

30 Ways to honor your staff during Activity Professional Week.

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1. Each day provide a different breakfast item from Bagels, Donuts, Fresh Fruit
2. Designate one specific day and take out to lunch and be sure the Administrator comes.
3. Provide a custom made banner that pays tribute to the Activity Department.
4. Purchase the promotional items and give to the staff.
5. Give an individual Thank You card to each activity professional.
6. Put up balloons that have a tribute to the professionals all over the building.
7. Have a party with the residents and all staff one day during the week.
8. Provide Activity pins for Activity Professional Week.
9. Send an editorial to your local paper about what your Activity Department provides.
10. Put up a table in the lobby showcasing all the activities you do. Place pictures on 3 panel display boards.
11. Ask the residents to write poems about what Activities means to them.
12. Submit a tribute about the activity profession to www.activitytherapy.com
13. Pay for membership in your state association for your staff.
14. Allow paid time to attend the local state association meetings.
15. Allow staff to attend the state convention and give it in writing.
16. Pay for a seminar. Or reimburse once they attend.
17. Write about each person in your department and place in the facility newsletter.
18. Take a picture of each person and place in a frame and high light them during the week.
19. Create a word search for staff and residents using all the words that define the profession.
20. Give a corsage or flowers.
21. If approved, allow them to leave early on Friday.
22. Put up tributes written by other professionals. See www.activitytherapy.com
23. Ask Administrator and DON to make a speech about activities during your party.
24. Ask the Ombudsman to attend the party and make a speech about activities.
25. Ask the resident council president to make a speech about activities.
26. Ask the Volunteers to participate in the party; generally they support your department.
27. If you are with a large corporation, ask the owners to acknowledge Activity Professionals during Activity Professional Week.
28. Gift certificates to stores or movies or restaurants.
29. Order a gift form Activity Director Novelties <http://www.cafepress.com/adnov>
30. **Honor your Activity Director with a card, flowers or just say Thank You.**