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## **American Heritage Girls Responds to BSA's Co-Ed Program Acceptance**

**The Issue:** Boy Scouts of America—now coined Scouts BSA—officially announced its decision to welcome both boys and girls into its program on Feb. 1, 2019. While co-ed troops are not part of this change, the once boys-exclusive organization will now allow girls to participate in the Boy Scouts curriculum.

Amid this announcement, American Heritage Girls would like to reiterate its belief in the benefits of a Christ-centered, girl-focused, outdoor-adventure program that is specifically tailored to the needs of a girl. Founded over two decades ago by Executive Director and Founder, Patti Garibay, AHG remains committed to celebrating a girl's journey of discovery of who she is and whose she is in Christ today and in the future. AHG believes that allowing girls to grow physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually with other girls is key to building women of integrity.

Learn more about AHG and the benefits of a Christ-centered, outdoor adventure and girl-focused program through a conversation with AHG Executive Director and Founder, Patti Garibay.

**When:** Patti is available for interviews. Please contact AHG Media Relations Specialist Megan Rose 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 the USA'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.

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

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