

Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2006

- 7 District Committee 6-7:15, UMC
- 7 Winter Holiday Party
- 28 Eagle Recognition Dinner

JANUARY 2007

- 4 District Committee 6-7:15, UMC
- 4 Roundtable 7:30-9:30, UMC
- 6 Race Day Clinic
- 11 FOS Coordinators Orientation
- 13 Race Day Clinic
- 18 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 20 Pow Wow

UMC is the First United Methodist Church and is located at the corner of Sonoma Blvd. and Virginia St. in Vallejo.

Training Update



In September and October, the Silver Gate Training Staff put on individual unit training sessions covering NLE (New Leader Essentials), and Position Specific. A **BIG** thank you to all those who assisted in many ways to make this a success!!! We also held Youth Protection Training in November. Let us know if this type of training is something your unit is interested in. Contact Michelle Larson-Speir at 645-0231 or appletreedesigns@juno.com. Look for BALOO Training for Cub Scout Leaders in the spring.

Roundtable News



OUR HOLIDAY ROUNDTABLE

Come join us for fun, food, and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

We will be having our annual **1, 2, 3 Under the Tree Holiday Roundtable Party!!!** See what "wonderful" gift you can go home with. It may be the gift everyone wanted or nobody wanted. Lots of fun and laughter will be had at this special roundtable. If you would like to share a special snack or desert that would be wonderful! The festivities begin at 7:30pm! **Thank you** all for your support throughout the year! We appreciate all of you. Enjoy the holidays. Best Wishes from the Silver Gate District Roundtable Staff.



Veteran's Day

Thanks very much to all the Scouts and their families, who placed flags at the gravesites of Veterans from the Spanish-American War to the present day conflicts. We assisted VFW Post 1123 in this semi-annual service project. They are very appreciative of the help our Silver Gate Scouts give to honor the Veterans interred at Sunrise Cemetery.

Scout-O-Rama

A Silver Gate District Scout-O-Rama was held in mid-October and everyone who attended had a blast. Over ninety scouts, scout leaders, parents and kids from the District came together at Unity Plaza in downtown Vallejo for a morning and afternoon of fun. Units participating included Venture Crew 222, Troops 62, 64 & 77 and Packs 12, 108, 118 & 178. Fun events included a rain gutter regatta, puppet theater, spin art, a rope bridge, Dutch oven cooking and a pinewood derby. Recruiters were on hand and five new scouts signed up at the event.

This is a District wide event. Next year we are looking at holding the event in American Canyon. We add a very special thanks to Rosa Llewellyn who organized the event. Claude Smith, Diane Freeman, Michelle Speir, Ken Lambert and Paul Roberts rounded out the Organizing Committee. Rosa Llewellyn will again chair this event in 2007 so contact her if you are interested in helping.

Recruiting



Recruiting in the District is going well this fall. Many units have had great success with their recruiting so far. As of October 15th we are still down about 15-20 Cub

Scouts from last year, but we are up in the number of Boy Scouts. After many years of declining numbers the District has been holding its own the past two years, and we are looking to finish the year with more scouts than 2005. For Cubmasters and Scoutmasters - it is vital that you get your completed applications in ASAP to James Rhodes-Dreyer our District Executive.



Pow Wow

Pow Wow is almost here! The theme is Mardis Gras. Registration forms and more information are in the September Smoke Signals that came via U. S. mail in September. It will be held at St. Patrick / St. Vincent's High School in Vallejo from 8-4 on Sat. Jan 20. Contact Yvonne Awai powwowqueen2007@yahoo.com, 925-648-9536 if you can help or for questions.

Scouting for Food

Thanks to all the Scouts and Scouters who helped with the annual Scouting for Food drive, and to Dave Sweet for organizing it. Helping provide food for local food banks is something Scouts are proud to keep doing.

Eagle Recognition Dinner



The Eagle Scout/Gold Award Recognition Dinner will be at the Vallejo Elks Lodge #559 - Thursday, December 28th. Gathering will be at 6 p.m and dinner 7 p.m. Contact Merrell Beckham 707-554-0359 for further information

January 6th & 13th, 2007 @ 3:00PM and race day is Feb 3rd both locations are TBA. Pow wow Jan 20th and Merit badge Shindig is Feb 10th.

Claude

PS crew has been approved and we are Crew 7712. Open house is Dec 15 at the presbyterian church @ 7:00.