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Sybil Ludington Patch

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Sybil Ludington was born April 5, 1761 in Fredericksburg, now renamed Ludingtonville in her family's honor. She was the oldest of twelve children. Her father was Colonel Henry Ludington. He built a gristmill near his home. He used this gristmill to supply flour to colonial troops. He married Abigail and had six sons and six daughters. Sybil was a bit of a "tomboy" and her horse "Starr" was a yearling colt that was broken to bit by Sybil herself.

Complete #1, #7 and #8. Daisies, Brownies and Juniors choose 2 more activities. Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors, choose 3 more activities.

1. Use the Internet or the local library to research Sybil Ludington. Find out:
   a. When and where she was born?
   b. Why is she famous
   c. Where did she ride?
   d. When did she die?
   e. Where is she buried?
2. Visit some of the historic landmarks on Sybil's route or research them by using the internet or resources in your local library.
3. Research Betsy Ross and the first flag. Design a flag (like the one Betsy Ross did for the original 13 colonies). Check the internet or use your local library to find books that show some of the flags that were used in the American Revolution to get ideas.
4. Create a story and read it to your troop or make up a song about Sybil Ludington. (Use a simple tune like "Yankee Doodle"). Teach the song to your troop and lead them in a sign-a-long.
5. Learn about the Boston Tea Party then have a Boston Tea Party with your troop.
6. Learn a Colonial game such as, marbles, jump rope, double-Dutch, hopscotch, jacks, hoops and stick, leap frog, or blind man's bluff. Teach your troop how to play the game you chose.
7. Make cards for veterans in your area or for servicemen and women serving their country now. Bring them to a veteran's home in your area or mail them.
8. Make a booklet about Sybil Ludington and include information from requirement #1. Also include any information about her family that you find and how long her ride was. Include some of the towns she rode through. Illustrate your booklet with drawings and display it in your local library, local historical society, or school.
9. Learn a colonial craft such as making yarn dolls, cornhusk dolls, stenciling, weaving or using a quill pen. Teach your troop how to make the craft you chose.
10. Collect dog food, cat food, etc. and donate it to your local humane society.