

Hello Swim Parents,

We are so glad to have you as a part of the team. As a part of the team, each year your swimmer will have fundraising requirements that they will need to meet. Don't worry though, there are a few opportunities that the team has set up to help you accomplish this goal.

One of the opportunities is the Scrip gift card program. The best thing about this program is that you earn money on things that you buy like groceries, gas, travel and gifts. This is how it works. You (or friends and family members) purchase gift cards, and a portion of your gift card purchased gets credited to the team towards your child's fundraising requirement.

For example, many families use the Scrip program to purchase Marriott hotel cards to use for their stay at swim meets away from home. Marriott gives back 8%-10% to the swim team. So, for a weekend stay of \$200 you would get \$16-\$20 towards fundraising. Another popular way to use the program is at holiday time. People love to receive gift cards, or you can purchase a giftcard, and then turn around and use it to buy a gift for someone. One of our new swim team members raised their entire fundraising requirement (\$150) in the first six months of joining the team by using the Scrip program!

On the 10th of each month, family orders are due. The team does their best to send out reminders and post Scrip order dates on the team calendar. There are a few different ways you can place an order. The easiest way is to sign up for an account at [www.ShopWithScrip.com](http://www.ShopWithScrip.com). On the left hand side of the page there is a green box that says "Family Sign-Up." The code to link your account to Sopris Swim Team is, **E7L9C88127528**. Once you sign up for an account you can submit an order at anytime. Once a month I will place the orders and the Scrip center will send us a shipment.

There are also a few payment options available. The fastest and easiest payment option is to sign up for PrestoPay. PrestoPay allows you to link your bank account number with your Scrip account and the total of your order would be automatically withdrawn when orders are placed. Another option is to pay the team by check, if you make an order just drop a check in the team payment box for your order total. If you would like to pay in a different way please let me know and I can try to accommodate your request.

Just like payment options there are a few different types of Scrip cards. The traditional plastic cards are the most popular and provide the most retail options. A growing number of companies are also offering gift certificates (called ScripNow) for faster delivery, and you can even "Reload" your plastic card. Paired with PrestoPay, ScripNow can be a very handy tool for last minute shopping trips or quick gift ideas. If you are set up as a PrestoPay customer you can get gift certificates and usually reload your plastic gift cards almost instantly because PrestoPay orders do not have to wait for me to process them because no plastic cards are being shipped. For example a few weeks ago I purchased an ITUNES gift certificate for a friend's birthday gift. Since I used PrestoPay I got the certificate in a few minutes sent to my email box (you can even have it emailed to your friend's email box with a birthday message), I printed it out and my gift was ready to go! Plus, I took advantage of a special that Apple was running that gave 15% to our swim account instead of the regular 5%. Some retailers give bonuses on occasion which makes your fundraising even easier.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or need help setting up an account. My email address is [jehawk00@gmail.com](mailto:jehawk00@gmail.com) and cell phone is 618-4537. And if all else fails, you can always find me at the desk at the Rec Center before or after practice.

Have a wonderful day,  
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