

# The Troop Scoop

## Familiar Faces Take on New Leadership Roles

Being an election year, we'll hear a lot about flip-floppers in the negative sense, but you have some in your midst and we hope you see it as a good thing. Diane Bleikamp and Ann Wilson have flip-flopped their roles. Ann is now our troop Coordinator and Diane will be the Fundraising Coordinator. Andrea Smith will be leading our 6<sup>th</sup> grade Explorers. It's a win-win situation.

Most everyone in the ministry knows me, but for those of you who don't, I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the incoming Coordinator for troop MO2002. Although I am not new to American Heritage Girls and have been a leader since 2002, this position is new. I'm excited, apprehensive, and gung-ho to serve this ministry in a new capacity. God has exciting plans for AHG and He's using each one of us to execute them in order to build His kingdom with women of integrity. I look forward to getting to know each of you better. Please use this as an open invitation to contact me anytime for any reason.

In service to Him,

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## Troop Sponsor-A-Child; partnering with Compassion International

Our troop is going to participate in Compassion International's Troop Sponsor-A-Child Program! This is an awesome way for us to make a positive impact in the life of a child. For only \$32 a month, **\$1.50 a month per troop member**, we can help provide educational opportunities, health services and most importantly, introduce someone to the love of Christ. Plus, each member of our Troop will earn an AHG Sponsor-A-Child patch at the end of the year. As a troop, we are committed to participating for one year or longer. We are sponsoring Magdalena Leonsi Mgamba, an 11 year-old girl in Tanzania, Africa. Soon, we will receive more information about Magdalena, including how to correspond with her. There will be a donation jar at the front table, so please bring \$1.50 each month (or 75 cents per meeting).



Magdalena Leonsi  
Mgamba

Troop Meetings are from 6:45pm until 8:15pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month.

### Important Dates

Sept. 16: Bring a Friend Night

Sept. 30: Carnival/  
Fundraising

Oct. 25: Operation  
Clean Stream

Oct. 21/28: Turn in fundraising money and forms

Oct. 31: Fall  
Festival at Calvary

We are currently accepting donations of arts and crafts supplies and gently used uniforms (navy and khaki pants, skorts or shorts, vests and sashes).

## Focus for the Year

Each month, this year we will highlight one of the ten attributes from our creed. Through the month of September, we'll focus on Compassion. I encourage you as a family to discuss what this means to each of you and how we can show more of it within our family, local and global community. As a troop, we're going to focus on government and the election process.

Steps to Resolving Conflict:

Step 1: Seek Biblical guidance

Step 2: Understand the uniqueness of each volunteer

*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. James 5: 11*

Step 3: Honor the feelings of each volunteer

Step 4: Retrace the loop

Step 5: Deal with conflict in a timely manner

Step 6: Do not let the conflict steal your joy of serving

Step 7: Seek Counsel from Charter Representative if conflict cannot be worked between individuals

## Bring a Friend Night

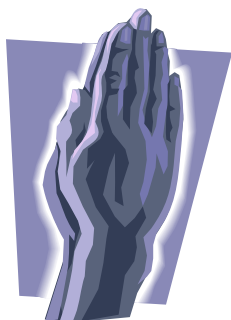
All right, girls. This is your chance to show your friends what AHG is all about! Bring one, two...twenty friends to our Troop meeting on September 16th and they'll get to attend Opening Ceremonies with you, go to your squad meeting and then have fun playing games and winning prizes with the Troop. And of course, there will be snacks!! So think of who you'd like to bring and give them an invitation. Their parents are invited to hang out and attend a brief informational meeting (because, of course, you'd love to have your friend join your Troop!). If their parents don't want to come, be sure they sign the permission slip for your friend(s).

*"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."  
1 Timothy 4:12*

So grab some invitations!

Be bold and brave!

## Praises and Prayer Requests



**Praise** for our new members and leaders.

**Prayer** for the McCoy family grandma, Alyssa Arnold - surgery on 9/2.

For a great year in AHG!

*If you have a praise or prayer request that you would like to be included in the newsletter, please email Catherine Dreher at [gr8cate@gmail.com](mailto:gr8cate@gmail.com)*

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## Why I'm an American Heritage Girls Leader by Ann Wilson

Through the years, I have had different primary reasons of why I am an American Heritage Girls Leader. In the beginning, it was solely because my daughter was going to be involved and I wanted to be with her. However, as I've learned more about the ministry itself, its mission, vision, and core values, it's become clearer to me that God has special plans for this ministry. He's using my strengths **and** my weaknesses to "build women of integrity", these are the women who will lead future generations.

To quote Al Newell, "If I weren't investing in AHG, what would I be spending my time on." I've been in the investments industry for over 12 years. AHG is an investment with phenomenal returns and that's why I'm an American Heritage Girls Leader.

*If you would like to contribute an article about why you're an American Heritage Girls leader, please email Catherine Dreher at [gr8cate@gmail.com](mailto:gr8cate@gmail.com)*

## Volunteers Needed

How would you like to have a direct impact on the Kingdom? Troop MO2002 has numerous opportunities that offer flexibility, growth, meaningful experience, and direct impact. God equips the called, not necessarily calls the equipped. Contact Ann Wilson if you feel God is leading you towards one of these roles.

**Troop Shepherd** - This person prays for the ministry and each member in it. He/she ensures the spiritual needs of the group are being lifted up to God and to others. Potential Impact: every family along with extended family members.

**Providing for the Promise Campaign Coordinator** - This person will work with our National Providing for the Promise Coordinator to lead our chapter campaign. Potential Impact: every young lady in United States to have an opportunity to be involved in AHG.

**Special Events Coordinator** - This person or persons are responsible for planning and coordinating the volunteers necessary for our special events such as parent night, summer camp, day camp, family camp. He/She will work closely with the Board. Potential Impact: all ministry members, families, vendors, service providers.

**Health & Safety Lead** - Responsibility during the meetings and special events to ensure the health and safety of our members is priority. Familiarity with members' health requirements such as allergies, manages the health and safety procedures, maybe even coordinate a fire-drill or tornado drill (just a thought).

**Scout Newsletter Assistant**—Responsible for interviewing other scouts about what they like best about being an American Heritage Girl. Answers will be used to create an ongoing article for each newsletter. Contact Catherine Dreher at [gr8cate@gmail.com](mailto:gr8cate@gmail.com) if interested.

These roles are not limited to those currently within the ministry. If you know of someone that may have a heart for "building women of integrity..." tell them about our ministry and our needs. Each adult is required to fill out our Adult Volunteer paperwork available through Cindy Wilson.

# September 2008: Compassionate

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 Troop Mtg. 6:45 pm	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Board Mtg. 6:00 pm	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 Troop Mtg. 6:45 pm: Bring a Friend	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Board Mtg. 6:00 pm	24	25	26	27
28	29	30 Carnival/ fundraising info. 6:45 pm				

# October 2008: Helpful

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Troop Mtg. 6:45 pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Board Mtg. 6:00 pm	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Troop Mtg. 6:45 pm Turn in fundraiser \$	22	23	24	25 Operation Clean Stream—St. Peters
26	27	28 Board Mtg. 5:30 pm Optional fundraiser \$ turn in	29	30	31 Fall Festival @ Calvary Church	