

GREAT LAKES SCRIP (GIFT CARDS) FUNDRAISER

Dear NYAC families;

Finally a fundraiser that you buy products you already use. No more overpriced wrapping paper, candy and expensive pizzas. You won't even have to bug your friends unless you want to. We are going to be selling gift cards for over 400 retailers including Giant, Walmart, Lowes, Sheetz, gas, restaurants, movie theatres, hotels and even hair salons. Face it, we have to eat, have to buy gas, and occasionally must venture into Lowes/Home Depot for that home improvement item. As traveling swim families, we must eat out and stay at a hotel once in awhile. Why not add money to your swim account just by buying/shopping at the places you always shop/buy. Denominations as low as \$10.

People love gift cards. Gift cards were the number one gift given this past Christmas nationwide. They are the perfect gift for birthdays, holidays, graduations and wedding gifts. One size fits all. They are always the right color (green, you will see what I mean in a second)

HOW IT WORKS: For every dollar you spend the gift card's face value is the same. For example if you buy a gift card for 100 dollars (denominations as low as 10 dollars) your gift card is worth 100 dollars exactly what you paid. Because West Shore Y and NYAC are non profits we can sign up to purchase the gift cards at a discount. The difference between the price WSY/NYAC pays for the gift card and the face value is the amount that goes into your families swim account. Each participating company's gift cards have different percentages. For example that 100 dollar gift card at Giant Foods gives you 4 percent or 4 dollars however, that same 100 dollar gift card from Spring Hill Suites (Marriot) is 12 percent. So if you go to State College for Y States or for Big Cat meets, find a hotel on the list and order your GL Scrip cards for your hotel and your meals before you go and put money back in to your account.

All NYAC families have a swim account that is used to pay meet entry fees; you can use it for the team store, suits, goggles, Y Districts, States and National team fees, everything **EXCEPT** YMCA membership and season dues.

A list of over 400 retailers is available and updated daily at the Great Lakes Scrips website.
www.glscrip.com

HOW IT WORKS ON OUR END AND DATES TO REMEMBER: Once a month, orders and monies (credit card payments will be accepted by the Y also) will be collected by the fifteenth of the month. It is then turned in to the WSY desk and they cut the check (on Wednesday) and send out our order. Great Lakes Scrips will then ship our gift cards to the coordinators who will sort and deliver the gift cards via the pool mailboxes. The process should take about 3-4 weeks.

Many private schools and organizations use this as their fundraisers. Gettysburg YWCA Sharks Swim Team raised 800.00 the first two months (Oct-Nov) they used the service, with only 15 families participating.

Order forms, Schedules and a list retailers and percentages (updated weekly) will be available at the pool on the NYAC bulletin board/table.

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