

Event Committee Recognitions

Why do they volunteer for events?

People volunteer to help at events for countless reasons, but underneath it all, most volunteers are motivated by the quality of their performance. When volunteers know their time and energy are appreciated and that they are valued by the event manager and the committee, they commit themselves to the event. Therefore, volunteer recognition is one of the most powerful tools for retaining the invaluable women and men who volunteer for your event committee.

The key to successfully recognizing volunteers is:

Do it well.

Do it often.

Make it meaningful.

An attitude of gratitude can be created by:

- Being aware of the extra effort put forth by an individual
- Taking the time to mention a person's service or thanks for a job well done
- Developing a climate wherein work is sincerely noticed and noted at all levels

When and how the recipient is recognized will make the expression of gratitude memorable. Recognitions might be made on special Girl Scout holidays, at service unit meetings, at a special recognition event, or immediately following the event.



Informal Recognitions

Some ways to say "thank you" informally to your event committee could be:



- A framed photograph of the Girl Scouts who participated in the event (can be a blown-up snapshot)
- A thank-you statement published in a Girl Scout publication, website, Yahoo group newsletter, or community paper
- Flowers presented at the last wrap-up committee meeting
- Cards made by the girls
- Electronic greeting cards
- Virtual flowers
- A certificate designed for the event
- Fun awards such as breath mints ('you take my breath away'), note cards ('for a noteworthy achievement'), or batteries ('you've added energy to our group')



There are hundreds of additional ways to thank event volunteers. Check out these online sites: Pinterest, Google, Scouting.com, and many more.

