

Liberty Girls Club
Little House in the Big Woods
Course Outline

Meeting 1

Patchwork Bags – meet from 10-12 in the morning. Girls are invited to bring a sack lunch and swimsuit for cooling-off-in-the-sprinklers purposes.

Meeting 2

Chapters 1-2:

Make paper dolls

Map Skills: North, South, East, West, Map Keys, Compass, Wisconsin, Mississippi River, Town of Pepin

Build a Log Cabin with pretzels

Thimble Paintings

Meeting 3

Chapters 3-5:

Make orange pomander balls

Make vinegar pie

Make a Corn Husk doll

Do chores: gathering wood chips, wiping dishes, making beds, weeding, feeding hens, collecting eggs

Meeting 4

Chapters 6-8:

Make a tin lantern

Fiddle music and dancing

Make a Maple Syrup flow chart and maple candy.

Make several dishes from *The Little House Cookbook* to feast on.

Meeting 5

Chapters 9-10:

Quilting Bee – make quilts to donate to the animal shelter

Go shopping at the general store and compare prices of 1870's with today's prices.

Meeting 6

Chapters 11-13:

Make stewed pumpkin

Learn letter writing rules then write a letter and seal with wax

Make an autograph book

Meeting 7

Harvest Party – this will be our closing activity. We'll just relax and have fun doing harvest activities like bobbing for apples, potato sack racing, and cake walking.

Meeting 8

This is a Friday evening optional family activity. We will be going to This is The Place Heritage Park to enjoy "Candlelight Christmas". The cost for this activity is \$7.00 for ages 12 and up, \$5.00 for seniors and children.

Website Resources:

<http://www.littlehousebooks.com/>

http://www.cape.k12.mo.us/blanchard/hicks/Reading%20Pages/Little%20House/Little_House.htm

<http://www.hoover.archives.gov/LIW/index.html>

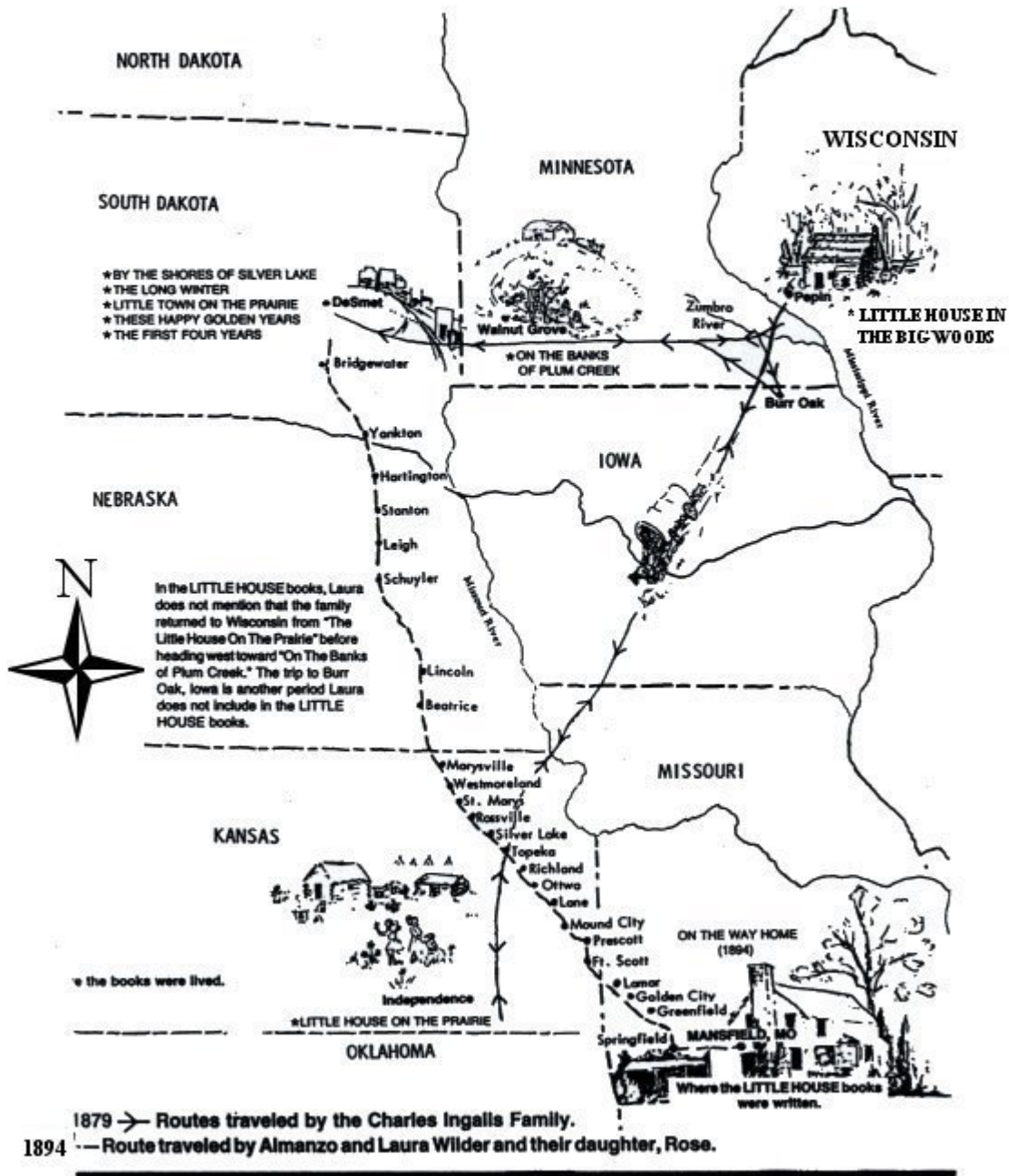
<http://www.lauraingallswilder.com/homesites.asp>

<http://www.laurasprairiehouse.com/index.html>

<http://www.easyfunschool.com/article1496.html>

<http://www.sdcoe.k12.ca.us/score/little/littletg.html>

Laura's Travels



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Map From: <http://www.lauraingallswilderhome.com/images/travelmap.jpg>

Vinegar Pie Recipe

Ingredients

- * 1/2 cup butter, melted and cooled
- * 1 1/2 cups white sugar
- * 2 tablespoons self-rising flour
- * 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- * 2 tablespoons cider vinegar
- * 3 eggs
- * 1 (9 inch) unbaked pie crust

Directions

1. Combine melted butter, sugar, flour, vanilla, vinegar, and eggs. Blend well. Pour filling into pie shell.
2. Bake in a preheated 300 degrees F (150 degrees C) oven for 45 minutes.

Recipe From: <http://allrecipes.com/Recipe/Vinegar-Pie-VI/Detail.aspx>

Decorative Tin Cans

Things You Will Need:

* Tin cans * Nail * Hammer * Paper templates * Heavy gauge wire * Acrylic paints (optional)

1. Select recycled tin cans in the sizes of your choice. Gallon paint cans make a dramatic outdoor display and already have the handles attached. Smaller soup or sauce cans are suitable for hanging in a window or setting on a mantle.
2. Choose cans that have a smooth finish without ridges or grooves for best results. Remove the labels and scrub away any remaining glue residue. Remove stubborn glue by pouring boiling water over the area to melt the glue.
3. Scrub the glue away before it has time to cool. Wash the cans in hot soapy water, then rinse and dry thoroughly. Measure the distance around the can, as well as the height of the can. Note the dimensions.
4. Fill the cans with water and place in the freezer overnight to freeze. Prepare paper stencils to the size of the can by tracing the desired design onto plain paper. Keep in mind that you will be punching the outline of the image. Simple designs that are easily recognizable by the outline are best.
5. Consider star bursts, diamonds, and circles. A simple row of punched dots around the rim, or at intervals, looks great, too. Mark the outline with evenly-spaced dots. Use care to provide enough space between dots as the punched hole will be slightly larger than the hand drawn dots.
6. Remove the cans from the freezer once they are completely frozen. Remove only the can you desire to work with and leave additional cans in the freezer until you are ready to work with them. Tape the paper template to the outside of the can. Use care that the tape does not cover any of the template design. Work on a solid surface.
7. Punch holes with a large nail at the points where you have drawn dots in your template. Complete the design and remove the template. Punch two small holes on opposite sides of the lantern just below the rim to attach handles.
8. Allow the ice to melt and empty the can. Dry completely with a soft towel. Spray the lantern in any color you choose or leave plain, if you prefer. Attach the wire loop for a handle and insert a small candle. Light the candle and display your tin punched lantern in a window or on the mantle.

Instructions From: http://www.ehow.com/how_4546197_make-decorative-lanterns-from-tin.html

Maple Syrup Flowchart:

Find out about how maple syrup is made:

<http://www.branonmaple.com/making-maple-syrup.html>

<http://www.ctmaple.org/howto.htm>

http://pittsburgh.about.com/cs/pennsylvania/a/maple_syrup.htm

http://pittsburgh.about.com/cs/pennsylvania/a/maple_syrup_2.htm

http://www.ehow.com/how_2044952_make-maple-syrup.html

Make a flowchart with what you know about maple syrup. For help with a flowchart, refer to:

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Flowchart>

Comparing Food Prices from 1870's to today:

<http://content.lib.washington.edu/curriculumpackets/homesteaders/Catalog1870.html>

<http://www.factmonster.com/ipka/A0873707.html>

Sample Journal Pages *(see following pages)*

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Journal Page

Chapters 1-2

There was a popular saying used in Laura's home that has been passed down for centuries. You can read about it in Chapter 2: "Winter Days and Winter Nights." Following this saying helped women to keep their homes running in an organized fashion. The saying was this:

Wash on Monday
Iron on Tuesday
Mend on Wednesday
Churn on Thursday
Clean on Friday
Bake on Saturday
Rest on Sunday

See if you can come up with a saying of your own.

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Journal Page
Chapters 3-5

In Chapter 4 entitled “Christmas,” Laura receives a very special gift. It is so beautiful that she cannot speak. Draw a picture of this wonderful present.

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Journal Page
Chapters 11-13

We discussed the mail system and the improvements that have been made since Laura's day. We learned the parts of a letter, then wrote letters and sealed them with wax. Write two more letters and seal them with the self-adhesive wax seals given to you. Ask your mom or dad to help you address and stamp an envelope for each letter. Then mail your letter.