

Informal Awards - by the Alphabet

Saying thank you means so much to the recipient. Formal recognition can be done by ordering awards through your awards committee.

Informal awards can also be done and can be done at any time of the year. They will only take a moment, and can be done in fun, inexpensive ways to highlight the individual contributions of our volunteers. Try some of the following ideas for informal recognition:

Angel pins, cards - you are a Guiding Angel!
Abacus - you are someone I can count on
Toy airplane - you are flying high in Guiding
Band Aid - you are a healer for our team
Battery - you keep us charged
Ball - you add some bounce to our team; you were right on the ball!
Bubble Gum - you are the stick that holds us together
Bubble Bath - to compliment your bubbly personality
Braid (in all the Guiding colours) - we are Guiding sisters
Butterfly - your contributions have helped us to open up and become a bright and colourful team
Box - your ideas always take us out of the box!
Sail boat toy - you help us to sail smoothly along
Balloon (in the appropriate unit colour) - you have given us a lift
Bell - ring this when you need a Guiding friend
Ribbon Bow - you tie the team together
Candle - you are the light of our team; you are a shining example for all of us
Crayons - You add colour to our world (team)
Chalk - chalk one up for volunteers like you!
Coca-Cola - you are the real thing!
Can - You can do it award!
Clothespin - You make me want to hang around in Guiding!
Clown - you make us laugh!
Drum - you walk to the Guiding beat!
Dice - the roll of the dice is always double sixes with you on the team
Dart - you always hit the bullseye
Eyes - all eyes are on you for a a job well done
Eraser - you remove all obstacles
Ear - you are a great listener!
Fortune Cookie - your fortune will always be wonderful
Flowers - Nothing blooms like you
Fairy wand - you add sparkle to Guiding



Candle - you set Guiding on fire
Gum - you help us stick together
Green Light - You Go Girl!
Green Frog - You Go Girl!
Hershey's Kisses - Kisses (and hugs) to you
Heart - you are the heart of Guiding
Horn - You deserve to have a horn blown for you
Highlighter - you are the highlight of our meetings
Honey - you are a "honey" of a leader
Ice Cream - you are cool to work with!
"Jewels" - you are a Guiding jewel!
Jam - your quick thinking got us out of a jam
Key - you are the key to Guiding's success
Kite - with you we can soar to great heights
Knot - you tie us together
Life Savers - you are a real lifesaver
Light bulb - you light up our lives! you have great ideas!
Lego - we can build anything with you on the team
Ladder - you will lead us onwards and upwards
Link - you are a link in the Guiding chain
Magnets - you attract all the best in us
Mask - you add mystery and intrigue; you make everyday a party
Moon - you are over the moon!
Map - you show us the way
Nuts - you are a real Guiding nut
Needle - you sew us together as a team; you keep us in stitches
Nail - you nailed that _____ (event, camp)
One - you are number one!
Owl - for any Brownie leader
Pad of paper - you are noteworthy
Plane - we fly with you on the team
Penny - a penny is well spent on your thoughts!
Puzzle - you are the piece that makes everything fit together
Patch - you cover up the rough spots
Paint - you add colour to everything we do
Pillow - you deserve a rest after that (event, camp); I can rest easy knowing you are on the team
Polish - you add shine to Guiding
Party Favour - you add life to the Guiding party
Peach - you are a peach to work with
Popcorn - things pop when you are around
Plunger - thanks for taking the plunge on (whatever they did)



Present - people like you deserve presents all the time
Ruler - you keep us on the straight and narrow
Rubber bands - you hold us together; you stretch us to the limit; your ideas stretch the imagination
Right arm - you are our right arm
Rock - you are as solid as a rock; you make Guiding rock
Rainbow - you light up any storm; you make rainy days fun
Rose - you rose to the occasion; you are as perfect as a rose
Sparkler - you add spark to Guiding
Star - you are a Guiding star
Smiley Face - you make us a smile
Sandpaper - you smooth all the rough edges
Spices - you add spice to Guiding
Snowflake - you are truly one of a kind
Staples - you are a staple; you hold us together

Stick to Paperwork By Terri Bouvier

(You are welcome to use the poem if you include Terry Bouvier's name)

coloured paper or cards to print the poem on
Halloween sized packages of chewing gum, or sticks of gum
glue gun and glue sticks
Poem -
When the paperwork seems endless,
And you're feeling glum,
This will help you stick to it,
A pack of chewing gum!

Stress Balloon By Terri Bouvier (You are welcome to use the poem if you include Terry Bouvier's name)

one good quality balloon (I used the "You Go Girl" balloons)
a large chopstick, pencil, or other long blunt ended object (to push the flour in)
a funnel
push the neck of the balloon over the end of the funnel
fill the funnel about half full of flour and push it into the balloon with the chopstick
repeat until the balloon feels full, pushing the flour down into the balloon with the chopstick to get the air out (the more air you can get out the better because the balloon will feel firmer and hold its shape when it is squeezed) once it is as full as you want to make it, tie a knot in the neck and squeeze your stress away!



Poem -

Under lots of stress?
Life getting you down?
Have I got a gift for you!
It will soon turn those feelings around!
It may look like a balloon,
But just put it in your hand,
Then squeeze the "heck" out of it,
And you'll soon be feeling grand!

Tea bag - you have made things brew
Tape - you make us stick together
Top - you put the spin on things; you are tops in my eyes
Toy Drum - you set the beat for us
Treat (candy, dessert)- you are a real treat to work with!
Unicorn - You are a rare find
Weaving - you weave us together
Wishing Well - you made our wishes come true when you joined our team

