



Silver Gate Newsletter

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2007

- 6 District Comm. Meeting UMC 6:00
- 6 Roundtable 7:30-9:00, UMC
- 15 Coastal Cleanup 8:30-1:00
- 20 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 20 Fire Up for Scouting

OCTOBER 2007

- 4 District Comm. Meeting UMC 6:00
- 4 Roundtable 7:30-9:00, UMC
- 6 Scout-O-Rama
- 13 NLE / Position Specific Training
- 19 Scoutmaster Outdoor Skills TBA
- 18 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

Welcome to all of our involved leaders, new and old, Cubmasters, Scoutmasters, committee members and parents. Join us at Silver Gate Roundtable at the start of our new year. We will update you on recruiting, popcorn sales, Scout-O-Rama, training, service projects, and lots of other exciting things going on in your district! **Cub Scouts: "Down on the Farm"** is the theme for October! We always introduce our leaders to the next month's theme. So come get ideas for your October den and pack meetings. We will sing some songs, play some games, do a few activities, and discuss where to go on field trips. Check out our very own farm here at the October Fest at Loma Vista Farm as well as all the great farms and pumpkin patches in our area. We will also cover briefly the theme for this month – "Cub Scout Express". Take your Cub Scouts along as you ride the rails to adventure. **Boy Scouts:** Let's do some **DUTCH OVEN** Cooking! Learn the ins and outs of making some great meals and desserts in a Dutch oven. Do you know how to choose one, season it,

and care for it? We have lots of tips and tricks for you and some tasty dishes to try! Have some suggestions to share? Bring them down and join the discussion at our monthly gathering of Boy Scout, Venture, Sea Scout, and Varsity Scout leaders and parents.

Training

We had a small but successful training session in July. We are looking to put on another one in October for Cubs, Webelos, and Boy Scout leaders. We are also scheduling Outdoor Leader Training for Boy Scout and Webelos Leaders. For our Tiger Cub Leaders-I would like to know who needs this training. We are considering a special training session in September if needed otherwise we will wait until our regular session on October 13th. Unit leaders please contact me with questions on training. Thanks, Michelle Speir. 645-0231.

Coastal Cleanup

September 15 is the date for this year's Coastal Cleanup. What a great opportunity to help the environment and let Scouts be seen in action at the same time. Details will be announced at the September Roundtable.

Venturing News

Venturing Crews 78 and 222 returned to Camp Nejedly in July for their annual summer camp. There was a total of 18 young people who enjoyed the High Sierra for a week of activities that included backpacking, shooting, 4-wheeling, rock climbing, river rafting and service projects. Everyone had a great time and can't wait until next year. Special thanks go to Orrin Shackleford, Cindy Sanders, Tom Harryman and their team of adult advisors for putting on a fantastic weeklong program!

Membership

The District held a very successful membership meeting on Thursday, August 16th to plan recruitment and membership efforts for the fall. Our Fall

Fire-Up for Scouting is scheduled for Thursday, September 20th from 6-8 pm. September is also an ideal time to recruit at individual schools during their "Back-to-School" events. All Cub Scout units should coordinate their efforts in advance with Paul Roberts if they have not already done so. We are looking to register at least 105 new cub scouts with the District this fall.

Scout-O-Rama

Mark your calendars for October 6th for Scout-O-Rama located at the new community Park by the new Wal-Mart in American Canyon. The event will run from 10am to 2pm and will be a great opportunity to Cubs, Boys, Venturing, and Sea Scouts to show off fun and exciting activities in order to recruit new members. For questions or to sign up your unit to help please contact James Murphy at (707) 556-3450 or JamesMurphy@Chevron.com.

BBQ

Many thanks go to Paul and Ester Roberts for opening their home (aka Camp Minahan) for the annual Silver Gate BBQ. In an effort to protect the environment all were asked to bring their own earth friendly dishes and cutlery and food scraps were composted.