

Recognition Ideas for Service Units & Troops

All these ideas came directly from troop leaders and Service Unit Team Members:

- Taking leaders or parent volunteers out for dinner
- Asking local companies for donations or gift cards and “raffle” them off at service unit meetings; one per month for those who attend meetings (and always remember to let GSNI know about any donations with the [In-Kind Donation Form!](#))
- Bowling party for service unit leaders and volunteers
- Leader pamper night with a spa theme
- Day camp-themed H2O bottle stickers; collect one each year
- Adult-only annual leader appreciation dinner with small appetizers, gift card “raffle”, and fun activity (painting, ceramics, etc.)
- Recognition shout outs in monthly service unit newsletters, on social media, and in Rallyhood
- Fifth Friday leader-only activity
- Dinner at a local pub, courtesy of the service unit
- Networking event and crafts
- Talk about how great volunteers are using candy in a gift bag to describe their greatness
- “You Rock Award” with a painting rocks activity
- A traveling trophy that goes to a new leader or troop per month recognizing those who went above and beyond. The next month’s recipient is chosen by the previous awardee.
- Potluck lunch/dinner
- Money pouch with logo for leaders
- Girl Scout merchandise for leaders, courtesy of the service unit (examples could be a troop t-shirt, leader shirt, etc.)
- Girl Scouts and Special Pal events where Girl Scouts can invite their special leader or volunteer to celebrate with them
- Taco Bar
- \$5 gift card drawing at service unit meetings for those in attendance
- Nominate a leader to be recognized at a service unit meeting
- Paint and Sip Appreciation Night
- Lawn signs on volunteer lawns saying “A fantastic Girl Scout leader lives here!”
- Punny gifts, such as treat-filled plastic eggs saying, “You’re an egg-cellent leader!”
- Giving a Girl Scout journal or calendar to leaders
- Candle making event
- Handmade gifts
- Giving little gifts (under \$2) to leaders at meetings, such as keychains, pocket animals, stickers, etc.
- Handwritten letters and cards from parents, caregivers, and Girl Scouts
- Personal phone calls to say thank you