

Silver Gate Newsletter



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CALENDAR

OCTOBER 2006

- 5 District Committee 6-7:15, UMC
- 5 Roundtable 7:30-9:30, UMC
- 10 Eagle Seminar UMC
- 14 Scout-O-Rama (See article)
- TBA NLE/Position Specific Training
- 19 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 20-21 Scoutmaster Outdoor Skills TBA

NOVEMBER 2006

- 2 District Committee 6-7:15, UMC
- 2 Roundtable 7:30-9:30, UMC
- 11 Scouting for Food Bag Distribution
- 16 Commissioners Meeting UMC
- 16 Youth Protection Training
- 18 Scouting for Food Bag Pickup

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

Roundtable News

Cub Scouts: Let's get ready for November's Den and Pack meetings with the monthly theme "**Cubs in Shining Armor**". Cub Scout and Webelos Leaders, parents, and Cubmasters join us in exploring ideas for opening ceremonies, den activities, outings, skits, games and maybe a special pack meeting for the month! *A Knight's Tournament?* Committee people-do you have a special pack service project for the holidays? Maybe participate in the annual food drive, sponsor a family for Thanksgiving, or make some holiday decorations for the Veteran's Home in Yountville. **Put on your crowns, don your shield and learn the "Knight's Code of Honor"!!!**

Boy Scouts: "BAD" Weather Camping is our topic for discussion tonight! Does your unit go camping in the rain or in the snow? How do you prepare for these types of outings? Is special equipment needed? Join us in this informative discussion and share your insights with the group. We may have some special guests this evening. PS: Keep an eye out for the HAT courses upcoming in 2007 beginning with the Core HAT training.

Scout-O-Rama

Join us in an extravaganza of scouting activities for Cub, Boy, Venturing and Sea Scouts. Saturday October 14th, 9am to 2pm on the green behind the John F. Kennedy Library. We will need the help of every unit in the district to make this a success. This is a great recruitment opportunity! Contact Rosa Llewellyn with any questions at 558-9754 or ra_llewellyn@yahoo.com

Eagle Seminar

Tuesday, October 10th is the annual Eagle Scout Seminar and a review of Eagle Scout Courts of Honor. This is a great opportunity for both Scouts and their parents to learn about Eagle Requirements and how to plan an Eagle Court of Honor. As usual, it will be held at UMC at 7:30 p.m.. For questions: Merrell Beckham, 554-0359.

Order of the Arrow

Look in the next issue of the details of the Wolfeboro Ordeal to be held Sept 29-Oct. 1.

Popcorn!

With the 2006 Popcorn Fundraiser your unit can POP up your fun-raising activities for your year and spend less time fund raising. This is the time of year that our units can work to expand their

programs and be able to plan ahead for what activities they can now do with revenue from a successful Popcorn sales program. We will need a "Popcorn Chair" from each unit to work with Eric Freeman to get this year's program off right and ensure a good sales season.

Please e-mail Eric at silvergate-popcorn@yahoo.com ASAP with the name, # and E-mail address of your unit's Popcorn Chair. The main thing that is required is to keep track of your unit's sales and ensure that the orders are entered correctly at the end of the sale.

Coastal Cleanup

September 16 Scouts from all venues came out to help the environment and let the public see Scouts in action. Many pounds of trash and recyclables were collected from local waterways. Was there some trip or event your unit could not participate in last year? Or wouldn't it be nice to fully fund your unit's Equipment, Uniforms or even Summer Camp for all interested scouts. How about a head start on that 50 miler your troop wants to go on?

Silvergate Training

We're looking at different scenarios for our NLE/Position Specific for Cub and Boy Scout Leaders fall training. Possibilities include holding them on a weeknight or we will take it directly to a unit. Let us know what your thoughts on this are! Contact Michelle Larson-Speir at appletreedesigns@juno.com to give us your input on this important training. We are also considering a joint Boy Scout Outdoor Leader Training with a neighboring district. Again please contact us with your comments!