are low because of volunteer staff. Please contact Diane Freeman if you can help for all or part of the week.

JAMES: PLEASE ASK THE NEWSLETTER FOLK TO REMOVE ROSE TISHLER'S NAME, AS SHE IS NO LONGER TRAINING CHAIR. I BELIEVE IT IS STILL ON THE TRAINING PAGE. Thanks. Nancy