

WNY Belva Lockwood

For Brownies, Junior, Cadette, Senior and Ambassadors Girl Scouts
Girl Scouts of Western New York (Legacy Niagara County Council of Girl Scouts, Inc.)

Brownies must complete four of the requirements plus the one that is starred***

Juniors must complete six of the requirements plus the one that is starred ***

Cadettes must complete eight of the requirements plus the one that is starred ***

Seniors and Ambassadors must complete 10 of the requirements plus the one that is starred***

1. Visit the Belva Lockwood Memorial markers, located on Griswold Street in Middleport, and make a sketch of the marker or take a picture of the marker. (Directions from Lockport: Follow Route 31 East and make a right on Griswold Street. It is approximately 9 miles from the entrance to Margaret Castle Campground on Cottage Road. The marker is 2.7 miles from Route 31 on the right side of Griswold Street. There is a green sign on the left side of the road that reads "Belva Lockwood Memorial".)
2. *** List 10 significant facts about Belva Lockwood's life.
3. Read one of the following books: *Belva Lockwood Wins Her Case* by Drollene P. Brown, *Before the Supreme Court – The Story of Belva Ann Lockwood* by Terry Dunnahoo, and *The Girl Who Ran for President* by Laura Kerr Nelson **OR** write a 200-word report of an outstanding event in her life.
4. Visit the Niagara County Historical Society Museum located at 215 Niagara Street in Lockport (716-434-7433) and explore the exhibits about nineteenth century life. See the portrait of Belva Lockwood. If possible, have someone from the Museum tell you Belva's story. The gift shop has a postcard of Belva Lockwood's picture on it and a book, *Belva A. Lockwood* by Julia Hull Winner

OR Visit the National Gallery in Washington, D.C., and see the portrait of Belva that is on display. Make a list of women who were contemporaries of Belva. Can you find any of them in the National Gallery?

5. After the presidential election of 1884, Mrs. Lockwood is supposed to have said "I didn't lose, I set a precedent, and every time a woman sets a precedent, she wins a victory." What does she mean by this statement?
6. Make a poster such as Belva Lockwood would have used in her 1884 or 1888 election campaign.
7. Explain in your own words to your Girl Scout leader the meanings of the words, "temperance" and "women's suffrage".

8. What was a woman's role in the 1840s and 1850s, and why did Belva Lockwood object to this role?
9. Visit a one-room schoolhouse, similar to the kind Belva would have taught in when she first began teaching. Belva was teaching in 1846 and during the 1850s and 1860s. Have someone give you a tour and tell you what it was like to attend such a school. The Pomeroy School House is on Lower Mountain Road and Leete Road. An appointment can be made by calling the Historical Museum and requesting the name and number of the President of the Lockport Historical Society. A teacher who actually taught in the school may be able to give you a lesson. Or, visit a cobblestone school in Childs, New York, or the old school on Lockport Road across from the Niagara Falls Air base. The Town of Niagara Historical Society Museum was a former one-room schoolhouse.
10. "Meet" Belva in a presentation done by an historical presenter.
11. Belva ran for president in 1884 and 1888. If possible, view pictures of Belva's actual campaign materials. Design a set of campaign posters, buttons, and slogans that Belva might use if she were running for president today.
12. Belva considered public speaking very important for young women. Write a speech about the suffrage movement, Belva's life, or a women's issue, of at least 5 minutes in length and present it to your troop or another Girl Scout troop.
13. Organize and/or participate in an event for Women's History Month in March.
14. Learn the "Belva Dear" song about her campaign for the presidency and teach it to younger Girl Scouts.
15. Find out about jobs available in the legal profession. What education is necessary for each job? What is the salary range for each job? Is there a salary difference for men and women?
16. Read about the lives of at least three other women who were contemporaries of Belva Lockwood—women she was likely to have worked with or known, such as Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Lucretia Mott, Lucy Stone, or Carrie C. Catt.

OR Read about three women who are involved in politics today, such as Jan Dee Hull, Madeleine Albright, Janet Reno, Blanche Lambert Lincoln, or Dianne Feinstein.