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American Heritage Girls
Troop TX0147 in Dallas, Texas
Watermark Community Church

Troop Financial Policies 2026-2027

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Member Costs – The following is a breakdown of initial and annual costs. These costs are subject to change annually.

Troop Dues	\$100.00 (annual) – detailed below, paid directly to the Troop
Program Support Fee	\$20.00 (annual) per Girl Member, to be covered with fundraising \$50.00 Sister cap (families with 3+ Girls Registering at Same Time)
Fundraising Obligation	All girls are expected to participate in the fundraising activities of the Troop.
Girl Membership Fee	\$43.00 (annual), \$114.00 Sister cap (minimum of 3 or more girls in a family) – paid to AHG Home Office
Adult Membership Fee	\$43.00 (annual) – paid to AHG Home Office
Girl Handbook	Pathfinder: \$10.99 Tenderheart through Explorer: \$19.99 Pioneer through Patriot: \$19.99
Girl Uniform	Cost dependent on Girl Level and total items purchased - \$35.00-95.00 range
Adult Uniform	\$35.00+ (cost dependent on total items purchased)
Volunteer Handbook	\$15.99 – one time purchase
Special Events (optional)	Information will be shared through AHGfamily or the Troop Band thread for special event opportunities for families and what charges may apply.

Troop Dues

The Troop Board sets annual dues for each Girl Member to fund the Troop's operating budget. Troop dues help cover most campsite fees, badges and patches, unit meeting supplies, ceremony refreshments, craft supplies, leader recognition, office supplies, copies, and subsidized event fees. *If your family participates in the fall fundraiser and meets the requested sales level, Troop Dues can be waived.* A Troop Budget is reviewed by the Board and approved prior to the beginning of the Program Year. The Troop is funded through annual dues and member fundraising. Questions about the budget may be directed to the Troop Board.

Program Support Fee

AHG spends far more than \$43 per member registration fee annually to provide the AHG Program. The annual registration fee covers the processing of member registrations, background checks for Volunteers, and group liability coverage provided for both Girl and Adult Members. The remaining cost to provide the AHG Program comes from the assessment of the Program Support Fee which is \$20 per registered Girl Member paid to AHG Home Office annually by the Troop. The Program Support Fee covers the development of new curriculum and Program relationships; the maintenance of AHG's website and AHGfamily (online registration, calendar and advancement tracking system); as well as the member services provided to each Troop through the AHG Home Office. The recommended way to raise the money for this fee is through fundraising.

Fundraising Policy

Fundraising is an essential activity for the success of a Troop. Funds raised support the Troop Budget, cover the Program Support Fee, and help reduce out-of-pocket costs for participating families. Therefore, each AHG Member is expected to participate in this effort. Fundraising also gives Girl Members opportunities to develop leadership, communication, marketing, and other valuable life skills.

Each year, the Troop Board reviews the Troop Budget and sets the fundraising goals for the coming year. The Troop may fundraise as a whole for the operational budget and/or Units may raise funds for a particular project or trip. AHG's fundraising guidelines allow for a Troop to fundraise up to three times per year. The Board strives to keep fundraising to a minimum. If fundraising goals are met early in the year, additional fundraisers may not be necessary. All families will be notified of the financial status of the Troop on a regular basis.

From time to time, the Troop Board will provide fundraising incentive levels that may assist troop families with out of pocket expenses for activity fees, outdoor experiences, or uniform items. American Heritage Girls is

recognized as a 501(c)(3) public charity. Because of IRS regulations, fundraising proceeds cannot be credited to individual "Girl Accounts" for personal benefit. Doing so could jeopardize the tax-exempt status of both American Heritage Girls and our Charter Organization.

Reimbursement Policy

Unit Leaders may spend up to \$10 per registered girl in their unit each year on meeting supplies without prior approval. Special events will have recommended budgets communicated to Event Planners 6–8 weeks in advance. Event Planners may review and adjust those budgets with a Board member if additional funds are needed.

All other purchases require review and approval by the full Troop Board. Unit Leaders, Event Planners, and other Volunteers may submit supply requests, shopping cart links, or purchase requests 2–4 weeks in advance to the Treasurer and Troop Coordinator to be purchased with the troop card. OR you may purchase items yourself and then request reimbursement at the link below. Because reimbursement checks are issued through Watermark, processing typically takes 4–8 weeks. troopdallas.com/ahg/reimbursement/

Troop Bank Account & Debit Card

American Heritage Girls (AHG) & Trail Life (TL) share one bank account through our charter organization, Watermark Community Church. There is a single physical debit card issued for our joint account. The physical debit card will be retained by the AHG Troop Coordinator and the TL Troop Ministry Liaison, since they share a household. The AHG Treasurer, TL Troopmaster, and TL Treasurer will be given the card number to use for digital purchases, and they may borrow the physical card for in-person purchases with Board/Committee approval.

Any purchases over \$300 must be approved by the AHG Head Decision Maker/TL Senior Ministry Liaison, Chris Sherrod. All troop leaders should double check our bank account balance with the Troop Treasurer prior to making any debit card purchases. If a troop leader uses the debit card, they must submit a receipt via email for the purchase to the Treasurer and Troop Coordinator within one week of purchase. The AHG Treasurer, TL Treasurer, and/or other leaders will partner to enter all transactions in CHmeetings and reconcile the joint bank account on a regular basis.

Benevolence Funds

Financial Assistance is available for program related costs on a case-by-case basis. Please submit your request in writing via the form below for review by the Troop Board; only the Troop Coordinator and Troop Treasurer will be apprised of which family has requested assistance. Benevolence Funds are typically not available until after the fall fundraiser is complete. This is intended to assist with eligible expenses and generally will not cover the full cost of a fee, event, or activity. Families receiving assistance are expected to contribute a portion of the expense. ***Note:*** A Girl Member who registers in the fall must participate in the fall fundraiser to request support from the Benevolence Fund. troopdallas.com/ahg/benevolence

We never want the cost of a uniform to prevent a girl from participating. If obtaining an official AHG uniform for your daughter is difficult, please speak with a member of the Troop Board about your need. We do have a small number of used uniform items in inventory.

Troop Board

- Charter Representative – Crystal Stringer, 214-564-9189 or stringingcrystals@gmail.com
- Troop Coordinator – Katherine Roberts, 214-287-9866 or ahg@troopdallas.com
- Vice Coordinator – Kate Lindsey, 214-287-9800 or kateglindsey@gmail.com
- Troop Shepherd – Stephanie Edgar, 817-458-1900 or 1122steph@gmail.com
- Troop Treasurer – Reva Schneider, 214-642-5077 or reva.aggie03@gmail.com