

## Laura Ingalls Wilder Patch Program

The Laura Ingalls Wilder patch can be purchased in the Nashville Girl Scout Shop.

**Requirements:** All grade levels must complete the starred activity and any additional activities as listed below, as well as a “take action” component:

Girl Scout Daisies: complete the starred activity and at least one other activity.

Girl Scout Brownies: complete the starred activity and at least two other activities

Girl Scout: Juniors: complete the starred activity and at least three other activities.

Girl Scout Cadette/Senior/Ambassador: complete the starred activity and at least four other activities.

1. \* With your troop or by yourself, discover the “Little House” series of books written by Laura Ingalls Wilder. Share with your family, friends or troop how Laura’s life was similar to and different than yours. You may also like to watch the film “Little House on the Prairie”, or episodes of the popular television series.
2. Visit the Tennessee State Museum (entrance is free) and view an authentic covered wagon, or find pictures of covered wagons. What was life like traveling by covered wagon? What was life like on the Tennessee frontier?
3. Explore the Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum online at [www.lauraingallswilderhome.com](http://www.lauraingallswilderhome.com) and complete the attached online scavenger hunt.
4. Learn about the Homestead Act. The Ingalls family’s pioneering way of life- in real life, in the Little House books, and in the film- was created by the United States government. How many acres of land could a family claim? What did the family have to do to keep their land?
5. With your troop, friends or family talk about what type clothing people on the prairie would have worn. How is what girls wore in Laura Ingalls’ time different from what is worn today?
6. Find out about frontier foods. Try making and eating a food that settlers on the prairie would have enjoyed, such as homemade bread or biscuits, applesauce or apple butter, porridge or cornmeal pudding. You could even make your own butter or ice cream!
7. What toys did children in Laura’s time have and play with? Find modern day examples of these and make a list of them. Try making your own toy, as pioneer children might have done. Check your local library for helpful information.
8. Play two games that Laura played at school. Examples include: Ring-around-a-rosy, Tag, Blind Man’s Bluff and Bean-Porridge Hot. Teach these games to another troop or a group of friends.
9. Music was a big part of the Ingalls’ family life. Listen to and learn some songs mentioned in the “Little House” books, or ones that were popular during that time period.

### Take Action

Pioneer families depended on each other and helped each other. You can help your community by giving to families in need. You could contact your local Habitat for Humanity about ways in which you or your troop could assist their program. Or you could contact your local food bank or homeless shelter, or other agency that assists others and find a way to help!

## **Laura Ingalls Wilder Online Museum Scavenger Hunt**

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**In order to complete this Scavenger Hunt you will follow the directions to explore the museum's website and answer questions about Laura Ingalls Wilder's life.**

- Where were the "Little House on the Prairie" books written?

**Go to the "Laura's Life" tab:**

Under the section "Rocky Ridge Farm" answer the following questions:

- When did Laura move to Mansfield, Missouri?
  
- Laura excelled at many different jobs while living in Mansfield. Can you name four of them?

**Go to the "Rocky Ridge Farm" tab:**

Under the section "Laura's Homes" answer the following questions:

- How much money had Laura and her husband saved to buy land in Missouri?
  
- How long did it take for Laura and her husband to complete their farm?
  
- Where did Laura write the first four books of the "Little House on the Prairie" series?

Under the section "Laura Ingalls Wilder\_ Rose Wilder Lane Museum" answer the following questions:

- What are some of the artifacts you could see if you visited the Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum?
  
- Do you have similar things in your home? What are they?

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Mansfield, MO

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1894

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Parent, Teacher, Cook, Farmer, Activist, Journalist, Democrat

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\$100.00

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20 years

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The Rock House

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Pa's fiddle, tools, family keepsakes, handwritten manuscripts, needlework

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