

Welcome to Your Service Team Role!

We are SO excited you have chosen to be part of a key element of the Girl Scout experience in your community! Volunteers are the heart of Girl Scouts, and we are happy to have you on board in this role. As a Service Unit Team member, you are a direct representation of Girl Scouts. A well-functioning service unit increases awareness about the Girl Scout Movement, supports Girl Scout volunteers in the area, and increases the reach of Girl Scouting through membership, service, hosting events, and providing programming. These actions are critical to sustaining and expanding the Girl Scout Movement. Thank you for taking this step into leadership with GSNI, and we look forward to seeing the amazing things you do!

Service Unit Recognition Chair



As a Service Unit Recognition Chair, you will collaborate with the Service Unit Manager (SUM), Service Unit Event Coordinator, and the Service Unit Team, so you are not alone in your role! The Membership Engagement Specialist (MES) is also available for any questions or concerns. It is a team effort!

What a Recognition Chair Does

How a Recognition Chair Does It

Acknowledge volunteers' dedication to their troops and Girl Scouts* <i>*GSNI provides service units with 75 cents per Girl Scout registered on September 30 to be used for volunteer appreciation</i>	
Sprinkle gratitude throughout the year.	Bring treats or snacks to service unit meetings to recognize the volunteers. Have a craft or activity for the volunteers to do.
Plan an appreciation event for volunteers in the spring. Volunteer Appreciation: • Month is April. • Week is the third week of April. • Day is April 20.	Brainstorm appreciation event ideas with the team. The MES can share what other service units do to help with ideas. Some appreciation ideas include: • Bring dinner, snacks, or an activity to a service unit meeting. • Plan a brunch or dinner at a local venue. • Host an activity such as painting, escape room, axe throwing, or smash room. • Give a small token of appreciation. For more ideas, visit Recognition Ideas .
Support GSNI's Volunteer Recognition Awards* <i>*For details on awards and how to submit nominations, visit Adult Awards and Recognition.</i>	
Encourage members to submit nominations for volunteers.	Promote nominating volunteers for GSNI's Adult Recognition Awards. Share at service unit meetings and include with service unit communications.

Submit nominations.	Ensure you submit volunteer nominations on your own or as a collaboration with the team.
Consider joining GSNI's Recognition Committee.	GSNI's Recognition Committee reviews nominations to determine if the volunteer will receive the award. If interested in joining the committee, contact customercare@girlscoutsni.org .
Arrange recognition opportunities for Girl Scouts (either in the spring or fall)	
Organize a bridging ceremony.* <i>*Please visit the Bridging Guide.</i>	Partner with the SUM and Event Coordinator to plan a bridging ceremony where service unit troops can bridge to their next Girl Scout level.
Plan an event for Girl Scouts to present their Highest Awards.* <i>*GSNI offers resources to assist planning and funding these events. For details and deadlines, visit Highest Award Ceremony Guidelines.</i>	Collaborate with the SUM and Event Coordinator to host an event where Girl Scouts can present what they did for their Highest Award.

Important Topics by Month

July

Take a break!

August

- Attend Service Unit Team Planning Meeting to determine plans for volunteer appreciation, bridging, and Highest Awards

September

- Share with members plans for volunteer appreciation, bridging, and/or Highest Awards

October

Sprinkle gratitude at service unit meetings

New Membership Year begins October 1

November

- Promote GSNI's Volunteer Recognition Nominations opening in December

December

Enjoy your holidays!

January

- Remind members to submit nominations

Cookie season begins!

February

- Encourage members to register for GSNI's Annual Meeting

March

- Prepare for bridging and Highest Awards ceremonies as needed

April

Happy Volunteer Appreciation Month!

Renewal begins!

May

- Renew your role

June

Take a break!