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American Heritage Girls Builds Young Women of Character Through Its Unique, Multi-Level Approach

AHG Rewards Girls' Accomplishments, Skills and Service—All Celebrated at a Faith-Filled 'Crossing Over' Ceremony

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Scores of parents and caregivers of daughters across the country already know that *American Heritage Girls* (**AHG**, www.americanheritagegirls.org) offers a faith-based, scout-type experience for girls that includes badge programs, service projects, leadership opportunities, outdoor adventure, and much more—all with a focus on Christian values and family involvement.

Among the noteworthy benefits of the **AHG** experience is its unique, multi-level program—including “level awards” for girls who demonstrate superior achievement. As the young women develop abilities in leadership, communication and cooperation with others, they advance through the **AHG** program levels—trading in old vests for new ones at a special “crossing-over” ceremony that acknowledges their accomplishments. Families play a key role in the ceremony.

“Each program level marks a progression in fulfilling the mission of American Heritage Girls: to build women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country,” said AHG Founder and Director Patti Garibay. “Our Level Awards represent the highest award girls can earn—and for most of the girls, the awards are the culmination of several years of participation in AHG.

“The heart of our end-of-year ceremony is a joyous and faith-filled celebration of each girl’s accomplishments,” she added. “It can be emotional as the girls officially move from one program level to another—signifying their growth and their steps toward adulthood—all while their parents participate and beam with pride.”

While the awards requirements vary by level, all girls who receive awards must earn badges in six badge frontiers. They must also fulfill a certain amount of service hours, attend

organizational events, and participate in boards of review. The program levels have other specific requirements as well. This clearly planned and well-organized program honors specific accomplishments and holds the girls to high, achievable standards.

AHG is dedicated to providing authentic, positive and values-driven outdoor activities and many other character and leadership development opportunities for girls across the nation.

American Heritage Girls was founded in 1995 by a group of parents who wanted a faith-based, scout-type character development program for their daughters. *American Heritage Girls* across the nation and the globe participate in badge programs, service projects, leadership opportunities, and outdoor experiences, all with an emphasis on Christian values and family involvement.

In addition to the biblically based parenting advice shared in the [Raising Godly Girls blog](#) and [Raising Godly Girls](#) radio features that are heard on 770 radio stations, *American Heritage Girls* provides a community experience in a Troop setting. Girls benefit from Christ-centered friendships and mentors to assist them in becoming godly girls.

Today, there are troops in all 50 states and in 15 countries around the globe through the [Trailblazer Program](#). A variety of Christian denominations are also represented as [Charter Organizations](#) for Troops. Thousands of volunteer members across the country are helping girls to grow in their faith, cultivate a heart for service, enjoy the great outdoors, and have more fun than they can imagine.

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