



# VA TROOP 122 NEWSLETTER

Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. **SEPTEMBER 2015 ISSUE**

## Coordinator message

Welcome to our inaugural monthly newsletter! We have so much going on to kick off our official first year! Each month, we will use this newsletter to communicate with you on the various events that we are planning for the month. This month we have multiple service opportunities, another fun family outing, and our first camping trip! We have lots of ways to get involved, and as every member of our team can tell you it is for the very best purpose, building the Kingdom of God, and has been very rewarding and LOTS of fun!

**Our First Troop Meeting:** Our first meeting for the fall is Sunday 9/13, 2pm at the nZone. We will be holding a **parent session during the meeting** where we will have lots of information for you and all the mandatory forms for you to fill out, sign, and return to us before you leave. Please bring your checkbooks if you need to pay your troop dues/registration fees and your camporee registration fee (if attending).

**Important Communication Info: Troop Track** Each of the registered and paid members should have received an invitation to join Troop Track. The Troop Track website is the primary means we will use to communicate with you all. We will post important documents, track attendance, service hours, advancements, and is where we will keep our up to date AHG troop calendar. Troop Track will send out event notifications & reminders, **please RSVP** to these so that we can adequately plan.

I thank you all so much for making this ministry a priority, and ask you to please pray for our success! I am always available to answer any questions and listen to any concerns or suggestions you have.  
Yours in service, Carrie Wahl

## What's New - Dedication Ceremony for Pathfinders (POC: Esther Biggs, [esther.biggs@gmail.com](mailto:esther.biggs@gmail.com))

At our Troop Meeting on September 20th, parents of Pathfinders are our honored guests, as we celebrate their dedication to the great work of bringing up their girls as unto the Lord. The Dedication



## TROOP VERSE

*"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."* — Romans 12:2

## CORE LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Coordinator:** Carrie Wahl  
**Vice Coordinator:** Available  
**Troop Shepherd:** Laura Steen  
**Troop Treasurer:** Gretchen Kiser

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**9/12/15** Generosity Feeds at New Life  
**9/13/15** First Fall Troop Meeting & AHG Birthday celebration  
**9/19/15** AHG National Day of Service: Honor Flight @ Dulles Airport  
**9/20/15** Troop Meeting and Pathfinder Dedication Ceremony  
**9/27/15** Combined Outing: Hiking and Outdoor Adventure at Hidden Oaks Nature Center



Ceremony will take place at the end of our regular meeting. Pathfinder parents should arrive at 2:55pm, for a brief run-through to prepare you. We will then bring the troop together for the ceremony, and finish at our usual time.

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## Service Opportunities – Generosity Feeds and Honor Flight

An AHG member is called to become a responsible member of their community and the world through selfless acts, which contribute to the welfare of others. In order to support that principle we will be planning service events each month throughout the troop year. Some events will be coordinated and run through the troop, some will be voluntary opportunities to have fun and help meet service hour requirements, and some will be just for one or more units. As the girls work through their service project progression they will take on more and more of a leadership role in planning, organizing, and coordinating service activities. You will notice that some of the POCs for service events will be girls in the Pioneer and Patriot units. You can always contact a member of the board or a unit leader with any questions, but we encourage you to enable our girls in becoming leaders.

### Generosity Feeds (POC: Carrie Wahl, [ahg@newlife4me.com](mailto:ahg@newlife4me.com))

Do you want to help provide much needed, healthy, and yummy food to those in need right here in OUR community? Come join us at Generosity Feeds THIS Saturday 9/12! Please sign up as a family to serve with New Lifers at Generosity Feeds from 11am-1:30pm. This will not be an official AHG event, so parents will need to serve with their girls. Please register directly through Generosity Feeds online @ <https://generosityfeeds.org/va/chantilly/196>. The website has all the information, as well as the registration process. If you do sign up for this event, please let us know ahead of time so we can say hi at the event, log your service hours, and work together!

### Honor Flight (POC: Pioneer Emily Smith, [sromans122@gmail.com](mailto:sromans122@gmail.com))

Every year in September, World War II veterans come from all around the U.S. and see the sights in DC, especially the WWII memorial. The American Heritage Girls go to Dulles airport to greet and thank the veterans. It means so much to them to see all those smiling faces thanking them for their service. Please join us in this heartwarming experience on the morning of September 19. Permission slips are required and will be available at our first meeting on September 13. For more information, contact Pioneer Emily Smith, Honor Flight coordinator, before the 18th.

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**Coming Up – Hiking @  
Hidden Oaks Nature Center  
in Annandale** (POC: Carrie Wahl,



## SHARE YOUR GIFTS - WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

Please prayerfully consider filling a role to help make this troop successful and see direct results of building the Kingdom through these beautiful girls!

- **Unit Leaders** –Do you like working with kids? Do you have a passion for developing the future leaders of the Kingdom? Then join us! We are currently looking for unit leaders and assistants for the Tenderhearts (grades 1-3) and Explorers (grades 4-6), and as we continue to quickly grow will need additional unit leaders for the Pathfinders (K) and Pioneers & Patriots (grades 7-12).
- **Vice Coordinator**– The role of the VC is to assist the Troop Coordinator in all responsibilities. Currently we are looking for help with communication & event planning, but this role is very tailorable based on your spiritual gifts. The commitment would average about 5-6 hours per week, but the rewards are HUGE!
- **Health and Safety Coordinator**–We need someone to track our troop's CPR & First Aid certifications, notify the board of any shortages, coordinate new training sessions for leaders, keep our first aid kit stocked, and ensure that all H&S requirements are being met on our outings. Time commitment is just a few hours a month.
- **Wreaths Across America (WAA)**– The Troop 122 WAA coordinator is a mediator between the troop and the area WAA coordinator. They will work with the board and troop members to plan fundraising activities and coordinate our troop's participation in the actual event in December. This position requires about an hour of work per week until mid-December.
- **PR/Communications help**– Do you have a passion for social media and communication? We need you! We're looking for someone to help us keep the information flowing by managing our distribution lists, publish and share the

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Come join us for a free, fun fall day in a natural oasis hidden inside the beltway

Our next combined (Trail Life & AHG) **family** outing is planned for Sunday, 9/27. All member families and any other interested families are welcome (they do not need to be members of AHG, Trail Life, or New Life, anyone interested in our troop is welcome). For more information and to check out all the features of this awesome park take a look at their web-site @

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/hidden-oaks/>

If anyone has some great ideas or is interested in helping plan out an adventure for the troop, we would love to hear from you!!

## Save the Date - AHG Camporee

(POC: Susan Smith, [susieg@alum.mit.edu](mailto:susieg@alum.mit.edu))

We're going camping... and not just us, we're going with all the AHG Troops in the area! Lots of potential new friends, and lots of girl time fun in the outdoors!! What could be better?!

The Northern Virginia area AHG Camporee is October 16-18 in Middleburg! Explorers and Pi/Pa's will tent camp Friday through Sunday. Tenderhearts will only come to camp during the day on Saturday the 17th. For more information, to volunteer to camp with us, to loan us some camping equipment, or to teach us some skills, contact our POC before the first meeting on September 13th. **If you're going camping** with us, you need to **bring camping fees to the first meeting (9/13)** (\$35 per person for all 3 days, \$15 per person just for Saturday). You will also need to fill out your permission slip at that meeting.

*If you're excited about our new AHG troop, like we are, please spread the word - the more girls and more leaders we have the more fun to be had!*

troop calendar, update our web-site, create and update a Facebook page, and coordinate the save the dates and invites to events.

**If you're willing to share your time and talents with us to help build these women of integrity, please contact [ahg@newlife4me.com](mailto:ahg@newlife4me.com)**