

Comparison Chart

Which Organization would you choose for your daughter?	American Heritage Girls	Girl Scouts of the United States of America
God Placement	God Centered	God Optional (Avoid references to "God" as being a specific deity.) www.girlscouts.org, 2003
Values	Reinforces the Judeo-Christian Values upon which this country was founded.	Encourages re-examination of girls' values as they mature. www.girlscouts.org ,2003
Program Ownership	Owned by local chartering organizations (church, etc.)	Troops "owned" by National Organization, GSUSA, " Blue Book OF Basic Documents"
Leadership Selection	Upholds the virtues contained in the AHG Creed. Unit Leader approval comes from chartering organization.	Accepts lesbians as leaders, camp counselors, etc. Leader approval from local council. " Blue Book of Basic Documents", 1997 Girl Scout Constitution, Preamble, pg. 7 Selection of Adults, p. 21, Membership Requirements, p. 25
Philosophical Basis	Based on Biblical principles	"There is no 'right ' way to live, look, talk, dress, eat or act." Brownie Girl Scout Handbook, 1993 (Moral Relativism)
Position on Prayer	Encourages prayer at meetings	"Even if your troop is all of one faith, the Girl Scout meeting is not an appropriate place for prayers and hymns." www.girlscouts.org, 2003
Philosophy of Programming	Reflects time honored traditions of God, family and country	"Reflects the ever changing needs & interests of girls" www.girlscouts.org 2003
Mission Statement	Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community and country.	Girl Scouting: For Every Girl, Everywhere www.girlscouts.org, 2003
Oath/Promise	AHG Oath: I promise to love God, cherish my family, honor my country and serve in my community.	"Girl Scout Promise: On my honor, I will try : To serve God* and my country , to help people at all times and to live by the Girl Scout Law. * <i>When recited, this word may be substituted to fit individual girl's belief system, if any.</i> www.girlscouts.org, 2003
Value of Life	Pro-life, believes in the dignity and sanctity of life	No official position; however, World Assoc. of Girls Guides and Girl Scouts honored Nafis Sadik, former Exec. Dir. of the United Nations Population Fund; GSUSA uses Planned Parenthood sexuality program in their local council offerings. www.waggs.org, " Blue Book of Basic Documents", 1997