



WAYS TO THANK YOUR TROOP LEADER

Use our fun checklist for ideas to thank your troop leader for all she does for your troop and your girl!
(Ideas can be done by troop adults, parents, and girls)

- **Celebrate her on Leader Appreciation Day (April 22nd)**
 - ⇒ Send your leader a card, letter, e-mail, or call her to say thank you
 - ⇒ Help girls plan a party to celebrate your leader at their April troop meeting
 - ⇒ Decorate a poster for your leader and put the sign on her front lawn
(ex: An Awesome Girl Scout Leader Lives Here)

- **Make a small and easy gesture**
 - ⇒ Say, “Thank You!”
 - ⇒ Bring her a treat like coffee (“thanks a latte”) or something sweet at the next troop meeting
 - ⇒ When your girl comes home excited about a troop activity or tells a great Girl Scout story, send a quick e-mail to your leader to share your girl’s excitement - your leader will appreciate hearing she’s made an impact!

- **Make her feel NOTEworthy**
 - ⇒ Have girls in the troop write or sign a thank you note
(Girl Scout thank you card templates available at www.gsnorcal.org/recognition)
 - ⇒ Help girls each write an appreciation note or favorite memory on a slip of paper and compile them in a memory jar for your leader
 - ⇒ Send a fun e-card
Send thank-you, holiday, and customizable e-cards using free websites like Punchbowl, Blue Mountain, Someecards, 123 Greetings, JibJab, or Open Me
 - ⇒ Make posters or giant cards showing how important and appreciated your leader is and share them at your next meeting

- **Nominate her for an award**
 - ⇒ Nominate her for a Service Unit Award
These are presented at service unit meetings or celebrations each year (typically in the spring). View awards at www.gsnorcal.org/recognition and contact your Service Unit Recognition Coordinator for the nomination process.
 - ⇒ Create your own award certificate to present at a troop meeting or Court of Awards

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□ Share a special memory

- ⇒ Make a skit about a favorite troop activity or field trip and present it to your leader
- ⇒ Create a scrapbook with pictures of your troop and Girl Scout activities for your leader
- ⇒ Give her a photo of your troop at a favorite event or trip in a homemade frame

□ Offer to help

- ⇒ Provide snacks at a meeting or event
- ⇒ Help plan a field trip or meeting activity
- ⇒ Offer your skills
(Perhaps you're a sewing whiz and can teach the girls this skill at a meeting; Or maybe accounting is your thing and you can offer to manage troop finances)

□ Let girls get creative

- ⇒ Let your girl get creative and decide how she wants to thank her leader
Girl Scouts is girl-led, after all! Does she want to sing a song, cook a delicious meal, or save up to buy flowers? Ask her what she thinks would be meaningful and help her take the lead!

□ Get crafty

- ⇒ Visit our GSNorCal Appreciation Ideas Pinterest board for lots of cute and easy thank you ideas including candy grams, printable gift tags and templates, sweet treats, and more (<https://www.pinterest.com/gsnorcal/volunteer-appreciation-ideas/>)
- ⇒ See Sample Ideas below...
- ⇒ Or if you're not feeling crafty, our GSNorCal retail stores have great gifts and patches that your leader will love (<http://www.girlscoutshop.com/NORTHERN-CALIFORNIA-COUNCIL>)

