

Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

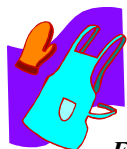
AUGUST 2006

- 3 District BBQ 6:30-8:30
 - 17 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- ## SEPTEMBER 2006
- 7 District Committee 6-7:15, UMC
 - 7 Roundtable 7:30-9:30, UMC
 - 16 Coastal Cleanup
 - 21 Commissioners Meeting UMC
 - 21 Fire Up for Scouting
 - 30 Scout-O-Rama

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

Roundtable News

To all Scouters and their families: please join us in our annual Silvergate District BBQ and auction at a very **SPECIAL LOCATION** this year. We will be holding our festivities on Aug 3, 6:30 pm at the **BENICIA COMMUNITY PARK** (also



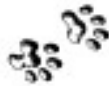
known as the Big Slide Park) on Rose Drive next to Matthew Turner Elementary School in Benicia. **GET READY TO EAT!! BBQ Tri-Tip** will be the main course and your only admission is to bring a favorite side dish! Also *get ready* for the **Auction!** We've been handing out Silvergate Bucks throughout the year. Small bucks for joining us at Roundtable each month and Big bucks for taking on those special projects and events in the district. There will still be time to earn a few more before the auction starts!! So don't forget to bring your bucks with you and bid on a stupendous selection of all the things you need to inspire, motivate, and put the fun in all you do for scouting! **PS:** If you have an item you would like to donate to the auction, please contact Michelle at 645-0231 or at appletreedesigns@juno.com or bring it to the auction. We will be back to our regular Roundtable in September.

Operation: Spy Cub

The spies have come and gone, but a good time was had by all at Day Camp 2006. Many, many thanks to all who gave of their time and energy to help with this great event. Special thanks go to Diane Freeman and Claude Smith, the day camp organizers.

Webelos Overnighter

The Webelos Overnighter was held immediately following Day Camp at "Camp Vallejo" (The Elks Lodge). Credit and appreciation for organizing this event goes to Eric Freeman, and to the Elks Lodge for the use of their facility.



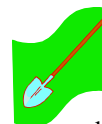
District Conservation Day



This year's Conservation Day was a big success thanks to the 57 Scouts and Scouters from Troops 62, 64 and 77 along with Cub Scouts from 118 and 12 and Girl Scouts from Troops 8, 9, 161, 173 and a Venture Scout from 222, plus all of the adults from the Kiwanis, City and FOACOS groups who pitched in and helped us. This year the Scouts got down and dirty, diverting water from the trails back to their drains. Scouts cleaned out the mud from drain pipes so that the water would flow freely through. The adults helped the scouts by weed whacking the trails and cutting back some oak trees that had fallen across the trails. After the event was done the City of American Canyon, Friends of American Canyon Open Space (FOACOS), and the American Canyon Kiwanis Club all talked about how well it was done and complimented the Boys Scouts. They were so impressed we were invited back for next year. I would like to thank the American Canyon Kiwanis for purchasing the food and cooking our lunch. I would also like to thank M & M sanitary for supplying us with a free Porta Potty, Starbucks for the free coffee to get us going in the morning and FOACOS and the City of American Canyon for helping me organize this event. By Sam Maffei

FOS

Thank you to all who donated this year to the annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign this year. Although small, our district is always right up there in participation, and on behalf of the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council, please accept our gratitude for all that you already do for this program and



for the help you gave this year on top of everything else.

Order of the Arrow

Congratulations to Matt Speir and Steven Montez of Troop 77. Matt has been elected as the 2006-07 OA Apanuc Chief and Steven has been elected as the 2006-07 Apanuc Vice-Chief.

On the weekend of April 28-30, nine members of the OA Apanuc attended the annual OA conclave which was held at Camp Cutter Scout Camp. Scouts who attended included Sam Maffei and Tim Mates of Troop 62, Ken Kwitek, Jean-Paul Mestres, and Brice Sweet of Troop 64 and Matt Speir of Troop 77. Adults included Roni Karmazsin, Claude Smith and Chuck Skelton. The event included youth and adult OA members from the eight councils that make up our section. Total attendance was 295 members.

On Saturday morning everyone attended four classes of their choosing from choices such as tipi history, history of the Order of the Arrow, dutch oven cooking, various classes on Indian dances and Indian apparel, Indian bread making, and many more. Saturday afternoon was spent with the scouts participating in lodge competitions in such activities as ceremonies, tug-of-war, Indian handball, dodge ball, relay race, sand painting, Indian dances, and attendance at various booths such as glass blowing, and REI equipment. All who attended said it was a great weekend and vowed to attend next year. **PS:** The food was great and there was lots of it. And the best part of that was that we did not have to cook or wash dishes.



Memorial Day

Thank you to all the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, Girl Scouts and their families who participated in the Memorial Day service project assisting VFW Post 1123 in placing American flags on approximately 1200 Veterans' graves at Sunrise Cemetery in Vallejo. Again a great turnout for what has become a very special annual district event. It is with great pride and honor that



we continue to support our community in this way. We will be performing this task again in November close to Veterans' Day. There was even a wonderful article in the Vallejo Times Herald! Thank you Chuck Speir for organizing this event.