

TROOP 111
Gloucester VA

George Bains
Scoutmaster



Ware Episcopal Church
First Presbyterian Church

Tommy Wilkinson
Committee Chair

July 20, 2009

Dear New Scouts,

Welcome to Troop 111 of Gloucester! More than 89 years ago a group of concerned citizens organized the Troop and since then hundreds of boys have enjoyed the excitement of the Boy Scouts of America. We are deeply indebted to our sponsors: The First Presbyterian Church and Ware Episcopal Church. Over the years these two congregations have provided the adult leadership and financial assistance for a continuing quality program. Mr. James V. Morgan was the Troop's first Eagle Scout and for many years our Scoutmaster.

Mr. George Bains of Gloucester is our Scoutmaster with over 30 years as an Adult Leader and he is assisted by ten Assistant Scoutmasters. The Troop stresses the importance of Adult Leader Training. All of our leaders have completed the required Youth Protection Training and, in addition, three have finished the Woodbadge Training Course. We welcome new leaders and encourage them to take Fast Start Scoutmaster Fundamentals and advanced leadership courses.

Over the years the Troop has been recognized by the Council for its quality program. The Troop is consistently a Quality Unit and twice has received the coveted Commissioner's Trophy for being the best Troop in the Colonial Virginia Council.

A word about our program. The Troop meets weekly in the Cabin on Main Street, in the First Presbyterian Church when needed and in Ware Episcopal Church for special events. As a member of the Troop, plan on camping once a month in exciting places. And each summer we go to a week long summer camp one year in Council and one year out of Council. We encourage all new Scouts to attend as the camp offers a special first year camper program. For the older Scouts the Troop plans High Adventure Trips to Maine, Philmont, our own Chase program, and other unique sites.

As a member of the Troop we ask that you wear your uniform, attend the meetings, keep your dues (which are \$1 a week) up to date, and enjoy an exciting program. Upon joining you will receive a neckerchief, Boy Scout Handbook, all uniform patches, and a subscription to Boy's Life.

When you or you your parents have a question feel free to call Mr. Bains, our Scoutmaster at 694-0159 with comments and questions. We hope you will have an exciting time with us and one day receive your Eagle Scout Award.

Sincerely yours,

Troop 111