

PARK & RECREATION
PROFESSIONALS DAY

IT'S GOOD TO BELONG.

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GOOD IDEAS for meaningful recognition

Meaningful recognition is specific, relevant and timely. Pennsylvania Park and Recreation Professionals Day is a custom-designed opportunity to express why your staff and volunteers are important and valued.

All park and recreation agencies are encouraged to host a public event on or about the third Friday of July, to celebrate those who drive public engagement and provide the indispensable services that thriving communities require every day.

Your celebration may certainly be a part of another event. The most meaningful occasions invite the public and local officials to join the festivities, which may include entertainment, refreshments, presentations or demos by youth or summer camp groups, photo opportunities, and a ceremony with brief remarks. And of course, your valued employees and volunteers as the honored guests!

Share your thanks publicly on your social media channels, which helps boost the value of your services in the eyes of your park users and public officials. Use #ParkAndRecDay and tag with:

Facebook: @PARecandPark @GoodforPA **Twitter:** @PA_Rec_and_Park @GoodForPA
Instagram: @paparkrec @goodforpa **LinkedIn:** /pennsylvania-recreation-park-society/

Here are a few inexpensive ideas to creatively express your gratitude:

free day pass to the pool/gym/rec center
extra day of personal leave
go public with your appreciation
handwritten note of appreciation
ice cream sundae bar
Dress Down / Dress Up Day
gift card to favorite retailer
stock breakroom with popular snacks
Certificate of Appreciation
pizza luncheon
afternoon movie break
website appreciation for staff photos, bios
hire a caricature artist to draw portraits
3 hour lunch break
free car wash
thank you video
staff barbeque

food truck lunch
VIP parking spot
random acts of fun

share some swag
half-day off
sincere words of affirmation
LinkedIn recommendation
staff field trip to museum
create a dog-friendly office
small live plant or flower arrangement
Starbucks gift card
Wednesday afternoon cookies
office upgrade allowance
staff picnic lunch
make part of decision making process
recognition for non-work achievements
team-building day out