

Recognition Tips

May 2010

Please Update Your Contact Information

Have you recently had a change in your mailing address, phone number or e-mail address? Please don't forget to give that updated information to your service unit director, registrar, Council office and Volunteer Services department.

Contact Preference

Do you have preference for how we reach you? Contact Deb Boyd and let her know if you would like information via e-mail, telephone, or mail.

Evaluations

Don't forget to look for an invitation from Google to fill out our evaluation for how things went for you this year. Were the forms easy to use...was the training adequate...what could we have done different, etc. The e-mail invitation for the evaluation will come through Google not GSEIWI, so please don't think it is Spam. In fact, it could end up in your Junk E-mail, so please look for it within the next couple of weeks.

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Recognition Celebrations

How are your recognition celebrations coming? Have you planned a way to recognize your volunteers who have earned their service unit awards? Do you have all the pins for these awards?

Remember you don't have to plan this alone. Ask a couple of volunteers with your service unit to help you if needed. If your service unit already has a celebration planned, just ask to have time set aside to honor your award recipients.

You can make even the smallest event special just by saying a few words about each person before giving them their award. For instance when passing out the years of membership or years of service awards, say something special about the year that the person started volunteering or signed up to be a Girl Scout. If you go online, you can find lots of fun facts about what happened in a particular year. For Outstanding Leader and Outstanding Volunteer awards, take the time to tell everyone what that volunteer did that was so outstanding before you give them their pin. You can come up with your own ideas too. Be creative and have fun with them!

Sometimes there can be disappointment with volunteers who didn't get nominated for an award. You can help ease that disappointment by doing something special for each volunteer at the event. By putting in a minimal amount of time, you could come up with something fun for each person. For example, take a roll of lifesavers and put a little tag on it that says, "thanks for being a lifesaver." Or if you have time, make something special for each person that highlights their attributes. It is a guarantee that you will make that person smile and feel good about what they do.



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