

# New Milford Our Town



Do eight activities, including the two starred.

- \*1 Find out about the history of Girl Scouting in New Milford. When did it begin? How has it grown? Where did the troop meet? Ask someone who was a leader of Girl Scouts twenty or more years ago to visit with your troop and share their experiences.
- 2 New Milford today is a busy town. This is due to its popularity and size. But why is it popular? Have each member of your troop interview someone who recently moved here. Ask them why they came? What drew them here? Have your troop compare reasons. Why do most people come here?
- 3 New Milford is the largest town, in area, in Connecticut. On a map be able to locate at least ten of the following sections or districts:

-Merryall	-Northville	-Tobacco Valley
-Chestnut Land	-Pickett District	-Lovers' Leap
-Park Lane	-Lanesville	-Hill and Plain
-Boardman	-Chicken Hill	-Long Mountain
-Sunny Valley	-Squash Hollow	-Second Hill

Also learn how many towns surround New Milford and their names.
- 4 New Milford offers many cultural events. Find out what is available in the area for theater, music, art, dance and other entertainment.
- 5 Read the story of Sarah Noble to a troop of Brownies or Daisies.  
*or*  
With your troop, present a puppet show about the story of Sarah Noble to a group of young children at the Library or with a Daisy troop.
- 6 We see or hear names every day around our town. See if you can find out something about at least two of the following people:

- <u>Lynn Deming</u> Park	- <u>Roger Sherman</u> Town Hall
- <u>John Pettibone</u> School	- <u>The Pratt</u> Center
- <u>Paul Richmond</u> Center	- <u>Hart's</u> 5 & 10 Store
- <u>Catherine Lillis</u> Building	
- \*7 The Band Stand is probably the most easily identified structure in New Milford. Find out about its history and what it was used for after the great fire of 1902.
- 8 The Housatonic River flows through New Milford. On a map find its origin and where it empties into the ocean. Find out the names of the three bridges that cross it in New Milford. Find out what other smaller rivers flow through New Milford. What is being done to keep these rivers environmentally safe?
- 9 Participate in an activity, sport or other event sponsored by the town.
- 10 The government of A town is very important. Find out something about the function of at least two of the following:

-Zoning Board	-Town Council	-Town Clerk
-Mayor	-Building Inspector	-Board of Education
-Tax Collector	-Town Meeting	-Board of Finance
- 11 Find out about the fire of 1902 in New Milford. Share what you learned with your family or a group of children.
- 12 Read the legend of Weantinaug, while playing environmental music in the background, at a troop meeting or around a campfire.