



# Guide to Shopping With Scrip

*Scrip is fundraising while you shop!™*





## WHAT IS SHOPPING WITH SCRIP?

**The short answer:** “It’s Fundraising While You Shop!”

Purchase gift cards at face value to either give as gifts or use as cash. When we Shop With Scrip, Bay Farm earns back anywhere from 1.5%–**18%**, on purchases we’re making anyway! There are no extra costs.

**The longer answer:**

The Great Lakes Scrip Company (Scrip) purchases gift cards from retailers at a discount. They then sell to the non-profit organizations, at face value. Scrip keeps part of that discount as profit, and passes the rest of the discount on to the non-profit.

**An example:**

Scrip purchases a Macy’s card with a \$100 face value at say, 20% off. Scrip then sells the Macy’s card for the full \$100 face value, for \$100. That 20% off... Scrip keeps their cut, say 10%, and the remaining 10% goes to Bay Farm Montessori Academy. The card’s purchaser pays \$100, gets \$100 at Macy’s, and the non-profit gets \$10.



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## WHAT CAN WE BUY WITH SCRIP?

Items and services for us, our friends, and our families.

Use Shop with Scrip for **purchases that you would make anyway** such as:

- Everyday purchases — gas, groceries, life's essentials from Target, and coffee from Dunkin' Donuts or Starbucks.
- Weekend errands — that trip to Home Depot or Lowe's for the right size screws... or that new leaf blower or grill.
- Entertainment ranging from a book at Barnes & Noble, music or new apps from iTunes, or a new flat screen from Best Buy.
- Escapes ranging from dinner and a movie, or a pedicure ... to Disney World!
- Shop with over 300 retailers in 25 categories for purchases you're making anyway, and Bay Farm benefits!

### **The key is to plan ahead and have them on hand.**

Or, purchase gift cards for your family and friends for birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, baby showers, holiday gifts, etc. There is something for everyone.

### **Scrip is for business, too!**

- Do you or a friend have a Staples account? Use Scrip gift cards — 5% goes to Bay Farm.
- Flying American Airlines? Staying at a Marriott for business travel? Both return 8%.
- Business dinner at Ruth's Chris Steak House? 10% of that dinner check can benefit Bay Farm!

## WHY SHOULD I SHOP WITH SCRIP?

Because a little effort can make a world of difference to our school, our kids, and our community!

Assume a family's grocery budget is \$300/month, and they use a Stop & Shop Scrip that returns 4%. That adds up to \$12/month or \$144/year.

If **10 families** did the same,  
that would be **\$1,440 for Bay Farm!**

If **50 families** did, that's **\$7,200 for Bay Farm!**

Now let's assume that same family drives 2 cars, costing about \$50/week each at the pump. Using Scrip companies that return 1.5% for gas ... that's \$1.50/week, or \$78/year, or \$780 for 10 families. Some companies return 2.5%, and Stop & Shop even gives back 4%!

If just half of the Bay Farm families spent that much on gas, using Scrip, that would be another **\$5,538!**

With 10 families participating, we just raised \$7,980 by purchasing our gas and groceries with Scrip! Just think what a school-wide effort could generate!

## WHO CAN SHOP WITH SCRIP?

Bay Farm Montessori families and friends can benefit our school when shopping.

Far away friends and families can participate, by using ScripNow! (More than 30 retailers are set up to print gift certificates from your own computer.) You can also email ScripNow! certificates to anyone with an email address for them to print.

Another option is Reload — More than 40 businesses can electronically “re-load” your card once you have purchased one.

## WHERE CAN I SHOP WITH SCRIP?

From any internet connection, whenever you like! Order and pay one of two ways:

1. Place your order and pay online with the click of a button.
- or
2. Place your order online and bring a check and a printout of your order to Bay Farm's office.

## WHEN CAN I SHOP WITH SCRIP?

### FALL SEMESTER ORDERING DEADLINES & DELIVERY DATES

Orders will be due by 3:30pm (with 1 exception) on:

Wednesday, October 19th  
Wednesday, November 2nd  
Wednesday, November 9th  
Tuesday, November 29th  
Tuesday, December 6th by noon

And delivered on:

Friday, October 28th  
Thursday, November 10th  
Thursday, November 17th  
Friday, December 9th  
Friday, December 16th

## HOW DO I GET STARTED?

1. Go to <http://www.shopwithscrip.com>.
2. Click on the “Create an Account” in the green family sign up box (on left side).
3. Complete the family registration, including your name, email, create a password, then click “I accept”.
4. Enter Bay Farm Montessori Academy’s enrollment code: **A75F7CLL28LL5**  
Click “Join”.

Once you are registered, click on the “My Account” box at the top of the page, and PLEASE consider signing up for Presto-Pay, in order to pay for your purchases conveniently at the same time you place them. (Payments by check are fine, but take longer to clear and may delay your order.)

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## HOW DO I REGISTER FOR PRESTO-PAY?

Please consider paying by Presto-Pay and encourage others to do so as well. It is less work to administer, and it gets paid directly to Scrip. The benefit is Scrip does not have to wait for your check to clear, which may cause your order to be submitted in the next order period. Presto! No delay!

There is only a 39 cent charge every time someone pays with Presto-Pay.

### Steps to Register for Presto-Pay:

- Box will appear that says, “You Do Not Have Presto-Pay. Click here to create one.” (Click where it says to.)
- Read terms & conditions and click “I agree.”
- Fill out the banking form. It will ask you:
  - a. Bank name
  - b. Account
  - c. Account type (radio buttons for checking or savings)
  - d. Routing # (found on left bottom of check)
  - e. Account # (3-17 digits on bottom right of check)
  - f. Click “next”.
- Verification. Scrip will make two small deposits (say, 20 cents) into your account. Once the deposit is in your account, take note of the amounts & return to the registration page on your family account page at <http://www.shopwithscrip.com>.

It will say it has not been verified; and will say to click to verify. (click)  
Enter the 2 amounts, and then click “next” to verify.

## LET’S GO SHOPPING!

Each time you want to place an order, go to <http://www.shopwithscrip.com/> and browse the retailer list so you will know which cards are available from over 300 retailers.

You can browse by category, alphabetically, or you can type a business name into the search box.

## WHAT IF ONE OF MY FAVORITE RETAILERS IS NOT LISTED?

A quick solution might be to purchase an American Express Gift Card (returns 1.5%), and this card is welcome the same as cash in most businesses.

## WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH ALL MY USED CARDS? RELOAD THEM!!

Several Scrip retailers have reloadable cards. When you reload a card, the money comes to Bay Farm, and you've saved plastic!

\*Please be advised that re-loads are done by people, not computers, so must be placed during business hours for quicker turn-around times.

## HOW DO I PLACE MY ORDER?

1. Go to <http://www.shopwithscrip.com>.
2. Log In in the Orange "Member's Log In" box, on the left side.
3. Click on the "Shop" rectangle on the toolbar. (2nd from the right)
4. Go Shopping!
  - Browse by Category
  - Enter a business name in the search box
  - View and/or print out an alphabetical list
  - Review current specials
  - Click on "ScripNow!" for immediate printable Scrip 
  - Click on "Reload" to reload a card you already have used.
5. Pay using either Presto-Pay, or write a check.

### If paying by check:

Please make payable to: Bay Farm Montessori Academy and write "Scrip" in the memo line, along with your order number.

**\*\*Please be advised that if paying by check, the check MUST clear the bank in order for your order to be released. If the check has not cleared, your order will be processed in the next order we send to Scrip.**

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## **HOW WILL I GET MY SCRIP GIFT CARDS?**

Gift cards will be sealed in an envelope, and will be available at the office to pick up.

## **WHO SHOULD I ASK WHEN I HAVE A QUESTION?**

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