

Scrip Info

Free Money for Your Child's School Trip Account

Every Discovery student has the opportunity to travel with DMS to Washington DC in 8th grade and to travel to Europe and/or China during their 7th or 8th grade year.

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Scrip is a national fundraising program for non-profit organizations. Over 30,000 different organizations use Scrip; the Discovery PTO has been one of them since 2013. The concept is simple. You purchase gift cards and a rebate is given back. In the 6 years that we've been participating, our DMS families have purchased over \$1,750,000 worth of gift cards and earned \$125,000 in free money!

Sound too good to be true? No, it's real, and here is why. There are over 700 retailers that sell their gift cards to Scrip at various discounts. When you order these gift cards from Scrip at face value, they give the designated rebate amount to the nonprofit organization, in our case the PTO. The PTO puts 90% of that rebate into your child's Discovery Trip Account, keeps 10% for the PTO fund, and you still receive the full value of the gift card - it's a win-win!

For example:

- You order a \$100 Martin's gift card from Scrip and pay them \$100 for it.
- Martin's Supermarket has sold their \$100 gift card to Scrip at a discount.
- Scrip gives \$4 to the PTO, because Martin's has a 4% rebate
- The PTO puts 90% of that \$4.00, or \$3.60, into your child's Discovery Trip Account and keeps 10% or \$0.40.
- You receive a \$100 Martin's gift card.
- In summary, you paid \$100 for a \$100 gift card, but earned \$3.60 in free money!

Ok, so \$3.60 doesn't sound like much money, right?

Well, think of it this way - in one month, the average DMS family rebate is about \$27. Here's how that could look:

Retailer (rebate)	Gift Card Amount	Rebate Amount You Earn	Rebate Amount PTO Earns
Martins (4%)	\$300.00	\$10.80	\$1.20
Speedway (4%)	\$50.00	\$1.80	\$0.20
Old Navy (14%)	\$40.00	\$5.04	\$0.56
Walmart (2.5%)	\$100.00	\$2.25	\$0.25
Buffalo Wild Wings (13%, normally 8% but there was a special going on when you ordered)	\$50.00	\$5.85	\$0.65
Starbucks (7%)	\$25.00	\$1.58	\$0.17
	\$565.00	\$27.32	\$3.03

The DC trip costs approximately \$900, and you earned over \$27 in free money toward that trip in just one month by paying for your regular purchases with gift cards. At that rate, you'd have the entire trip paid for during your child's time at DMS.

What's the catch? There is NO catch! But wait, there's more....

Overwhelmed? Then keep it simple, like this:

Retailer (rebate)	Gift Card Amount	Rebate Amount You Earn	Rebate Amount PTO Earns
Meijer (3%)	\$500.00	\$13.50	\$1.50

Just ordering this one gift card worth \$500 for groceries and household items earns you \$13.50 - keep reloading it every month when your child starts 6th grade, and you'll have nearly half of the trip to Washington DC paid for.

Don't want to deal with this every month? Then just do it when you go on vacation! Here's an example:

Retailer (rebate)	Gift Card Amount	Rebate Amount You Earn	Rebate Amount PTO Earns
American Airlines (6%)	\$1,000.00	\$54.00	\$6.00
Hotels.com(6%)	\$200.00	\$10.80	\$1.20
Uber (3%)	\$50.00	\$1.35	\$0.15
Royal Caribbean(13%)	\$2,000.00	\$234.00	\$26.00
	\$3,250.00	\$300.15	\$33.35

Boom! One Scrip order for vacation and you've got \$300 in your child's Trip Account!

How does it work?

There are **3 types of gift cards** you can purchase: (note - not every retailer offers all three options)

1. **Physical** - these are just like the plastic gift cards you buy in a store. Generally, the PTO places an order for these twice per month.
2. **Reload** - once you have purchased a gift card from Scrip, some retailers offer the ability to just "reload" that same card. ReloadNow is processed immediately and regular Reloads will be applied to the card within 2 days.
3. **ScripNow** - this is an electronic gift card and the most convenient. A ScripNow "e-card" will be available for you to use within minutes of ordering. You will receive an email when your ScripNow e-card is available. It will also show up in your Scrip account online and in your www.myscripwallet.com mobile website where the barcode can be scanned right from your phone.

Payment info

1. **PrestoPay** - This is an online payment directly to Scrip. Your bank account is linked directly to the Scrip website via a secure ACH connection - the same way you pay bills online. There is a 15 cent fee per order.
2. **Credit Card** - New this year, Scrip is offering the option to pay via Visa or Mastercard credit card, provided you are also enrolled in PrestoPay. There is a 2.6% fee per order.
3. **Checks are NOT accepted** - Although the option to pay by check may appear on your screen, the PTO does not accept this method of payment for Scrip and will automatically cancel your order if you select payment by check.

Where Do I Sign Up?

1. Fill out the DMS PTO 5 Minute Form <http://bit.ly/5MinForm1920> so we can create a Scrip Trip Account for your child and to get email updates to you.
2. Register for an account at www.shopwithscrip.com and use this Enrollment Code 35C5F8AD37615.
3. Enroll in [PrestoPay](#) on the same website.
4. Familiarize yourself with the **Scrip Schedule** on the [DMS website](#) under "School Info/PTO" to know when orders for physical cards are placed and picked up
5. Fill out this form <http://bit.ly/StudentScripPickUp1920> if you'd like your child to be able to pick up your physical card orders at school
6. Read the other Scrip documents (all found on the [DMS website](#)) regarding our Policies, FAQs, and Tips to maximize your earnings!

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