



Newsflash.....

Have you heard about the new program that VM Athletic Boosters are participating in....**Scrip Cards**. I bet you are asking what scrip cards are.

What are scrip cards?

Scrip is a term that means “substitute” money. When you purchase scrip, you’re purchasing negotiable gift certificates (cards) and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our Van Meter athletes. It’s very popular because families don’t have to sell anything. Just do your every day shopping and help the athletes while you are doing it. Many of the parochial schools in the Des Moines area have been participating in this program for a few years.

I bet you are asking what the catch is.

There isn’t one, but if there were – it would be families would need to plan a little ahead and use gift cards to doing their normal shopping.

How can you help our Van Meter athletes?

By simply planning ahead on everyday purchases like groceries, gas, restaurants, clothes, entertainment and home repair. The average family can earn at least \$11 a week. That modest number adds up quickly - over \$500 a year for an average family is not unusual.

How does it work?

The boosters purchase the gift cards at a pre-arrange discount. You purchase the gift cards from the boosters at face value.

For example – A typical family week (Granted there are many different scenarios):

	<u>Your cost</u>	<u>Athletic Boosters cost</u>
\$50 Groceries @ Fareway:	\$50.00	\$48.50 (3%discount)
\$50 Gas @ Kum & Go (maybe a drink):	\$50.00	\$47.50 (5% discount)
\$25 Needed supplies @Target	\$25.00	\$24.50 (2% discount)
\$10 Burger King (Had to grab supper quick)	\$10.00	\$9.60 (4% discount)
\$10 Starbucks (Dad/Mom’s morning coffee)	\$10.00	\$9.30 (7% discount)
Total	\$145.00	\$139.40

Difference \$5.60 x 52 weeks/year = \$291.20/family to the VM Athletes

If 100 families were to participate and save an average of \$5.60/week that would bring in **\$29,120** for the athletes of Van Meter. Wouldn’t that be awesome!!

I bet you are saying – WOW – where do I purchase the cards?

Periodically, we will have a table set up at various school functions. You may order cards online at any time.

Go to www.shopwithscrip.com set up a username and password. Once you set that up, it will ask for the VM Boosters Code **82E68E9A3L155** to order cards. Then go to the shop tab.

Or email us at vmscrip@gmail.com.

We do keep a few cards on hand and hope to increase our on-hand inventory as more people participate. (Target, Fareway, Kum & Go, Best Buy, Panera, Cheesecake Factory, Lowes, Bath & Body Works, Cinemark - Jordan Creek Theatre, Champs, Children's Place, Kohls, Old Navy, Subway, Starbucks, Toys R US, Wal-mart, and Younkers). You may order cards yourself online or you may place your order with us by email. At the beginning, we will send orders in on the 15th & 30th of the month. The orders you place online, will be sent to the organizers. The organizers will release those orders the 15th & 30th of the month. Please allow 5-7 business days to receive the cards once the orders have been released. Some cards are rechargeable and specified online.

Here are a few participants and you may go to glscric.com to see other participants.

Clothing: Nike, Scheels, Target, Kohls, American Eagle, Younkers, Dillard's, JCPenney's, Old Navy, Payless Shoes, Shoe Carnival, Nike, MC Sports, Dick's Sporting Good, Bass Pro Shops, Sports Authority and many more.

Restaurants: Buffalo Wild Wings, Applebees, Champs, Cracker Barrel, Subway, Chili's, Red Lobster, Panera, Bonefish Grill, Carlos O'Kelly's, Cheesecake Factory, PF Chang's, Olive Garden, On the Border, Red Robin, Ruby Tuesday, Texas Roadhouse, Flemings, Arby's, Bruegger's Bagels, Burger King, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Cold Stone, Dominos', Pappa Murphy's, Hardee's, Great Harvest Bread, Papa John's, Pizza Hut, Smashburger, Starbucks, Wendy's, and more.

Electronics/Office: Amazon, Dell, GameStop, Kmart, Office Depot, Office Max, Overstock, Radio Shack, Sears, Staples, Walmart, Target and more.

Entertainment: AMC Theatres, Cinemark Theatres (Jordan Creek), Dave & Buster's, Disney, and more.

Gas & Auto: Kwik Trip, Kum & Go, Murphy USA, Sam's Club, Sunoco, Texaco, and more.

Grocery: Fareway, Sam's Club, Walmart, Target and more.

Health & Beauty: Bath & Body Works, Great Clips, Master Cuts, Ulta, Younkers, Regis, Sally Beauty Supply, and more.

Home Décor & Improvement: JC Penney's, Crate & Barrel, Jo-Ann Fabrics, Home Depot, Land's End, Marshalls, Pier 1 Imports, Pottery Barn, TJ Max, Tanger Outlets, Williams-Sonoma, Younkers, Menards, Lowes, Ace Hardware, and more.

Travel: Marriott Hotels, Quality Inn, Sleep Inn, SpringHill Suites, Residence Inn, and more.

Local Businesses : Fareway and Kum & Go. We hope to have Scheels and several other locals soon.

All gift cards you purchase can be used anywhere nationally.

Make sure you remember to do your Valentine's, Easter, Birthday, Anniversary, Graduation, Christmas, & other gift card shopping through the Boosters. Even use them for everyday shopping – gas, groceries, athletic items, office supplies, concession stocking, etc. You name you can use a gift card to pay for it.

****Order forms and money can be submitted to Allison Lytle (HS office), online thru www.shopwithscrip.com, or email vmscric@gmail.com.**

Payment can be made through PrestoPay online at shopwithscrip.com or by check made payable to VM Athletic Boosters. Payment must be made when placing order.

Orders will be placed on the 15th and 30th of each month.