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Local Scouts Visit Swedish Embassy on International Scouting Day

TUESDAY, JUNE 07 2011 Thirty Scouts and leaders from Falls Church Boy Scouts Troop 349 participated in an International Scouting Day on May 28 at the Embassy of Sweden near Washington Harbor. They learned about Sweden, Swedish Scouting, World Jamborees and knot tying during the three-hour event. After sampling Swedish drinks and cookies, several Scouts and leaders hiked to Roosevelt Island to learn about Swedish flora and fauna.

The International Committee of the National Capital Area Council and the Embassy of Sweden organized the International Scouting Day jointly. It offered a glimpse into the 22nd World Scout Jamboree, which will be in Rinkaby, Sweden in July and August this summer. Marie-Louise Lövgren, head of communications for the jamboree, came from Sweden for this event to share her experiences.



(Photo: Courtesy Monique Wong)

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.