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## Girl Scouts indoctrination camps; *American Heritage Girls* founder calls out GSUSA's Camp Culture Code

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**CINCINNATI, Ohio** — Girl Scouts of the United States of America, the once revered and honorable scouting institution for girls, is continuing to abandon its time-tested traditions and cater to the woke agenda. A <u>recent</u> <u>document</u> from the Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts revealed the organization's true intent — to indoctrinate girls with age-inappropriate propaganda. The Camp Culture Code document clearly outlines the organization's "commitment to DEI/RJ (diversity, equity, inclusion and racial justice)," as well as the explicit LGBTQ+ terminology and definitions that will be taught at camps — many of which are unsuitable for young children. The Girl Scouts also "embrace a youth-centered approach to notions of sex and gender," including allowing biological boys to share a cabin with biological girls. The Camp Culture Code <u>clearly states</u>, "Our camps serve cisgender girls, gender-expansive youth, non-binary youth, and trans-girls and trans-boys." For any parents who are wary or uncomfortable with the direction the Girl Scouts are heading, the document notes that they and their children "are not a good fit" and should look elsewhere for scouting organizations for their daughters.

*American Heritage Girls (AHG, <u>www.americanheritagegirls.org</u>), the premier faith-based, scout-type leadership development program in America, has been developing age-appropriate, girl-focused programming for nearly 30 years. Founded by <i>AHG Executive Director Patti Garibay* as <u>a direct response</u> to the Girl Scouts taking God out of their organization, *AHG* offers fun outdoor adventure that helps build character, cultivate leadership skills, and raise godly girls.

"In 2022, billionaire MacKenzie Scott gave the Girl Scouts of the United States of America a jaw-dropping <u>donation of \$84.5 million</u>, the biggest donation in the organization's history," said Garibay. "But there was a catch — the money was donated to 'create more equitable membership opportunities' in select 'underserved' regions of the country. Reading between the lines, it's obvious that Scott's donation was set to fund the extreme liberal agenda infiltrating the Girl Scouts. This Camp Culture Code document is a clear result of the aim to 'diversify' Troops by allowing biological boys into the organization and opening the doors to confusing gender discussions. The Camp Culture Code clearly states that girls who have white skin have white privilege and seeks to make girls 'allies' to unbiblical causes. Those who disagree are unwelcome — talk about 'inclusivity!'

"This is not what scouting should be about! Children at this age are just beginning to understand these complex issues — further confusing them with these age-inappropriate concepts is fundamentally wrong. Young girls should be developing friendships, learning valuable life skills, and enjoying outdoor adventure, not being forced to be an 'ally' for a lifestyle that defies their logical understanding of the world. Parents must be informed of what the Girl Scouts are actually doing and how to best protect their girls from these harmful ideologies. At American Heritage Girls, girls are guided by skilled leaders and mentors through our carefully cultivated program. Our program is designed to adapt and change with a girl as she grows up, ensuring that she never is exposed to material that is unsuitable for her stage of development."

Parents across the country are finding *AHG* to be a helpful, beneficial, and appropriate program for their daughters. One *AHG* mom commented, "*My daughter just became a Patriot (Level)*. She has been with *AHG* since she was five. 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."

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 <u>a single</u> 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 <u>local communities</u> 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 <u>a new</u> Troop. To hear more about the purpose, mission, and vision of *AHG* from *Founder and Executive Director Patti Garibay*, click here.

Today, there are <u>Troops</u> 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 <u>Trailblazer</u> and enjoy the *AHG* program alongside their parent. A variety of Christian denominations are also represented as <u>Charter</u> <u>Organizations</u> 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 <u>Raising Godly Girls blog</u> 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 <u>"*Raising Godly Girls Minute*" with Patti Garibay</u> airs on 900+ Christian radio stations across the country.

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