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American Heritage Girls teaches leaders conflict resolution skills at AHGequip Spark seminar

Virtual discussion gives leaders the tools to apply biblical conflict resolution within Troops

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Countless families from coast to coast know that *American Heritage Girls (AHG, www.americanheritagegirls.org)* is the premier faith-based, scout-type leadership development program for girls and young women ages five to 18 in the U.S. *AHG* offers hands-on badge programs, service projects, leadership opportunities, outdoor adventures, and much more. It emphasizes Christian values and family participation, and its leaders receive superior training that is recognized as a hallmark for adult volunteers.

During the pandemic, *AHG* found new ways to innovate in order to keep its Troops and volunteers connected. When the in-person *AHGequip* training seminars had to be canceled, *AHG* pivoted and created exciting virtual opportunities for its leaders around the country. It incorporated a digital conference platform that allowed participants to view live presentations and interact with other participating leaders from their own homes.

Said AHG Founder and Executive Director Patti Garibay, “Our AHG leaders so enjoyed their virtual time together—learning and building community—that we created quarterly sessions to keep the ‘spark’ going! These virtual sessions, which focus on a single key topic—allowing us to do a deep dive during our time together—are free to all AHG Adult Members.”

The next *AHGequip* Spark seminar will be held on February 16, 2022. The event will be focused on biblical conflict resolution within Troops.

“No one likes conflict, but it’s a reality we all face in today’s world more than ever before, even while serving in ministry,” Garibay commented. “That’s why the upcoming AHGequip virtual Spark seminar will focus on how to apply biblical conflict resolution within Troop leadership, as well as shepherding girls well in handling conflict resolution.”

Testimonials from participating leaders reveal the importance of connections fostered and information shared. *Said one leader, “The discussions were nice and gave me perspectives and ideas from others. The guest speakers and host did very well. This was my first experience with online AHG workshops—and it was very helpful and encouraging!”*

Another attendee stated, “The hosts were great and shared information that I could understand and bring to the other leaders.”

American Heritage Girls was founded in 1995 by a group of parents who wanted this faith-based, scout-type character development program for their daughters. At *AHG*, girls ages five to 18 meet together as [a single Troop](#) at the same time and then break out into Units by Levels. This gives *AHG* girls the important social experience of interacting with friends and godly mentors of various ages; members also learn leadership skills within a group setting. *AHG* Troops are located in [local communities](#) across the nation. If none exists in a given area, families can bring the *AHG* Program to their own area. An *American Heritage Girls* Troop Development Coach is available to provide resources to potential Charter Organizations and other families to form [a new Troop](#). To hear more about the purpose, mission, and vision of *AHG* from *Founder and Executive Director Patti Garibay*, [click here](#).

Today, there are [Troops](#) in all 50 states and girls being served in 15 countries around the globe. Girls can join a Troop at any time; if a Troop is not available nearby, they can become a [Trailblazer](#) and enjoy the *AHG* program alongside their parent. A variety of Christian denominations are also represented as [Charter Organizations](#) for Troops. Thousands of volunteer members across the country are helping girls grow in their faith, cultivate a heart for service, enjoy the great outdoors, and have more fun than they can imagine.

The “*Raising Godly Girls*” radio feature and [Raising Godly Girls blog](#) shares guidance and biblically based advice on many key topics affecting girls today—including the prevalence of bullying and cyberbullying. It gives parents, educators, and faith community leaders a set of tools, resources, and Scripture-based advice to assist in raising girls after God’s own heart. The “*Raising Godly Girls Minute*” with [Patti Garibay](#) airs on 900+ Christian radio stations across the country.

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