**PUN AND FUN AWARDS – More than 100 ways to say “Thanks”**

The following are some “awards” that you can make and present to your adult leaders for all of the help that they give. Most of these awards could be mounted on a wooden base, or hung on yarn, string, or leather to be worn around the neck. They should also be personalized with the recipient’s name and date painted on them.

1. Super Cleaner Award – for the person who always sticks around to clean up (a tattered washcloth or bar of soap with a Scout decal painted on with acrylic or a monogrammed broom painted in Scout colors with the appropriate Scout decal attached).
2. Sticky Award – for the person that always gets you out of sticky situations (a cactus plant in a Scout decorated pot, glue with Scout decal on it, or a package of bubble gum).
3. Timer Award – for the referees or timers of races (egg timer, magnifying glass, or a pair of neckties – for those “neck-in-neck ties”).
4. Pear Award – for a great “pair” (a plastic pear) a present to a “great team”.
5. Cubby Award – for outstanding performance (like an Emmy, cut out a profile of a scout’s head, mount on wood).
6. Top Award – for the person who is “TOPS” (a small toy top).
7. First Aid Award – for the person giving you aid when you needed it (mounted band aid, or box of band aids with Scout decal on it).
8. Crutch Award – for the person on whom you can always lean (mount small crutch, or branch shaped like a crutch on a base).
9. Key To Successful Scouting – for the people who are the keys to the success of the program (cut out a giant key, paint recipient’s name on key, hang with string for necklace or mount).
10. Good Egg Award – for a person who comes through or doesn’t crack under pressure (spray a plastic Easter egg in Scout colors, or white and yellow fun foam cut in shape of a fried egg).
11. Measure Up – for the person whose performance set the standard (a ruler with recipient’s name painted on it).
12. Order of the Bear – for the person who did a “beary” good job, made things “bearable”, or did their “beary best” (any type of bear with recipient’s name on medallion hung from neck of bear, or small bear mounted on a piece of wood).
13. Helpful Paw – for those who lent a “paw” (use ink pad, mark paw prints on a leather round and hang it on a long piece of leather as a necklace).
14. Whale Award – for the person who does a whale of a good job (can be a toy or cut out of a whale).
15. Puzzle Award – for the person who makes the pieces fall into place (small child’s puzzle minus 1 piece, put together and mounted on a piece of wood).
16. Football Award – for the person who isn’t afraid to tackle any job (small plastic football helmet, or a small football).
17. Hop to it Award – for a “hopping good job” or someone who “hopped to it and got it done” (mount a plastic frog or rabbit or kangaroo).
18. Firecracker Award or Dynamite Award – for the person who did a “bang up” job (small firecracker made of chenille sticks in red, white and blue with ribbon or mount a firecracker).
19. Shovel Award – for the person who really digs in to help (spray paint a plastic shovel in Scout colors, write recipients name across blade).
20. Whisk Award – for the person who is un “beat” able at “whisking” our troubles away (small whisk broom or kitchen whisk).
21. Right-on Award – for the person who is on the “right trail” (pencil with ribbon pennant put on top).
22. Apple Award – for the person with great “appeal” (real or plastic apple).
23. Cone Award – for the person who can lick any job (mount ice cream cone on base).
24. Top Banana Award – for the person who is in charge (plastic, real, or banana sticker).
25. Fire Hat Award – for the person who came to the rescue (child’s play fire hat).
26. Heart and Soul Award – for the person who put their heart and “sole” into their work (mount a small wooden heart on leather and place a cut out of the sole of a shoe on top).
27. Big Idea Award – for a person with big ideas (spray light bulbs in Scout colors and put on a plaque, two Christmas tree bulbs work well, each in Scout colors).
28. Lifesaver Award – for the person who saved the day (mount a lifesaver on a plaque, or a package of Lifesavers).
29. Pat on the Back – for a job well done (cut out a wooden or fun foam hand, place a hole in the bottom and tie a ribbon on that will fit over someone’s head, place it on backwards so that hand is on their back).
30. Spark Plug Award – for the person who “sparks” up your meetings (attach a spark plug to a plaque, make a tie slide from a spark plug, or attach plug to ribbon for a necklace).
31. Go For Awards – for the person who always runs errands or provides transportation (a toy car).
32. “YDG” Award – for the person who deserves “Ya Done Good” (cut out letters from fun foam).
33. B.S.A. 13 Hour Clock – for the leader who is very busy and still finds an extra hour to get the job done (make a clock face with “13” hours).
34. Loose End-er Award – for den leaders “tying up” all those loose ends (a piece of rope with lots of knots tied in it).
35. Bull Horn Award – for a leader who gets others attention (toy megaphone with recipient’s name painted on it).
36. Watering Can Award – for the leader who helps the unit grow (a toy water can with their name painted on it).
37. Spring Award – for the leader who doesn’t hesitate to spring into action (a mounted spring or slinky).
38. Spring Award – can also be spring flowers
39. Links to Scouting – for a Webelos leader who has prepared the boys for Boy Scouting (attach links of chain to a plaque).
40. Raise in Pay – for the leader who deserves a “raisin” pay (small box of raisins).
41. Exploding into Scouting – for the new den leader or patrol that took off into Scouting (a box of Atomic Fire Balls).
42. Big Kiss Award – a bag of Hershey Kisses
43. Old Fossil Award – for the person who’s been in Scouting the longest (a rock with a fossil in it).
44. Gift of Time – for the person who needs just a little more (a small bottle (baby food jar), spread glue on the inside; shake the spice thyme on the inside. Repeat until the inside of the glass is covered. Put top on jar when dry).
45. Right Direction Award – for the person who keeps the unit headed in the right direction (a small play compass).
46. Always a Winner Award – for the person who is always a winner (the ace, king, queen, jack, and ten of the same suit).
47. Good Cheer Award – for the person who is always cheerful (a box of Cheer laundry detergent).
48. Bounce Award - for the person who is enthusiastic (a box of Bounce laundry softener).
49. Flex Award – for the most flexible person I know (a bunch of rubber bands).
50. Light Award – for the person who is always there to lead us out of the darkness of confusion (candles in Scout colors).
51. Gift for the Treasurer – a small bag of gold foil covered chocolate coins.
52. A Real Peach Award – for the person who is a real peach (a can, real, or plastic peach).
53. Joy Award – for the person whom is always a joy to be around (a bottle of Joy detergent).
54. Zest Award – for the person who is always full of “zest” (a bar of Zest soap).
55. Honey Award – for the person who is a real “honey” (a jar of honey, or a Bit-o-Honey candy bar).
56. 1 Hour a Week Award – for any leader (a cardboard clock with only 1 hour on it).
57. We Look Up To You – for the leader who sets the example (large wiggle eyes of a large fun foam or felt U).
58. Tea-riffic Scout/Scouter Award – tea bag mounted on wood or cardboard
59. Tee-riffic – a mounted golf tee
60. Order of the Spare Marble – for the person who’s so busy, he/she has lost ‘em (a marble glued to a small piece of wood or to a string).
61. Berry Good Job – for the person who did a “Berry Good Job” (a wax or plastic berry mounted to a piece of wood).
62. Heads Up Award – for the person who is heads above the rest (a plastic head mounted above a piece of wood. Use a piece of wire to keep the head above the wood).
63. Hats Off Award – for someone we take our hats off to (an old hat mounted on a piece of wood).
64. Right Foot Award – for those who got us off on the right foot (trace a RIGHT foot on a piece of stiff cardboard, fun foam, or felt).
65. Big Heart Award – for those who always seem to have one (trace a very large heart shape on a piece of stiff cardboard and embellish with glitter or sequins).
66. Egg-cellent Job/Idea/Etc. Award – for those who did an excellent job (plastic Easter egg, painted in scout colors, mounted on a piece of wood).
67. Udderly Ridiculous Award – blown up latex glove
68. Well Done – a piece of very dark toast
69. Nuttiest – a bag of nuts
70. Corniest – an ear of corn or can of corn
71. Expanded Our Knowledge – elastic band or large rubber band
72. You Stuck To It Award – roll of tape or bottle of glue
73. Record Breaker (of any kind) – a mounted broken record. (May have to explain this to Scouts!)
74. Fantastic Award – a large paper hand fan, old decrepit electric fan
75. Thanks A Million – clip art of a million dollar bill or fake million-dollar check (sign the check “N. O. Good”). Blow up really big.
76. Covered the Topic – a plastic lid
77. Right On Target – a target pasted to cardboard or fun foam
78. Kept Us In stitches – a needle and thread
79. Hung In There – anything hanging from something (try to get a picture of the recipient)
80. Worked Like a Dog – a mounted dog biscuit, bone, or small plastic dog
81. The Covered “Dime-An’-Pin” Award – glue a pin to a dime
82. Plunged Right In Award – a small plumber’s plunger
83. Rose To The Occasion – an artificial rose
84. N’ice Job – a box of N’ice cough drops
85. Had A Ball – mount a ball any size, any kind
86. Its “Bean” Wonderful- mount a lima bean or other large dried bean, or can of beans.
87. Bag of Trix Award – Trix cereal
88. Knocked Yourself Out Award – mount a small hammer or mini bat
89. A Real Card – mount a playing card
90. Shining Example – a small flashlight or small mirror.
91. Hornblower – for those who never blow their own horn. Mount a plastic bicycle horn.
92. The Rock Award – for those who are the “rock” of the unit. A small mounted rock.
93. You rock - Say, "You rock!" and give your volunteers rock candy or a special stone.
94. I Can Award – for the Scout/Scouter with the ‘I can do it’ attitude – a large can with a capital “I” drawn on it.
95. For You There Is No Equal – a mounted packet of Equal in a red circle with a red line diagonally across the circle.
96. You’re Matchless! – an empty book of matches mounted.
97. Thank you - Glue sparkles on inexpensive sunglasses, and present them with an Elvis impersonation, “Thank you. Thank you very much.
98. Neckerchief slide - Present a special neckerchief slide made by the Cub Scouts.
99. Autograph - Have Cub Scouts sign a Pack T-shirt or pillowcase for the volunteers.
100. Helping hand - Thank them for "lending a hand" by presenting a garden glove filled with candies or stuffed with sponge or crumpled newspaper.
101. Cup runneth over - Tell them your "cup runneth over" with gratitude, and present a dollar-store mug overflowing with candy.
102. Start an "Extra Miler" tradition with a well-tattered sneaker. Each year it can be signed by an especially hard-working volunteer, who has “gone the extra mile” and then displayed at pack or troop meetings.
103. Play a recording of the theme from "2001: A Space Odyssey," "Rocky," or "Chariots of Fire," while calling the volunteers forward for recognition during the closing ceremony.
104. Decorated heroes – Have the Scouts decorate the volunteers with streamers at the closing ceremony; take a picture of each decorated hero and give it to them as a remembrance.
105. Jolly Good Fellow – Bring person to the front and explain what a good job he/she has done. Have Scouts serenade the accomplishment with “For He’s a Jolly Good Fellow.”
106. Note of Thanks - End an event with a "note of thanks" by giving a musical pitch and having all the Cub Scouts sing, "Tha-a-a-anks" in unison until you stop them with a grand flourish. Leaders can be called forward especially for their note.

You get the idea. The point to remember is that everyone craves recognition. All helpers want to be appreciated for the good things they do. Recognition doesn't have to be expensive or time consuming. It only needs to express how glad you are for each person's presence and help.

When you make the effort to creatively say thanks, you will very likely be signing up that same helper for future events. In the end, recognizing a volunteer will make both of you feel like a million bucks.

Now that's what I call a paycheck!