

Limestone Band Boosters Newsletter



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Coming Events

Check for updates at:
www.limestonebands.com

Tuesday Rehearsals 6-9

10/7 Pizza pick
up 5pm-6pm

10/10 Home
football game
Senior Night

10/11 ISU and
Metamora
Competitions

**10/18 Quincy
Field Competition**

10/20 Boosters
Meeting

10/24 Home
football game

10/24-25 Bands
of America
Regional

11/17 Boosters
Meeting

12/TBD Holiday
Concert



Our fourth annual Limestone Marching Rockets Field Competition has concluded, and it may have been the best one yet. Fifteen bands visited us with over 1,600 students. The music and competition was outstanding. Everyone seemed to have a good time, and we heard many good comments from the visiting bands and spectators about how well things ran.

And that is all because of you, the wonderful volunteers who served the food, sold advertisements, hosted the Directors and Judges, sold tickets, counted money, delivered trophies, cleaned up, and took care of all the other details. (This includes the students, who jumped in anytime and anywhere they were asked to help... and often without being asked!) Mr. Empey, Mrs. Rzeszutko, and I want to thank everyone who had a hand in making this a successful competition for the visiting bands and a successful fundraiser for the band program. I particularly want to thank the committee chairs. They take on much of the planning burden each year, and their coordinating effort (and nimbleness on competition day) ensures that the day runs smoothly.

We will announce the preliminary financial results at the October Booster meeting, so plan on coming to hear the good news. And we'll let you know next year's competition date as soon as it is settled. With such great people to work with, I'm looking forward to it!

Stephen Cordes, Competition Chair

Competition Tailgating

We will be providing a gondola lunch at ISU and need donations of desserts, water and cans of soda. Please wrap desserts in individual packages. Some suggestions of soda include Mt. Dew, Sprite, Pepsi, Coke, Root Beer and Dr. Pepper. Students will need to bring money for dinner at ISU or Metamora--where ever we end up that evening. Please deliver donations by Friday. Bottles of water will be needed for next week and the rest of the year so whatever you can donate would be AWESOME!



Scrip is fundraising while you shop!™

A Little Planning = Earning Money for Your Student & the Band.

By Barb Richmond

When I first began fundraising, my family earned around \$20 a month from using our Kroger card for grocery and gas purchases. Since I saw how easy that was, I was very excited to hear about the band's new Scrip program. I'm now using gift cards purchased through Scrip (and still using my Kroger card) to do a majority of my shopping: home improvement, pharmacy, clothing, Internet purchases, etc. Every weekend, my husband and I pick up my father from his assisted living residence to take him out to dinner; Scrip offers gift cards to many popular restaurants and we're taking advantage of them.

At first, the thought of actually planning my shopping was somewhat daunting. I'll admit, I was sort of casual and would whip out the credit card a little too easily. I've gotten into the swing of planning, the money for the cards is withdrawn directly from our checking (or savings) account and my credit card isn't wearing out from overuse, which is good for the family finances.

Besides the plastic gift cards that we are all familiar with, Scrip also offers electronic gift cards—they are designated as ScripNow! You order the electronic card online, get a confirmation email, click on the link given in the email and then print the e-card. Yes, it's just a piece of paper that you've printed out, but that paper has the bar code & number that the business will scan or enter when you use it. My experience with ScripNow! is that it takes about 5 minutes or less to get the card, though on the website it states that it might take up to an hour.

How have I managed handling the gift cards? Many years ago I bought a coupon organizer. It's a little bigger than a wallet—you've probably seen them. I fold the ScripNow! electronic gift card to fit in the organizer, but I crease the paper so the bar code isn't folded. To keep track of the gift card's balance, I either just store the most recent receipt with the card, or write down the date I made a purchase and the remaining balance on the paper card itself.

Why do I like Scrip? I'm not asking anyone to buy anything from me, I'm making money while doing my normal shopping and not only is money going into my student's account, but the band general fund is also benefitting. Besides buying equipment and uniforms, I know there is a goal to provide private lessons for deserving students who might not be able to take lessons otherwise. That's a good thing. Music is a gift for life.

How can you get signed up with Scrip?

- Go to www.limestonebands.com and click on the Band Boosters tab.
- Scroll down to the Scrip Gift Cards tab and you will see the instructions for setting up an account and Presto Pay, which withdraws directly from your checking or savings account.

Each time you place an order, you will be charged 15 cents for using Presto Pay. That charge is per order, not per card.

Terry Miller is the administrator for the LCHS Band Booster's Scrip program. When you submit your order for regular Scrip cards, it actually goes to her and then she places the entire order for our group once a week. The cards are delivered to her and then she gets your order to you.

To give you an idea of what is offered, I made this list of some *local* retailers & popular online sites that are part of the Scrip program (there are around 500 total in the Scrip program!). Those retailers that also offer electronic gift cards are marked with an *. I didn't list hotels or car rental agencies. I don't make any claims that this list is complete!

Ace Hardware	Finish Line	Pier 1 Imports
*Aeropostale	Foot Locker	Pizza Hut
*American Eagle Outfitters	*GameStop	*Popcorn Factory
*Amazon.com	Gander Mountain	*Pottery Barn
AMC Theaters (Pekin)	*Gap	Qdoba Mexican Grill
*Applebee's	*GFS Market	Radio Shack
Arby's	GNC	Red Lobster
AutoZone	Goodrich Quality Theaters (WillowKnolls)	*Red Robin
*Babbages' GameStop	Gordmans	Regis Salons
Babies-R-Us	Great Clips	Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory
*Banana Republic	Great Harvest Bread	Ruby Tuesday
*Barnes & Noble	*Groupon.com	Sally Beauty Supply
*Bass Pro Shops	Guitar Center	*Sam's Club
*Bath & Body Works	Gymboree	*Sears
Bed, Bath & Beyond	Hallmark	*Sephora
Bergner's	Hardees	Service Master
*Best Buy	*Home Depot	Shell
Bob Evans	Hometown Buffet	Shoe Carnival
BP	*IHOP	Showplace
*Buffalo Wild Wings	*iTunes	SmartStyle
*Build-A-Bear Workshop	*JC Penney	*Staples
Burger King	*Jiffy Lube	*Starbucks
Burlington Coat Factory	Jo-Ann Fabric	Steak 'n Shake
Champs Sports	*Kmart	Subway
*Chili's Grill & Bar	Kohl's	*T.J. Maxx
*Chipotle Mexican Grill	*LL Bean	Taco Bell
Chuck E Cheese	*Land's End	Talbots
*Cineplex	Little Caesar's Pizza	Target
Circle K	*Logan's Roadhouse	Teminix
Claire's	Longhorn Steakhouse	Texas Roadhouse
*Cold Stone Creamery	*Lowe's	*TGI Fridays
Coldwater Creek	*Macy's	Toys R Us
*Cracker Barrel	Maurices	Walgreens
*CVS Pharmacy	Men's Warehouse	*Walmart/Sam's Club
Denney's	Menards	Wendy's
Dick's Sporting Goods	Michael's	
*Dominos Pizza	Office Depot	
Dress Barn	Office Max	
*DSW (Designer Shoe Warehouse)	Old Chicago	
Dunham's Sports	*Old Navy	
Dunkin Doughnuts	Olive Garden	
Einstein Bros Bagels	Panera Bread	
Express	Papa John's Pizza	
Exxon	Papa Murphy's Pizza	
Fannie May Candies	Payless Shoes	
Fashion Bug	*Petco	
	PetSmart	



Have you started earning
free money
for your student's account?
Get a Limestone Band Booster
Kroger reloadable gift card.
Contact assistant treasurer,
Adriana Bryan.



Scrip is another opportunity to
earn money while you shop.
Access Scrip at
limestonebands.com through
the booster/fundraising link
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Contact Terry Miller,
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Fun Funds from GFS
Marketplace are another way
to earn money while you shop.

Check it out at:
[www.limestonebands.com/sub/
band-boosters/gfs-fun-funds/](http://www.limestonebands.com/sub/band-boosters/gfs-fun-funds/)

Read the minutes from the
September Booster meeting at:
[www.limestonebands.com/sub/band-
boosters/minutes](http://www.limestonebands.com/sub/band-boosters/minutes)

Quincy Competition added October 18

To give the students as many opportunities to display their hard work, we are adding the Quincy Field Competition to the schedule on Saturday, October 18.

This will be an evening performance. (We will not participate in the parade.) As always, the exact times will be posted as soon as the performance schedule is given out by the competition. Stay tuned!

Please consider donations of bottles of water for the trip and also some prepackaged snacks for the bus ride.

Food and Water Donations

We are always in need of water bottle donations to provide for the students when traveling and after performances, these can be sent with the students to practice or to performances. With performances coming up in Quincy and to Bands of America, pre packaged snacks for the bus rides are also appreciated. Due to the cold weather students also request hand warmers.

Bands of America

Leave on Friday October 24th, buses are reserved. A block of hotel rooms have been requested. The boosters will not reserve hotel rooms for parents this year through Charms. Senior night has been rescheduled to October 10th. More information will forthcoming.

We earn money by recycling aluminum cans. You can deposit your cans in the trailer by the sidewalk that leads to the band room. Anyone in the community is welcome to help the Band program through this recycling.

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What students might want to bring to competitions:

Brush/comb
Pillow
Extra hair ties/bobby pins
Sweatshirt
Deodorant
Hand warmers
Extra socks
Sunblock
Money
Chapstick
Blanket
Rain gear (watch the forecast)

What parents might want to bring to competitions:

Money
Blankets, cushions or Stadium seats
Sun glasses or a hat with a brim
Hand warmers
Sunblock
Money
Chapstick
Rain gear (watch the forecast)



Congratulations to those who auditioned for IEMA.

The band has merchandise available for purchase the proceeds raised benefit the band

The following items are available:

- Umbrellas \$8
- Cookbooks \$5 - Great Stocking Stuffer
- Magnets \$5 - Show Your Limestone Pride as you drive around town
- Sweatshirts \$10 - Limited Quantity (blue with gray writing from last year)
- T shirts \$5 (blue with gray writing from last year)

We're on the Web!

See us at:
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The Band Boosters organization exists to support the band program at all performances, as well as to provide manpower and financial support through fundraisers and events.

Band Boosters membership includes:

- Current and former parents of band and color guard students
- Former band and color guard students
- Relatives of band and color guard students
- Community members who support the performing arts

Band Booster meetings are held the third Monday of each month (except during the summer) at 7:00pm in the LCHS cafeteria.

Please join us! Become involved in your child's education and be part of a great organization!

March. Sweat. Play. Drill.
Marching Band. Music.
Work. Practice. Love It!