

Press Release

American Heritage Girls first all girls' organization to Partner with century old Boy Scouts of America

The American Heritage Girls (AHG) was presented a Memorandum of Mutual Support by the Boy Scouts of America at the AHG National Leadership Conference on Friday, June 12, 2009 at 7 pm at Vineyard Community Church in Cincinnati.

This Memorandum is historic in nature as it is the first presented to an all girls' organization in the one hundred year history of the Boy Scouts of America. The Memorandum was presented to AHG National Executive Director, Patti Garibay by BSA's Director of the Community Alliances Team, Charles Holmes, of the Boy Scouts of America, Irving, Texas. American Heritage Girls' volunteers from across the country participated in trainings and workshops during the weekend as well as witnessed this historic event. The Memorandum was signed by the National Executive Director and Founder of the American Heritage Girls on the same kitchen table where AHG was founded nearly 15 years ago.

American Heritage Girls was started in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1995 in order to offer a faith based leadership development program to girls ages 5-18. Through the AHG program, girls are enriched physically, mentally and spiritually through a diverse range of badge activities, community service projects, camping and more, thus making the AHG program a good book end to a church sponsored BSA charter. American Heritage Girls currently has Troops in 39 states, and its new independent girl program, the Trailblazer Program, currently operates in two European countries and Japan and in state side areas that presently do not have AHG troops.

The formal partnership will begin immediately. The structure of both organizations is very similar thus allowing BSA and AHG to work cooperatively on service projects, membership growth and programming initiatives across the nation.

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Memorandum

Of

Mutual Support

Whereas, American Heritage Girls, Inc. and the Boy Scouts of America desire to establish and maintain a collaborative relationship on behalf of youth, young adults and families, we now enter into this agreement for the purpose of confirming a framework of cooperative relationship under which the American Heritage Girls, Inc. and the Boy Scouts of America will assist one another in areas of mutual objectives, and

Whereas, "It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law" and

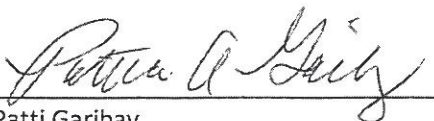
Whereas, The Boy Scouts of America is desirous of lending its aid and support to the citizenship, character development and personal fitness of boys and young men and women through community based organizations and

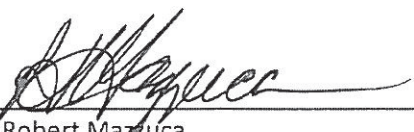
Whereas, "It is the mission of the American Heritage Girls to build women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country" and

Whereas, the American Heritage Girls is desirous of encouraging its member families to place their sons in a Christ centered chartered BSA Troop and,

Whereas, the American Heritage Girls desires to partner with the Boy Scouts of America on projects and opportunities that align with their missions while benefiting the community as a whole, therefore be it

Resolved, that the American Heritage Girls, Inc. and the Boy Scouts of America will work with each other within the rules and regulations of the American Heritage Girls, Inc. and the Boys Scouts of America to establish and nurture a positive beneficial relationship as well as to cooperate in establishing American Heritage Girl units and Boy Scout Venturing units as an expression of the organizational values of the organizations.

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