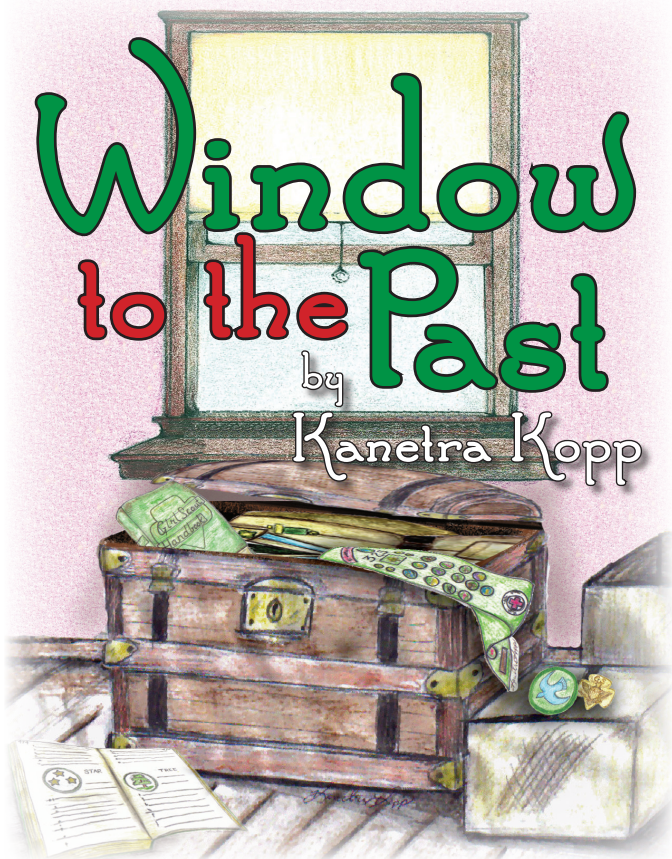


# Window to the Past

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## Chapter Two: Grandma Was A Girl Scout?

Jenny lifted the green piece of fabric out of the trunk. It looked like a Girl Scout's uniform sash, but it seemed very old. It had lots of round badges sewn on it and many different pins on it, too.

"Oh, would you look at that. That's part of my Girl Scout uniform that I had when I was young," Grandma replied.

Jenny was shocked, "You were a Girl Scout, Grandma? I knew Mom was, but I didn't know they had Girl Scouts back when you were a girl!"

Grandma laughed and said, "Well, sure they did. After all, Girl Scouts are 100 years old. And I am not more than 100 years old, you know!"

"100 years old! Have there really been Girl Scouts for that long? I didn't know that," Jenny exclaimed. "Sure there has. I was just reading in the newspaper that Girl Scouts started way back in 1912," Grandma assured her.

"Wow, Grandma, I had no idea you used to be a Girl Scout like Mom and me. Just look at all the badges you have on

your sash. Hey, what's this one for?" Jenny pointed to a round badge that had a bluebird on it.

"Well, let me think. That was a long time ago, but I think it was something to do with bird watching. And that may have been the time we made the birdhouses, too. Oh, do you see this one here?" Grandma pointed to a badge that had a big ship's anchor on it. "I got this one when we all learned how to paddle a rowboat out on the small lake behind my friend Lucy's house. If I remember correctly, I think we spent more time in the water that day than we did in the rowboat!"

Jenny was still so surprised. She couldn't believe that her grandmother used to be a Girl Scout. She had never thought about her grandmother being a young girl once upon a time, let alone being in Girl Scouts, too. As Jenny continued looking at the sash she saw a badge that looked just like the one she had earned. It was called the Junior Citizenship badge. Jenny's troop had to learn about the United States flag and how to fold it and display it properly. They had learned how to carry out a special flag ceremony, too.

"Grandma, this is just

like my badge. Did you learn about the flag and how to take care of it to earn your badge?"

Grandma thought for a minute and then said, "You know, that sounds right, but I just can't remember exactly what we did to earn that one. I'm sure my old handbook is in here somewhere, too. It would have all the badges in there and list the things you needed to do to earn them. Why don't we see if we can find it?"



## Things to Think About and Do

Newspapers record history as it happens. Many newspapers also publish stories about things that happened long ago. Create a timeline for stories in your newspaper. See how far back in time you can go. Add this story to your timeline marking the 100th anniversary of the Girl Scouts.

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Chapter Three:  
Grandma's Girl Scout Handbook