

## Comparison Chart Girl Scouts and American Heritage Girls

Which organization would you choose for your daughter?	American Heritage Girls	Girl Scouts of the United States of America
<b>God Placement</b>	<b>Christ Centered</b> (AHG Statement of Faith, 2008)	<b>God Optional</b> "Girl Scouts of USA makes no attempt to define or interpret the word 'God' in the Girl Scout Promise ... When making the Girl Scout Promise, individuals may substitute wording appropriate to their own spiritual beliefs for the word 'God'" (Blue Book of Basic Documents, 2006) "Avoid reference to 'God' as being a specific deity." ( <a href="http://www.girlscouts.org">www.girlscouts.org</a> , 2005)
<b>Value of Life</b>	<b>Pro-life, believes in the dignity and sanctity of life.</b> (AHG Statement of Faith)	<b>No official position</b> (Blue Book of Basic Documents) However, GSUSA CEO, Kathy Cloninger, admitted on the "Today Show" 3/5/04, "We have relationships ... with Planned Parenthood ... across the country" WAGGGS promotes on their website a campaign for "sexual and reproductive rights", including "emergency contraception in order to avoid unintended pregnancies" and "accessible, affordable ... abortions" ( <a href="http://www.waggggs.org">www.waggggs.org</a> , 2010) Encourages re-examination of girls' values as they mature. ( <a href="http://www.girlscouts.org">www.girlscouts.org</a> , 2003) WAGGGS honored Nafis Sadik, former Exec. Dir. Of the United Nations Population Fund

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Program Ownership	Owned by local chartering organizations (church, private school, etc.)	Troops "owned" by National Organization, GSUSA. (Blue Book of Basic Documents, 2006)
Philosophical Basis	Founded on Biblical principles with definite moral compass of right and wrong. Reflects honored traditions of God, family, and country. (History of AHG, 1995-2008)	<p>"There is no 'right' way to live, look, talk, dress, eat or act." (Brownie Girl Scout Handbook, 1993) (Moral Relativism)</p> <p>"... you can rarely state that something is definitely right or wrong." (Exploring Spirituality, WAGGGS, 2000)</p> <p>"Reflects the ever changing needs &amp; interests of girls" (<a href="http://www.girlscouts.org">www.girlscouts.org</a>, 2003)</p> <p>"Driven by the new realities of our ever-changing world" (<a href="http://www.girlscouts.org">www.girlscouts.org</a> , 2007)</p>
Position on Prayer	Encourages prayer at meetings	<p>"Even if your troop is all of one faith, the Girl Scout meeting is not an appropriate place for prayers and hymns." (<a href="http://www.girlscouts.org">www.girlscouts.org</a>, 2003)</p>
Oath/Promise	AHG Oath: <b>I promise to love God, cherish my family, honor my country and serve in my community.</b>	<p>Girl Scout Promise: "On my honor, <b>I will try</b>: to serve God* and my country, to help people at all times and to live by the Girl Scout Law."</p> <p>*"The word 'God' can be interpreted in a number of ways, depending on one's spiritual beliefs." When reciting the Promise, this word (God) may be substituted to fit individual girl's belief system, if any. (<a href="http://www.girlscouts.org">www.girlscouts.org</a>, 2008)</p>