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AHG helps girls develop personal relationships with Christ through Faith Award Program

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CINCINNATI, Ohio — When *American Heritage Girls* (AHG, www.americanheritagegirls.org) was founded in 1995, *Founder and Executive Director Patti Garibay* had a vision of a scout-type organization for girls that was rooted in biblical truths — a stark contrast to the rapidly declining morality of other big name scouting organizations. Thanks to *Garibay’s* dedication to that vision, today *AHG* is known around the world as the premier faith-based, scout-type leadership development program for girls ages five to 18.

“Faith is foundational to the mission of American Heritage Girls,” Garibay commented. “Christ is the focus and the reason for everything AHG does. In the AHG Oath, girls promise to love God. In the AHG Creed, girls commit to being reverent. The AHG Program is rooted in Christ. With our emphasis on faith, we at AHG hope that girls will grow in their faith and become lifelong Christ followers. Girls will understand their identity in Christ, learn to submit to Christ, and seek God’s will for their lives.”

AHG ensures that girls (and their families) are well versed with biblical knowledge through the *AHG Faith Award Program*. Split into two separate tracks — the Catholic Faith Awards and the Build Your Faith Awards — the Faith Award Program gives girls the opportunity to grow deeper in their faith and relationship with Christ. The two tracks were created to allow families to choose the curriculum that best fits the needs of their girls. The Catholic Faith Awards honor the *AHG* Creed, Oath, and Mission, connecting what girls are learning in *AHG* with the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The Build Your Faith Awards allow families to choose from different options that will accelerate girls in learning to live by faith.

Either as a Troop, a Unit, or individually, girls can earn carefully curated badges that help girls better understand their faith and how it applies in the modern world. *AHG* is proud to add four new badges to the Faith Award Program for the current program year: Bible Basics, Daughter of the King, Identity, and Women of Faith.

“It’s so important for girls to understand the essence of Christianity and really make it their own personal faith,” Garibay said. “Girls will never really build a true relationship with Christ unless they really study the Word of God and apply a Christian lens to their own lives. This is really the cornerstone of AHG — building godly girls of integrity.”

One AHG mom said, “My daughter, Emma, just became a Patriot. She has been with AHG since she was 5. In all of those years, she has grown into an amazing, confident young woman. She has developed life-long

friendships, even across the country thanks to Convention, camps, and the Pen Pal Program. Her faith is stronger because it extends past home and church! Her heart to serve amazes me every day and I believe that was developed through so many acts of service with AHG. She is truly a godly young woman of integrity.”

Garibay recently spoke on [Focus on the Family](#) about the importance of raising godly girls and how parents and grandparents can help equip the next generation of women. *Host Jim Daly said, “Patti’s advancing a very noble cause and I’m so encouraged by her commitment to godly values and her desire to pour into the next generation of young women.”*

AHG’s mission is to build women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. It is dedicated to providing authentic, positive, and values-driven character and leadership development opportunities and outdoor adventure for girls across the nation.

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 — from bullying and identity to anxiety and body image issues. 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 1000+ Christian radio stations across the country.

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