



VA TROOP 122 NEWSLETTER

Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country. **OCTOBER 2015 ISSUE #2**

Coordinator message

Can you believe it's October already?! Hopefully everyone is back into the swing of the school and Fall sports & activities! This month we have more service opportunities, our first camping trip, and the start of our fall fundraising!

Our troop is growing as quickly as time seems to pass, yeah God! We still have a need for parent volunteers. There are many different ways to get involved, and it will really show your girls how important service and AHG is!

Thank you so much to all of you who have helped this first month be so successful!

Important Communication Info: Troop Track Just a reminder to ensure that your Troop Track account is active, and that you RSVP to all events. This allows us to ensure that we have enough leaders present, and better plan activities.

What's New - Joining Award and Flag Ceremonies (POC: Carrie Wahl;

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Parent Review - Joining Award

All girls that are new to AHG at the Tenderheart, Explorer, Pioneer, and Patriot levels have been practicing for their Joining Award. Please take a look at page 56 in their Girl Handbook and ask them what they have learned about being an American Heritage Girl. If they have accomplished any of the requirements that have not been signed off on yet, please let their unit leader, or a member or our board know! The Pathfinder Dedication Ceremony will also be on November 8th. The Pathfinders have been having fun learning about what it means to be an American Heritage girl, working their way through the words from the Creed.



Volunteers for Opening Flag Ceremony

Rachel Smith (Patriot) has been doing an excellent job of planning, training, and executing our joint troop Flag Ceremonies. We need AHG girls to carry the AHG Flag, take turns with Trail Life carrying the American Flag, and be a part of the Honor Guard. If your daughter is interested, please contact Rachel Smith at our next meeting.

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

AHG TROOP BOARD

Coordinator: Carrie Wahl

Vice Coordinator: Available

Troop Shepherd: Laura Steen

Troop Treasurer: Gretchen Kiser

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DATES TO REMEMBER

10/4 Troop Meeting

10/16-18 AHG Camporee!!!

10/24 nZone Fun Fall Fest!

10/25 Troop Meeting

10/25 Leader Meeting (and interested leaders)

11/1 Troop Meeting

11/8 Troop Meeting, Joining Award Ceremony, & Pathfinder Dedication



Coming Up – Wreaths Across America (POC: Kelly Pickeral (Trail Life Mom))

Save the Date! 12/12/15 – Our AHG Troop will be participating in Wreaths Across America, a chance to honor those who have served and defended our country. Our troop will attend the ceremony at the United States Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery, in Washington, D.C.

Wreaths Across America Fundraising

Between now and Thanksgiving we plan to sell sponsorship of wreaths to be laid. The wreaths are \$15, and \$5 of that goes towards our troop. The other \$10 pays for the wreaths to be laid at the cemetery. People interested in sponsoring can choose to sponsor a wreath in honor of someone to whom a card will be sent, or in memory of someone whose name will be posted on the online memory wall. We are asking each girl to sell sponsorship of a minimum of 4 wreaths to meet our planned fundraising goal for this year.

We will have more information and sponsorship sheets for the girls at our meeting on October 25th. Funds raised for the troop will go toward our benevolent fund to support the uniform and registration costs for girls whose families are unable to afford it, as well as activities for all the girls, like our spring camping trip. This is our main fundraiser for the program year 2015-2016.

*We are looking for a parent from the AHG side to assist Kelly, help plan and collect Fundraising opportunities, and coordinate participation in the actual event.

Service Opportunities

Thank You For Your Service

Big thank you to all of you that came out to support families in our community with Generosity Feeds, and to those of you who honored the heroes that defended our freedoms at the Honor Flight! We are so proud of our girls!

New Life Fall Fun Fest and Wreaths Across America Fundraising - Saturday October 24, 2015 (POC: Patriot Rachel Smith, sromans122@gmail.com)

Your girls have a unique service opportunity coming up! New life Christian Church is hosting a free fall festival for the community on October 24 from 1-5pm. The girls will have the opportunity to help run a carnival game(s). The girls will be volunteering for 1 hour shifts. Before or after your girl serves, she can have fun at the festival! If your daughter would like to serve, please email Rachel Smith at: sromans122@gmail.com with your **girl's name, grade, and any time preferences or issues**. Please also let her know if you would like to serve with your daughter. For the Pathfinders and 1st grade

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** –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 assistant/back up 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!
- **Adventure Coordinator**– Love event planning, adventures, and/or service projects? This would be a great job for you! It involves working with the Leadership team to understand the badges/goals they are working on, then research, plan, communicate, and coordinate monthly outings that help the girls achieve their goals. Some of the outings are joint with Trail Life, so it would also involve working with the Trail Life Adventure Coordinator, to understand the badges/goals they are working on, and ensure that the outing will work for their plans as well

If you're willing to share your time and talents with us to help build these women of integrity, please contact ahg@newlife4me.com

Tenderhearts a parent/guardian is required to serve alongside.

Thank You to Our New Parent Volunteers!

A huge, heartfelt thank you from our AHG Leadership team to the parents who have volunteered to serve in an official role, and help our Troop offer the best experiences for our girls!

Cynthia Getaneh – Health and Safety Coordinator

Karla Hardy (Trail Life Mom) – PR/Communications Lead for AHG & Trail Life!

Lisa Castor – Badge and Advancement Coordinator

Kelly Pickeral (Trail Life Mom) – Wreaths Across America Coordinator

Bridgette Parker and **Yvonne Stewart** – Tenderheart helpers

Erica Peter – Pathfinder helper

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!

