

EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SCRIPS

What are Scrips?

Scrips are retailer gift certificates which can be used the same as cash. The Great Lakes Scrip Company (GLSC) buys gift certificates from hundreds of retailers in bulk at significant discounts. GLSC then sells those gift certificates to non-profit organizations at discounted amounts for use in fundraising activities.

An example of the retailers – GAP, Chili's, Belk's, Starbucks, Panera Bread, Marriott

The discounts offered on the gift certificates by each retailer may vary.

How do scrips orders work?

Pilot Aquatic Club is a registered non-profit which participates with GLSC. Pilot orders the gift certificates approximately once a month. We have put together a list of over 150 retailers which we believe our families frequently shop with. The gift certificate values and discount amounts are listed on our monthly order forms.

For example, Panera Bread offers a \$10 gift card at a 9% discount. You purchase the \$10 gift card from Pilot on your monthly order form. You pay \$10 to Pilot for the card. Pilot pays GLSC \$9.10 for the card. The \$.90 discount earned (9%) on the gift card is credited toward your family's fundraising. If you frequent Panera on a regular basis you can earn fundraising credit without spending any additional money. You pay \$10 for \$10 in value and Pilot earns \$.90. How easy is that???

You don't have to buy anything you don't use. There are so many retailers to choose from that you probably frequent on a regular basis – Applebee's, Cracker Barrel, Subway, Marriott, American Eagle, Home Depot, Border's, etc. The discounts range from 2% to 18% in some cases. Several retailers offer bonus discounts throughout the year. Bath & Body Works usually sells their gift cards at a 13% discount. For this next order they are offering an 18% discount!!! So you can order several \$10 gift cards for Christmas gifts and earn \$1.80 on each one!!!!

As you can see, just by ordering gift cards to use at your favorite retailers, you can easily earn your \$400 family fundraising credit and more.

Why can't I buy these cards from Susan, the grocery gift card chairperson?

Pilot is able to buy the Kroger, Food City, Fresh Market and Pilot cards locally. The scrips orders must be placed with GLSC and then shipped to Pilot. We then have to sort the orders by family and hand deliver them. We have found that most families order these gift cards on a monthly basis, therefore we offer an order once a month. As you've noticed, we are placing 3 orders to accommodate Christmas orders.

Are there any gift card restrictions?

There may be some restrictions on the use of some of the cards. Some do have expiration dates and some do limit the number of cards you may use for online purchases. For the most part, for those with expiration dates, they are usually several years from the purchase date. For information on all the retailers you may access the GLSC website at www.glscrip.com.

Additional Questions?

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If anyone has any questions about scrips please call me at 687-6929 or email me at spencer.j.k@att.net. I am usually at the aquatic center in the evenings.