

Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

May 2007

- 3 District Comm. Program Planning UMC 6-7:15
- 3 Roundtable 7:30-9:00, UMC
- 5 District Conservation Project
- 17 Commissioners Meeting
- 18-20 Camporee
- 26-28 Ancient Mariner's Regatta
- 26 Veteran's Flags

JUNE 2007

- 2 NLE/Position Specific Training
- 7 District Comm. Meeting UMC 6:00
- 7 Roundtable 7:30-9:00, UMC
- 21 Commissioners Meeting
- 25-29 Cub Day Camp
- 29-30 Webelos Overnighter

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! Let's end the year by "Wheeling into Summer" with the "Rockets' Red Glare" themes for June and July. Check out some ideas for den and pack meetings.



Learn a song or two and play some FUN games! Need a bridging idea for your June pack meeting? Have a BIKE RODEO and let every Cub Scout ride on up to the next rank from tricycles, to training wheels, and finally on to the BIG bike! Are you set for the summer? Earn the Summertime Pack Award! Have a PATRIOTIC Pack meeting with lots of Red, White, and Blue. Hold a Bottle Rocket competition with prizes and

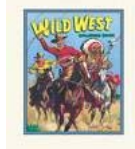
awards for participation, fastest rocket, highest rocket, or hitting a target. Enjoy the summer and take your Scouts outdoors!

Boy Scout Leaders! We will be having a special Roundtable session this month. Get ready to take your Scouts to the river, to the lake, to a pool, or to the beach. Get them out in a canoe, kayak or other type of boat! How can you do this safely? We are here to help! We are going to hold a training session for **Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat**. All Scout leaders and adults are invited to this important training. Pass the word!

Coming on June 2 will be Position Specific Training and New Leaders Essentials for Boy Scout Leaders.

Attention all Scouters: We will have **no Roundtable in July** but we will be back on August 2nd for the **annual BBQ** and the **SILVER GATE AUCTION!** So bring those scout bucks and a favorite dish to share. More details to come for this special roundtable. **PS:** If you have an item you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Michelle at 707-645-0231 or appletreedesigns@juno.com

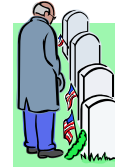
Scouts of the Wild Wild West!



May 18-20 are the dates to set aside for Scouts of the Wild, Wild West – Camporee 07. Held at Camp Tamarancho in Fairfax, it promises to be great fun. Webelos and all Boy Scouts are invited. Registration will be from 5:30-8:30. Costumes are encouraged. Cost is

\$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.

Memorial Day Flags



Silver Gate Scouters – Join us once again in assisting the local VFW Post 1123 in remembering our Veterans by helping to place American flags on their graves at Sunrise Cemetery. We will be doing this annual service project on Saturday, May 26th. Please meet at 8:00am 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.

Conservation Project



May 5th is the date for this year's conservation project. Details will be announced at Roundtable. What a great opportunity for Scouts to show their commitment to the community!

Cubs of the Caribbean 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 25th-29th) 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 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!

For more information, call Diane Freeman, Camp Director, at (707) 557-2076 or Claude Smith, Program Director, at (707) 552-1196. As always, costs are low because of volunteer staff. Please contact Diane Freeman if you can help for all or part of the week.

Webelos Overnighter



Once again, Day Camp will be followed by the Webelos Overnighter on June 29-30th at the Vallejo

Elks Lodge. Cost is \$10 a person and every Webelo must have an Adult with them for the campout. Boy Scouts and Venturers are also welcome.

winner will be announced in the next issue of the Smoke Signals.

Smoke Signals



The "Smoke Signals" is posted online monthly at www.bsa-mdsc.org, while it is mailed to registered Scouters a few

times a year. 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.

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.



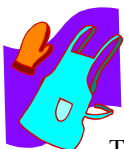
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Earth Day Jamboree

Many thanks to all who came and helped at the recent Earth Day Recruiting and Jamboree.

District Dinner



The District Dinner was wild this year! Thanks to Orrin Shackleford for spearheading this project. The District Award of Merit