

# Recognition Ideas

## The Bare Bones of Volunteer Program Management

(Just a start, including suggestions from workshop participants!)

Name badge

Share results of efforts/ remind about accomplishments/tour of accomplishments

Mailbox

Challenge with new tasks

Parking space

Take time to visit

Own coffee mug

Nominate for outside awards in community

Suggestion box

Surprise with goodies

Have a picnic/potluck/onsite party

Newspaper articles

Joint community recognitions

Special work area

Volunteer of the month/year

Post their hours monthly

Send random fun cards

Yearly recognition event

Be a reference for job or school

Field trips

Know what they're doing

Personal notes in snail mail/email notes/phone thanks

Explain reason for their work

Daily thanks

Treat as valuable partner

Birthday and big personal event recognition

Provide good tools

Note to their boss at their job

Brownies and food!

Scrapbook with them in it

"Kudos" bars/"100 Grand"bars/"Lifesavers"

Speakers and educational/fun field trips

Name on their tool

Bulletin board with photos and accomplishments and names

Invite to staff meetings

Feature them in volunteer newsletter

Accommodate personal needs and situations when possible

Discounts

Give good training

Ribbons

Cast Party

Shirts/hats "I survived the cleanup....."

Invite community officials to the recognition and other events

Tourism media