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Recognition Boosters

The following list of ideas was created by 47 super energetic extension professionals in 3 minutes and 33 seconds during a workshop session at AC 2001 in Manhattan, Kansas, America. Thanks TEAM!!! Use them as “fun-puns” and “idea boosters” for the next time that you recognize volunteers and staff for their contributions and support to your program.

Tinker Toys	You “build” us up Thanks for “building” the program You help us make the “connection”
Magnet	We’re “drawn” to you Thanks for “attracting” new volunteers (audiences, opportunities, resources, etc.)
Spoon	You’ve “licked” the job
Flag	We salute you
Balloon	Thanks for helping us soar to new heights.
Socks	Thanks for all your “footwork” (legwork)
Shoelace	You know how to “tie” us together Thanks for “tying” up the project
Bolt	Thanks for providing the “nuts and bolts” for our project
Lanyard	Thanks for “key-ping” us in the loop
Rubber Scraper	We couldn’t have “scraped by” without your help
Glove	Thanks for giving a hand
Flower Pot	Thanks for growing the program We’re glad to be “growing together”
Wooden Blocks	Thanks for building the program (organization, event, notebook, training program)
Play Dough	Thanks for “molding” young minds
Gum	We’re glad you’re a “chewsey” (choosy) volunteer and you chose us!
Fishing Lure	Catch your limit of good ideas Thanks for tossing in your thoughts You’re a great catch
Bandana	Thanks for all the “sweat”.

This wraps up another year — Thanks

Shovel	Thanks for helping dig through the mess You are worth digging for
Rake	Thanks for your help in “raking in” the donations (benefits, hours, items, etc.)
Rock	You are the solid foundation of our program. Thanks!
Acorn	We are nuts about your accomplishment! We are nuts about your work
Horseshoe	We’re “lucky” to have you in our program
Mirror	You “reflect” good habits You are looking at the world’s best volunteer I see a winner Take a look at a great volunteer
Marble	You keep us “rolling”
Fortune Cookie	We’re “fortunate” to have you You are worth a fortune to us
Sparkler	Thanks for creating a spark You make our organization sparkle
Matches	You light the fire for our organization Thanks for lighting the way
Yo-Yo	Thanks for helping with the ups and downs Thanks for sharing the ups and downs. Thanks for coming back You brought the bounce back
Scissors	You are a “cut” above the rest
Glue/Tape	Thanks for sticking with us You’re the glue that hold us together
Thumbtack	Without your “tack-ful-ness” we’d be all thumbs
CD	You are the music to our song “ <u>C</u> ertified with <u>D</u> etermination!” Thanks
Seashell	Listen to the sea of our thanks
Hot Chocolate Mix	You make our organizational mix yummy Take time to relax You’ve warmed our hearts

Chalk	Chalk it up to experience!
Dirt	Plant seeds for the future
Play Money	Spread the wealth of our organization around.
Fertilizer	Thanks for helping us grow
Cookie Cutter	You help shape lives
Crayon	Thanks for playing with us It's OK to color outside the lines You make the world brighter
Rope	Thanks for tying up the project Thanks for pulling us through
Gold Fish (real or cracker type)	Thanks for swimming upstream! F.I.S.H. – Fresh Ideas Start Here
Christmas Ornament	Cherish the moments You've "trimmed" our program in success
Feather Duster	Thanks for taking care of the details Thanks for helping us clean up Thanks for helping us get the dust out of our organization Thanks for freshening up our image.
Star	You are a star
Toothpick	Thanks for getting to the hard to reach spots Thanks for "picking" 4-H
Flower Bulb	Good things will grow from your efforts Thanks for helping us grow You've got great potential Bloom where you are planted You have blossomed
Chopsticks	Thanks for your different perspective Thanks for learning to use a new tool Your skill helped us with a tough situation
Firecracker	You bring excitement You're a real bang You're a popping good leader (volunteer, officer, assistant, supporter, etc) Thanks for getting us moving ahead You did a "bang-up" job. Thanks! You are definitely a blast You added a bang to our program
Film Canister	New things have developed with your involvement

Thanks for creating lasting memories

Cereal

Life

Frosted Flakes

You bring LIFE to our program

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