



THE AMERICAN HERITAGE
GIRLS' PROGRAM OFFERS
FIVE LEVELS OF CHARACTER
DEVELOPMENT SERVING
GIRLS AGES 5-18.



PATHFINDER

Grade K or at least
5 years old



TENDERHEART

Grades 1-3 and at least
6 years old



EXPLORER

Grades 4-6 and at least
9 years old



PIONEER

Grades 7-8 and at least
12 years old



PATRIOT

Grades 9-12 and at least
14 years old



THE AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS'
OATH:

I promise to love God,
Cherish my family,
Honor my country,
and Serve in my community.



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In His Image

BUILDING WOMEN OF
INTEGRITY THROUGH
SERVICE TO GOD, FAMILY,
COMMUNITY AND COUNTRY.



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PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CHARTER ORGANIZATION

The partnership between the Charter Organization and the American Heritage Girls is critical to the success of the AHG program. The Charter Organization has ownership of the AHG program implemented in the local Troop.

As a Charter Organization you agree to:

- the AHG Statement of Faith
- the AHG Oath and Creed

As a Charter Organization you are able to use the AHG program framework for the local Troop, allowing it to:

- Mold the local Troop according to the Charter Organization's principles and goals.
- Color the program to model the culture of the Charter Organization.
- Embellish the local Troop with the Charter Organization's denominational flavor.

Although each Troop is unique, all AHG Troops operate within the confines of the American Heritage Girls' principles and guidelines, upholding the AHG Oath and Creed, and staying true to the AHG Vision and Mission.



GODLY LEADERSHIP IN THE TROOP

Recruiting, selecting and approving Godly leadership is the very important responsibility of the Charter Organization. The Ministry Leadership Team of the local Troop will influence the life of every girl and family in the Troop. It is critical that this responsibility not be taken lightly as those in leadership hold the "sacred keys" of both the Charter Organization and the American Heritage Girls' ministries. 1 Timothy 3 clearly defines the needed character of the individual who desires to serve in a leadership role.

AHG REWARDS RELIGIOUS LEARNING

The American Heritage Girls grows girls to be leaders in their faith, giving them the strength to share their testimony with others. Both the AHG Oath and Creed mention the promise to "Love God" and to be "Reverent." These commitments to the prominence of God in one's life form a cornerstone of the AHG program. When properly understood and presented by an AHG Leader of strong faith, unchurched girls begin to understand their need for God.



Girls are encouraged to earn the religious emblem of their denomination, or those offered through the P.R.A.Y. (Program of Religious Activities for Youth) or NFCYM (National Federation of Catholic Youth Ministries) ministries. Religious recognitions are important at all levels of AHG but are especially key when working to achieve the Stars and Stripes Award, AHG's highest award

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND

Children have a special place in the family of God and are essential to fulfilling the command of the Great Commission.

The AHG program serves as an outreach by:

- Reaching "unchurched" girls (studies show that only 25% of an AHG Troop's population are families from the Charter Organization, thus reaching out to the other 75% of members)
- Being a faith-builder to "churched" girls
- Complementing Sunday School, youth programs & other children's ministries
- Offering a strong service program and community awareness of the Charter Organization
- Teaching girls to "Love one another as I have loved you," while practicing servant leadership skills in preparation for their future in God's will
- Allowing girls to put "legs on their faith" -becoming an outward sign of Christ's love in their community

ORGANIZE A TROOP IN YOUR CHURCH

- * Care about reaching our nation's daughters for Christ
- * Agree to the AHG Statement of Faith
- * Select a Charter Representative Liaison
- * Complete the AHG Charter Process
- * Recruit local girl members & adult volunteers

BENEFITS TO YOUR CHURCH

- * Fulfill the Great Commission
- * Maintain local control/ownership
- * Develop leadership in girls and women
- * Strengthen outreach to unchurched families
- * Partner with existing Boy Scout program

AHG AS PART OF YOUR YOUTH MINISTRY

- * Devotionals/prayer as a regular part of Troop meetings
- * Bible Study
- * Christian Servant Leadership Opportunities
- * Christ-centered programming



LEARN MORE

Visit our website at www.ahgonline.org to see if American Heritage Girls is right for you.