

# Silver Gate Newsletter



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## CALENDAR

### JUNE 2007

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

### JULY 2007

- 12 District Membership Planning

### AUGUST 2007

- 2 District BBQ/Auction
- 4 Cub Olympics (Napa College)
- 16 Commissioners Meeting 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 Scout Leaders!** Join us in this June in looking ahead to August and September. The theme for August is a very special one – *“A Century of Scouting”*. We will have lots of fun and adventure ideas to take back to your dens, packs, and committees about how Scouting came to be. Come celebrate scouting throughout the ages with fellow Scouters from the Silver Gate District. We will also get you ready for fall with the theme for September!

**Boy Scout Leaders!** Bring your pocketknives and ropes. Many of you have new scouts who will be attending summer camp where they will be learning many basic **Scout skills**. So let’s review and practice knife safety, types of knives,

and **“Toten’ Chips”**. We’ll cover some basic fire use and safety for the **“Firem’n Chits”**. We will also see who can whip the end of a rope the fastest and who can fuse the end of a rope the best! Then stick around for an open discussion of the benefits of adult leadership in Boy Scouting.

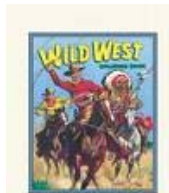
## Auction

**Attention all Scouters:** We will have **no Roundtable in July** but we will be back on August 2<sup>nd</sup> for the **annual BBQ** and the **SILVER GATE AUCTION!** We will have a special twist to this year’s auction. So bring those scout bucks and a favorite dish to share. Details about this special roundtable are still to come. **PS:** If you have an item you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Michelle at 707-645-0231 or e-mail at [appletreedesigns@juno.com](mailto:appletreedesigns@juno.com)

## Training

Coming on June 2 will be Position Specific Training and New Leaders Essentials for Boy Scout Leaders. Details to be announced via email and at Roundtable.

## Scouts of the Wild Wild West!



All the Scouts who went back in time to the days of the Wild West for Camporee 2007 had a great time! Many, thanks go to Claude Smith, Diane Freeman, and all the youth and adult staff that spent a year planning this event.

## Memorial Day Flags

Once again we had a great turnout of volunteers to help honor our veterans by placing flags on the graves at Sunrise Cemetery. Thank you to all who helped.



## Congratulations



Diane Freeman and Paul Roberts are the well-deserved recipients of the District Award of Merit.

There is not enough space to list all their accomplishments. Additionally, the following were recognized: Cindy Sanders and Orrin Shackelford received the Venturing Leadership Award (only 4 of these awards were given in the entire MDSC Council), and Chuck Speir received the Scoutmaster’s Key and the Scoutmaster’s Award of Merit.

Special recognition was given to Dave Eubanks for his actions in saving the life of someone who had a heart attack. Congratulations to all!

## 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 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 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 29-30<sup>th</sup> 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. RSVP to Eric Freeman @ SilverGate\_popcorn@yahoo.com

## **Smoke Signals**



The "Smoke Signals" is posted online monthly at [www.bsa-mdsc.org](http://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.