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American Heritage Girls join nationwide 'Bring Your Bible to School Day' to empower girls to share their faith in any and every situation

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CINCINNATI, Ohio — As Christianity is <u>continuously attacked</u> in mainstream media, workplaces, and schools, *American Heritage Girls (AHG, <u>www.americanheritagegirls.org</u>) — one of the largest Christian, scout-type organizations in the world — is proud to encourage <i>AHG* members to be involved in Focus on the Family's "<u>Bring Your Bible to School Day</u>" this <u>Thursday, October 5</u>.

AHG's Christian foundation goes hand-in-hand with Focus on the Family's "Bring Your Bible to School Day," a nationwide, student-led movement to read and treasure Scripture as God's Holy Word, to encourage others with the hope they have in Christ Jesus, and to celebrate religious freedoms in the United States. The event empowers Christian students of all ages to speak God's grace and truth into the culture around them, starting with two simple steps — bringing their Bibles to school and sharing what God's Word means to them.

"American Heritage Girls is unapologetically Christian," said AHG Founder and Executive Director Patti Garibay. "Our mission is to build women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. Having the courage to stand strong in your faith in a place where your classmates might not understand your beliefs is a big step, but it's vital that girls learn how to share the Gospel in any and every situation."

In 2022, Focus on the Family had 877,353 students register for the event in over 50,000 schools across the nation. This year, Christian girls now have new opportunities to share with their friends the hope they have in Christ.

"Through 'Bring Your Bible to School Day,' girls will be able to make bold declarations of faith through something as simple and carrying their Bible through the halls," said Garibay. "It can be challenging to start a conversation about Christ, but girls can find solidarity among other believers in their school and use 'Bring Your Bible to School Day' as a catalyst to bring Christ to their classmate. For girls who might not know how to start that conversation, this is a great way to open the floor for that dialogue."

To register for "Bring Your Bible To School Day" or for more information, click here.

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

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 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 "*Raising Godly Girls Minute*" with *Patti Garibay* airs on 900+ Christian radio stations across the country.

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