

2009-10 FUNDRAISING INFORMATION

The **WHEATON SWIM CLUB** fundraising program is designed to benefit both the team and its members. The fundraising monies will go directly to paying the operating costs of the team, thereby helping to keep your team fees down.

FUNDRAISING FEES -- PER FAMILY:

\$170.00 - National Group through Gold Group

\$120.00 - Silver and Bronze Groups

\$70.00 - Blue and Senior

(No fundraising fee for orange / competitive lessons)

The Wheaton Swim Club will provide three different opportunities for families to meet this requirement. All three opportunities will give members a chance to raise money from outside sources, which will benefit both the members and the team.

The following fundraising opportunities will be provided:

I. ADS IN HEAT SHEETS, NEWSLETTERS, AND WEBSITE

The swim team periodically hosts swim meets and will create several publications associated with those meets (heat sheets, psyche sheets, banners, etc). Any ad you purchase in one of these meets for your business or family will count towards your requirement. Exact prices for ads have not yet been determined. Additionally, you can place ads on the team website or in our periodic team newsletter.

II. SWIM-A-THON

The team will participate in USA Swimming's official Swim-A-Thon. Swimmers will solicit donations (per lap) from friends, family, neighbors, etc. Any money raised would go towards the requirement, and the team will make a donation to USA Swimming on behalf of each participating swimmer.

III. PURCHASING / GIFT CARDS -- SCRIP PROGRAM

This is the opportunity we are most excited about. We have partnered with a company called UNITED SCRIP. SCRIP sells pre-paid cards for thousands of merchants, which you use, everyday (such as Panera, Blockbuster, J.C. Penney, T.J. Maxx, Chili's – and many others!!). Simply use your pre-paid card at any merchant on the list and the team will get a percent. That percent would be applied to your commitment.

Please see additional documents attached for the programs mentioned above.

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ANY MONEY YOU RAISE BEYOND YOUR GROUP'S FUNDRAISING COMMITMENT IN ADS OR SWIM-A-THON WOULD GO DIRECTLY TO YOUR TEAM FEES.

ANY MONEY RAISED BEYOND YOUR COMMITMENT FROM SCRIP WOULD BE SPLIT 50-50 WITH THE TEAM.

YOU COULD ALMOST PAY FOR YOUR WHOLE SEASON OF SWIMMING SIMPLY BY DOING THE SHOPPING YOU ALREADY DO - OR BY TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE OTHER FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITES.

**BELOW IS THE SCHEDULE FOR COLLECTING
SCRIP ORDER FORMS AND THE DATE FOR
WHEN THE CERTIFICATES WILL BE
DISTRIBUTED.**

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR ORDERS ON-LINE AND
PROVIDE A PRINT-OUT OF THE ORDER ALONG
WITH YOUR CHECK TO YOUR CHILD'S COACH.**

(Please note, fundraising requirement is on a per-family basis, based on the most advanced swimmer.)

2009 SCRIP ORDERING AND DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE

Please be certain you check the website for the most current vendor list when placing and order. www.wheatonswimming.com -- under FUNDRAISING

OCTOBER 2009	
<i>Electronic Order Form with Check Due to Coaches</i>	<i>Scrip Certificates Delivered</i>
Monday, October 5	Monday, October 19
Tuesday, October 6	
Wednesday, October 7	
NOVEMBER 2009	
<i>Electronic Order Form with Check Due to Coaches</i>	<i>Scrip Certificates Delivered</i>
Monday, November 2	Monday, November 16
Tuesday, November 3	
Wednesday, November 4	
DECEMBER 2009	
<i>Electronic Order Form with Check Due to Coaches</i>	<i>Scrip Certificates Delivered</i>
Monday, December 7	Monday, December 21
Tuesday, December 8	
Wednesday, December 9	

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**IF YOU ARE ORDERING GIFT CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS,
YOUR ORDER WILL NEED TO BE PLACED IN
NOVEMBER**

Scrip Program Frequently Asked Questions

What is “Scrip”?

“Scrip” is simply another name for “Gift Certificates.” If you have ever used a gift certificate, then you’ve used Scrip. The program works by parents, friends, relatives, and others purchasing Scrip through your organization from the selected merchants provided by Scrip. These gift certificates are available from many local and national merchants, which you frequent during many of your weekly activities.

Where can I use Scrip?

The stores themselves issue their own Scrip. For example, a Home Depot gift Scrip is issued by Home Depot and is good only at Home Depot. It is the exact same Scrip you would receive if you walked into Home Depot and purchase one right in the store.

How do I use Scrip?

The great part about this program is that stores treat Scrip just like cash. This means that you just present them for payment at the register. However, more exciting is the fact that you do not need to use them only as gifts, if you prefer giving actual, tangible gifts then use the Scrip as you shop. Either way, your organization wins.

What if I don’t use the whole amount of the face value of the Scrip? Will I get change back?

Most stores will give change back if you do not use the entire amount of Scrip. However, each store has its own change-back policy, so make sure you ask a store representative before you shop if you are not sure. A good rule of thumb is to try to spend at least 80% of the face value of the Scrip. In addition, if your purchases are more than the amount on your Scrip, you can pay the difference with any other method convenient to you (i.e. cash, credit card, debit card, etc.)

Is there a limit on the amount of Scrip I can use at any one store?

No. They will gladly take as much money as you want to spend in their store, regardless of how you spend it.

Can I use Scrip to pay on my store charge card?

Yes, but only at those stores that are designated as such on your Scrip shopping list. Also, as with the change-back policies, the charge account payment policies differ from store to store. If you are not sure, clarify the policy of the store where your charge account is before you purchase Scrip.

Are there any geographical restrictions on where I can use Scrip?

Only if designated as such on your shopping list. Otherwise, store Scrip is good at any location nationwide. That means you can buy Scrip as gifts for those long, lost relatives.