

WNY Lewiston Bicentennial of the War of 1812

For Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors
Girl Scouts of Western New York (Legacy Niagara County Council of Girl Scouts Inc.)

Brownie Girl Scouts must complete 5 requirements, including the 3 starred (***)

Junior Girl Scouts must complete 7 requirements, including the 3 starred (***)

Cadette/Senior/Ambassador Girl Scouts must complete 9 requirements, including the 3 starred (***)

Purpose: To increase public and Girl Scout awareness of the historical significance of Lewiston and its connection with the War of 1812.

***What role did Lewiston play in the War of 1812? How did the local militia of Lewiston influence the outcome of the October 13, 1812 battle? What reasoning did American Major General, Stephen Van Rensselaer give for the outcome of the battle?

***What attracted early explorers and traders to Lewiston? What role did Niagara Falls play in the development of Lewiston?

***Lewiston was originally named Lewis Town in honor of Governor Morgan Lewis. Who was Governor Morgan Lewis? How did the Jay Treaty of 1796 allow for the village to be surveyed?

1. If possible, visit the Lewiston Museum and share what you learned with your troop.
2. Choose three (3) historical landmarks in Lewiston and create a brochure highlighting the historical importance of the sites.
3. If possible, visit the Niagara River, take pictures and create a scrapbook of your trip to Lewiston. Create captions to help you remember the historical significance of each site in relation to the War of 1812.
4. Imagine you are a citizen of Lewiston during the First Major battle of the War of 1812. Write a journal entry about your feelings and thoughts about the battle.
5. Choose a famous person who was involved in the War of 1812, read a biography on that person and share what you learned with your troop.
6. Create a song, short story or poem about the rich history of Lewiston. This can be as specific or general as you wish it to be.
7. If possible, visit Old Fort Niagara, or take a virtual tour on their website (<http://oldfortniagara.org>). Name three buildings, rooms or areas and describe how each would have been involved in battles or preparing the troops.
8. Create the front page of a Lewiston newspaper describing either the events of the U.S. army's capturing Fort George or the British troops capturing Fort Niagara.
9. Create a timeline of the War of 1812 events that took place in the Niagara region. Be sure to create a short description for each of these events and their effects.