

# Silver Gate Newsletter



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## CALENDAR

### MAY 2006

- 4 District Committee 6-7:15, UMC
- 4 Roundtable 7:30-9:30, UMC
- 12-14 Camporee at Lake Solano
- 18 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 20 District Conservation Day
- 27-29 Ancient Mariner's Regatta

### JUNE 2006

- 1 District Committee 6-7:15, UMC
- 1 Roundtable 7:30-9:30, UMC
- 15 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 26-30 Cub Scout Day Camp
- 30-1 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, Cubmasters, Committee people and involved family members** come celebrate with us! Bring your party hats with you to this May Roundtable where we will cover the theme for June **"Invent a Reason to Celebrate"**. Join us in some songs, games, and activities for an outdoor Flag Day ceremony, a Cub Scout field day, or National Marbles Week. You name it and there is a celebration for it! Maybe your pack can start a new holiday – Pack Overnighter Day? Webelos leaders check out some ideas for Traveler and Artist. Remember these roundtables are for **YOU!** Bring your ideas, questions, and **NEW** leaders for fun and information.

## Boy Scout, Venture, and Sea Scout

**leaders** join us this month in a discussion of service projects for individuals, patrols, troops, and prospective Eagle Scouts, what works and what doesn't. We will discuss this topic and any others that may come up. **Bring your ideas to share!**

## Scouts of the Seven Seas Camporee 2006



Aye there matey. Looking for some excitement? In need of a great adventure? Is the pirate life for you?

Well, then why not join the crew of Camporee 2006 and sail with the "Scouts of the Seven Seas." We set sail at Lake Solano on Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and arrive back to port on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Cost is \$20.00 if paid by April 25<sup>th</sup> and \$25.00 after that day. If you have any questions, please contact Captain Claude Smith at [ramjford@ix.netcom.com](mailto:ramjford@ix.netcom.com) or his First Mate, Diane Freeman, at [zjmom68@yahoo.com](mailto:zjmom68@yahoo.com)

## Operation: Spy Cub Day Camp 2006



Operation: Spy Cub wants you!!! Calling all wanna be spies. Do I have

an offer for you!! For one week and one week only, you can spend the week training to be a spy, plus make exciting crafts, try your hand at archery, play some exciting sports, learn great scout skills and much more. Where can you find all this excitement? At Operation: Spy Cub Day Camp 2006 at Hanns Park in Vallejo, June 26<sup>th</sup>-June 30<sup>th</sup>. For cost information,

you can check out the council website ([www.bsa-mdsc.org](http://www.bsa-mdsc.org)) and look under council camps, day camps and then Silver Gate. To register, go to the calendar on the council website and follow the links.

Of course, we can't train spies if we don't have master spies to train them, so if you can volunteer to work at any part of day camp, please contact Special Agent Freeman or Special Agent Smith at [zjmom68@yahoo.com](mailto:zjmom68@yahoo.com) [ramjford@ixnetcom.com](mailto:ramjford@ixnetcom.com). We need den leaders, area directors and den chiefs. We hope to spy you there.

## Webelos Overnighter



The Webelos Overnighter will be held June 30-July 1st and once again will be at the Elks Lodge in

Vallejo. The event starts after Day Camp completes on Friday. The cost of \$10 per person will include Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, and a patch. All First and Second Year Webelos are invited to come and camp with the Boy Scouts and get to know their local Troops. Each Webelos Scout needs to be accompanied by an adult unless prior arrangements are made. Contact Eric Freeman at [silvergate\\_popcorn@yahoo.com](mailto:silvergate_popcorn@yahoo.com) for more information. This is an annual event and a great way to wind the boys down from Day Camp, and fulfills requirement 3 of the Outdoorsman Activity Pin.

## Training



New to Silvergate District - personalized leader training! We will bring New Leader Essentials and Position Specific Training directly to your unit. This exciting opportunity for program and

leadership skills training will give everyone in your unit the confidence to lead a variety of activities in a fun and safe manner, as well an excellent overview of Scouting. If interested please contact Michelle Larson-Speir at 645-0231 or [appletreedesigns@juno.com](mailto:appletreedesigns@juno.com) to make arrangements.

## New Scouts



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

## District Conservation Day

Saturday, May 2, Scouts and Scouters will be working at the Newell Open Space



Preserve in American Canyon doing trail clearing, weed abatement, debris removal etc. Come with gloves and other yard tools for this worthwhile project.

Questions? Congratulations to Sam Maffei for stepping forward to organize this event. For questions, call Scout Sam Maffei or Scouter Claude Smith. (See masthead for contact information.)

Notes: Add DAM winner, details on Conservation Day, April Recruiting, Camporee to next SS.

## District Dinner



In a break with tradition, the annual district dinner was held in April this year.

We were honored to have the new Council Executive, Al Westberg, speak at the dinner. Further highlights from the dinner will be in the June Smoke Signals.

## Positions Open



Rose Tishler has stepped down from her role as District Training Chair so she could pursue more schooling. We thank her for all her work and are looking for someone to take her place. Also still available is the Merit Badge Dean position. If interested, please contact Ken Lambert or Jason Lewis.

## District Calendar



Check out the new District Calendar at [www.bsa-mdsc.org](http://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.