

Without a paycheck and without any fanfare, Girl Scout volunteers devote themselves to girl leadership. They put in long hours, stay patient as girls lead their own activities, and bring fun and spirit to everything girls do. Girl Scout volunteers are making a difference in the world, one girl at a time.

In Girl Scouting, we want to recognize and celebrate our volunteers and their service. Check out these Awesome Appreciation Ideas that can be done all year long!

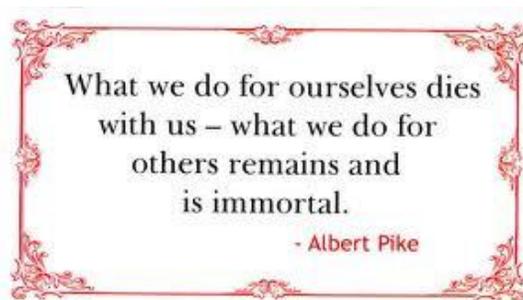
15 Edible Ideas

1. Print out "Thanks for being a lifesaver!" on mailing labels in your office and adhere them to rolls of Lifesavers to pass out to your volunteers.
2. Attach a note "Thanks for being such a Joy" to an Almond Joy Candy Bar.
3. "Thanks for going the EXTRA mile" attached to a pack of Extra Gum.
4. "Thanks for the encourage-*mint*, You're worth a *mint*, Everything you have done has *mint* a lot, Thanks for your involve-*mint*, etc". printed on an address label and attached to a roll of mints or on a note card attached to a bag of mints or a peppermint patties.
5. "You are a Star!" Attached to Starbursts Candy.
6. Attach a notecard "You are TEA-rific!" to individually wrapped, flavored tea bags
7. "You are a Treasure!" attached to a small bag of Nestles Treasure candy.
8. "Thanks for being such a Peach!" attached to a bag of peach ring candy.
9. A small bag, sachet of Hugs and Kisses Candy with the note, "Hugs and Kisses for all of your hard work."
10. A bag of chocolate gold coins and a note that says, "You're worth your weight in gold!"
11. Make cupcakes with toothpick toppers that say, "You Take the Cake-Thanks!"
12. "Thanks for keeping things Poppin'!" attached to a bag of microwave popcorn.
13. "What would we DEW without you?, Thank for all you DEW." Attached to a can or bottle of Mtn. Dew.
14. Mentos with a card saying, "I *MENTO* tell you how much we appreciate you!"
15. Apple, Orange or Banana with a ribbon around it that says, "We couldn't have *picked* a better Volunteer".

15 Crafty Ideas

1. Create a Volunteer Care Kit
 - Crayon- to color your day bright and cheerful
 - A marble- for when you lose all of yours
 - Quarter- to call a friend
 - Google Eyes- to see the good in others
 - Rubber band- to stay flexible
 - Eraser- we all make mistakes and it's ok
 - Key- You are the KEY to our success!
2. Wrap a candle in tulle closed with a ribbon and attach the note, "No one holds a *candle* to you!"
3. Attach notecards to daisy seed packets that say, "Thanks for helping us grow! Or Thanking you for growing tomorrow's leaders!".
4. Collect favorite recipes from volunteers and girls to create a special cookbook.
5. "In appreciation for all you do, here's a movie and some goodies, too!" Movie Rental Coupon or DVD in a bag with a microwave popcorn and box of candy.
6. Find a special quote, poem or saying and put it in a cute frame.
7. Create cute coasters using tiles with Mod Podge and cute napkins or scrapbook paper.
8. Make a S'more kit- Wrap with a ribbon and a note. "We need *S'more* Volunteers like you!"
9. Create a certificate or award, frame it and present it at SU meeting or event.
10. Inexpensive calculators with "We count on you" painted or decouped on the back.
11. Create, print and laminate cute bookmarks with the saying, "You're tops in my book!"
12. Pamper kit in a Mason jar. Socks, lotion, nail file, lip balm cute nail polish. Attach ribbon and Note, "Pamper Yourself"
13. Make scented lotion bars in shaped ice trays, wrap in tulle and attach tag, "You are SCENT-sational!"
14. Dip a coffee mug in chalkboard paint; write cute saying or volunteers name on it. Fill with Hershey Kisses.
15. Make a Love Jar. Fill a decorated Mason jar with little slips of colored paper that girls have written on with reasons why they love their Leader

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YOUR MESSAGE
TO THE WORLD.
MAKE IT
INSPIRING!**



"How wonderful that no one need wait a single moment to improve the world."

-Anne Frank

15 Silly Award Ideas

(All awards are mounted to small, painted block or piece of wood)

1. "On the Ball"- small ball
2. "Best Foot Forward"- shoe
3. "Bright Idea"- lightbulb or flashlight
4. "Soup-er Trooper"- can of soup
5. "Outstanding Support"- bra
6. "Egg-cellent Leader"- plastic easter egg
7. "Visionary"- goofy glasses
8. "Big Heart"- heart
9. "U Rock"- rock with a U painted on it
10. "Tee-rific Scout"- golf tee
11. "Helping Hand"- foam hand, clapper or stuffed dish glove
12. "Do-Re-Me: Song Leader"- music notes or song book
13. "Golden Knot" (for tying it all together)- rope knot painted gold
14. "Scout Spirit"- small megaphone, pom-poms or Juliette Low picture
15. "Order of the Nut"- metal nut or bag of nuts

5 Creative Ideas

1. Highlight Volunteers in SU Minutes, On SU Agenda or local newspaper. Include a photo.
2. Host a Volunteer Appreciation Banquet or Potluck.
3. Create a Thank You slideshow of volunteers and their work to show at the end of year SU meeting or event.
4. Send an E-card
5. Shout out special volunteers on your website or social media page!

