

Council Patches

Laura Ingalls Wilder

D B J C S A

This program is designed to help girls earn about the life and work of author Laura Ingalls Wilder.

D B

Complete at least four activities, including the starred activities.

J

Complete at least six activities, including the starred activities.

C S A

Complete at least seven activities, including the starred activities.

Discover:

1. * Visit a historical site or exhibit featuring Laura Ingalls Wilder or life in the 1880's or design your own exhibit researching important events from Laura's life and share it with your troop. Compare what you learn and see to what you know about Laura's life. You may take the tours in person or take a virtual tour on-line.
2. Cook a meal over a campfire or bake bread from an old recipe that Laura's family might have used.
3. Hand-sew a simple sunbonnet, apron or patchwork square.
4. View an authentic covered wagon or find pictures of a covered wagon and create a model from wood, paper, or other materials. Learn about the history of the Conestoga wagon, for which Camp Conestoga was named.
5. What toys did children in Laura's time have and play with? Find modern day examples of these and make a list of them. Check your local library or on-line for information.
6. Using only natural items, make a craft that Laura's family may have made.

Connect:

1. * With your family, troop or by yourself, read at least two books in the "Little House" series. Share with your family, friends, or another troop how Laura's life is similar and different from yours.
2. Play two games that Laura played at school. Examples might include: Uncle John, Ring-Around-the-Rosy and Bean-Porridge Hot. Teach these games to another troop or a group of friends.

Take Action:

1. For girls in grades K-5: Note how many toys children in Laura's time had. Compare what you have learned to how many you have. Are there toys that you no longer play with? Would other children enjoy playing with them? As a troop or family, collect toys that are no longer needed and recycle them by donating to local charities.
2. For girls in grades 6-12: Donate your time to helping at a local charity stocking toys and other items.
3. Plant a garden and grow vegetables like Laura's family did. Donate the produce to a local food pantry.
4. Research and develop a service project that connects you to Laura Ingalls Wilder. Let a program manager know what you come up with so it can be passed on to other troops. See page 2 for contact information.