

Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 2005

- 1 District Committee 6-7:15, UMC
- 1 Roundtable 7:30-9:30, UMC
- 15 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 17 Coastal Clean-up
- 22 Fire Up for Scouting

OCTOBER 2005

- 6 District Committee 6-7:15, UMC
- 6 Roundtable 7:30-9:30, UMC
- 11 Eagle Seminar, UMC, 554-0359
- 15 NLE (TBA)
- 20 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 21-22 Scoutmaster Outdoor Skills

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 the start of our new year of Silvergate Roundtable. We will update you on recruiting, popcorn sales, training, and lots of other exciting things going on in our district! **Cub Scouts: "TO THE RESCUE"** is the theme for October! Come get ideas for your October den and pack meetings. Songs, games, activities, and field trips are great ways to learn about safety for themselves and others as well as being prepared in emergencies. Invite a representative from your local police and fire departments, search and rescue groups, or the medical community to speak to your pack meeting. Webelos get going on your Citizen Activity Badge.

Do a fire safety skit for your Showman Badge! Get Creative!!! **Boy Scouts:** Join us in a discussion of what your unit did this summer - the good, the bad, and the ugly! Was summer camp a success? Where did your unit go? Would you go there again? Share your unit's successful activities, outings, service projects, etc...Bring pictures!!!

The Silver Gate District joins other Scouters in expressing their sympathy to the friends and families of the Scouts who have died during recent scouting events.

Invisible Volunteers

This month's "Invisible Volunteer" recognition goes to Michelle Larson-Speir who has designed the patches for many of our events including Camporee, Day Camp, and Pow Wow.

EAGLE SEMINAR

October 11th is the date to save if you have a scout ready to work on his Eagle Rank. This seminar is to assist Scouts in knowing what is required to attain their Eagle Rank.

DAY CAMP 2005

(By Diane Freeman)

What a blast we had on our safari through the jungles of Africa! We visited a different country each day and learned interesting facts. We all loved the archery practice, and the spears, masks and shields at Theme Crafts made us feel as if we belonged among the natives. We made some great crafts while learning about nature and science. We can't forget the wonderful Thursday night tribal celebration where we all got to spend some time in the spotlight. Who knew there was so much talent out there? A

special thanks to all who helped. We could never have done it without each of you. To the cub scouts who joined us on the Safari, thank you for bringing your spirit and your love for adventure. Diane and Claude will be back next year. Of course, they may be hard to spot since they will be undercover. So join them next year at Hanns Park, June 26th - June 30th for "Operation: Spy Cubs".

Webelos Overnighter

The Webelos Overnighter held once again at the Vallejo Elks Lodge was a roaring success. Between the Swimming, the Gourmet Cuisine and of course the ultimate in a Leave No Trace Campfire (Lantern) a fun time was had by all. If anyone did not get their Patch please contact Eric Freeman at silvergate_popcorn@yahoo.com or 557-2076 and he will make sure they get it. Special thanks go to Chuck Speir for doing the cooking and Eric Freeman and Claude Smith for running the event at the last minute when Pete McMullen had to step aside.

POPCORN!!!!

Yes, popcorn time is approaching again. For every unit that had a great year in Scouting here is your chance to help repeat it next year with a successful Popcorn selling season. Going to Philmont next year? Wolfboro? Cherry Valley? Then be sure to help yourself achieve your goals of financing your camp with this fundraiser. Cub Scouts can get into the spirit as well and show the Boy Scouts how much they can sell. We need a Popcorn Chair from each unit to track the sales of scouts in their units and enter them into the Trails-End web site at the end of the sale. Internet access

is required so please decide this year's chairperson and have them e-mail Eric Freeman, Silver Gate District Finance Chairman, and the man who puts the POP in Popcorn sales at silvergate_popcorn@yahoo.com

Day Camp Pictures

Camp Director Diane Freeman and Program Direct Claude Smith have made a CD of pictures available for parents so that they could share this special week with their boys. Claude spent the week getting some great pictures. They are available to purchase for \$5.00 with proceeds going to fund Day Camp. There are about 400 pictures on the disks. If any one is interested, please email Diane Freeman at zjomom68@yahoo.com or call 557-2076.

RECRUITING

September starts our big recruiting push. Scouters are encouraged to attend local Back to School nights with information about your pack. Fire-Up for Scouting will be Sept. 22. For more information: 557-2215 or Paul_Roberts@prparch.com.

COASTAL CLEAN-UP

Details will be announced at the September Roundtable. Mark your calendars for this very worthwhile service project to be held on September 17.