

WNY White House Connection

For Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors
Girl Scouts of Western New York (Legacy Council Girl Scouts of Buffalo and Erie County)

Purpose: To enhance the awareness of Buffalo's presidential history.

Junior Girl Scouts: Complete six (6) requirements, including the three starred (***)
Cadette/Senior/Ambassadors Girl Scouts: Complete seven (7) requirements, including the three starred (***)

*** What connection(s) did US Presidents Millard Fillmore, Grover Cleveland, William McKinley, and Theodore Roosevelt have with Buffalo? Research one important event from each President's administration and share what you learn with your troop.

*** Who was Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood? What was her connection to Western New York?

*** Two important sites in Buffalo no longer exist: Castle Inn in Niagara Square, and the Milburn House on Delaware Avenue. Why were these structures demolished? What now stands in their respective places? Why were these buildings important? **OR**

Visit one of the following historical sites: The Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site (on Delaware Avenue) or The Millard Fillmore House (in East Aurora).

1. What makes these sites unique in American history?
2. Write a story, song, and poem or create a picture or diorama about an incident happening to Millard Fillmore, Grover Cleveland, William McKinley or Theodore Roosevelt while they were in Buffalo.
3. Create the front page of a newspaper describing a significant event in Buffalo history that involved Millard Fillmore, Grover Cleveland, William McKinley or Theodore Roosevelt.
4. What fashions did women wear during Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood's time? What would she have worn to court? Create a Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood paper doll with at least two outfits.
5. Imagine campaigning for Millard Fillmore, Grover Cleveland, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt or Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood. Create a campaign poster to support your candidate.
6. Create a travel guide to at least four historical sites in Western New York relating to Millard Fillmore, Grover Cleveland, William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt (including those sites no longer standing). Be sure to include a map.
7. Read the biography of Millard Fillmore, Grover Cleveland, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt or Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood. Write a review of a biography and share what you learn with your troop.