

THANK YOU!



## WAYS TO THANK YOUR TROOP VOLUNTEERS

**Use our fun checklist for ideas to thank the parent & adult helpers in your troop!**

### □ Make them feel NOTEworthy

- ⇒ Have girls in the troop write or sign thank you notes  
*(Girl Scout thank you card templates available at [www.gsnorcal.org/recognition](http://www.gsnorcal.org/recognition))*
- ⇒ Help girls each write an appreciation note or favorite memory on a slip of paper and compile them in memory jars for volunteers
- ⇒ Send a fun eCard  
*Use our [GSNorCal eCard generator](#) or send thank-you, holiday, and customizable e-cards using free websites like Punchbowl, Blue Mountain, Someecards, 123 Greetings, or Open Me*

### □ Honor them at your annual Court of Awards

- ⇒ Take time to honor troop parents and volunteers at your annual awards ceremony - mention the role each person has filled and how much their help means to your troop
- ⇒ Create and present your own award certificates  
*Templates at [gsnorcal.org/recognition](http://gsnorcal.org/recognition); also can be presented at a troop meeting or event*
- ⇒ Have girls make and present a skit or song about favorite troop activities or field trips
- ⇒ Give volunteers a token of appreciation at the ceremony like a Girl Scout patch, crafty gift from our Pinterest board, or homemade gift from the girls

### □ Let girls get creative

- ⇒ Let girls get creative and decide how they want to say thank you  
*Girl Scouts is girl-led, after all! Do they want to create a special poem to read at the end-of-year Court of Awards, host a delicious meal, or save up to buy small gifts for all the troop helpers? Ask them what they think would be meaningful and help them take the lead!*

### □ Nominate them for an award

- ⇒ Nominate them for a Service Unit Award  
*These are presented at service unit meetings or celebrations each year (typically in the spring) and include awards like Volunteer of Excellence, Family of the Year, and Father of the Year. View awards at [www.gsnorcal.org/recognition](http://www.gsnorcal.org/recognition) and contact your Service Unit Recognition Coordinator for the nomination process.*

# WAYS TO THANK YOUR TROOP HELPERS cont.

- Keep it simple - say, "Thank You!"
- Honor them with a token of appreciation
  - ⇒ Have girls give them a photo of the troop in a homemade frame to thank them for their help
  - ⇒ Our GSNorCal retail stores have great gifts that everyone will love!  
(<http://www.girlscoutshop.com/NORTHERN-CALIFORNIA-COUNCIL>)
  - ⇒ Give them a Girl Scout fun patch related to their service (see ideas below)  
(<http://www.girlscoutshop.com/GIRLS/FUN-PATCHES-PINS>)



- Get crafty
  - ⇒ Visit our GSNorCal 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...



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