

AHG Troop C01912

General Information for Interested Families

Welcome to American Heritage Girls!

American Heritage Girls is a faith-based character development program for girls 5-18 years of age. Our mission is to build women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country. (With an emphasis on faith, service, and fun!) The girls can choose from more than 240 badges, participate in service projects, leadership opportunities, and outdoor experiences.

Meeting Schedule

Our **Troop meetings** are held at our charter organization, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month either at our charter organization or out and about town.

Our troop year runs from November through May, with an end-of-the-year award ceremony in mid-May. We are hoping to incorporate other summer activities as well.

Membership Costs- all expenses below are paid for by the parent

1. Annual AHG Girl Registration - \$26/girl, \$60/family cap (for 3+ sisters)
 2. Annual AHG Program Support Fee - \$20/girl, \$50 family cap (for 3+ sisters)
 3. Annual Troop Dues - \$25
 4. Uniforms & handbooks – parents are to order uniforms from <http://store.ahgonline.org>
 - o Uniforms cost \$26
 - o Girl Handbook - \$18.00 (for all girls Tenderheart & older)
 - o When available, we will offer gently used uniforms for sale at the first couple of troop meetings each year offered at a significant discount.
 5. All achievement awards, badges & participation patches are paid by the parent and will be collected at the time they are distributed. Average cost- \$3.25/badge.
 6. Camping fees and other activities may have a cost as determined by the Troop Board
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Volunteers – Troop Ministry Team

1. 2016-17 Troop Board –

- Coordinator: Linda Christopher
- Vice Coordinators: Carey Smith
- Treasurer: Carol Glennie
- Shepherd: Michelle Black
- Charter Representative: Caroline Batorowicz-Vierow

2. Troop Leadership -

- Unit Leaders and Assistant Unit Leaders - Implement the AHG program at the Unit level while incorporating the interests of the girls and encouraging girl leadership. Uphold AHG's Health and Safety Standards as to ensure a safe environment for each Troop meeting. Participate in leaders meetings as well as Troop Board planning meetings.
- Troop Event/Service Event Chairs – Organize various events and service projects throughout the year as determined by the board in positions such as Camping Chair, Religious Emblems Chair, Fundraising Chair, Service Project Chair, or Troop Outing Chair

FAQ

Do you have to be a Blessed Sacrament parish member to join the troop?

AHG is a Christian organization, and Blessed Sacrament, our chartering organization, is a Roman Catholic parish, our troop is specifically Catholic. We welcome any families who are comfortable participating in activities that include prayer, reference to scripture, and acknowledgement of our life in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Leaders (not girls) sign a statement of faith (www.ahgonline.org).

Does a parent need to stay at every meeting?

While parent **attendance** requirements vary based on their daughter's age/unit, in general, a parent is expected to participate in Troop meetings or stay on campus during the meetings. Individual Unit leaders will set the parent attendance requirements for their unit meetings. In addition, we have a **parent participation requirement** to ensure that all families are contributing to the functioning of the troop. We encourage all parents to take an active role in the troop structure.

I have other small children. Can I bring them with me to the AHG meetings?

Siblings may attend meetings with Mom or Dad provided that they do not disturb the girls or the flow of the meeting. Activities are planned for AHG members, not their siblings, so you should bring entertainment for your other children. Children may not be unattended.

Do you have events on days other than Tuesdays?

Yes, we have optional events such as service opportunities, outdoor events (including camping trips), and other special events. In addition, units may choose a different day for their unit-only meeting each month. We are all busy families and recognize that not all members can attend every event. Each family chooses which events to attend.

Do you meet over the summer?

The troop is inactive during the summer and hence, there are no formal meetings. We do have optional activities. While these events are not required, they provide a means for our troop families to get to know each other in a more casual setting and as such we encourage all families to attend these events if possible.