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Falls Church City's Boy Scout Troop 349 receives a \$1,000.00 employee volunteer grant from Navy Federal Credit Union and Celebrates its first year of operation.

Falls Church, Virginia, 3/4/2010 – Members of Falls Church City Boy Scout Troop 349 will celebrate their first year of operations this month. During the past year the troop welcomed 16 scouts to its ranks (8 of which were new to scouting), went on 8 camp outs, 3 special tours, met 2 government dignitaries, advanced 90% of its members (a minimum of one rank), handed out over 70 merit badges, and participated in 3 community service projects.

“That was last year” stated Troop 349 Scout Master Tony Ulses, “We have big plans for the coming year”. He went on to say “We’re looking to grow the troops ranks by 1/3, advance at least 3/4’s of its members, go on at least 9 outings, and we’ll participate in at least 5 community service projects”. Troop 349 is presently comprised of 3 completely outfitted Patrols and meets every Tuesday night at 7 PM at the American Legion Hall on North Oak St in the city.

“We’re an active group and we want to attract kids and their parents who enjoy being involved in exciting and fun activities” said Jim Custer, Assistant Scout Master for the troop. He went on to say “Since we’re looking to grow and to accomplish so much in the coming year we needed funding”. That’s where Navy Federal Credit Union came in. Navy Federal’s “Dollars for Doers” program aids non-profit groups, through the work of their employees who volunteer for them. Troop 349 has two employees of Navy Federal who volunteer for it and it’s through that connection that they were able to receive this grant. “We will put that money to good use helping to outfit our growing ranks” stated Custer.

“Troop 349 is growing and we’re looking forward to the challenges ahead”. Said Steven Valley, Troop 349’s Committee Chair. “With a solid year of experience behind us, our place in Falls Church City’s scouting landscape is secure and the future certainly looks very bright”. The troop would like to thank all of the citizens who helped it during the past year and send a big thank you to Navy Federal Credit Union.

ABOUT TROOP 349: The Troop is open to any boy between the ages of 12 and 17, who has graduated from the fourth grade, and/or has received his arrow of light award. Boys desiring to join the troop are welcome at any time to attend a meeting and present themselves to the Scout Master for admission. Troop 349 meets every Tuesday evening at 7 PM between September and June at the American Legion Hall on Oak St. The troop web site contains more information about joining and what boy scouts is all about. Go to www.troop349.us and click on downloads to view the scout handbook and primer.

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Troop 349 wins the “Order of the Oar” at Goshen Summer camp July 2009. Back Row L to R: Preston Custer, Jack Ulses, Evan Gorman, Matthew Valley, James Coppock, David McAllister Jonathan Gilmour, Ian Griffin and JJ Bush. Front Row Kneeling L to R: Truman Custer, Noah Saberhagen, James Pala, Holden Saberhagen and Andrew Skomra.

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