

2020 AHG GIRL HANDBOOKS

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Girl Handbooks celebrating the ages and stages of girl development within the AHG Program

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New badges within the six Frontiers offering the development of new skills

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New Sports Pins by popular request of girls and volunteers

**BRAND NEW
DESIGNS &
ILLUSTRATIONS!**

NAMESAKES

INTRODUCING
Ida Scudder (Explorer) and
Abigail Adams (Patriot)
as our new Level Award Namesakes

SIX PROGRAM EMPHASES

with journaling blocks about how to live out a balanced life with Christ in the center.

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Cheerleading
Fencing
Golf

Ice Hockey
Roller Hockey
Rowing
Snow Sports

NEW BADGES

Women of Faith
Biblical Leadership
Identity
Entrepreneurship
Foreign Language

Graphic Design
Biomimicry
Digital Citizenship
Mathematics
Medical



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New AHG Girl Handbooks (2020 edition)

AHG is thrilled to announce the release of the 2020 Girl Handbooks this August! These handbooks are designed with the hearts and lives of girls in mind with beautifully illustrated pages explaining how an American Heritage Girl can live a balanced life with Christ orchestrating her every step and taking center stage in her worldview!

By learning the traditions of AHG, she will recognize the importance of honoring the past and living a life of virtue for the future. By understanding how each Program Emphasis influences her life, she will be immersed in a Biblical worldview, equipping her emotionally, cognitively, physically, and spiritually for the challenges God sets forth. By earning badges in AHG's six Program Frontiers and showing interest in any of the 27 available sports pins, she will gain perspective on how her gifts, talents, and abilities can lead others to a closer relationship with the Lord. All while being able to journal her thoughts and messages received from God on the provided journaling blocks!

KEY DATES

August 3, 2020: 2020 AHG Girl Handbooks (2020 edition) are available to order through the AHGstore.

May 31, 2021: Listed badges retire and are no longer available:

- Computer Fun
- Special Delivery
- Snowboarding & Snow Skiing
- Golf
- 7 C's of History

Lewis and Clark and Dolley Madison Level Award patches retire.

May 31, 2022: *2016 AHG Girl Handbook content retires.*

Note: Any communication sent out from AHG, Inc. referencing AHG Girl Handbooks after August 2020 will be in reflection of the 2020 AHG Girl Handbooks.

WHAT IS NEW?

Q: What's new in the 2020 AHG Girl Handbooks?

A: The AHG Girl Handbooks have an exciting new look and fresh content!

1. **New Design:** There is now an AHG Tenderheart & Explorer Handbook and an AHG Pioneer & Patriot Handbook! Each handbook appeals to the specific age group. While the Tenderheart & Explorer Handbook is full of whimsy, the Pioneer & Patriot Handbook offers a more mature look, chocked full of the things junior and senior high school girls love. Each handbook illustrates the Program Emphases in sections to provide space for girls to journal their thoughts about the AHG Program. Pioneer and Patriots have additional journaling opportunities on their badge pages to write down experiences and memories of earning specific badges. With the interactive nature of the 2020 Girl Handbooks, girls will cherish them as a keepsake!
2. **New Content:** With fresh content, the handbooks are written directly to girls in age-appropriate language. AHG has listened to volunteer suggestions by introducing new activities to existing badges and sports pins, retiring badges of low interest, and creating **ten new badges** and **eight new sports pins** with the support of subject matter experts. Each Program Level clearly defines badge requirements, and sports pins follow the same layout. Level Awards have also received a facelift to incorporate all six Program Emphases with Level Award Event Planning Guides included in the AHG Girl Handbooks for Explorers, Pioneers, and Patriots.
3. **New Namesakes:** Based on member feedback and extensive research, AHG has replaced two namesakes for AHG Level Awards. Girls earning their Explorer Level Award will obtain the Ida Scudder Level Award instead of the Lewis and Clark Level Award. Patriots will earn the Abigail Adams Level Award instead of the Dolley Madison Level Award. AHG is thrilled for girls to learn more about these amazing women!

Q: Why is there a switch from one Handbook for Tenderheart - Patriot to two Handbooks?

A: Based on member feedback, AHG felt it crucial that content is written directly to girls in age-appropriate language addressing topics that are relevant to them. The handbooks have updated designs that will allow girls to interact with the content in a new and exciting way! AHG also hopes that Tenderhearts and Explorers will look forward to getting their new Pioneer and Patriot Handbook!!



Q: Who is Ida Scudder?

A: The namesake for the Explorer Level Award is Ida Scudder. Ida Scudder was a third-generation American missionary to India. Dr. Scudder blazed trails for women in the field of medicine, as she was one of the first women accepted to a major medical university, founded a medical college for women in India, and dedicated her life to fighting diseases in the impoverished areas of India. Dr. Scudder proved to her generation that women could effectively reach people for Christ through medical missions.

Q: Who is Abigail Adams?

A: The namesake for the Patriot Level Award is Abigail Adams. Abigail Adams is best known for her courage and keen intellect. She was a gracious hostess who proved women could present their opinions and have influence in the American government. Her advocacy for women's equality and stand against slavery can be found in the 1000 plus letters written to her husband while he served in the Continental Congress and later as the second President of the United States. She took great pride in caring for her family, community, and country.

Q: What are the new badges?

A: Each AHG Badge has fresh content with minor content changes to better exhibit the spirit of the badge. AHG is excited to announce the following badges as new experiences girls can pursue:

- *Biblical Leadership* (Personal Well-Being Frontier) teaches girls basic skills to become Christ-focused leaders.
- *Camping* (Outdoor Skills Frontier) is now available for the Tenderheart Program Level.
- *Identity* (Personal Well-Being Frontier) helps girls discover who God created them to be.
- *Entrepreneurship* (Personal Well-Being Frontier) consists of basic knowledge girls need for starting a personal business.
- *Foreign Language* (Personal Well-Being Frontier) allows girls to dabble in their interest in a foreign language.
- *Biomimicry* (Science & Technology Frontier) shows girls how the inspiration for design and engineering can come from God's creation.
- *Digital Citizenship* (Science & Technology Frontier) teaches girls how to be good citizens in their digital interactions.
- *Mathematics* (Science & Technology Frontier) introduces girls to fun mathematical problems and discovering numeric connections in the Bible.
- *Medical* (Science & Technology Frontier) examines human anatomy and ways medicine and medical technology provide care.



- *Graphic Design* (Arts Frontier) shows girls how to communicate through art designs visually.
- *Women of Faith* (Heritage Frontier) explores girls' heritage through the eyes of Scripture.

Q: What are the new sports pins?

A: All sports pins will challenge girls to complete four areas of learning: History and Rules, Equipment, Practice, and Play. The pins' designs allow girls to learn more about their interested sport recreationally or competitively. The hope for the Sports Pin Program is also to encourage girls' physical health journey and to honor the commitment of taking care of their bodies. The following are new sports pins offered by AHG:

- Auxiliary March
- Cheerleading
- Fencing
- Golf
- Ice Hockey
- Roller Hockey
- Rowing
- Snow Sports

Q: Which badges will be retired?

A: Modifications have been made to every current badge to provide clarification and fun. In the process, some badges were combined into other badges or changed into sports pins to keep the spirit of all badges alive. To make room for all the great badges of the future, AHG has retired the following badges:

Badge Name	Frontier
Computer Fun	Science & Technology
Special Delivery	Personal Well-Being
Snow Skiing & Snowboarding	Outdoor Skills
Golf	Outdoor Skills
7 C's of History	Heritage



Q: Which badges will have name changes?

A: The following badges changed names for clarity purposes:

Old Badge Name	New Badge Name	Frontier
Caring For My Environment	Caring for Creation	Heritage
Freedom's Heroes	U.S. Military Heroes	Heritage
Memory Maker	Scrapbooking	Family Living
Stick Shifts & Safety Belts	Auto Care & Safety	Family Living
Artastic	Fine Art	Arts
Creative Crafts	Crafts	Arts
History's Canvas	Art History	Arts
Climb On!	Rock Climbing	Outdoor Skills
Where In The World	Geocaching & Orienteering	Outdoor Skills
Best Me I Can Be	Personal Care	Personal Well-Being
My Style	Fashion	Personal Well-Being
Plant & Garden Science	Horticulture	Science & Tech
Insect-A Inspect-A	Insects for THEX/ Entomology for PIPA	Science & Tech
Let's Talk	Communication Technology	Science & Tech
Our Feathered Friends	Birds for THEX/ Ornithology for PIPA	Science & Tech
Young Meteorologist	Meteorology	Science & Tech

Q: Are all sports pins being changed?

A: AHG Sports Pins underwent minor changes to provide a consistent format. At this time, no sports pin has retired or undergone significant modifications.



How to Transition to 2020 Girl Handbooks

Q: How did you select the timing for the release of information, why now?

A: The creation and review of materials, as well as a brand new exciting design, was a lengthy process. AHG Staff wanted to ensure the designs for the new handbooks were complete before making the announcement. The design of the handbooks will be complete in January.

Announcing in the advancement of the August 3rd release date allows Troops time to create a transition plan, including budgeting, and fundraising.

Q: What is the cost of the 2020 Girl Handbooks?

A: AHG makes every effort to provide affordable merchandise to its members. AHG takes into consideration the production costs and comparable pricing from similar selling items before determining final pricing. The 2020 Girl Handbooks will be \$19.99 per handbook.

Q: Can a girl continue to use the 2016 AHG Girl Handbook after May 31, 2021?

A: A girl may continue to use the 2016 AHG Girl Handbook but will benefit from the revisions and new content included in the 2020 AHG Girl Handbooks. The hope is that girls find the new design, content, and journaling spaces of the 2020 AHG Girl Handbooks will provide space to reflect on how God is working in and through their lives. The 2016 AHG Girl Handbook content will **retire after May 31, 2022**.

Q: In the 2020 Girl Handbooks, can girls use optional requirements from other Program Levels to complete their badge?

A: 2020 Girl Handbooks cater to girls developmentally at each Program Level so that girls may choose from the optional requirements designated for their level.

Q: Who decides when Troop Members must buy the 2020 AHG Girl Handbooks?

A: Individuals may purchase and immediately use the 2020 AHG Girl Handbooks at the release date. The Troop Board determines when the purchase of the 2020 AHG Girl Handbooks is mandatory for Troop Members. AHG suggests each Troop put a plan in place to transition before **October 1, 2020**, when the 2016 AHG Girl Handbook will no longer be sold in the AHGstore. Building new Girl Handbooks into the Troop budget will allow for fundraising to help defray the cost.



Q: How do we bridge the space of some girls having the old Girl Handbook and some having the new Girl Handbook(s)?

A: AHG encourages all Unit Leaders to obtain a copy of the 2020 Girl Handbook(s) to assist girls with implementation during the transition. Each girl is encouraged to purchase her own Girl Handbook before May 31, 2022. While the Troop is transitioning to 2020 Girl Handbooks, Unit Leaders can assist girls in completing new badge requirements as a Unit. Completing a new badge together will get girls and families excited about transitioning to the 2020 Girl Handbooks.

Q: Will every badge requirement change in the 2020 AHG Girl Handbooks?

A: Every badge requirement has been reviewed and refreshed. In most cases, the heart of the requirements has stayed the same with additional clarification added. AHG carefully considered the badge feedback received from Troops.

For example:

2016 Girl Handbook, Caring for My Environment, Tenderheart Requirement #1: Find the definition of “environment.” What impact can humans have on the environment? Take a hike in your local environment, observing any visible impact from humans. Bring with you a garbage bag and latex gloves, so you may pick up any litter you find along the way.

2020 Girl Handbook, Caring for Creation, Tenderheart Requirement #1: What impact can humans have on God’s creation? Take a hike observing any visible impact from humans. Bring a garbage bag and gloves with you so you can pick up any litter you find along the way.

Q: What do we do with partially earned badges during the transition from the old to the new Girl Handbook(s)?

A: The goal of a badge is to learn the skill. With this principle in mind, Troop Ministry Teams can tailor their transition plan to best meet the needs of their girls through badge work from the past Girl Handbooks to the 2020 Girl Handbooks.

Note: As always, a girl must complete the requirements within the Program Level she is in to earn a badge at that level. *For example, Tenderheart requirements in the old book can only count as Tenderheart requirements in the new book.*

The following are considered best practices for Girl Handbook transitioning:

Option 1: A girl who has almost completed a badge from past handbooks is encouraged to complete the badge from that edition by May 31, 2021, for retiring badges and by May 31, 2022, for all other badges.

Option 2: A girl who has not completed requirements for a badge, completes all requirements under the new badge found in the 2020 Girl Handbook.



Option 3: A girl who has earned a few requirements from the old handbook:

If a girl has earned a few requirements from the old handbook and the requirements coordinate with the 2020 Girl Handbook, mark those requirements as complete with the 2020 Girl Handbook and work to complete the new version of the badge.

If a girl has earned a few requirements from the old handbook and they do not coordinate with the 2020 Girl Handbook, use what is completed from the old handbook during this transition time as optional requirements for the badges included in the 2020 Girl Handbook.

Q: Will there be a new Pathfinder Handbook?

A: The Pathfinder Handbook will have some slight revisions and design changes, but the overall content will not be changing. The updated Pathfinder Handbooks will be available in August 2020.

Q: Why are there different dates for retiring badges and invalid Girl Handbooks?

A: AHG desires to give girls and leaders a sufficient amount of time to transition to a new book without losing credit for work already completed. Girls will have a year and a half from the announcement of the badge retirements to the day they are retired and two years to switch to the new Girl Handbooks after they are released.

Q: Will Troops be able to track accomplishments from the 2020 Girl Handbooks?

A: Yes, all accomplishments from the new handbooks will be able to be tracked electronically at the release date of the 2020 Girl Handbooks.

NEXT STEPS

AHG can't wait to share the 2020 Girl Handbooks with you and see how God uses them to impact the lives of girls. For additional questions regarding the handbooks, or crafting a successful transition plan for your Troop, please reach out to your Troop Coach at AHG, Inc.