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## **‘I didn’t abandon the Girl Scouts; the Girl Scouts abandoned me,’ says former GSUSA leader**

*Former GSUSA leader outlines devastating camp catastrophe that forced her to leave organization for rapidly growing **American Heritage Girls***

**CINCINNATI, Ohio** — As the Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA) continue to [abandon the traditional foundations](#) it was built on, scores of girls and their families are flocking to **American Heritage Girls (AHG)**, [www.americanheritagegirls.org](http://www.americanheritagegirls.org), the premier national character development organization for young women that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement. **AHG** is dedicated to building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country.

One former prominent GSUSA leader commented on the moral decline of the organization, noting that the changes within the organization are clearly designed to benefit GSUSA and not the scouts themselves.

*“I have been involved with the Girl Scouts for 60 years, ever since I became a Brownie at 7 years old,” said the leader. “I grew up inside the organization, and even helped with the Boy Scouts when my sons were old enough. Scouting has been part of my life for a long time, and once I retired, I volunteered all my time to the Girl Scouts. It was an incident at a summer camp in 2022 that pushed me over the edge. I was in charge of a group of 5-year-olds and was aided by a teenage Girl Scout. While I obviously thought she was female, the girls called her a ‘he,’ and no one seemed to know what name to call her. When I asked the staff about this individual, they told me it was none of my business and it was a personal decision. I was forced to wait outside the cabin while this teenager helped these little girls get changed out of their swimsuits, and I didn’t even know if it was a biological boy or girl! I also wasn’t allowed to tell the parents about any of this since it was that person’s ‘personal business.’ I felt like I was letting the parents, the girls, and the teenager down because I couldn’t protect anyone.*

*“I knew it was time for me to leave the organization after that. I didn’t abandon the Girl Scouts; the Girl Scouts abandoned me.”*

**“Unfortunately, stories like these happen more often than we’d care to admit,” said AHG Founder and Executive Director Patti Garibay. “The Girl Scouts are more focused on catering to the woke mob than doing what is best for young girls. Subjecting young girls to such age-inappropriate content without parental consent would have been unheard of only a decade or two ago. Now it is happening with no consideration for what is best for the child.”**

**AHG** was founded almost 30 years ago when **Garibay** grew uneasy by the GSUSA decision to take “God” out of the Girl Scout Promise. Since its founding, **AHG** has been providing Christ-centered, authentic, positive, and values-driven outdoor activities and other character and leadership development opportunities for girls across the nation. This well-organized program also honors girls’ specific and measurable accomplishments,

something in which the participants take enormous pride — and use as stepping-stones each year as they further enhance their skills, sense of service, and much more.

***“Parents don’t have to subject their daughters to this unbiblical and immoral content like the [GSUSA Camp Culture Code](#),” said Garibay. “At American Heritage Girls, girls are provided with a safe environment that allows them to explore the world around them without indoctrinating them with inappropriate content without parental consent.”***

*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 900+ Christian radio stations across the country.

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