

# Council's Own Patch Program

## WNY White House Connection

**girlscouts**   
of western new york



### **Junior Girl Scouts (grades 4-5):**

Complete 6 requirements, including numbers 1 - 3

### **Cadette/Senior/Ambassadors Girl Scouts (grades 6-12):**

Complete 7 requirements, including numbers 1 - 3

The patch is designed to enhance the awareness of Buffalo's presidential history. **The patch is available for purchase in our GSWNY shops or online at [gswny.org/shop](http://gswny.org/shop)**

- 1. Learn about U.S. presidents with connections to Western New York:** President Abraham Lincoln, Millard Fillmore, Grover Cleveland, William McKinley, and Theodore Roosevelt. Research one important event from each president's administration and share what you learn with your troop.
- 2. Who was Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood?** What was her connection to Western New York; Washington, DC; and to the White House?
- 3. Visit one of the following historical sites in person or virtually:** The Theodore Roosevelt Inaugural Site (on Delaware Avenue) [trsite.org](http://trsite.org) or The Millard Fillmore House (in East Aurora) [aurorahistoricalsociety.com/pages/millard-fillmore-presidential-site](http://aurorahistoricalsociety.com/pages/millard-fillmore-presidential-site)
- 4. Read the story of Abraham Lincoln and Grace Bedell of Westfield, NY.** If you met the U.S. president, what advice would you give them?
- 5. Write a story, song, and poem or create a picture or diorama** about an incident that happened to Millard Fillmore, Grover Cleveland, William McKinley, or Theodore Roosevelt while they were in Buffalo.
- 6. 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.



- 7. 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.
- 8. Find out who Walter Washington was** and what his connections were to our Nation's Capital and to a city in Western New York.
- 9. Create a campaign poster to support your candidate.** Imagine campaigning for Millard Fillmore, Grover Cleveland, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, or Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood.
- 10. 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.
- 11. Read the biography** of Millard Fillmore, Grover Cleveland, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, or Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood. Share what you learn with your troop.

#### Additional Resources:

- [Millard Fillmore Presidential Site | Aurora Historical Society](#)
- [Abraham Lincoln meets Grace Bedell](#)
- [Abraham Lincoln's Letter to Grace Bedell](#)
- [Belva Lockwood | National Archives](#)
- [Walter Washington - Wikipedia](#)