SHOW US YOUR TEAM SPIRIT

To empower teamwork and collaboration at Mason, we’re asking departments to Show us Your Team Spirit.

Post a photo of your team being recognized for their efforts on Twitter or Facebook with the hashtag, #MasonTeamSpirit. We’ll recognize your team even more by sharing your post with our followers. We will also highlight some of the most creative and fun uses of team appreciation in our year-end newsletter for all of Mason to see.

Here are a few low cost/no cost ideas to enhance the team recognition culture in your department or school.

VOLUNTEER TOGETHER

Take your #MasonTeamSpirit even further by volunteering together for a charity agreed upon by the team. Use School Assistance and Volunteer Service leave or take part in other Mason volunteer events like 9/11 Day of Service, Patriot Pack Out, or the Victim’s Rights Run/Walk.

SHOUT IT OUT

Of course you’re proud of your team and all of their hard work. Take the opportunity to highlight their work on your website, in a department newsletter or professional publication. Don’t forget #MasonTeamSpirit when you post on social media.

CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENTS

Create fun certificates or give away home-made prizes at a team meeting. It doesn’t have to be formal or cost money to be meaningful.

ENCOURAGE LEARNING

Whether it’s a Lynda.com course or a class offered through any of the various Mason departments, allow team members the opportunity to learn and grow.

SHARE FOOD

Bring in treats for the team or organize a potluck. The team can be creative and pick a theme. Or, the team may prefer going to a restaurant together. Don’t forget to check out the Life/Work Connections discount page for some opportunities to save money on food and meals.

SHARE KNOWLEDGE

Encourage your team to start a book club or you can ask the team to create a knowledge center. Ask team members to pull the books off of their office shelves and put them in a central location where all can enjoy. If you have a team member with a special expertise, ask them to train the rest of the group.

TAKE A BREAK

Take your team out of the office. You can visit a student art exhibit or poster session, Potomac Heights Vegetable Garden, play games at the Corner Pocket in the Hub, or take part of Who’s Walking Wednesday.