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**Interview Availability:**

**American Heritage Girls Responds to Scouts BSA Changes**

*Announced changes in scouting concern Christian parents of girls*

**The Issue:** Amid changes announced by Scouts BSA, families are looking for scout-like alternatives. American Heritage Girls (AHG) is a Christ-centered leadership and character-development organization founded by women for their daughters. American Heritage Girls believes that boys and girls are uniquely created and have different needs. For this reason, AHG remains committed to celebrating girlhood and a girl's journey of discovery of who she is and whose she is today and in the future.

Over two decades ago, AHG Founder, Patti Garibay, started a grassroots campaign with fellow concerned moms to create a faith-based and girl-focused scout-like experience for girls in the wake of controversy surrounding 'God-optional' policies of other organizations. AHG believes that allowing girls to grow physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually with other girls is a key component to building women of integrity and to understanding who God made them to be

You can learn more about Patti's response by reading her blog post: [All Girl Advantage](#) and scheduling an interview for a fresh perspective on the issues.

**Availability:** Patti Garibay, Executive Director and Founder of AHG, is available for interviews. Please contact Michelle Beckham-Corbin to make arrangements.

**About American Heritage Girls:**

American Heritage Girls is the premier national character development organization for girls ages 5 to 18 that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement. Founded in 1995 in response to Girl Scouts of America's changing values, American Heritage Girls fulfills its mission of building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country through a balanced and holistic program.

In an era where women's unique value is being molded by the media and swiftly changing mores and values, the AHG Program offers an opportunity for girls to become aware of their inner strength, talents, and skills while growing in their faith. A core tenet of the AHG Program includes growing Girl Leadership, encouraging girls to become more confident in who they are as women and whose they are in Christ, as well as emphasizing mentorship to the younger girls within the Troop structure. AHG offers a focus on life skills through badge work and outdoor experiences that are unique to a female audience.

AHG focuses on providing progressive programming that is rich in opportunities for girls of all ages and abilities. With each AHG Program Level, girls are introduced to new skills, experiences and leadership positions, as well as given opportunities to grow closer to the Lord.

The AHG Program consists of six Program Emphases; Faith, Leadership, Social, Emotional, Citizenship, and Life Skills. The Stars & Stripes Award is AHG's highest achievement and teaches girls perseverance, self-respect and a strong feeling of accomplishment.

To learn more about American Heritage Girls, visit [americanheritagegirls.org](http://americanheritagegirls.org).

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