

# *A Special Message*

## *To Parents of*

### *Incoming or Returning Students in the*

#### *Loara Band Family*

**Q: Is your child joining the Loara band program.**

**Q: Are you aware of the participation costs for these extra-curricular activities? Even though we don't charge any fees, there are still costs involved.**

**Q: Do you want to avoid having to write monthly checks to cover these costs?**

If you answered "YES" to all three questions please read below to learn about the Loara Band Family's five SCRIP programs.

#### **Extra-Curricular Program Costs**

School districts today do not cover most of the costs associated with extra-curricular programs such as competitive band, pageantry and cheer programs. Costs such as these are passed on to the parents of participating students. Your tax dollars, for example, do not cover any of the following costs:

- Instructors
- Entry fees
- Show design
- Transportation
- Costumes
- Props
- Band camp

- Trips

**Don't Pay – Earn!**

Though families could simply pay these expenses, smart families earn funds to cover these expenses by participating in the Loara Band Family Scrip programs. Those families are able to cover up to 100% of their band or color guard expenses.

**What is the Loara Band Family Scrip Programs?**

The Loara Band Boosters offer **five** different scrip programs. Earnings that you generate from participation in any of these optional fundraisers are deposited into your Loara Band account – a “savings account” that you can use for all of your Loara Band expenses.

<b>Program</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>Paper SCRIP</b>	SCRIP is a fancy name for gift certificates. You buy gift certificates at face value for any of several dozen stores, restaurants or services listed in the ScripAdvantage catalog. A percentage of the value of each gift certificate (from 1½ to 30%) is deposited into your family account.
<b>e-SCRIP</b>	You register your Vons card, bank ATM and credit cards each year. Instead of buying gift certificates, a percentage of <u>any</u> purchase you make at Vons or one of the other listed e-SCRIP merchants is deposited into your family account.
<b>Ralphs Club</b>	You register your Ralphs Club card on-line each year. For each purchase you make at any Ralphs Grocery, up to 4% is deposited in your family account.
<b>Food 4 Less</b>	Obtain Food 4 Less Community Rewards card from the Band Boosters, then register the card on-line each year. For each purchase you make at any Food 4 Less, up to 4% is deposited into your family account.
<b>Albertsons / Sav-on</b>	You register your Preferred Savings Card each year . For each eligible purchase you make at any Albertsons or Sav-on Drugs, a percentage of your purchase is deposited into your family account.

**Do you have questions? We have answers!**

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## Paper Scrip (Gift Certificates)

**What it is:** Rebates through use of pre-purchased gift certificates.

**How it works:** Buy gift certificates through the Band Boosters. A percentage of each certificate's value goes into your family account.

**Participating stores:** Hundreds of participating merchants including grocery stores, restaurants, gas stations, dept stores, fast food, entertainment & travel in the ScripAdvantage catalog.

**Key Points:**

- Large list of familiar merchants where you likely shop and eat
- Rebates up to 30%.
- Major grocery stores: Smart & Final, Stater Bros, Vons
- Your money is tied up for 5 days (Saturday to Thursday).

**How to participate:**

1. Obtain a Great Lakes Scrip Retailer List and a Scrip Order Form at booster meetings, or at [www.loaraband.org](http://www.loaraband.org). Retailer lists are also available at [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com).
2. Fill out your order form, and turn in the order and your payment to any scrip home listed on the back of the order form. The weekly cutoff for turning in orders is Saturday, 5:00 pm.
3. Pick up your order the following Thursday evening.

**Suggestions:**

- Ask all your local relatives, friends and co-workers to buy scrip.

## e-Scrip

**What it is:** Rebates through use of a Vons card or other registered bank ATM or credit card at Vons and other e-Scrip merchants.

**How it works:** Register your Vons card and/or your debit/credit cards and link them to the Loara Band Boosters (see below). You will automatically receive rebates every time you use these cards when you shop at participating e-Scrip merchants.

**Participating stores:** See the e-Scrip Merchant Guide.

**Key Points:**

- No advance purchases needed
- Program of choice for Vons shoppers
- Automatic rebates when card is used at an eScrip merchant
- Fewer popular local merchants than paper scrip
- Remember to renew cards when expiration dates change

**How to participate:**

1. Register your Vons card and other debit/credit cards online at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com). For the group ID enter 140658878.
2. Submit the cardholder names and your family account name to the scrip chairperson for proper recording of earnings.
3. Download the eScrip Merchant Guide at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com).
4. Shop at any eScrip merchant location, or shop from these merchants on-line via the eScrip Online Mall. Be sure to scan your Vons card at Vons, or pay with your registered debit/credit cards at other eScrip merchants.

**Suggestions:**

- Ask all of your relatives, friends and co-workers to sign up and register their eScrip Supporter ID's under your family account. Submit the cardholder names and your family account name to the scrip chairperson for proper recording of earnings.

## Ralphs Club Card

**What it is:** Rebates by using your Ralphs Club card.

**How it works:** No advance purchase is required. You will automatically receive rebates of up to 4% every time you shop at Ralphs.

**Key Points:**

- No advance purchases needed
- Automatic rebates every time you shop at Ralphs
- Cards must be re-registered annually

**How to participate:**

1. To obtain new or replacement cards at [www.ralphs.com](http://www.ralphs.com).
2. Link your new or existing Ralphs Club card to the Loara Band Boosters as follows: At the Ralphs.com website, click Community Contribution and follow the instructions for Participant Sign Up. For the NPO number, enter 83143.  
*NOTE:* Cards must be re-registered at this site annually.
3. Submit the cardholder name and your family account name to the scrip chairperson for proper recording of earnings.

4. When you shop at Ralphs, be sure that your card gets swiped. If your card has been successfully linked you will see the phrase THANKS FOR GIVING TO YOUR COMMUNITY printed at the bottom of your receipt.

**Suggestions:**

- Ask all of your relatives, friends and co-workers to also register their Ralphs Club cards to NPO # 83143 via the Ralphs website, or offer to do it for them. Submit the cardholder names and your family account name to the scrip chairperson for proper recording of earnings.

### **Food 4 Less Card**

**What it is:** Rebates through use of your Food 4 Less Community Rewards card.

**How it works:** No advance purchase is required. You will automatically receive rebates of up to 4% every time you shop at Food 4 Less.

**Key Points:**

- No advance purchases needed
- Automatic rebates every time you buy groceries at Food 4 Less
- Cards must be re-registered annually

**How to participate:**

1. Obtain a Food 4 Less Community Rewards card from the Loara Band Boosters scrip chairperson at the monthly booster meeting or by phoning or emailing (see contact information at bottom). Note: these cards cannot be obtained at Food 4 Less stores – they are exclusively provided through the Band Boosters.
2. Link your Ralphs Club card to the Loara Band Boosters via the Internet. At the Food4Less1.com website, click Community Rewards and follow the instructions for Participant Sign Up. For the NPO # enter 83143. NOTE: Cards must be re-registered at this site annually.
3. Submit the cardholder name and your family account name to the scrip chairperson for proper recording of earnings.
4. When you shop at Food 4 Less, ask that your Food 4 Less Community Card to be swiped when you begin the check-out process.

**Suggestions:**

- Obtain Food 4 Less cards from the scrip chairperson for your relatives, friends and co-workers, and register those cards on their behalf. Submit the cardholder names and your family account name to the scrip chairperson for proper recording of earnings.

### **Albertsons / Sav-on Preferred Savings Card**

**What it is:** Rebates by using your Albertsons/Sav-On Preferred Savings Card

**How it works:** Albertsons and Sav-on Drugs will contribute a percentage of each registered Preferred Savings Card eligible monthly purchases, which will be deposited into your family account on a quarterly basis

**Key Points:**

- No advance purchases needed
- Automatic rebates when you shop at Albertsons or Sav-On Drug stores
- Certain items such as prescriptions, alcohol, tobacco, stamps, money orders, gift cards and lottery tickets are excluded.

**How to participate:**

1. Request new or replacement cards at [www.albertsons.com](http://www.albertsons.com).
2. Link your Preferred Savings Card to the Loara Band Boosters via the Internet. At the bottom of the [www.Albertsons.com](http://www.Albertsons.com) homepage, click the link to In the Community. On the In the Community page, click the link to Albertsons Community Partners. On the Albertsons Community Partners page, click the link to Shoppers login or register with your Preferred Savings Card first. Click the link to My Account. On that page, click Add a Partner; and enter the 11-digit # 49000126311.
3. Submit the cardholder name and your family account name to the scrip chairperson for proper recording of earnings.
4. When shopping at Albertsons/Sav-On, be sure that your card is swiped.

**Suggestions:**

- Ask all of your relatives, friends and co-workers to also register their Preferred Savings Cards in the same fashion. Submit the cardholder names and your family account name to the scrip chairperson for proper recording of earnings.

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