

Volunteer Recognition Tips

A monthly newsletter providing ideas to recognize our volunteers / November edition



Giving thanks for our volunteers

Idea corner

Here are some simple ideas for ongoing recognition:

- * Treat volunteers to a soda.
- * Recruit a donation from the community and have a door prize drawing.
- * Provide babysitting with older girls at the next service unit meeting.
- * Have a service unit tea party
- * Get a local radio to do a thank you on the air.
- * Have a dinner where the girls serve the volunteers.
- * Put candy kisses on tables at the next meeting.
- * Teach a new song, game or craft after the next meeting.
- * Write a funny mock newspaper article singing the praises of each volunteer and pass them out at the next meeting.

With the holidays just around the corner, make the season just a bit brighter for your service unit volunteers with some fun and creative ideas:

- Put the “thanks” into Thanksgiving by making some hand-made or computer-made notes. Have the Service Unit Director add a short thank-you inside the note, adding some specific things she is particularly thankful for with each volunteer. Send them in the mail.
- Send a thank you email at www.baudville.com, click on epraise. Click on a category of thanks, recognition or celebrations, personalize it and they will send you a copy.
- Create a holiday atmosphere at your November or December meeting by having it in a different place and decorating for the holidays.
- Have a potluck where everyone brings a favorite holiday dish, along with copies of the recipe to share.
- Have a holiday cookie exchange at your next meeting. Have everyone make two dozen more and donate them to a food pantry or homeless shelter.
- Ask everyone bring their own plain wreath to the next meeting and decorate them with supplies purchased by the service unit.
- Celebrate the New Year by creating New Year’s Resolutions with your service unit. For example, to be a better friend to other volunteers, to be a mentor to a new leader, to learn a new service unit role, etc. Resolutions do not have to be difficult, just have fun and enjoy setting your own goals. Share some of them with others.
- Wrap candles in cellophane and tie them with a note stating, “No one holds a candle to you!”



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